The Morning View

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Philippine Stock Exchange Index +0.24% DoD; Net foreign buying: \$0.35mn



Total Net Foreign Flows (USD mn)		PSEi (RHS)
	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,054.50	+0.24%
3-mo bond yield	6.07%	+0.52 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.47%	+5.92 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.82%	+6.77 bps
USDPHP	56.9	+0.16%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	90.13	+2.34%

The Philippine national government's budget deficit widened by 40% YoY to Php250.9 billion in September, according to the Bureau of the Treasury. Expenditures grew by 8.1% YoY amid some catch-up spending by the national government, while revenues declined by 11.6% due to the base effect of last year's one-off inflows.

Jollibee Foods Corporation (Ticker: JFC) announced its plan to open Singapore's Common Man Coffee Roasters café brand at the Ayala Triangle Gardens in Makati City this year. This brand is a product of JFC's joint venture with Food Collective, Pte. Ltd., where the group has 60% ownership.

Local equities slightly recovered as upbeat third guarter US corporate earnings lifted market sentiment. The PSEi closed at 6,054.50 (+0.24% DoD).

Local fixed income yields climbed as robust new home sales data in the US supported expectations that the US Fed will likely keep rates higher for longer. On average, yields rose by 5.21 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.47% (+5.92 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.82% (+6.77 bps).

The **Philippine peso** weakened after the government reported a wider budget deficit in September. The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.9 (+0.16% DoD).

US new home sales rebounded by 12.3% MoM in September (August: revised -8.2%), amid higher sales of new single-family homes. This was following the drop in the median price as builders offered discounts to stimulate demand.

Bank of Canada held its key overnight rate at 5% amid cooling inflation and expectations of weaker economic growth. However, the governor left the door open for further hikes as inflation remains above the 2% target. Canada's inflation is now anticipated to return to the target by year-end 2025 from previously mid-2025.

US equities dropped as the rise in Treasury yields weakened market sentiment. Investors also weighed mixed quarterly earnings. The S&P 500 closed at 4,186.77 (-1.43% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 33,035.93 (-0.32% DoD).

US Treasury yields climbed after investors digested the new home sales data which accelerated in September, bolstering expectations of interest rates staying higher for longer. On average, yields rose by 7.93 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.12% (+0.50 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.96% (+13.20 bps).

The **US dollar** slightly strengthened as investors digested mixed corporate earnings results and the rise in Treasury yields. The DXY closed at 106.53 (+0.24% DoD).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	4,186.77	-1.43%
DJIA	33,035.93	-0.32%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.48%	+3.30 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	5.12%	+0.50 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.96%	+13.20 bps
DXY	106.53	+0.24%

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