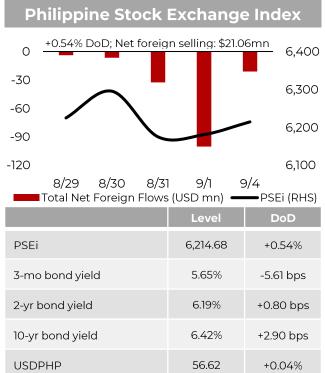
## **The Morning View**

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Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)

The **Philippine Government** vowed to assist rice retailers affected by the price ceilings imposed on rice. Starting September 5, price caps of Php41/kg and Php45/kg will be imposed on regular milled rice and well-milled rice, respectively. The government seeks to allocate Php2 billion for this subsidy program.

Jollibee Foods Corporation (Ticker: JFC) has completed the acquisition of master franchisee Meko Holdings Ltd. in Hong Kong for \$16.0 million. JFC gets 60% ownership, while the remaining 40% will still be owned by the franchisee's shareholders.

**Local equities** rose as investors positioned ahead of the August local CPI print's release. Recent US jobs data which signaled a slowing labor market also lifted bets of a dovish US Fed. The PSEi closed at 6,214.68 (+0.54% DoD).

**Local fixed income yields** were mixed ahead of the official inflation data release. On average, yields fell by 0.06 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.19% (+0.80 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.42% (+2.90 bps).

The **Philippine peso** weakened ahead of the local inflation data release. The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.62 (+0.04% DoD).

**US ISM manufacturing PMI improved to 47.6 in August (July: 46.4),** continuing its contraction but at a slower pace. While production levels stabilized, new orders rapidly declined, and factory input prices remained subdued.

+0.51%

89.00

Canada's 2Q real GDP disappointed with a 0.2% YoY contraction as the solid boost in domestic demand was offset by inventory destocking and modest net trade drag. The Bank of Canada (BOC) will likely maintain its policy rate at 5.0%.

**US equities** were unchanged as markets were closed on account of Labor Day. The S&P 500 closed at 4,515.77 (0.00% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 34,837.71 (0.00% DoD).

**US Treasury yields** had no movement amid closed markets. The 2Y closed at 4.88% (+0.0 bps) and the 10Y closed at 4.18% (+0.0 bps).

The **US dollar** was unchanged as the markets were closed. The DXY closed at 104.24 (+0.00% DoD).

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	Level	DoD
S&P 500	4,515.77	0.00%
DJIA	34,837.71	0.00%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.44%	0.00 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.88%	0.00 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.18%	0.00 bps
DXY	104.24	0.00%

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