

OUTLOOK AND STRATEGY

Market Review. The Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) fell in November amid large foreign selling following the outcome of the US Presidential Elections. The Donald Trump 2.0 is perceived to strengthen the U.S Dollar which negatively affect emerging markets. The Philippine Peso depreciated to Php59 level during the month. Moreover, the local 3Q 2024 GDP failed to improve market sentiment as it came out at 5.2%, lower than 5.7% consensus estimate.

The Average Daily Turnover improved to Php5.275 billion or 5.5% higher month-on-month in November. Meanwhile, in terms of foreign activity, foreigners adopted a risk-off stance which bucked the trend of 4 consecutive months net foreign buying. Foreigners sold off US\$349 million for the month which brought their year-to-date flows to US\$305 million net outflow. Their top sold stocks were ICT (-US\$ 71.8 million), ALI (-US\$ 62 million) and BPI (-US\$ 33.8 million). Foreign participation improved to 52%.

On a per stock basis, the top three index gainers for the month include: CNVRG (+1.86%), BDO (+1.11%) and MBT (+0.33%). Meanwhile, the bottom three performers include: BLOOM (-28.83%), ACEN (-19.92%) and WLCON (-19.25%).**Fund**

Performance The Fund returned -6.98% for the month underperforming its benchmark by 44 basis points. Year-to-date, return amounted to 5.05%, outperforming its benchmark by 20 basis points.

Fund Strategy. The Fund will accumulate on market dips as volatility from the upcoming Trump 2.0, geopolitical risks coupled with thin market liquidity continue to persist. The Fund's preference is for companies with leading market capitalization and good fundamentals as well as defensive and high-yielding stocks.