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1. Executive Summary

The Thai economy showed signs of improvement from the previous month, but the overall economic expansion remained slow. The value of merchandise exports, excluding gold, increased after contracting from the previous month. Manufacturing production contracted at a lower rate on the year-on-year basis but production in several industries remained sluggish, following a subdued recovery in the global demand, high level of inventory as well as structural factors, which suppressed production. As for domestic demand, private investment gradually improved, while private consumption and activities in the service sector continued to expand thanks to an improvement in tourism revenue. Government spending, however, contracted due to lower expenditures of the central government.

On the economic stability front, headline inflation decreased in all major categories, especially fresh food prices, following lower prices in fruits and vegetables as a result of higher output. Energy prices also decreased due to the high base last year. In addition, core inflation slightly decreased from the high base effect of prepared food last year. The labor market deteriorated with lower employment in the manufacturing sector, especially those related to exports, and in some service sectors. The current account registered a deficit as trade balance deteriorated despite having a surplus in the services, income, and transfers.

Details of the economic conditions for January relative to the previous month are as follows:

The value of merchandise exports, excluding gold, after seasonal adjustment, increased from the previous month in several categories, especially 1) agricultural products, following a higher export of white rice to Indonesia, which partly benefited from export restriction of rice in India, 2) electronic products, from a higher export of communication equipment to Hong Kong and the European Union, and 3) chemical products and chemicals, following a higher export to India and Japan, despite a lower petrochemical export to China. Exports in some categories, however, declined which included passenger cars and commercial vehicles to ASEAN countries, particularly to Vietnam and Malaysia. Similarly, exports of diesel to ASEAN and components of solar cell to the United States also declined.

The manufacturing production index displayed a lower contraction rate on the year-on-year basis. Production in automotive contracted but saw some improvement in delivery of passenger car, while production in petroleum was affected by a temporary shutdown of a refinery for maintenance. Nevertheless, production in some categories expanded on the year-on-year basis, including food and beverages with higher sales of non-alcohol beverages, as well as rubber and plastics, which saw inventories of trading's partner ran down.

Private investment indicators, after seasonal adjustment, increased after contracting in the previous month. Investment in machinery and equipment expands from higher imports of capital, while investment in construction increased from both permitted areas for construction and sales of construction materials. In particular, the increases were driven by areas for industries and factories, which reflected a continuous demand for investment.

The value of merchandise imports, excluding gold and after seasonal adjustment, continued to decline from the previous month, following a decrease in fuel imports, especially natural gas, both in terms of quantity and price. Imports of consumer products also declined due to lower imports of medical supplies, fruits, and vegetables as well as electric cars from China.

Private consumption indicators, after seasonal adjustment, were stable from the previous month. Spending on services and non-durable goods were partially supported by government measures, including subsidies in energy prices and a tax rebate program. Meanwhile, spending on durable goods also increased from higher sales of passenger cars. Overall consumer confidence continued to increase thanks partly to government measures.

The number of foreign tourist arrivals, after seasonal adjustment, continued to increase especially from Laos, Europe excluding Russia, and India. However, tourists from China and Malaysia slightly slowed down, partly in anticipation of travelling during the Chinese New Year festival in February. Tourism revenue, after seasonal adjustment, also increased significantly compared to the previous month thanks to higher headcounts, and improvement in the average length of stay which was in line with a higher portion of long-haul to short-haul tourists.

Public spending, excluding transfers, contracted from the same period last year from lower capital expenditures of the central government, following the delay of the 2024 budget, and from lower current expenditures due to lower disbursement of educational agencies compared to last year. Nevertheless, investments by the state-owned enterprises expanded, and were driven by disbursements in transportation and energy projects.

On the economic stability front, headline inflation decreased in all major categories, especially fresh food prices, following lower prices in fruits and vegetables as their output increased, as well as lower prices in chicken eggs and rice. Energy prices also decreased due to the high base last year. In addition, core inflation slightly decreased from the high base effect of prepared food last year even though the prices of prepared food and personal care items increased from the previous month. The labor market deteriorated with lower employment in the manufacturing sector, especially those related to exports, and in some service sectors. The current account registered a deficit as trade balance deteriorated despite having a surplus in the services, income, and transfers. As for exchange rates, the baht against the US dollar, on average, depreciated as the market adjusted their expectations for a delay in accommodative stance by the US Federal Reserve after a better outturn in the US economic performance.

