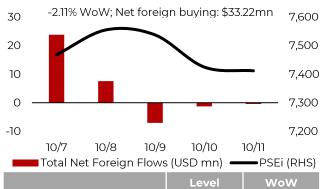


The Weekly Review

October 14, 2024

Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	7,310.32	-2.11%
3-mo bond yield	5.04%	-7.22 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.56%	+7.36 bps
10-yr bond yield	5.73%	-2.59 bps
USDPHP	57.21	+1.62%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	79.04	+1.27%

Local equities declined on the back of investors' profit-taking. Moreover, the higher-than-expected US Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation, weaker Philippine peso, and escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East also dampened investors' sentiment.

Top performers were Manila Electric Company (PSE Ticker: MER; +3.23%), Puregold Price Club Inc. (PGOLD; +2.56%), and DMCI Holdings Inc. (DMC; +1.91%). Meanwhile, Ayala Land Inc. (PSE Ticker: ALI; -4.46%), Wilcon Depot Inc. (WLCON; -7.32%), and Nickel Asia Corp. (NIKL; -8.44%) were the laggards of the week.

▼ The PSEi closed at 7,310.32 (-2.11% WoW).

Local fixed income yields were mixed but rose on average as the stronger-than-expected US jobs report and higher-than-expected US inflation tempered bets of larger Fed rate cuts. Investors also weighed geopolitical developments in the Middle East.

 \triangle On average, yields rose by 3 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.56% (+7 bps) and the 10Y closing at 5.73% (-3 bps).

The Philippine peso weakened following the release of the Fed's September meeting minutes which dampened expectations of a sizable rate cut in November.

▲ The USD/PHP pair closed at 57.21 (+1.62% WoW).

US equities surged to record highs, driven by strong quarterly earnings from major financial institutions JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo. However, gains were tempered by the higher-than-expected September CPI inflation at 2.4% and a rise in jobless claims to 258,000.

- ▲ S&P 500 closed at 5,815.03 (+1.11% WoW).
- ▲ DJIA closed at 42,863.86 (+1.21% WoW).

US Treasury yields jumped after both the September CPI and Producer Price Index inflation came above consensus expectations at 2.4% and 1.8% YoY, respectively. Investors also weighed the latest minutes of the Fed's policy meeting as well as the heightening geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

▲ On average, yields rose by 8 bps, with the 2Y closing at 3.96% (+3 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.10% (+13 bps).

The **US dollar strengthened** as the traders weighed cautious remarks from Fed officials, suggesting a more gradual approach to policy easing following the stronger-than-expected nonfarm payrolls as well as higher-than-expected September US CPI and PPI inflation prints.

▲ The DXY closed at 102.89 (+0.36% WoW).



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	5,815.03	+1.11%
DJIA	42,863.86	+1.21%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.64%	+1.20 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	3.96%	+3.40 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.10%	+13.30 bps
DXY	102.89	+0.36%

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