

MARKET INDICATORS

As of October 10, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,398.04	58.85	0.71%
Dow Jones	22,830.68	69.61	0.31%
NASDAQ	6,587.25	7.52	0.11%
S&P500	2,550.64	5.91	0.23%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	681.59	6.26	0.93%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,112.52	12.11	1.10%
5Yr FXTN	4.59	-6 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.36	0 bps	
USD/PHP	51.47	0.22	0.43%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Philippine exports, imports rise in August

- Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) – Economic news released yesterday showed that exports and imports in the Philippines had increased for the month of August. Total imports increased 10.5% to reach \$7.92 billion from \$7.17 billion last August 2016. Furthermore, total exports increased 9.3% to reach \$5.51 billion compared to a reading of \$5.04 billion in last year. This brings the country's balance of trade to a \$2.41 billion deficit in August 2017 from \$2.13 billion one year ago. According to the PSA, electronic products were both the top import commodity as well as export commodity with mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials ranking second in imports. Finally, China had been the country's top trading partner over the month of August after seeing 15% of total trade.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.59, falling 6 bps during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly flat throughout yesterday's session. Yesterday, 3 yields rose, 3 yields fell and 5 yields remained stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks gained yesterday, reaching new highs, after investors digested trade data as well as look toward the tax reform package approval. The PSEi rose 0.71% or 58.85 points to end the day at 8,398.04.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the U.S. dollar yesterday, to close at a two-month low, due to weaker-than-expected data. The peso closed the day at PHP 51.47.



News around the World

UK industrial and manufacturing data very beats expectations

- Industrial and manufacturing production in the United Kingdom improved for a third straight month in August, beating analyst expectations, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) yesterday. Total production in the industrial sector was 1.6% higher than data from August of last year, beating a 0.8% expectation. On the other hand, manufacturing production, which was the main source behind the improvement, increased by 2.8% compared to 1.9% forecast. The biggest contributor to the growth was a portion of the sector that includes high-value repair and maintenance contracts for aircrafts and ships.

US Market

- U.S. stocks all gained during yesterday's close after a rally in airline stocks helped lift the industrial sector. Investors also await the minutes of the Federal Reserve's September policy meeting which are due to be released on Wednesday. The S&P 500 ended at 2,550.64 gaining 0.23% or 5.91 points. The Dow Jones climbed 69.61 points or 0.31% to end at 22,830.68. The NASDAQ rose 7.52 points or 0.11% to close at 6,587.25.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices rose yesterday after strong corporate earnings data to open the season. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 0.93% or 6.26 points to close at 681.59.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day positive after People's Bank of China governor Zhou Xiaochuan argued in favor of further policy reforms to give market demand a greater role ahead of the Communist Party leadership gathering next week. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 1.10% or 12.11 points, closing at 1,112.52.