2.1 Supply

Farm income contracted from the same period last year due mainly to lower agricultural production despite higher agricultural prices. Manufacturing production contracted at a lower rate on the year-on-year basis. Economic activities in the service sector increased from the previous month from improving activities in trade and tourism.

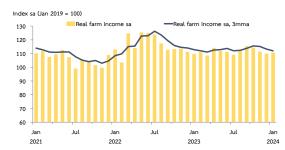
Agricultural sector

Nominal Farm Income

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(%YoY)	2022	2023	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan
Nominal farm income ^P	13.4	-2.5	-2.2	-2.4	-2.1	-2.2	-2.8	-0.6
Agricultural production ^P	1.6	-0.4	1.1	-1.6	-0.5	-2.3	-3.0	-4.4
Agricultural price	11.6	-2.0	-3.3	-0.8	-1.6	0.1	0.2	4.0

Note: Farm income does not include government subsidies and transfers. P = Preliminary data Source: Office of Agricultural Economics and calculated by Bank of Thailand

Real Farm Income



Manufacturing sector

Manufacturing Production Index

	Share					2023			2024
(%YoY)	2021 ^R	2022	2023 ^P	H1	H2 ^P	Q3	Q4 ^P	Dec ^P	Jan ^P
Food & Beverages	20.6	3.5	-1.9	-1.1	-2.7	-0.4	-4.9	-5.4	1.4
Automotives	11.3	11.9	0.8	9.9	-7.0	-3.7	-10.1	-16.6	-9.3
- Passenger Cars	4.0	4.5	20.9	39.9	7.3	12.5	2.9	-1.8	4.8
- Commercial Vehicles	6.1	17.8	-9.7	-3.1	-15.8	-12.7	-18.8	-26.7	-18.7
- Engine	0.6	11.1	-2.9	1.4	-7.1	-4.6	-9.5	-15.3	-17.1
Petroleum	10.8	11.2	8.6	6.2	11.1	1.7	21.8	10.2	-6.5
Chemicals	10.0	-4.6	-1.8	-5.7	2.5	1.5	3.7	0.9	0.8
Rubbers & Plastics	8.9	0.9	-2.4	-3.0	-1.8	-5.2	1.7	0.4	3.7
Cement & Construction	5.4	4.2	-3.4	-3.1	-3.7	-0.7	-6.7	-8.2	-4.9
IC & Semiconductors	5.3	-1.9	-13.6	-7.4	-19.6	-20.2	-19.0	-14.6	-17.7
Electrical Appliances	4.4	-3.1	-7.5	-5.0	-10.7	-13.8	-7.2	-2.3	-0.9
Textiles & Apparels	3.5	0.2	-22.3	-22.6	-21.9	-26.3	-17.0	-18.8	-12.0
Hard Disk Drive	3.6	-29.5	-29.8	-34.1	-24.0	-28.7	-18.5	-20.0	-13.1
Others	16.2	-3.1	-9.0	-11.1	-6.8	-8.7	-4.8	-2.4	0.5
MPI	100.0	1.3	-3.8	-3.5	-4.1	-5.3	-2.9	-4.7	-2.9

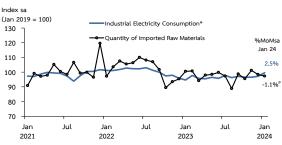
Note: The new MPI series are adjusted by the OIE (coverage and base year at 2021).

Production index of petroleum does not include the production of diesel B10 and B20.

R = 2021 Revision P = Preliminary data

Source: Office of industrial Economics and seasonally adjusted by Bank of Thailand

Other Indicators of Manufacturing Production

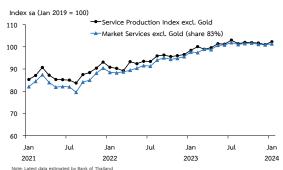


Note: * The latest data was estimated by Bank of Thailand.

