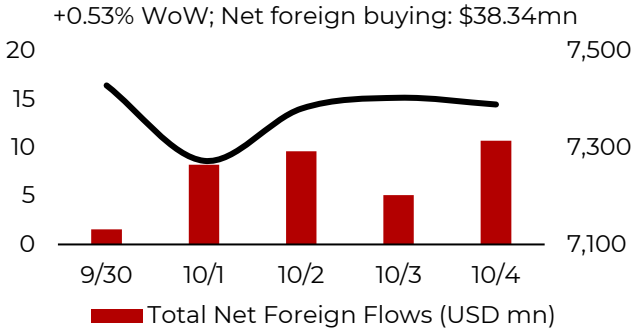


# The Weekly Review

October 7, 2024

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	7,467.92	+0.53%
3-mo bond yield	5.12%	-14.25 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.49%	-3.68 bps
10-yr bond yield	5.76%	+1.70 bps
USDPHP	56.30	+0.39%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	78.05	+8.43%

**Local equities gained** as market sentiment was bolstered by the slower-than-expected September local headline inflation print of 1.9% (consensus: 2.5%) and an upbeat S&P Global Philippines Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of 53.7.

Top performers were Nickel Asia Corp. (PSE Ticker: NIKL; +8.04%), Globe Telecom, Inc. (GLO; +6.29%), and Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI; +5.69%). Meanwhile, San Miguel Corp. (PSE Ticker: SMC; -3.16%), Bloomberry Resorts Corp. (BLOOM; -3.25%), and Wilcon Depot, Inc. (WLCON; -7.93%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 7,467.92 (+0.53% WoW).

**Local fixed income yields closed mixed** but fell on average as investors weighed the slower-than-expected September local inflation print and escalating Middle East geopolitical tensions.

▼ On average, yields fell by 7 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.49% (-4 bps) and the 10Y closing at 5.76% (+2 bps).

**The Philippine peso weakened** amid risk-off sentiment following the escalating Middle East conflict. This was also after cautious remarks from Fed Chair Powell, adopting a relatively hawkish tone and pushing back against aggressive policy rate cuts.

▲ The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.30 (+0.39% WoW).

**US equities rose** as investors digested upbeat September jobs data, which include nonfarm payrolls increasing by 254,000 and unemployment rate slipping to 4.1% (August: 4.2%). Gains were tempered by concerns over the rising Middle East tensions.

▲ S&P 500 closed at 5,751.07 (+0.22% WoW).

▲ DJIA closed at 42,352.75 (+0.09% WoW).

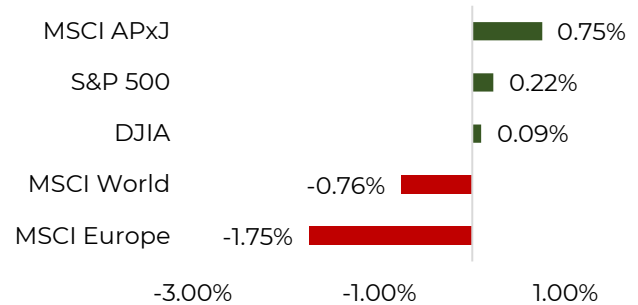
**US Treasury yields climbed** as investors weighed the stronger-than-expected September jobs reports which show a resilient US labor market. This was also following Fed Chair Powell's cautious remarks, which hinted at a slower pace of policy rate cuts.

▲ On average, yields rose by 19 bps, with the 2Y closing at 3.93% (+37 bps) and the 10Y closing at 3.97% (+22 bps).

The **US dollar strengthened** on safe-haven demand driven by the escalating conflict in the Middle East. Additionally, stronger-than-expected labor market data also tempered bets of more aggressive rate cuts from the Fed.

▲ The DXY closed at 102.52 (+2.13% WoW).

## Global Stock Indices



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	5,751.07	+0.22%
DJIA	42,352.75	+0.09%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.63%	+1.10 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	3.93%	+36.50 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	3.97%	+21.50 bps
DXY	102.52	+2.13%