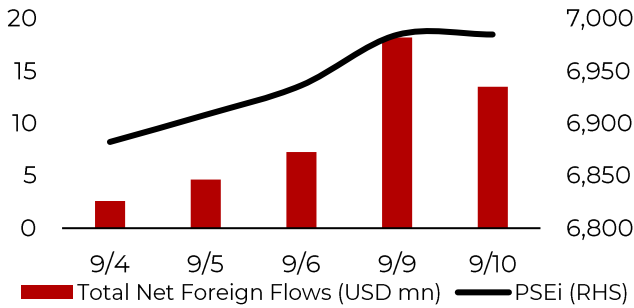


# The Morning View

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## Philippine Stock Exchange Index

+0.01% DoD; Net foreign buying: \$13.48mn



**The Philippine Statistics Authority reported that the trade deficit widened to \$4.87 billion in July (+18.05% YoY), reflecting the widest monthly gap since March 2023.** The jump was amid a faster increase in imports to \$11.12 billion (+7.21% YoY), slightly offset by steady exports of \$6.25 billion (+0.05% YoY). Year-to-date, the country's trade gap narrowed to \$29.91 billion (-5.78% YoY).

**DMCI Holdings, Inc.'s (PSE Ticker: DMC) power subsidiary pushes for exclusion of Small Power Utilities Group (SPUG) power plants in off-grid areas from coal moratorium.** DMCI Power Chairman Consunji said that these SPUG plants produce power cheaper than diesel-generated electricity.

**Local equities** closed flat amid last minute profit-taking and cautious sentiment ahead of the US Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Producer Price Index (PPI) inflation reports this week. The PSEi closed at 6,984.63 (+0.01% DoD).

**Local fixed income yields** were mixed ahead of key US inflation data and after the Bureau of the Treasury reissued 7-year bonds. On average, yields fell by 0.11 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.01% (+0.24 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.14% (+4.77 bps).

The **Philippine peso** strengthened amid profit-taking. Investors also awaited the presidential debate and August inflation data release in the US. The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.39 (-0.24% DoD).

	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,984.63	+0.01%
3-mo bond yield	5.86%	-2.47 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.01%	+0.24 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.14%	+4.77 bps
USDPHP	56.39	-0.24%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	69.19	-3.69%

**China's exports grew by 8.7% in August, the fastest increase since March 2023.** The increase was driven by outbound shipments to the European Union rising by 13.4%. Meanwhile, imports rose by only 0.5%, with imports from the US rising by 12.2%.

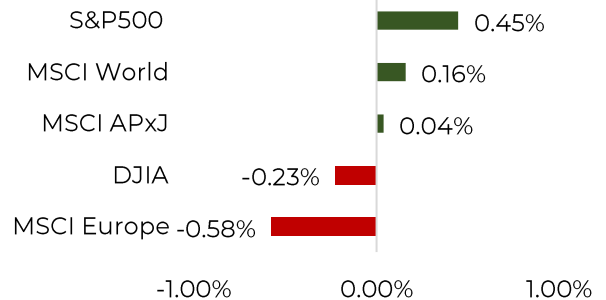
**The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC+) cut its 2024 global oil demand growth forecast to 2.03 million barrels per day (bpd), down from 2.11 million estimate last month.** OPEC+ also reduced its 2025 forecast to 1.74 million bpd from 1.78 million bpd.

**US equities** closed mixed as big tech stocks rose while banks and energy stocks declined amid worries of an economic slowdown. Investors also focused on the upcoming debate between presidential candidates Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. The S&P 500 closed at 5,495.52 (+0.45% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 40,736.96 (-0.23% DoD).

**US Treasury yields** dropped ahead of the US Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation data release which is expected to ease further in August. On average, yields fell by 5.64 bps, with the 2Y closing at 3.60% (-7.30 bps) and the 10Y closing at 3.65% (-5.60 bps).

The **US dollar** slightly strengthened as traders remained cautious ahead of the upcoming presidential debate and key US inflation data. The DXY closed at 101.63 (+0.08% DoD).

## Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	5,495.52	+0.45%
DJIA	40,736.96	-0.23%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.98%	-5.60 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	3.60%	-7.30 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	3.65%	-5.60 bps
DXY	101.63	+0.08%

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