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Service sector

Service Production Index (SPI)



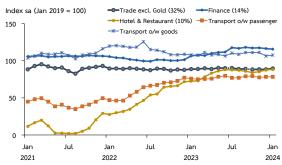
Market Services excluding gold covered all service sectors' economic activities except 1) Public Administration and Defence, Compulsory Social Security, 2) Education, 3) Health and Social Work, and 4) Gold trading activities. Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (MESDB), Ministry of Commerce, National Statistical Office,

Service Production Index (SPI) by Sector

	Chass					2023			2	024
(%YoY)	Share (2016)	2022	2023	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan ^p	%MoM sa
Trade excl. Gold	32.2	-1.8	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.2
Transportation	7.7	19.4	7.9	12.9	3.4	3.9	2.8	-0.8	1.3	0.4
o/w Goods	2.5	6.6	-5.7	-10.0	-1.1	-3.3	1.2	-2.1	-0.3	1.0
o/w Passenger	5.2	38.7	22.5	42.4	7.6	10.9	4.4	0.5	3.1	0.0
Hotel & Restaurant	10.3	321.0	70.4	123.5	40.2	52.1	31.2	29.8	24.5	0.8
Finance	14.0	-4.3	11.3	6.1	16.6	17.1	16.1	14.5	8.7	-0.6
Non-Market Services	17.0	-0.6	1.9	2.4	1.5	1.6	1.4	0.2	5.1	5.7
SPI	100.0	12.8	8.6	11.1	6.3	6.8	5.8	5.4	5.1	1.2
SPI excl. Gold	100.0	12.9	12.5	15.3	9.9	11.1	8.8	8.2	6.8	1.4
Market Services excl. Gold	83.0	16.0	14.5	17.9	11.5	13.1	10.1	9.5	7.1	0.5

Note: Share to total service in GDP Source: Bank of Thailand

Service Production Index (SPI) by Sectors



Note : Latest data estimated by Bank of Thailand Source: Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), Ministry of Commerce, National Statistical Office,

2.2 Domestic Demand

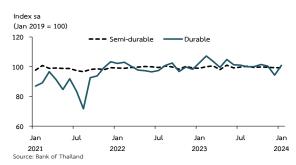
Private consumption indicators remained stable from the previous month. Even though spending in almost all categories increased, most of the increase came from foreign tourist expenditure. Hence, after deducting the foreign tourist expenditure, Thailand's private consumption remained at a similar level. Meanwhile, private investment indicators increased in both machinery and equipment category as well as construction category. Public spending, excluding transfer payments, contracted from the same period last year from lower expenditures of the central government.

Private Consumption

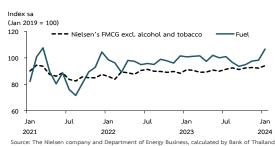
Private Consumption Indicators (PCI)

					2023			20	24
%YoY	2022	2023	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan ^P	%MoM sa
Non-durables index	2.0	2.1	2.6	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.7	3.8	2.5
Semi-durables index	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Durables index	7.5	1.5	3.5	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	-4.4	-2.4	7.0
Services index	22.9	17.7	22.6	13.4	16.6	10.4	8.4	8.0	1.5
(less) Net tourist expenditure	971.6	110.8	231.6	55.0	83.8	37.9	32.5	78.8	33.1
PCI	8.7	6.5	7.6	5.5	6.5	4.4	3.1	1.5	0.0
Note: %MoM is calculated fro	m seasona	ally adjust	ed data	P = 1	Preliminary	y Data			

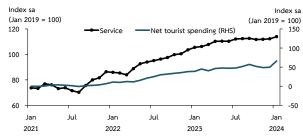
Durable and Semi-durable Indices



Nielsen's FMCG Index & Fuel Index

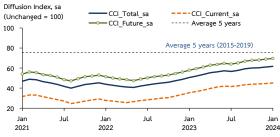


Service Index* & Net Tourist Spending Index**



Source: Bank of Thailand

Consumer Confidence Index



Source: The University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Private Investment

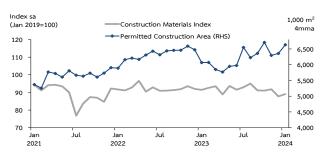
Private Investment Indicators

					2023			2024		
%YoY	2022	2023	Н1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan ^P	%MoM Sa	
Permitted Construction Area (4mma)	11.9	-2.4	-4.3	-0.4	-0.1	-0.8	-1.6	9.0	4.3	
Construction Materials Index	3.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	2.0	-2.5	-4.4	-2.5	1.5	
Real Imports of Capital Goods	-3.3	3.4	1.0	5.8	3.0	8.7	2.0	7.7	14.0	
Real Domestic Machinery Sales	8.1	-3.6	1.7	-8.9	-10.3	-7.3	-2.3	-3.9	0.1	
Newly Registered Motor Vehicles for Investment	5.9	-18.2	-16.3	-20.5	-23.8	-16.2	-20.5	-19.3	-1.4	
Private Investment Index	2.7	-1.3	-0.1	-2.4	-3.4	-1.5	-1.9	-0.2	2.6	

