

## Investors eye NFP jobs data and Supreme Court decision

## Weekly US jobless claims rise to 208,000

Initial jobless claims for the week ending 3 January rose to 208k, slightly below expectations, leaving the four-week average at its lowest level since April 2024. Continued claims increased modestly to 1.914m, marginally above forecasts. In a separate report, Q3 productivity rose 4.9%, beating forecasts and supporting the view that firms are doing more with less labour, reinforcing a jobless expansion narrative. Unit labour costs fell 1.9%, consistent with moderate services inflation.

## German factory orders surge in November

German factory orders rose for a third consecutive month in November, increasing 5.6% month-on-month and 0.7% excluding large-scale orders, signaling a tentative recovery in Europe's largest economy. While rising defense spending may provide some support, the auto sector faces intense Chinese competition and US tariffs, with around 100,000 jobs at risk by decade's end.

## Japan November real wages fall at fastest pace since January

Japan's real wages fell 2.8% y/y in November, the sharpest drop since January, as a steep decline in one-off bonus payments weighed on earnings, extending the downturn to an eleventh month. Nominal wages rose just 0.5%, the slowest pace since late 2021, largely reflecting a 17% fall in special payments, while base pay growth eased to 2.0% and overtime pay moderated, pointing to still-soft underlying wage momentum.

## Thai gold traders plan dollar-based trading to curb baht rally

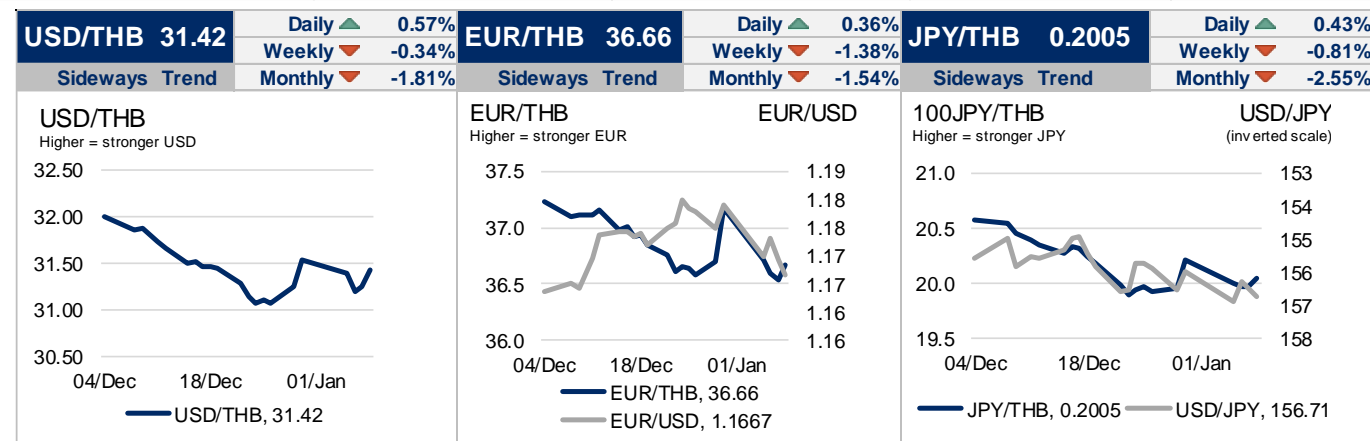
Thailand's largest gold traders plan to promote dollar-denominated trading to reduce gold-related pressure on the baht and avert the risk of a punitive tax. Fourteen bullion dealers will upgrade their online platforms within three to six months to support USD transactions, with the Bank of Thailand working with banks to ease currency conversion. The move follows concerns that speculative gold trading has helped drive the baht to its strongest level since 2021, undermining export competitiveness and weighing on tourism.

## Dollar strengthens ahead of NFP data

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 1.757, +0.31 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB353A) was 1.703, +0.98 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.19, +4.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 31.42, moving in a range of 31.44 – 31.48 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 31.35 – 31.55 today. The dollar firmed after US data showed no imminent labour-market deterioration, with jobless claims at their lowest since April 2024 and hiring remaining modest. Ahead of Friday's NFP, stronger private estimates suggest potential downside pressure on the unemployment rate. The firmer dollar weighed modestly on the euro amid mixed data. Meanwhile, the Japanese yen weakened as rising US yields pushed USD/JPY to test the 157.00 level multiple times.

