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The dollar was nursing losses on Monday and kept near multi-week lows after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell laid out a slower-than-expected path to rate hikes, while a storm lashing oilfields in the Gulf of Mexico lifted oil-exposed currencies. The greenback had dropped broadly on Friday, falling to a two-week low on the euro, after Powell managed to flag an exit from emergency monetary policy settings that did not spook markets or suggest a rush to raise interest rates. "It could be appropriate to start reducing the pace of asset purchases this year," Powell said in a speech, with employment the determining factor. But that wouldn't directly signal higher rates, he said, as hiking would need the economy to pass "a different and substantially more stringent test".

Japan's retail sales extend gains but COVID-19 challenges persist

Japan's retail sales rose for a fifth straight month in July, beating expectations as the consumer sector continued its recovery, although a surge in Delta variant cases this month forced the government to widen state of emergency restrictions, which are now threatening to hurt consumer spending and derail a fragile economic recovery. Retail sales advanced 2.4% in July from the same month a year earlier, government data showed on Monday, slightly faster than economists' median forecast for a 2.1% rise in a Reuters poll. It followed a 0.1% increase in June. The better-than-expected rise in retail sales in July came as authorities struggled to get a defiant public to heed stay-at-home restrictions in major cities like Tokyo. The trade ministry data found strong demand for a variety of items such as cars, clothing, general merchandise and food while fuel was helped by higher petrol prices.

Australian economy likely already slowing in Q2 before Delta downturn

Australia's economy was likely already slowing before wide-scale coronavirus restrictions shuttered swathes of business and jobs, setting the stage for a vicious contraction this quarter. Latest data on gross domestic product (GDP) match the weakest market forecast. The median call is for growth of 0.5% in the June quarter, while forecasts ranging from a 0.1% fall to growth of 1.2%. That would be a further step down from 1.8% in the March quarter and a heady 3.2% in the last quarter of 2020. While consumer spending and business investment were likely solid in the quarter, more of it was met by a flood of imports and a run down in inventories rather than an increase in output, so trimming overall GDP.

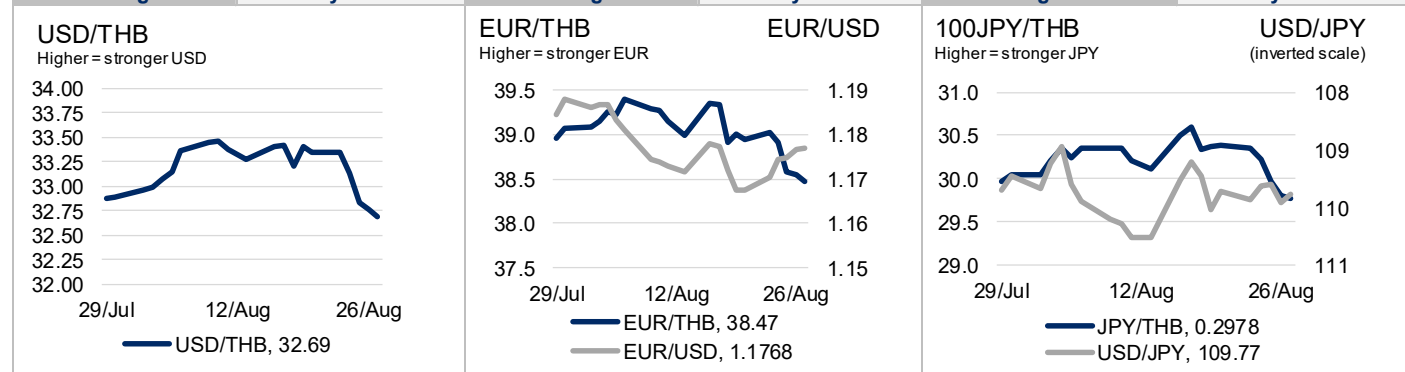
Dollar slips after Powell embraces tapering, holds on rate hikes

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 1.61, +1.00 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB31DA, 10.5 years) was 1.60, -1.00 bps. LB31DA could be between 1.58 -1.63. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 1.31%, -3.00bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 32.63 Moving in a range from 32.51-32.58 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 32.45-32.55 today. Meantime, The dollar slid on Friday after Powell indicated in a highly anticipated speech that the U.S. central bank could start tapering its massive support to the economy could start by year's end, which was not as fast as many in the market had assumed.

