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US job openings exceeded forecasts last month, following an upward revision of May's data, challenging the recent trend of gradual labor market softening. The JOLTS figure fell to 8.18 million from 8.23 million, with the previous figure revised up from 8.14 million. The report shows sustained demand for workers despite a slowdown in hiring and wage growth. Additionally, the unemployment rate rose for the third consecutive month in June, coinciding with an increase in Americans filing for unemployment benefits

#### **US Consumer Confidence rises on better economic outlook**

US consumer confidence increased in July as improved expectations for the economy and job market offset more pessimistic views on current conditions. The Conference Board's index rose to 100.3 from a revised 97.8 in June, surpassing the Bloomberg survey forecast of 99.7. Expectations for the next six months reached 78.2, the highest since January, with the largest proportion of consumers anticipating better business conditions. However, the gauge of current conditions dropped to its lowest level in over three years.

## Eurozone economy shows growth, but the future looks uncertain.

The euro zone's economy expanded slightly more than anticipated in the three months leading up to June. However, a mixed underlying performance and a series of pessimistic surveys complicate the outlook for the remainder of the year. The data suggest that while the bloc is struggling to regain its position in global trade, it is benefiting from a domestic recovery driven by increased real incomes and public spending. Eurozone GDP grew by 0.3% in the second quarter compared to the previous month, maintaining the same pace as the previous quarter and surpassing economists' forecasts of 0.2%. Among the major economies, France and Spain performed better than expected, Italy remained steady, but Germany experienced an unexpected contraction, raising concerns about a prolonged crisis in a country that was once Europe's economic powerhouse.

#### Germany's inflation rises unexpectedly, challenging the ECB

In July, German inflation picked up, potentially increasing the European Central Bank's caution regarding additional interest-rate cuts. Consumer prices rose by 2.6% year-over-year in July, up from 2.5% in June, contrary to analysts' expectations of stability. Energy costs moderated less than in June, food prices climbed, and services remained unchanged.

#### The Dollar steady ahead of Fed meeting; traders cautious

The 10-year government bond yield (interpolated) on the previous trading day was 2.59, -2.07 bps. The benchmark government bond yield (LB346A) was 2.58, -4.00 bps. Meantime, the latest closed US 10-year bond yields was 4.15, -2.0 bps. USDTHB on the previous trading day closed around 35.98 moving in a range of 35.85 – 35.87 this morning. USDTHB could be closed between 35.75 - 36.00 today. The dollar ultimately returned to flat territory with price action kept within a relatively tight range on the eve of the FOMC and despite better-than-expected US Consumer Confidence and JOLTS job openings data. The euro saw marginal losses against the dollar but with downside stemmed as support held around the 1.0800 level. The Japanese yen stayed close to a 2.5-month high as traders awaited an important policy decision from the Bank of Japan (BOJ).

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



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**Currency Market** 

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Currency 4M History		Loot	0/ Ch -: /4D)	0/ Ch = /4\4/\	0/ Ch a (4 8 8)	1M Range		
Currency	1M History	Last	%Chg (1D)	%Chg (1W)	% Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
Dollar Index		104.61	0.4%	0.4%	-1.3%	103.75	105.99	
EUR/USD	<u></u>	1.0819	-0.4%	-0.7%	1.2%	1.0690	1.0934	
USD/JPY		154.21	0.5%	-1.4%	-4.2%	152.75	161.63	
USD/CHF		0.8862	0.7%	-0.3%	-1.4%	0.8801	0.9043	
GBP/USD		1.2855	-0.1%	-0.6%	1.7%	1.2629	1.3005	
USD/CAD		1.3850	0.3%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3608	1.3828	
AUD/USD		0.6546	-0.1%	-1.4%	-1.2%	0.6547	0.6766	
NZD/USD		0.5885	-0.2%	-1.5%	-3.0%	0.5896	0.6144	
ASEAN Dollar	~	105.43	0.1%	0.5%	-1.2%	104.96	106.76	
USD/THB	/	35.98	-0.4%	-0.7%	-2.4%	35.94	36.93	
USD/SGD	/	1.3431	0.1%	-0.1%	-1.1%	1.3396	1.3586	
USD/MYR		4.6301	-0.5%	-0.9%	-1.9%	4.6552	4.7210	
USD/IDR		16,229	0.1%	0.8%	-0.5%	16,074	16,334	
USD/PHP		58.87	0.4%	0.4%	-0.1%	58.44	59.05	
USD/CNY		7.2588	0.37%	-0.2%	-0.4%	7.2322	7.2894	
USD/HKD	$\sim$	7.8074	0.13%	0.1%	0.0%	7.7970	7.8156	

# **FX Swap Market and BoT's Reserves**

# Foreign Fund Flows (THB.mn)

USTH FX Sp	1M History	Last	%Chg(1D)	Date	Equity	Bond	Total
1-month		0.15	0.15	30/07/2024	101	5,909	6,011
3-month	**	0.70	-0.05	26/07/2024	-148	7,697	7,549
6-month		1.50	-0.20	25/07/2024	-225	4,834	4,609
			,	24/07/2024	388	8,488	8,876
Reserves (\$mn)	3M History	Last	\$mn Chg(1W)	23/07/2024	71	-572	-501
Total		227,723	-104	Last 5 days	187	26,357	26,543
Golds		18,108	-79	Period-to-	-date Equity	Bond	Total
SDR		5,478	-8	renod-to	-uate Equity	Bollu	10101
IMF Reserves		1,125	-2	MTD Month	<b>-2,053</b>	<b>25,929</b>	<b>23,876</b>
Foreign Ccy		203,012	-16	QTD Quarter	<b>-2,053</b>	<b>25,929</b>	<b>23,876</b>
Net Fwd Position		27,735	-525	YTD Year	<b>-119,085</b>	<b>-20,056</b>	<b>-139,141</b>
Money Market		Last	update: 19/07/2024				

