The Morning View

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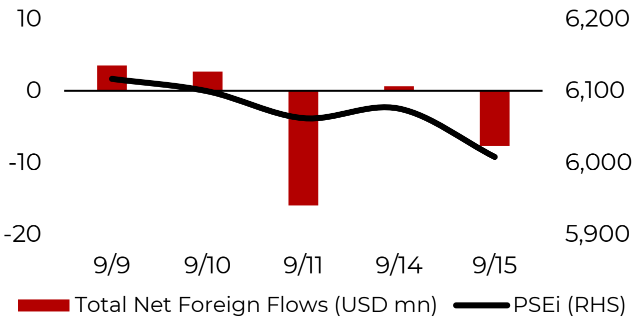
Philippine Stock Exchange Index

-1.11% DoD; Net foreign selling: $7.66mn



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,007.78	-1.11%
3-mo bond yield	5.30%	+2.64 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.63%	+3.42 bps
5-yr bond yield	7.38%	+5.86 bps
10-yr bond yield	7.65%	+12.54 bps
USDPHP	62.84	-0.04%
Oil (Brent, $ / barrel)	108.75	+2.90%

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas reported that Overseas Filipino Workers' (OFW) cash remittances grew by 1.94% YoY to a seven-month high of $3.24 billion in July. Economists said that this was likely due to seasonal patterns such as increased spending amid the school season. This brought the year-to-date cumulative OFW cash remittances to $20.39 billion, up 2.29% YoY.

Semirara Mining and Power Corp. (PSE Ticker: SCC) estimated that a new operator of the Semirara coal mine would need to invest at least Php55.0 billion in equipment to sustain production of 60 million tons a year. SCC's coal operating contract expires on July 14, 2027 and will be auctioned after the company failed to secure a renewal.

Local equities fell and **local fixed income yields** jumped on continued oil price increases amid heightening US-Iran military strikes. Moreover, the increase in yields was after the Bureau of the Treasury only partially awarded its dual-tranche T-bonds, rejecting all bids for the shorter tenor.

The PSEi closed at 6,007.78 (-1.11% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 7.03 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.63% (+3.42 bps) and the 10Y closing at 7.65% (+12.54 bps).

The **Philippine peso** closed flat ahead of the Fed's policy decision this week. The USD/PHP pair closed at 62.84 (-0.04% DoD).

The US Congressional Budget Office reported that the six-month US-Iran war has cost $38.0 billion through August 1, not including the borrowing expenses. Costs from the war are also projected to rise by $3.0 billion a month and is expected to raise inflation by 0.5% in the first three months of 2027.

The US Census Bureau reported that the poverty rate fell to a record low 10.2% in 2025 (2024: 10.7%), while the median household's inflation-adjusted income rose 2.6% YoY to a record high of $87,460. Analysts attributed this to social assistance programs in 2025, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, but cautioned that support could be eroded as these programs were scaled back.

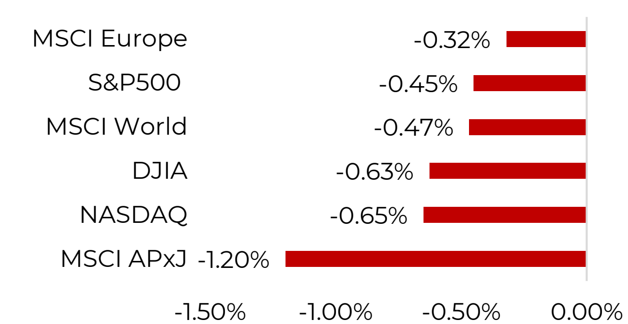
US equities fell amid weaker risk sentiment as Treasury yields hit multiyear highs, while investors remained cautious ahead of the Fed's policy decision. The S&P 500 closed at 7,585.73 (-0.45% DoD), while the DJIA ended at 52,093.11 (-0.63% DoD).

US Treasury yields rose, and the **US dollar** strengthened as surging oil prices reinforced expectations that the Fed will hike rates in this week's policy meeting.

On average, yields rose by 0.63 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.67% (+0.30 bps) and the 10Y closing at 5.00% (+1.40 bps).

The DXY closed at 99.62 (+0.23% DoD).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	7,585.73	-0.45%
DJIA	52,093.11	-0.63%
NASDAQ	28,937.84	-0.65%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.06%	+1.30 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.67%	+0.30 bps
5-yr US Treasury yield	4.83%	+0.60 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	5.00%	+1.40 bps
DXY	99.62	+0.23%