Sources : Bloomberg, CNBC, Investing, CEIC

SET Index	1,611.2	S&P500	4,509.4	10Y UST	1.31%	Brent	72.7	Gold	1,795.5
27-Aug	▲ 0.58%	27-Aug	▲ 0.88%	27-Aug	▼ -3.0 bps	27-Aug	▲ 2.27%	27-Aug	▲ 0.65%

USD/THB	32.69	EUR/THB	38.47	JPY/THB	0.2978
Daily ▼ -0.22%	Weekly ▼ -1.99%	Daily ▼ -0.20%	Weekly ▼ -1.42%	Daily ▼ -0.10%	Weekly ▼ -1.90%
Monthly ▼ -0.59%	Monthly ▼ -1.25%	Monthly ▼ -0.66%			



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Currency Market

Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
Dollar Index		92.92	0.1%	-0.7%	0.2%	91.95	93.58
EUR/USD		1.1768	0.0%	0.8%	-0.2%	1.1676	1.1879
USD/JPY		109.77	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.4%	108.95	110.53
USD/CHF		0.9160	0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.9036	0.9246
GBP/USD		1.3714	-0.3%	0.6%	-0.7%	1.3627	1.3956
USD/CAD		1.2674	0.5%	-1.3%	0.9%	1.2461	1.2846
AUD/USD		0.7246	-0.3%	1.5%	-1.7%	0.7138	0.7397
NZD/USD		0.6952	-0.1%	1.9%	-0.5%	0.6819	0.7048
ASEAN Dollar		108.72	-0.1%	-1.1%	-0.7%	108.72	109.96
USD/THB		32.69	-0.2%	-2.0%	-0.7%	32.69	33.47
USD/SGD		1.3510	-0.1%	-1.0%	-0.6%	1.3497	1.3643
USD/MYR		4.1901	-0.1%	-1.1%	-0.9%	4.1901	4.2428
USD/IDR		14,380	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.5%	14,279	14,460
USD/PHP		49.94	0.2%	-1.1%	-0.8%	49.75	50.67
USD/CNY		6.4652	0.0%	-0.5%	-0.2%	6.4498	6.4948
USD/HKD		7.7756	0.0%	-0.2%	-0.1%	7.7679	7.7936

FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)
1-month		0.15	0.15
3-month		0.70	-0.05
6-month		1.50	-0.20

Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)
Total		242,792	-1165
Gold		13,979	12
SDR		1,404	-7
IMF Reserves		1,256	-6
Foreign Ccy		226,153	-1165
Net Fwd Position		30,070	-260

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Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

Date	Equity	Bond	Total	
27/08/2021	6,002	-1,515	4,487	
26/08/2021	-344	6,590	6,247	
25/08/2021	3,607	21,020	24,626	
24/08/2021	1,358	406	1,764	
23/08/2021	2,782	-1,932	849	
Last 5 days	13,405	24,568	37,973	
	Period-to-date	Equity	Bond	Total
MTD	Month	↓ -522	↑ 40,298	↑ 39,776
QTD	Quarter	↓ -17,542	↑ 49,581	↑ 32,040
YTD	Year	↓ -93,804	↑ 130,197	↑ 36,393

