

Daily Matters

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MARKET INDICATORS

As of October 22, 2015

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,117.78	24.88	0.35%
Dow Jones	17,489.16	320.55	1.87%
S&P 500	2,052.51	33.57	1.66%
NASDAQ	4,920.05	79.93	1.65%
SCI Asia ex-Japan	525.91	-2.15	-0.41%
MSCI Emerging Market	858.17	-0.93	-0.11%
5 Yr FXTN	3.49	-	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.03	-	
USD/PHP	46.53	0.11	0.23%

Source: Bloomberg

NEWS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Inflation Seen Picking Up

- Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP): A report on the Sept. 24 Monetary Board meeting released yesterday highlighted that the general increase in prices of widely used goods will likely pick up next year and in 2017 despite currently below the official target. The expected increase is mainly due to a longer El Niño episode and potential exchange rate volatilities. Year-to-date inflation for September is at 1.6%, lower than the 2 to 4% target set by the central bank for this year, next year, and 2017. It is likely that inflation will settle near the low end of the target range this year while approaching the midpoint of the target range for 2016 and 2017.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond steadied at 3.49%.
- The yields of bonds mostly rose with 8 yields rising and 4 falling.

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Philippine Stocks

- The Philippine stock market extended its winning streak, pushing the index above the 7,100 mark, as investors adjusted positions ahead of the release of third quarter corporate earnings. The Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) rose 0.35% or 24.88 points to close at 7,117.78. Market breadth was negative with decliners beating advancers 93 to 82 while 42 issues were unchanged.

Philippine Peso

- The peso slumped to a three-week low as investors flee from riskier assets due to weak data coming from China and Japan. The local currency closed 0.23% or 11 cents higher at 46.53.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

ECB Holds Interest Rates; U.S. Jobless Claims Rise, Existing Home Sales Surge

- European Central Bank (ECB): Interest rates were held steady in the 19-member currency bloc which left the main refinancing rate at a record-low of 0.05%. The deposit rate and the marginal lending rate also stayed at minus 0.2% and 0.3%, respectively.
- U.S. Labor Department: The number of Americans filing for first-time unemployment benefits slightly grew last week, though the amount still lingered near historical low levels. Initial jobless claims rose by 3,000 to a seasonally-adjusted 259,000 in the week ended October 17, lower than the 265,000 expected new claims.
- National Association of Realtors: Sales of previously owned homes surged in September, putting the market on track to its strongest finish since 2007. Existing home sales climbed 4.7% last month to a seasonally-adjusted rate of 5.55 million following an unexpectedly weak performance in August.

US Stock Market

- U.S. markets rallied on reports of better-than-expected earnings and stronger economic data. (Dow Jones 1.87% 17,489.16; NASDAQ 1.65% 4,920.05; S&P 500 1.66% 2,052.51)

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks dropped following losses on Wall Street due to lower commodity prices. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index slid 0.41% or 2.15 points to close at 525.91.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging market stocks slumped for a third straight day as corporate earnings came worse than expected for companies in Russia and China. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell 0.11% or 0.93 points to close at 858.17.

Sources: Bloomberg, Briefing.com, Business World, CNN, Inquirer, PhilStar, Reuters, WSJ

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