### **Money Market**

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THB	1W HIST   La	4M High	Last	1M R	ange	THBFIX	1M Hist	Last	1M Ra	ange	USD	1M Hist	Last	1M F	lange
BIBOR		Lasi	Min	Max	ППВГІЛ	IINI LIIST	Lasi	Min	Max	LIBOR	IIVI HISL	Lasi	Min	Max	
ON	<b>~~</b>	2.50	0.00	2.50	ON		1.72	1.14	1.72	ON	<del></del>	0.08	0.07	0.08	
1W	_	2.53	0.00	2.53	1W		1.61	0.22	1.61	1W		0.00	0.00	0.00	
1M		2.55	0.00	2.55	1M	$\overline{}$	1.59	0.88	1.72	1M	مسسب	0.35	0.12	0.35	
2M	~	2.60	0.00	2.61						2M		0.00	0.00	0.00	
3M	سهدا	2.65	0.00	2.65	3M		1.81	1.09	1.82	3M	مسسب	0.75	0.34	0.75	
6M	<u> </u>	2.71	0.00	2.73	6M		1.95	1.31	1.99	6M	مسس	1.04	0.56	1.04	
12M	<b>—</b>	2.81	0.00	2.84	12M		2.26	1.59	2.26	12M	مسسم	1.49	1.00	1.49	
							Las	t Updated: 2	29/06/2023			Las	t Updated:	09/03/2022	

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

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**Fixed Income Market** 

Fixed Income	1M History	YTM (%)	Rns Cha (1D)	Bps Chg (1W)	Rns Cha (1M)	1M Range		
Fixed income	TWI HIStory	1 1 W (%)	Bps Chg (1D)	Bps Cng (TW)	Bps Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
UST10y	-	4.1500	-2.00	-13.00	-33.00	4.15	4.48	
Gilt 10y		4.0849	-2.61	-3.24	-6.85	4.02	4.25	
Bund 10y		2.3600	-8.00	-10.00	-22.00	2.36	2.63	
JGB 10y		1.0120	-2.90	-7.20	-7.10	1.01	1.10	
TGB 1y		2.3765	-0.56	-1.03	2.14	2.35	2.39	
TGB 2y	~	2.3268	-0.49	-1.99	-2.39	2.33	2.36	
TGB 5y	~~	2.3555	-1.26	-3.98	-11.73	2.36	2.50	
TGB 7y	~	2.4578	-0.76	-5.41	-11.43	2.47	2.60	
TGB 10y	~	2.5936	-2.07	-4.43	-8.26	2.60	2.71	
AAA Spread	-	60.73	1.66	-0.56	-10.54	57.94	73.93	
AA Spread	<u></u>	75.51	-1.27	-3.94	-2.09	66.99	84.99	
A Spread	_	100.07	-3.92	-12.85	-22.13	100.07	124.71	
BBB Spread		0.00	0.00	-236.22	-239.75	0.00	239.75	

**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	Loct	9/ Cha (1D)	9/ Cha (1\M)	9/ Cha /1M)	1M Range		
Commodity	TWI HISTORY	Last	% Chg (1D)	% Chg (1W)	%Chg (1M)	Min	Max	
Brent Crude		79.05	-2.56%	-2.4%	-8.7%	79.05	87.43	
London Gold		2389.2	-0.12%	-0.9%	2.6%	2.310.6	2,470.4	
London Gold		2309.2	-U.12/0	-0.970	2.070	2,310.0	2,470.4	

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)	IIVIIX	TWI Italiye		
Equity illuex		Lasi	/₀Cilg (ID)	/6 Cilg (1 <b>VV</b> )	/o City (TW)	Min	Max		
S&P500 (US)		5,436.4	-0.5%	0.2%	-1.3%	5,399.2	5,667.2		
STOXX (EU)	$\overline{}$	501.1	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.4%	497.0	517.7		
FTSE All-Share(UK)	<u></u>	4,076.1	0.2%	-0.3%	2.9%	3,933.2	4,088.1		
DAX (DE)		18,411.2	0.5%	0.1%	1.4%	18,164.1	18,748.2		
CAC All-Tradable(FR)		5,551.3	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.4%	5,509.2	5,718.5		
TOPIX (JP)		2,754.5	-0.2%	-1.4%	-2.5%	2,699.5	2,929.2		
Shanghai (CH)		3,018.2	-0.4%	-0.8%	-3.9%	3,018.2	3,142.0		
Hang Seng (HK)		17,002.9	-1.4%	-1.8%	-4.3%	17,002.9	18,293.4		
ASX 200 (AU)		7,953.2	-0.5%	-0.1%	3.0%	7,718.2	8,057.9		
SET (TH)		1,308.1	0.1%	0.5%	0.5%	1,288.6	1,332.0		
SET50 (TH)		822.6	0.2%	0.8%	2.1%	800.1	827.9		
Straits Times (SG)		3,441.8	-0.1%	-0.6%	2.2%	3,332.8	3,499.9		
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FTSE Malay (MY)		1,611.9	-0.8%	-0.6%	0.9%	1,584.9	1,636.6		
JSX Index (ID)		7,241.9	-0.6%	-0.3%	1.6%	6,968.0	7,327.6		
PSE Index (PH)	~	6,606.4	-0.6%	-2.2%	3.2%	6,313.1	6,791.7		

Sources: ttb analytics, CEIC

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

1,231.8

1,293.7

-1.9%

Vn Index (VN)

0.5%

1,245.1

-0.1%