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## Daily Update

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### DXY rose as US retail sales and jobs data beat estimates

**Market summary:** The US Dollar index strengthened following better-than-expected US economic data. US retail sales in June expanded by 0.6%MoM, exceeding the forecast while initial jobless claims rising lower than the expected. Federal Reserve members expressed differing views on rate cuts. Christopher Waller stated that the Fed should cut rates once this month. Japan's core inflation in June slowed below the expected. Thailand proposed reducing import tariffs for the US to 0% on 90% of goods, up from the previous offer covering 60%.

**Factors to watch:** US UoM Consumer Sentiment and housing starts (Fri)

**USD/THB:** Open 32.43, Support 32.30, Resistance 32.60

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## Macro update

- **The US dollar index strengthened** following better-than-expected US economic data. **US retail sales in June expanded by 0.6%MoM, exceeding the forecast of 0.1%MoM** and improving significantly from -0.9%MoM in the previous month. This indicates robust domestic spending. Meanwhile, the labour market also showed positive signs, with **initial jobless claims rising by only 221,000 last week, lower than the expected 233,000.**
- **Federal Reserve members expressed differing views on rate cuts. Christopher Waller stated that the Fed should cut rates once this month,** arguing that the current rate is far from the neutral level of 3%, and thus supporting a cut to stimulate the economy. In contrast, Adriana Kugler suggested holding rates steady for now to better assess economic conditions. Mary Daly remarked that the Fed should cut rates twice this year but warned against moving too quickly or too slowly.
- **The British pound weakened slightly against the US dollar after the UK unemployment rate rose to 4.7%YoY in May,** higher than both the forecast and the previous month's 4.6%, as companies began cutting jobs and slowed wage growth.
- **The Australian dollar depreciated sharply against the US dollar after labour market data came in much worse than expected.** Employment increased by only 2,000 jobs in June, far below the forecast of 20,000, while the unemployment rate rose to 4.3%YoY—the highest in four years—surpassing both expectations and the previous month's 4.1%YoY.
- **The Japanese yen weakened against the US dollar amid ongoing political uncertainty in Japan. Meanwhile, Japan's core inflation in June slowed to 3.3%YoY, below the expected 3.4%YoY and down from 3.7%YoY in the previous month.** Headline inflation also slowed, suggesting that the BoJ may delay its rate hikes further.
- **The Thai baht appreciated slightly against the US dollar** amid equity inflows, despite outflows from the Thai bond market. On the trade front, Thailand recently

- **proposed reducing import tariffs for the US to 0% on 90% of goods, up from the previous offer covering 60%.** Thailand hopes the US will reciprocate by cutting tariffs on Thai goods to 18–20%, down from the announced level of 36%.

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## KBank Counter rates:

as of 18-Jul-25 Round 1	Sight Bill	Buying T/T	Selling T/T
USD/THB	32.21	32.31	32.61
EUR/THB	37.28	37.32	38.08
GBP/THB	43.06	43.14	44.03
JPY/THB	0.214	0.215	0.223

## KBank SWAP Point Rates:

Premium/Discount (1M) as of 18-Jul-25
Export/Import
-8.45 / -5.5
-12.05 / 10.47
-20.27 / 10.54
0.0249 / 19.6943

## Market Summary:

US Markets	17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25	Change
Dow Jones	44,484.49	44,254.78	0.5%
S&P 500	6,297.36	6,263.70	0.5%
Treasury Yield 2yr note (%)	3.90	3.89	1 bps
Treasury Yield 10yr note (%)	4.45	4.46	0 bps

European Markets	17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25	Change
Germany (DAX)	24,371	24,009	1.5%
France (CAC 40)	7,822	7,722	1.3%
UK (FTSE 100)	8,973	8,927	0.5%
Bund Yield 2yr note (%)	1.86	1.86	0 bps
Bund Yield 10yr note (%)	2.68	2.69	-1 bps

Thai Markets	17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25	Change
SET	1,198.11	1,157.63	3.5%
TGB Yield 2yr note (%)	1.36	1.37	-1 bps
TGB Yield 5yr note (%)	1.39	1.39	-1 bps
TGB Yield 10yr note (%)	1.54	1.53	1 bps

Money Markets	17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25
THOR		
O/N	1.74553	1.74595
1M	1.74526	1.74512
3M	1.78357	1.78632
6M	1.95070	1.95349
BIBOR	17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25
1M	1.79171	1.79184
3M	1.88669	1.88677
6M	1.91762	1.91797

Foreign capital flows	17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25
Thai Bonds (M THB)	-2,563	680
Thai Stocks (M THB)	2,495	476

Commodities	17-Jul-25	change
WTI Crude (USD/bbl)	67.5	1.75%
Dubai Fateh (USD/bbl)	68.5	-0.01%
Gold (USD/ounce)	3,339.0	-0.24%

Markets	Morning Spot	Closing rates		Daily %Change	Consensus End-2025
		17-Jul-25	16-Jul-25		
USD/THB**	32.43	32.52	32.53	-0.04%	33.70
EUR/USD	1.162	1.160	1.164	-0.39%	1.17
USD/JPY	148.59	148.58	147.88	0.47%	140.0
GBP/USD	1.343	1.342	1.342	-0.04%	1.37
USD/CNY	7.182	7.182	7.179	0.04%	7.15
USD/SGD	1.285	1.286	1.283	0.26%	1.28
USD/IDR	16,331	16,331	16,278	0.33%	16,190
USD/MYR	4.247	4.250	4.246	0.08%	4.20
USD/PHP	57.24	57.26	57.08	0.31%	56.00
USD/KRW	1,390	1,392	1,390	0.17%	1,350
USD/NTD	29.38	29.40	29.41	-0.02%	29.30
AUD/USD	0.6508	0.6488	0.6528	-0.61%	0.6700
USD/CHF	0.8030	0.8045	0.8008	0.46%	0.81
USD/VND	26152	26155	26158	-0.01%	26200
JPY/THB	21.82	21.89	22.00	-0.51%	24.07
EUR/THB	37.69	37.71	37.87	-0.43%	39.43
GBP/THB	43.56	43.63	43.67	-0.08%	46.17
CNY/THB	4.51	4.53	4.53	-0.08%	4.71

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Foreign Exchange Rate: <https://www.kasikornbank.com/en/rate/Pages/Foreign-Exchange.aspx>

1-Month Forward Rate: <https://www.kasikornbank.com/en/rate/Pages/forward.aspx>

Source: Bloomberg and \*\* denotes KBank's projection

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