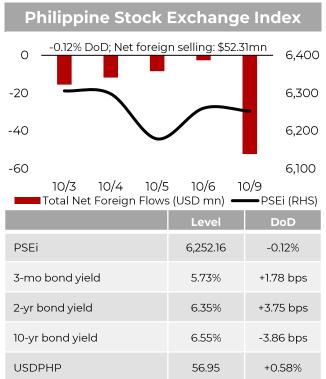
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Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)

Department of Finance Secretary and Monetary Board member
Benjamin Diokno believes the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas has done
enough policy tightening to tame inflation. He commented that
further tightening is unnecessary given that the recent inflationary
pressures are supply-driven.

Manila Electric Company (Ticker: MER) will deploy at least 300 generator sets to avert power interruptions during the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE). The firm also conducted electric facility inspections and prepared 800 flood lights on standby near the polling places.

Local equities weakened amid negative sentiment over the heightened Israel-Hamas conflict. The market also continued to assess the implications of elevated inflation and strong labor market on monetary policy. The PSEi closed at 6,252.16 (-0.12% DoD).

Local fixed income yields continued to rise on inflationary concerns from the Israel-Hamas conflict. On average, yields rose by 2.70 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.35% (+3.75 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.55% (-3.86 bps).

The **Philippine peso** weakened on safe-haven demand for the US dollar after the breakout of the Israel-Hamas war. The surge in global oil prices also weighed on the peso. The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.95 (+0.58% DoD).

Canada's labor market beat expectations by adding 63,800 jobs in September. Additionally, unemployment rate remained at 5.5% for a third consecutive month, while average hourly wage for permanent employees inched up 5.3% in the same month (August: 5.2%).

+4.22%

88.15

Germany's industrial output contracted 0.2% MoM in August (July: revised -0.6%) as energy production, construction, and manufacture of machinery and equipment remained under pressure. Meanwhile, production growth in the automotive industry rebounded 7.6% MoM (July: -9.4%).

US equities rose as investors brushed off concerns over the jump in oil prices amid the Israel-Hamas conflict. The S&P 500 closed at 4,335.66 (+0.63% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 33,604.65 (+0.59% DoD).

US Treasury yields were unchanged as the bond markets were closed in observance of Columbus Day. The 2Y closed at 5.09% (+0.0 bps) and the 10Y closed at 4.81% (+0.0 bps).

The **US dollar** closed flat as investors waited for further developments on the Israel-Hamas conflict. The DXY closed at 106.08 (+0.04% DoD).

	Level	DoD
S&P 500	4,335.66	+0.63%
DJIA	33,604.65	+0.59%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.52%	0.00 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	5.09%	0.00 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.81%	0.00 bps
DXY	106.08	+0.04%

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