

MARKET INDICATORS

As of October 11, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,358.47	-39.57	-0.47%
Dow Jones	22,872.89	42.21	0.18%
NASDAQ	6,603.55	16.30	0.25%
S&P500	2,555.24	4.60	0.18%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	683.62	2.03	0.30%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,117.33	4.81	0.43%
5Yr FXTN	4.59	0 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.35	-1 bps	
USD/PHP	51.46	-0.01	-0.03%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Private equity firms see the Philippines as a preferred destination

- During the 3rd Annual Private Equity and Venture Forum Philippines 2017, yesterday, foreign investors continued to believe that the Philippines was a preferred investment destination in Asia despite declining foreign direct investment (FDI). The belief was said to be attributed to the country having a 'very stable political environment' with the government undergoing smooth transitions from government to government within the last 10 to 15 years. Regardless of the 16.5% YoY drop in FDI flows in July, investors believe that now is the time to invest as the country's capabilities will bring a return on capital that is hard to compete with throughout Asia.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.59, remaining stagnant during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly flat throughout yesterday's session. Yesterday, 1 yield rose, 5 yields fell and 5 yields remained stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks declined yesterday as investors took profits after the bellwether index reached a new high on Tuesday. Additionally, investors await key US foreign policy speeches as the lack of major market catalysts yesterday had kept the market from inching upward. The PSEi fell 0.47% or 39.57 points to end the day at 8,358.47.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso strengthened against the U.S. dollar yesterday due to profit taking from the previous day as investors await key speeches regarding tensions between the United States and North Korea. The peso closed the day at PHP 51.46.



News around the World

South Korean foreign reserves slip

- Economic news released yesterday showed that the foreign reserves in South Korea slipped for the first time in 7 months over the month of September. The reserves totaled \$384.67 billion, according to the central bank and is due to the currently strengthening US Dollar in global markets. The reserves fell by \$170 million over September, dropping off from the \$384.84 billion that was recorded over the month of August. As of the end of August, South Korea had the world's ninth-largest foreign exchange reserves, however the growth of the US economy and currency affected the figure.

US Market

- U.S. stocks all inched up during yesterday's close after the Federal Reserve released the minutes of their September monetary policy meeting. The meetings showed that many policymakers argued in favor of a final rate hike this year despite inflation concerns. The S&P 500 ended at 2,555.24 gaining 0.18% or 4.60 points. The Dow Jones climbed 42.21 points or 0.18% to end at 22,872.89. The NASDAQ rose 16.30 points or 0.25% to close at 6,603.55.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices rose yesterday after investors gain confidence in the United States. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 0.30% or 2.03 points to close at 683.62.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day positive, trading at their highest level since August of 2011, as Asian stocks tracked Wall Street which hit fresh new highs on Tuesday. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 0.43% or 4.81 points, closing at 1,117.33.