

MARKET INDICATORS

As of November 2, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,516.02	150.76	1.80%
Dow Jones	23,516.26	81.25	0.35%
NASDAQ	6,714.94	-1.59	-0.02%
S&P500	2,579.85	0.49	0.02%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	697.97	-1.45	-0.21%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,127.31	-1.63	-0.14%
5Yr FXTN	4.48	-3 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.35	-3 bps	
USD/PHP	51.41	-0.20	-0.40%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

The Philippines takes the lead for ASEAN PMI Manufacturing

- According to IHS Markit for Nikkei, Inc., the Philippines beat out Vietnam last month to reclaim the lead in Southeast Asian manufacturing activity it lost back in February of this year. The Nikkei Philippines Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) reached 53.7 for the month of October compared to September's 50.8, exhibiting "a marked pickup in the pace of improvement in operating conditions." A score above 50 indicates an improvement in business conditions while a score below the threshold indicates decline. Growth in output and new orders markedly increased, forcing firms to ramp up input purchases and hiring. Furthermore, the country anticipates greater demand and a continued elevation in business confidence.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.46, falling 3 bps during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly flat throughout yesterday's session with 0 yields rising, 3 yields falling and 8 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks gained at yesterday's close, breaking the 8,500-threshold to hit the year's 11th peak. Local investors were particularly excited about the outcome of President Rodrigo R. Duterte's recent trip to Japan which will eventually turn into positive economic investments for the Philippines from the neighboring Southeast Asian nation. The PSEi climbed 1.80% or 150.76 points to end the day at 8,516.02.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso strengthened against the greenback during yesterday's session as investors reacted to the nomination of the "dovish" new US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell. The peso closed the day at PHP 51.41.



News around the World

US Economy strengthens with positive Jobs and Consumer Comfort news

- Economic news released yesterday, showed that the US economy's strong third quarter is continuing at the start of Q4 as Initial Jobless Claims declined to a near 44-1/2-year low and consumer comfort advanced to a 7-week high. US weekly jobless claims unexpectedly dipped 1.7% to 229,000 below analyst expectations of 235,000. The figure continues to stay under the 300,000-threshold, which normally indicates a strong job market, even under hurricane-related disruptions in September. On the other hand, the Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index rose from 51 to 51.7 after stock prices keep hitting records, the drop in gasoline prices since a September peak, and higher property values. Comfort among homeowners specifically, rose to the strongest level in 17 years.

US Market

- US stocks closed the day mostly positive yesterday after investors examined the latest details of the tax reform plan proposed by Republicans and reacted to the nomination of Jerome Powell as the new US Federal Reserve Chair. The S&P 500 ended at 2,579.85 rising 0.02% or 0.49 points. The Dow Jones climbed 81.25 points or 0.35% to end at 23,516.26. The NASDAQ fell 1.59 points or 0.02% to close at 6,714.94.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks slipped yesterday but hit a near 10-year high before the close after investors digest the details of the GOP tax plan and the new Fed Chair. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index shed 0.21% or 1.45 points to close at 697.97.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets slightly fell yesterday after both developed and emerging economic markets manufacturing data showed expansion, though at a slower pace. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index shed 0.14% or 1.63 points, closing at 1,127.31.