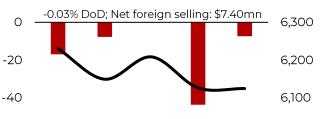
## **The Morning View**

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## Philippine Stock Exchange Index





	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,124.57	-0.03%
3-mo bond yield	5.60%	-1.89 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.20%	-0.96 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.44%	-0.33 bps
USDPHP	56.866	+0.09%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	94.43	+0.53%

The **House of Representatives** approved on second reading a bill which will establish a new fiscal regime for the mining sector. The bill seeks to impose margin-based royalty of up to 5% and windfall taxes of up to 10% on miners. It is expected to generate Php1.9 billion in tax revenues.

**Globe Telecom Inc.'s (Ticker: GLO)** roaming services is now available across 72 countries. It has extended its fifth-generation (5G) roaming services to countries like Guatemala, India, Romania, and South Africa, among others.

**Local equities** dropped as investors waited for the policy meetings of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the US Fed later this week. The PSEi closed at 6,124.57 (-0.03% DoD).

**Local fixed income yields** continued to decline ahead of the policy meetings of the Fed and the BSP. On average, yields fell by 0.82 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.20% (-0.96 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.44% (-0.33 bps).

The **Philippine peso** slightly weakened amid higher global oil prices and as investors waited for the policy meetings of the BSP and the Fed this week. The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.866 (+0.09% DoD).

## The US homebuilder sentiment index fell to 45 in September (August: 50), according to the National Association of Home Builders survey, as high mortgage rates took a toll on builder confidence and consumer demand.

**Total housing starts in Canada fell 1% MoM to 252,787 units in August** amid the decline in the groundbreaking of multi-unit projects. In urban areas, multi-unit starts decreased 1% MoM, while single-unit urban starts rose 2% MoM.

**US equities** were flat as investors stayed on the sidelines while waiting for the Fed's policy rate decision and economic projections this week. The S&P 500 closed at 4,453.53 (+0.07% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 34,624.30 (+0.02% DoD).

**US Treasury yields** were mixed as investors focused on the upcoming FOMC meeting this week, which will likely provide clues on the trajectory of monetary policy. On average, yields fell by 1.17 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.06% (+1.90 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.31% (-3.10 bps).

The **US dollar** weakened as investors waited for the policy rate decision by the FOMC in its meeting this week. The DXY closed at 105.20 (-0.11% DoD).

## **Global Stock Indices**



-1.50% -1.00% -0.50% 0.00% 0.50%

	Level	DoD
S&P 500	4,453.53	+0.07%
DJIA	34,624.30	+0.02%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.47%	-0.40 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	5.06%	+1.90 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.31%	-3.10 bps
DXY	105.20	-0.11%

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