Note: %MoMsa is calculated from seasonally adjusted data

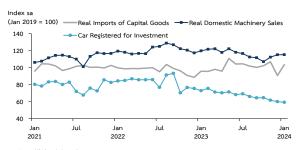
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Investment in Construction



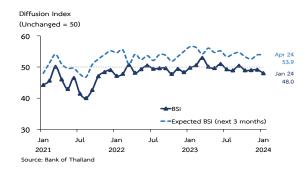
Note: All data is in real terms. Source: NSO, Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Investment in Machinery and Equipment



Note: All data is in real terms. Source: Department of Land Transport, Customs Department, Revenue Department, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Business Sentiment Index

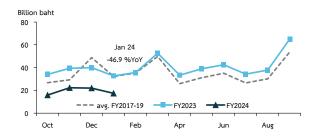


Fiscal position and public expenditure

Fiscal Position (Cash Basis)

				FY	23		FY24	FY	24
Billion baht	FY22	FY23	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Dec	Jan ^p
Budgetary B/L	-504	-526	-345	-231	31	19	-330	-55	-11
Revenue	2551	2,663	640	518	799	706	621	218	207
(%YoY)	(4.2)	(4.4)	(20.1)	(-9.4)	(1.6)	(7.0)	(-2.9)	(-1.1)	(7.1)
Expenditure ^{1/}	3056	3,189	984	750	768	687	951	273	218
(%YoY)	(-2.4)	(4.4)	(1.0)	(13.1)	(7.9)	(-2.7)	(-3.4)	(-2.0)	(-5.1)
Non-Budgetary B/L	-449	25	-37	-1	143	-80	55	52	-133
Cash B/L (CG)	-953	-501	-381	-232	174	-62	-274	-4	-144
Primary balance ^{2/}	-768	-325	-299	-222	252	-56	-171	85	-138
Net Financing	988	416	130	54	-15	248	-55	-51	107
Net Cash	35	-85	-252	-179	159	186	-329	-55	-37
Treasury B/L	624	539	372	194	353	539	210	210	173

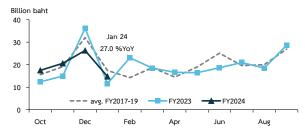
Central Government Capital Expenditure (Excl. Subsidies/Grants and Other)



Central Government Current Expenditure (Excl. Subsidies/Grants and Other)



State Owned Enterprises Capital Expenditure



Source: Comptroller General's Department, Fiscal Policy Office and Bank of Thailand

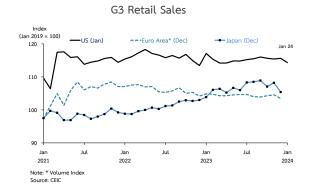
Note: P = Preliminary data

1/ Includes cash payments for operating and purchase of non-financial assets, except loan repayments
2/ Excludes interest payment

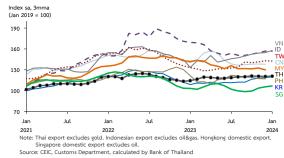
2.3 The Global Economy and External Sector

The value of merchandise exports, excluding gold and after seasonal adjustment, increased from the previous month. Tourist expenditures after seasonal adjustment, increased substantially in line with higher numbers of foreign tourist and improvement in the average length of stay. The current account registered a deficit mainly from a deterioration in the trade balance.

