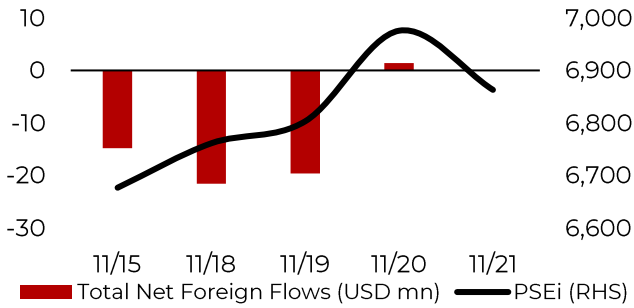


# The Morning View

November 22, 2024

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index

-1.61% DoD; Net foreign selling: \$0.01mn



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,863.01	-1.61%
3-mo bond yield	5.56%	+1.19 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.86%	+0.08 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.02%	-1.62 bps
USDPHP	59.00	+0.15%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	74.38	+2.16%

**According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the number of working children, aged between five to 17 years old, in the country fell by 26% YoY to 1.09 million in 2023.** The share of working children to the total child population likewise fell to 3.5% in 2023 (2022: 4.7%).

**Ayala Corporation's (PSE Ticker: AC) subsidiary, AC Mobility Holdings, Inc. (AMHI), obtained approval for loans up to \$100 million from the Asian Development Bank.** The loan proceeds will be used to support the procurement and installation of electric vehicles charging network nationwide.

**Local equities** fell amid profit-taking after four days of consecutive gains. The weakness of the peso against the dollar also dampened investors' sentiment. The PSEi closed at 6,863.01 (-1.61% DoD).

**Local fixed income yields** ended mixed after contrasting remarks from Fed officials. Fed Governor Cook expressed confidence in the inflation downtrend, while Fed Governor Bowman urged for a cautious approach. On average, yields fell by 0.05 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.86% (+0.08 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.02% (-1.62 bps).

The **Philippine peso** weakened to a two-year low amid concerns over the impact of Trump's tariffs and tax cuts on inflation and the Fed's policy easing. The USD/PHP pair closed at 59.00 (+0.15% DoD).

**US weekly jobless claims dropped to a seven-month low of 213,000 for the week ended Nov 16 (Nov 9 revised: 219,000).** The stronger-than-expected reading underscored the resilience of the labor market.

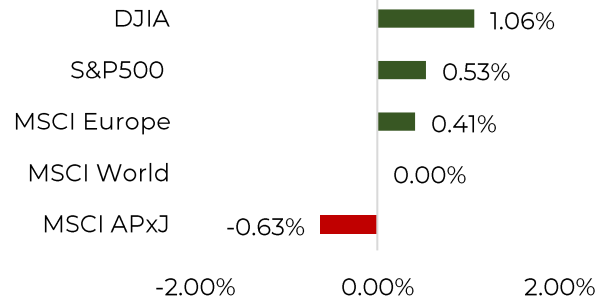
**US existing home sales surged by 3.4% MoM in October to 3.96 million, rebounding from a 1.0% decline in September.** The growth likely reflected contracts signed in August and September, when mortgage rates fell in anticipation of the Fed launching its policy easing cycle.

**US equities** climbed following Nvidia's strong third-quarter earnings results. This was also amid a rally in cyclical stocks which are likely to benefit from a potentially faster economic growth under Trump's administration. The S&P 500 closed at 5,948.71 (+0.53% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 43,870.35 (+1.06% DoD).

**US Treasury yields** rose as traders weighed the lower-than-expected weekly jobless claims, pointing to a resilient labor market. Investors also stayed cautious amid heightened tensions between Russia and Ukraine. On average, yields rose by 1.41 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.35% (+3.20 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.42% (+1.00 bps).

The **US dollar** strengthened after the decline in weekly jobless claims tempered December Fed rate cut expectations. The DXY closed at 107.04 (+0.34% DoD).

## Global Stock Indices



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