

Daily Matters

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MARKET INDICATORS

As of November 15, 2016

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	6,857.15	-14.33	-0.21%
Dow Jones	18,923.06	54.37	0.29%
S&P500	2,180.39	16.19	0.75%
Nasdaq	5,275.62	57.22	1.10%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	513.9	-0.37	-0.07%
MSCI Emerging Market	841.49	2.53	0.30%
5Yr FXTN	4.49	23 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.22	4 bps	
USD/PHP	49.07	-0.2	-0.40%

Source: Bloomberg

NEWS IN THE PHILIPPINES

September cash remittances highest for the year, so far; but growth slows

- Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas confirmed that the remittances from the OFWs continued to grow in September as it posted the highest level so far. Cash remittances totaled \$2.383 billion for the month, rising 2.8% from the \$2.319 billion seen in August. Overseas remittances were a result of the anticipation of the holiday season and also because of the growing US economy.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed 23 bps higher at 4.49%. The yields of bonds rose across the board with 8 yields rising and only 3 yields falling.

Philippine Stocks

- The Philippine Stock Market extended its fall as it was mainly due to net foreign selling. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) index slipped 14.33 points or 0.2% to close at 6,857.15. Another reason of the decline is that investors are rebalancing their portfolios and some are waiting for the 3rd quarter GDP data.

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Philippine Peso

The local peso gained a bit on the back of profit taking and also because of leaked memo announced about the Brexit as it closed at Php 49.07. The leaked memo caused the dollar to weaken thus, making the peso to slightly appreciate and made a mini-sell off.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Retail Sales Advance (MoM) 0.8% vs 0.6% Expected; Ex Auto 0.8% vs 0.5%

- The Commerce Department announced that the advance estimates of US retail sales rose more than the forecast, showing consumers continue to drive the economy up at 0.8%. Sales improved in 11 of 13 major categories excluding automobiles and service stations that increased 0.6% after a 0.5% gain a month earlier.

US Stock Market

- All US stocks were on the green after the trade as rising oil prices support the stocks to surpass its record high. Dow Jones capped off at 18,923.06 with a high 54.37 points or 0.29%, Tech-savvy NASDAQ gained 5,275.62 with 57.22 points or 1.10% and S&P 500 ended at 2,180.39 with 16.19 points or 0.75%.

Asian Stocks

- Asian markets ended flat after falling nearly 5% since Trump's unexpected victory at the US presidential elections last week. Another reason is that expectations of a U.S. rate hike boosted the dollar and investors watched President-elect Trump for signs of policy direction. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index fell -0.07% or -0.37 points to close at 513.9.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging market had a strong reaction post-election over the victory of Donald Trump that predicted a downside for bonds and an upside for equities. Emerging market bonds sold off heavily due to concerns on Trump's potential trade policies. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index finished with 0.30% or 2.53 points closing at 841.49.

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

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