The global economy



Asian Export Performance



External sector

Export Value

Dec 2023 = 22.4 Bn USD (3%YoY) Jan 2024 = 22 Bn USD (7.2%YoY) Excl. Gold = 22 Bn USD (1.3%YoY) Excl. Gold = 21.5 Bn USD (5.7%YoY)

	Share			20	22			2023			20	24
%YoY	2023	2022	2023	Н1	H2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan	%MoN sa
Agriculture	7.2	1.0	3.8	9.9	-8.2	6.0	-3.0	10.6	5.3	-10.0	13.1	17.0
Fishery	0.5	-2.1	-8.5	2.8	-6.3	-13.2	-0.4	-16.4	-3.3	-0.3	47.3	19.2
Manufacturing	88.8	4.8	-1.1	10.4	-0.5	-2.0	-5.4	-1.0	4.7	3.9	7.9	0.5
Agro- manufacturing	13.3	6.5	-3.8	10.3	2.8	0.6	-8.2	-7.5	0.5	0.3	2.0	0.3
Electronics	11.6	3.7	-3.7	9.3	-1.2	-8.1	-6.1	-5.1	4.9	5.4	27.7	2.6
Electrical Appliances	9.6	2.7	4.0	3.3	2.1	4.6	9.3	2.1	-0.1	-2.0	-3.2	-0.9
Automotive	15.6	-1.0	7.6	-4.8	2.9	10.3	5.3	13.5	1.5	2.0	-2.6	-3.3
Machinery & Equipment	8.3	6.3	-0.8	7.2	5.4	-0.6	-1.5	8.0	-1.8	-10.7	-0.1	4.4
Petroleum Related	11.0	1.5	-10.4	19.8	-14.1	-15.7	-23.2	-9.6	13.5	13.3	2.1	-5.4
Total (BOP Basis)	100.0	5.4	-1.7	11.8	-0.7	-3.8	-5.0	-2.0	4.6	3.0	7.2	0.9
Excl. Gold		4.3	-1.4	9.6	-0.8	-1.6	-5.1	-1.8	3.5	1.3	5.7	0.7
Excl. Gold & Petroleum Related		4.7	-0.1	8.1	1.3	0.5	-2.2	-0.7	2.3	-0.1	6.2	1.5

: Data above are recorded by custom basis, except total export value which is recorded by 80P basis. Custom basis considers recording as goods past through Customs, while 80P basis considers changes in ownership between residents and non-residents. *Mokolwas calculated from seasonally adjusted data, using data since 2007 (subject to revision).
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Import Value

Dec 2023 = 20 Bn USD (-1.7%YoY) Jan 2024 = 23.1 Bn USD (1.5%YoY) Excl. Gold = 19.5 Bn USD (-0.5%YoY)Excl. Gold = 22 Bn USD (-1.9%YoY)

	Share			20	22			2023			20	24
%YoY	2023	2022	2023	H1	H2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan	%MoM SA
Consumer	13.4	6.5	8.5	8.0	5.1	11.6	6.4	6.4	9.6	-3.8	-4.3	-2.9
Raw material & Intermediate	64.2	16.4	-7.1	27.2	6.7	-2.5	-13.2	-14.0	3.5	-2.2	-3.9	-1.1
o/w Fuel	17.8	55.5	-10.6	83.3	34.7	1.8	-16.9	-25.4	4.1	-3.4	-16.9	-6.6
o/w Raw mat & Interm excl. Fuel	46.3	5.7	-5.7	13.7	-1.9	-4.1	-11.7	-8.8	3.3	-1.6	1.6	1.1
Capital	18.5	2.1	6.7	7.9	-3.2	0.8	7.5	7.0	11.8	-0.5	13.5	0.2
Others	4.0	21.4	-22.5	-14.4	70.9	-13.5	-13.3	-47.7	3.8	-22.3	142.3	81.1
Total (BOP Basis)	100.0	14.0	-3.1	19.1	9.3	0.5	-6.6	-10.7	6.1	-1.7	1.5	0.3
Excl. Gold		13.4	-2.1	20.7	6.7	1.1	-6.3	-8.0	6.2	-0.5	-1.9	-2.6
Excl. Gold & Fuel		5.9	0.2	10.9	1.1	1.0	-3.3	-3.0	6.8	0.3	2.0	-1.7