Money Market

THB BIBOR	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		THBFI X	1M Hist	Last	1M Range		USD LIBOR	1M Hist	Last	1M Range	
			Min	Max				Min	Max				Min	Max
ON		0.50	0.50	0.50	ON		0.39	0.33	0.54	ON		0.08	0.08	0.09
1W		0.52	0.52	0.52	1W		0.29	0.16	0.47	1W		0.08	0.08	0.09
1M		0.55	0.55	0.55	1M		0.28	0.15	0.40	1M		0.09	0.09	0.10
2M		0.58	0.58	0.58	2M		0.32	0.22	0.41	2M		0.10	0.10	0.12
3M		0.62	0.62	0.62	3M		0.36	0.28	0.42	3M		0.13	0.12	0.14
6M		0.73	0.73	0.73	6M		0.37	0.30	0.41	6M		0.15	0.15	0.16
12M		0.95	0.95	0.95	12M		0.45	0.38	0.50	12M		0.24	0.23	0.24

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Note: D=d=day; M=mth=month; Y=year; %chg = percentage change; chg = change; USTH FX Sp = USD/THB FX Swap point; \$mn=million US dollar; THB.mn= Thai baht million; Hist=history; THB implied = Thai baht rate that are calculated by FX forward rate; ASEAN Index = value average ASEAN FX Jan2008=100

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Bps Chg (1M)	1M Range	
						Min	Max
UST10y		1.3100	-3.00	5.00	3.00	1.19	1.36
Gilt 10y		0.6824	6.02	3.44	3.54	0.60	0.70
Bund 10y		-0.4100	5.00	9.00	3.00	-0.50	-0.41
JGB 10y		0.0290	0.50	1.60	1.30	0.01	0.04
TGB 1y		0.4614	0.04	0.25	-2.36	0.46	0.48
TGB 2y		0.4648	0.10	0.78	-4.51	0.45	0.51
TGB 5y		0.7573	0.50	8.07	-5.66	0.68	0.82
TGB 7y		1.1284	1.06	12.13	-1.48	1.00	1.15
TGB 10y		1.6112	0.25	8.26	2.17	1.48	1.61
AAA Spread		75.17	1.71	-0.95	2.78	72.29	76.15
AA Spread		84.09	0.13	-0.75	1.68	82.07	85.74
A Spread		163.17	0.09	0.33	-15.91	161.91	180.52
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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		60.75	-1.2%	-5.6%	-0.3%	58.31	67.93
London Gold		1795.5	0.7%	0.7%	-1.3%	1,729.6	1,828.3

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)		4,509.4	0.9%	1.5%	2.0%	2,467.4	4,509.4
STOXX (EU)		469.5	0.2%	0.8%	1.9%	328.0	473.9
FTSE All-Share(UK)		3,694.0	-1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%	3,571.2	3,746.8
DAX (DE)		15,851.8	0.4%	0.3%	1.4%	15,519.1	15,977.4
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,139.0	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	5,016.2	5,273.7
TOPIX (JP)		1,928.8	-0.3%	2.6%	0.5%	1,880.7	1,956.4
Shanghai (CH)		3,691.5	0.6%	2.8%	3.2%	3,523.2	3,710.6
Hang Seng (HK)		25,407.9	0.0%	2.2%	-3.4%	24,849.7	26,660.2
ASX 200 (AU)		7,488.3	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	7,379.3	7,628.9
SET (TH)		1,611.2	0.6%	3.7%	4.8%	1,521.7	1,611.2
SET50 (TH)		972.2	0.8%	4.3%	5.9%	908.5	972.2
Straits Times (SG)		3,080.8	-0.9%	-0.7%	-1.9%	3,080.8	3,207.4
FTSE Malay (MY)		1,590.2	0.3%	4.8%	4.9%	1,489.8	1,590.2
JSX Index (ID)		6,041.4	-0.3%	0.2%	-0.9%	5,992.3	6,205.4
PSE Index (PH)		6,786.6	-0.5%	2.3%	4.5%	6,270.2	6,822.2
Vn Index (VN)		1,313.2	0.9%	-1.2%	1.5%	1,276.9	1,374.9

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

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