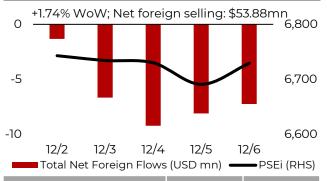


The Weekly Review

December 9, 2024

Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	6,729.14	+1.74%
3-mo bond yield	5.70%	+5.10 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.92%	-1.48 bps
10-yr bond yield	5.88%	-11.41 bps
USDPHP	57.74	-1.51%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	71.12	-2.50%

Local equities rose amid bargain hunting and a stronger Philippine peso. Investors also digested the faster local inflation print in November, which came in-line with market's expectation and within the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) 2-4% target.

Top performers were Wilcon Depot, Inc. (PSE Ticker: WLCON; +6.77%), Ayala Corporation (AC; +5.88%), and International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICT; +5.68%). Meanwhile, Universal Robina Corporation (PSE Ticker: URC; -3.55%), JG Summit Holdings, Inc. (JGS; -3.85%), and Monde Nissin Corporation (MONDE; -5.40%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 6,729.14 (+1.74% WoW).

Local fixed income yields closed mixed but rose on average as investors weighed the in-line but higher local inflation of 2.5% in November.

▲ On average, yields rose by 1 bp, with the 2Y closing at 5.92% (-1 bp) and the 10Y closing at 5.88% (-11 bps).

The Philippine peso strengthened on the back of the faster local inflation print in November, which could influence the BSP's next policy move.

▼ The USD/PHP pair closed at 57.74 (-1.51% WoW).

US equities ended mixed as investors weighed a slew of remarks from several US Fed officials calling for a gradual pace of rate cuts. Investors also assessed mixed US labor data releases, such as the: (1) stronger-than-expected nonfarm payroll additions of 227,000 in November; (2) uptick in unemployment rate to 4.2% in November; and (3) above-consensus job openings data of 7.74 million in October.

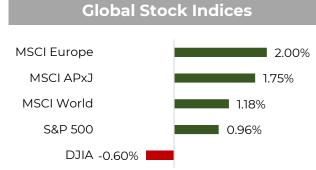
- ▲ S&P 500 closed at 6,090.27 (+0.96% WoW).
- ▼ DJIA closed at 44,642.52 (-0.60% WoW).

US Treasury yields fell as recent US economic data releases kept the door open for a Fed rate cut in December. These include the (1) weaker-than-anticipated US ISM Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of 54.9 (consensus: 55.3); (2) below-consensus private payroll growth of 146,000; and (3) higher unemployment rate.

▼ On average, yields fell by 6 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.11% (-5 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.16% (-2 bps).

The **US Dollar strengthened** following US president-elect Trump's tariff threats against BRICS nations and the stronger-than-expected US nonfarm payroll additions in November.

▲ The DXY closed at 106.06 (+0.30% WoW).



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	Level	WoW
S&P 500	6,090.27	+0.96%
DJIA	44,642.52	-0.60%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.41%	-9.10 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.11%	-4.90 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.16%	-1.70 bps
DXY	106.06	+0.30%

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