Sources : ttb analytics, Bloomberg, CNBC, Trading economics, Investing, CEIC

SET Index	1,253.6	S&P500	6,921.5	10Y UST	4.19%	Brent	61.99	Gold	4,432.1
8-Jan	▼ -2.15%	8-Jan	▲ 0.01%	8-Jan	▲ 4.0 bps	8-Jan	▲ 3.3%	8-Jan	▼ -0.6%



Sources: ttb analytics, TMB Treasury, CEIC, ThaiBMA, Bloomberg, CNBC, BBC, Reuters, Bangkokbiznews, FX data: BoT's daily closing rates





















































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Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		4.1900	4.00 	7.00 	5.00 	4.00	4.19
Gilt 10y		4.5104	-7.07 	-8.91 	0.50 	4.45	4.68
Bund 10y		2.8700	4.00 	0.00 	20.00 	2.64	2.90
JGB 10y		2.1240	0.10 	8.00 	42.40 	1.69	2.12
TGB 1y		1.1017	-0.19 	-0.97 	-12.34 	1.10	1.25
TGB 2y		1.1614	-0.03 	2.96 	-4.71 	1.13	1.26
TGB 5y		1.3341	0.43 	5.27 	-0.85 	1.28	1.39
TGB 7y		1.5279	2.57 	13.03 	-1.27 	1.40	1.58
TGB 10y		1.7574	0.31 	9.83 	7.81 	1.66	1.76
AAA Spread		74.96	-1.04 	-1.75 	-2.60 	74.96	77.63
AA Spread		56.21	-0.64 	-2.01 	-1.83 	56.21	58.98
A Spread		102.19	-0.09 	-0.33 	-0.49 	102.19	104.38
BBB Spread		365.13	-0.04 	6.08 	4.97 	359.05	365.21

































































Note: UST = US Treasury; Gilt = UK Government Bond; JGB = Japanese Government bond; Bund = German Government Bond; TGB = Thai government Bond; tenors of the bonds are put after their name; bps=basis point; Corporate spreads are Thai and reported in basis points over government bond for the tenors 3-5 years.

## Commodity Market

Commodity	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Brent Crude		61.99	3.4% 	2.0% 	1.2% 	58.92	62.49
London Gold		4432.1	-0.6% 	1.0% 	5.4% 	4,191.4	4,481.9

Note: Unit of Brent crude oil price is \$/barrel; unit of gold price is \$/ounce

## Equity Market

Equity Index	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
S&P500 (US)		6,921.5	0.01% 	0.9% 	1.2% 	6,721.4	6,944.8
STOXX (EU)		625.18	-0.2% 	1.2% 	3.8% 	600.9	626.4
FTSE All-Share(UK)		5,415.8	0.0% 	1.1% 	4.2% 	5,197.5	5,450.0
DAX (DE)		25,127.5	0.0% 	2.4% 	5.2% 	23,589.4	25,127.5
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		6,113.9	0.0% 	0.6% 	1.9% 	5,941.5	6,113.9
TOPIX (JP)		3,484.3	-0.8% 	2.2% 	3.0% 	3,334.3	3,538.4
Shanghai (CH)		4,281.2	-0.1% 	2.9% 	4.4% 	4,010.1	4,284.1
Hang Seng (HK)		26,149.3	-1.2% 	-0.7% 	1.5% 	25,235.4	26,710.5
ASX 200 (AU)		8,720.8	0.3% 	-0.1% 	1.1% 	8,579.4	8,795.7
SET (TH)		1,253.6	-2.1% 	-0.5% 	-1.6% 	1,250.1	1,280.8
SET50 (TH)		833.1	-1.5% 	-0.3% 	-0.6% 	827.8	848.1
Straits Times (SG)		4,739.1	-0.2% 	1.8% 	5.0% 	4,507.1	4,747.6
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,669.6	-0.4% 	0.0% 	3.4% 	1,611.0	1,684.5
JSX Index (ID)		8,925.5	-0.2% 	2.0% 	3.4% 	8,537.9	8,944.8
PSE Index (PH)		6,320.7	0.5% 	3.0% 	7.0% 	5,887.6	6,320.7
Vn Index (VN)		1,855.6	-0.3% 	4.0% 	9.2% 	1,646.0	1,861.6

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

Note: A = actual, P = previous; C = consensus

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