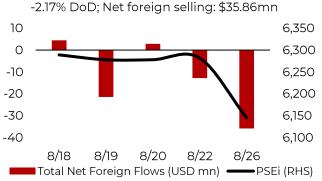
The Morning View

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Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,145.24	-2.17%
3-mo bond yield	5.25%	-0.93 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.66%	-1.57 bps
5-yr bond yield	5.83%	-1.36 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.01%	+1.39 bps
USDPHP	57.07	+0.21%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	67.22	-2.30%

The Philippine may face more tariffs as US President Trump threatens tariffs against countries that impose digital taxes on US companies. Analysts cautioned to not hastily lift digital taxes and to carefully study lost revenue from lifting taxes versus lower exports. The Department of Finance estimated Php102.12 billion in revenues from digital VAT collections between 2025 and 2028.

SM Investments Corp. (PSE Ticker: SM) is growing its renewable energy sources through new geothermal projects and wind energy ventures. SMIC Chief Executive Officer Frederic DyBuncio stated that the focus remains on geothermal energy production as it can run during the full day.

Local equities fell and the **Philippine peso** weakened amid concerns over US President Trump's rare earth tariff threats on China. The quarterly MSCI rebalancing also weighed on the local bourse.

The PSEi closed at 6,145.24 (-2.17% DoD).

The USD/PHP pair closed at 57.07 (+0.21% DoD).

Local fixed income yields were mixed as investors digested Fed Chair Powell's speech signaling a potential September rate cut. The Fed chair also noted increasing risks on both inflation and employment. On average, yields fell by 0.79 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.66% (-1.57 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.01% (+1.39 bps).

US Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index slipped to 97.4 in August (Revised July: 98.7; Consensus: 96.5), dragged by concerns over job availability and anticipation of higher prices amid Trump's trade policies. Consumers also showed increased interest in purchasing big-ticket items, although vacation plans declined.

US durable goods orders dropped by 2.8% MoM in July (June: -9.4%; Consensus: -3.8%) on uncertain tariff backdrop. The decline was led by the fall in commercial aircraft orders. Stripping out the volatile transport sector, orders rose by 1.1% MoM, better than the expected 0.2% MoM increase (June: +0.2%).

US equities rose as investors positioned ahead of Nvidia's earnings report this Wednesday. The S&P 500 closed at 6,465.94 (+0.41% DoD), while the DJIA ended at 45,418.07 (+0.30% DoD).

US Treasury yields dropped, and the **US dollar** weakened as investors weighed Trump's decision to fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook.

On average, yields fell by 1.79 bps, with the 2Y closing at 3.68% (-4.50 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.26% (-1.40 bps).

The DXY closed at 98.23 (-0.21% DoD).



Level	DoD
6,465.94	+0.41%
45,418.07	+0.30%
4.19%	-1.50 bps
3.68%	-4.50 bps
3.75%	-4.20 bps
4.26%	-1.40 bps
98.23	-0.21%
	6,465.94 45,418.07 4.19% 3.68% 3.75% 4.26%

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