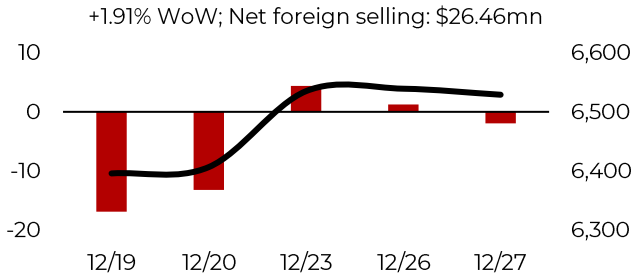


# The Weekly Review

January 2, 2025

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	6,528.79	+1.91%
3-mo bond yield	5.89%	-5.07 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.05%	+4.22 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.18%	+16.63 bps
USDPHP	57.85	-1.64%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	74.17	+1.69%

**Local equities rose** as the remark of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Remolona signaling a potential rate cut in the first policy meeting in 2025 and the recent strengthening of the Philippine peso lifted market sentiment.

Top performers were Nickel Asia Corporation (PSE Ticker: NIKL; +11.50%), Monde Nissin Corporation (MONDE; +10.82%), and Wilcon Depot, Inc. (WLCON; +10.00%). Meanwhile, Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (PSE Ticker: MBT; -1.50%), San Miguel Corporation (SMC; -1.60%), and JG Summit Holdings, Inc. (JGS; -2.14%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 6,528.79 (+1.91% WoW).

**Local fixed income yields climbed** after the acceleration of US Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) inflation in November and the decline in US weekly jobless claims supported the case for gradual Fed rate cuts ahead.

▲ On average, yields rose by 4 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.05% (+4 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.18% (+17 bps).

**The Philippine peso strengthened** on the back of the seasonal increase in OFW remittances amid the holiday season.

▼ The USD/PHP pair closed at 57.85 (-1.64% WoW).

**US equities closed higher** as megacap technology stocks rallied in a holiday-shortened trading week. Investors also continued to digest the November US PCE inflation print of 2.4% YoY, which quickened but came in below market's expectation.

▲ S&P 500 closed at 5,970.84 (+0.67% WoW).

▲ DJIA closed at 42,992.21 (+0.35% WoW).

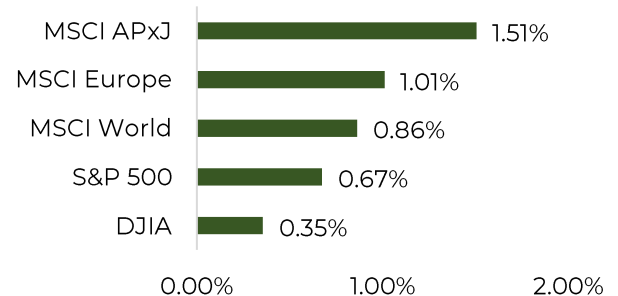
**US Treasury yields rose** as traders recalibrated their Fed rate cut expectations in 2025. Additionally, traders also digested news that the US government narrowly averted a shutdown.

▲ On average, yields rose by 5 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.33% (+2 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.63% (+10 bps).

The **US dollar strengthened** amid expectations of a slower pace of Fed rate cuts in 2025.

▲ The DXY closed at 108.00 (+0.35% WoW).

## Global Stock Indices



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	5,970.84	+0.67%
DJIA	42,992.21	+0.35%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.29%	-4.10 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.33%	+1.80 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.63%	+10.30 bps
DXY	108.00	+0.35%

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