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Balance of payments

Balance of Payments

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Billion USD	2022	2023	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan
Trade Balance	13.5	17.0	8.1	8.8	5.4	3.5	2.3	-1.1
Exports (f.o.b.)	285.2	280.2	141.0	139.2	70.4	68.8	22.4	22.0
%YoY	5.4	-1.7	-4.4	1.2	-2.0	4.6	3.0	7.2
Imports (f.o.b.)	271.6	263.2	132.9	130.4	65.0	65.4	20.0	23.1
%YoY	14.0	-3.1	-3.2	-3.0	-10.7	6.1	-1.7	1.5
Net Services, Income & Transfers	-29.3	-10.4	-5.7	-4.7	-2.8	-1.9	-0.2	0.9
Current Account	-15.7	6.6	2.4	4.1	2.6	1.5	2.1	-0.2
Capital and Financial Account	7.1		-4.4		-4.0			
Overall Balance	-10.2	2.6	-0.6	3.2	1.5	1.7	0.5	0.8

Note: P = preliminary data, E = estimated data Source: Bank of Thailand

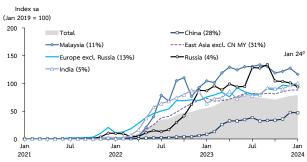
Foreign tourist arrivals

Inbound Tourists by Country of Origin

Thousand persons*	2022	2023			2023			2024
(Share in 2019)	2022	2023	H1	H2	Q3	Q4	Dec	Jan
China (27.9%)	258.6	3,521.1	1,443.1	2,078.0	1,050.4	1,027.5	425.9	508.6
Malaysia (10.7%)	1,949.5	4,626.4	2,139.9	2,486.6	1,198.0	1,288.6	547.2	321.7
East Asia ex. China & Malaysia (30.7%)	3,717.9	9,252.4	4,210.8	5,041.7	2,543.1	2,498.5	945.4	852.6
Russia (3.7%)	429.4	1,482.6	791.6	691.0	200.2	490.8	205.8	219.2
Europe ex. Russia (12.6%)	2,211.7	4,479.6	2,190.5	2,289.2	872.8	1,416.4	610.3	660.6
India (4.9%)	964.3	1,630.2	749.0	881.2	417.1	464.1	161.6	168.1
US (2.8%)	438.8	926.4	448.9	477.5	229.8	247.7	84.2	80.8
Others (6.6%)	1,095.0	2,231.3	991.8	1,239.5	577.9	661.6	280.8	223.8
Total (non sa)	11,065.2	28,150.0	12,965.4	15,184.6	7,089.3	8,095.4	3,261.3	3,035.3
%YoY	2,486.1	154.4	531.6	68.5	97.9	49.1	45.5	41.5
%HoHsa, %QoQsa, MoMsa			56.0	8.9	-1.8	-0.5	4.1	1.5

Note: * Non seasonally adjusted data P = Preliminary data

Tourists Classified by Nationality



2.4 Monetary and Financial Conditions

Total corporate financing increased from the previous month in both business credits and equity, while debt financing in the bond market declined. Net loans extended to the household sector also increased. On the exchange rates, the baht against the US dollar, on average, depreciated after the strengthening of the US dollar as the market adjusted its expectation regarding the accommodative stance by the US Federal Reserve, which was likely to be delayed as the US economic data turned out to be better than expected.

Interest rates

Commercial Bank Interest Rates*

	2021	20	22		20	23		20	24
% p.a	2021	Н1	H2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Jan	23 Feb
12-month deposit rate									
Average of 6 largest Thai banks**	0.45	0.45	0.98	1.15	1.40	1.49	1.65	1.65	1.65
Average of other Thai banks	0.89	0.84	1.04	1.26	1.48	1.68	1.89	1.88	1.86
Average of foreign branches and subsidiary***	0.53	0.56	0.72	0.80	1.03	1.03	1.16	1.16	1.16
MLR									
Average of 6 largest Thai banks	5.49	5.49	6.00	6.56	7.00	7.04	7.25	7.25	7.25
Average of other Thai banks	6.71	6.71	7.19	7.67	8.00	8.00	8.22	8.22	8.22
Average of foreign branches and subsidiary	6.79	6.79	6.76	6.89	7.13	7.21	7.24	7.24	7.24
MRR									
Average of 6 largest Thai banks	6.08	6.08	6.30	6.81	7.20	7.24	7.45	7.45	7.45
Average of other Thai banks	7.32	7.32	7.74	8.11	8.49	8.49	8.76	8.76	8.76
Average of foreign branches and subsidiary	7.91	7.91	7.91	8.00	8.15	8.15	8.16	8.16	8.16

