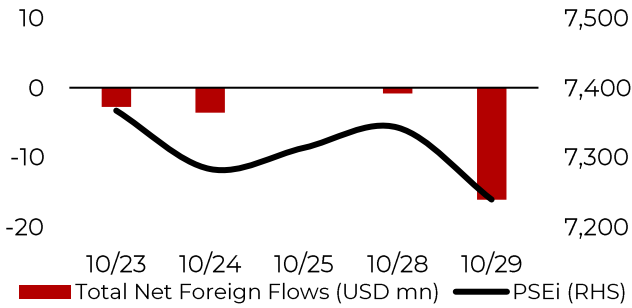


# The Morning View

October 30, 2024

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index

-1.41% DoD; Net foreign selling: \$16.02mn



	Level	DoD
PSEi	7,239.98	-1.41%
3-mo bond yield	5.30%	+4.47 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.61%	+1.51 bps
10-yr bond yield	5.88%	+2.64 bps
USDPHP	58.28	+0.09%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	71.12	-0.42%

**The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) reported that the national government's infrastructure spending declined by 11.06% YoY to Php108.6 billion in August.** This was due to the inclement weather, which dampened implementation of public work projects.

**Manila Electric Co. (PSE Ticker: MER) expects to refund Php16 billion to customers once its 5<sup>th</sup> regulatory period officially lapses.** MER said that it is awaiting the official decision from the ERC before management can file for the refund and prepare for the filing of application for the 6<sup>th</sup> regulatory period.

**Local equities** fell due as the weaker peso and the uncertainty on the US elections dampened investors' sentiment. The PSEi closed at 7,239.98 (-1.41% DoD).

**Local fixed income yields** as investors digested the prospects of a Trump win in the upcoming US presidential election. On average, yields rose by 3.09 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.61% (+1.51 bps) and the 10Y closing at 5.88% (+2.64 bps).

The **Philippine peso** weakened ahead of the US presidential elections next week. The USD/PHP pair closed at 58.28 (+0.09% DoD).

**US job openings fell to 7.443 million in September (August: 7.861 million), a three and half year low.** According to the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, majority of the decline was in the South. The drop in demand was attributed to the impact of Hurricanes Melene and Milton.

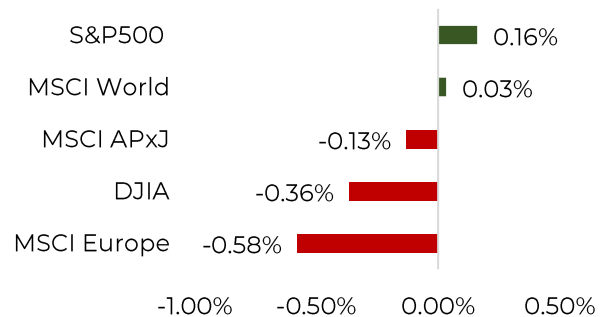
**The Conference Board's US consumer confidence index rose to 108.7 in October (September: revised 99.2),** a nine-month high and above the 99.5 consensus estimate. The stronger-than-expected reading was attributed to upbeat expectations over current business conditions and the labor market.

**US equities** were mixed amid fresh corporate earnings and cautious sentiment ahead of the upcoming US elections. The S&P 500 closed at 5,832.92 (+0.16% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 42,233.05 (-0.36% DoD).

**US Treasury yields** dropped ahead of key economic data releases including US personal consumption expenditure (PCE) inflation and 3Q24 gross domestic product growth. On average, yields fell by 2.72 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.10% (-4.40 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.26% (-2.80 bps).

The **US Dollar** was flat as traders weighed US presidential election jitters as well as mixed jobs and consumer confidence data. The DXY closed at 104.32 (0.00% DoD).

## Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	5,832.92	+0.16%
DJIA	42,233.05	-0.36%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.60%	-2.00 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.10%	-4.40 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.26%	-2.80 bps
DXY	104.32	0.00%

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