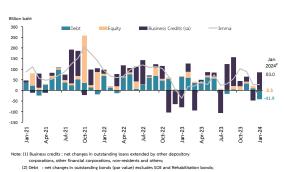
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 - 8 Bangkok Bank, Kung Thai Bank, Kasikom Bank, Siam Commercial Bank, Bank of Ayudhya and TM8Thanachart Bank since July 2021
 - Excludes CitBank since June 2023

Government Bond Yields

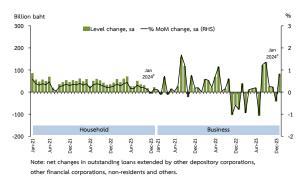


Corporate financing

Changes in Total Corporate Financing

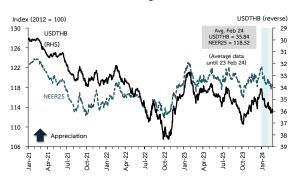


Net Changes in Outstanding Loans



Exchange rates

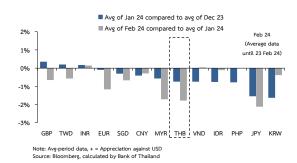
Exchange Rates



Note: Monthly average rate

Source: Bloomberg, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Exchange Rate Movement



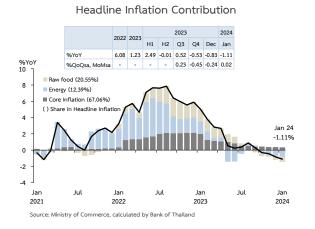
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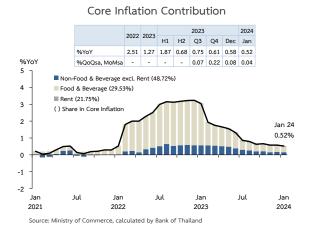


2.5 Financial Stability

Headline inflation declined from lower fresh food and energy prices while core inflation slightly declined due to the high base last year. The labor market condition worsened as reflected by a continuous decline in number of insured persons in the social security system in the manufacturing sector and lower insured persons in some service sectors. In addition, the ratio of total jobless claims and new flow of jobless claims to total contributors also edged upward.

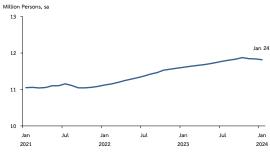
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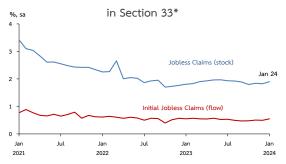
Labor market

Total Contributors in Section 33*



Note: * Section 33 refers to employees who are not less than 15 years of age and not more than 60 years. Source: Social Security Office, calculated by Bank of Thailand

Ratio of Jobless Claims to Total Contributors



Note: * Employees who contribute to social security system (Section 33) account for 31% of total employment. Source: Social Security office, calculated by Bank of Thailand

3. Link to related statistics and contents

Agricultural sector

Agricultural prices: Agricultural prices

Agricultural production: Agricultural products

More information: Office Of Agricultural Economics www.oae.go.th

Manufacturing sector

Manufacturing production: Manufacturing production index (MPI)

Capacity utilization rate: Capacity utilization rate

More information: Office of Industrial Economics http://www.oie.go.th/view/1/Home/EN-US

Real estate sector

Property Indicators: Property Indicators (EC EI 009 S2)

More information: Real Estate Information Center www.reic.or.th/

Public finance

Central government revenue: Government revenue

Central government expenditure (GFSM2001): Government expenditure (EC_PF_011)

Fiscal Position (GFSM2001): Fiscal position in cash basis (EC_PF_009)

More information: Fiscal Policy Office www.fpo.go.th

Labor market

Labor force survey: Labor force survey (EC RL 009 S4)

Employment: Number of employed persons classified by occupation (EC RL 012)

Average wage: Average wage classified by industry (EC RL 014 S2)

More information: National Statistical Office www.nso.go.th

Inflation

Inflation: Consumer price index (CPI)

More information: Bureau of Trade and Economic Indices www.price.moc.go.th

Other reports of Monetary Policy Group, Bank of Thailand

Monthly report on Business Sentiment Index: <u>Business Sentiment Index</u>

Quarterly report on Business Outlook: <u>Business Outlook Report</u>

Quarterly report on Credit Condition: Senior Loan Officer Survey

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