



Market Commentary

➔ **The View.** The PSEi extended its losses, falling by 83.87 points or 1.14% to close at 7,283.79, marking a three-week low. The market's decline was driven by a lack of positive catalysts and heightened risk aversion following the rise in US long-term Treasury yields, which weighed on investor sentiment globally. The outflow of foreign funds further contributed to the downward pressure on the local bourse, reflecting the broad-based cautiousness across the market. In the US, Wall Street had mixed results. The S&P 500 managed to break its losing streak, rising by 0.21%, while the Nasdaq Composite posted a solid gain of 0.76%, buoyed by Tesla's remarkable surge of nearly 22% after reporting better-than-expected third-quarter earnings. In contrast, the Dow Jones extended its four-day losing streak, falling by 0.33%. IBM dragged down the index, with its stock dropping more than 6% after its consulting revenue missed analysts' expectations. European markets ended marginally higher, with the Stoxx50 gaining 0.26% and the Stoxx600 edging up by 0.03%. Early gains were pared as investors digested another round of corporate earnings reports. In the APAC region, markets mostly fell. South Korea's Kospi dropped by 0.72%, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index plunged 1.30%. Mainland China's CSI 300 saw a loss of 1.12%. Japan's Nikkei, however, bucked the regional trend, gaining 0.10%. Australia's ASX 200 slipped slightly by 0.12%. Locally, sectoral performance was broadly negative, with Financials (-1.77%) and Industrials (-1.71%), respectively. In the PSEi, ICT (+0.49%) was the sole gainer, while the top laggards included DMC (-3.42%), BPI (-3.34%), and ACEN (-3.20%). Market turnover remained weak, falling by 16% to ₱3.81 billion, further reflecting the subdued sentiment. Foreign investors continued to exit the market, with net foreign selling reaching ₱206.43 million, a notable increase from the previous day's outflow. The Philippine Peso weakened, closing at ₱57.88 against the US dollar, down from ₱57.59 on Tuesday. Moving forward, local sentiment is expected to remain under pressure as concerns over rising interest rates and potential damage from Super Typhoon Kristine weigh on the market. Investors will likely continue adopting a cautious stance in the absence of fresh catalysts.

Stock Picks

Stock	Date	Initial Price	Current Price	Return since Recommendation	
				Stock	PSEi
TEL	3/13/20	1,029.00	1,445.00	40.43%	25.71%
CNPF	3/13/20	13.10	40.50	209.16%	25.71%
FGEN	9/23/20	24.80	17.72	-28.55%	23.61%
AP	9/23/20	25.55	37.40	46.38%	23.61%
BDO	11/17/20	92.60	162.80	75.81%	5.29%
BPI	11/17/20	83.00	139.00	67.47%	5.29%
MBT	11/17/20	44.35	77.00	73.62%	5.29%
SECB	11/17/20	103.90	92.50	-10.97%	5.29%
CNVRG	6/13/22	22.50	16.74	-25.60%	12.63%
ALI	6/13/22	30.05	35.00	16.47%	12.63%
SGP	6/13/22	12.06	9.54	-20.90%	12.63%
Ave. Return				40.30%	14.33%

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INDICES

Index	Prev	Last	% Chg
PSEi	7,367.66	7,283.79	-1.14%
All Shares	4,050.76	4,007.39	-1.07%
Financial	2,406.99	2,364.47	-1.77%
Industrial	10,076.75	9,904.09	-1.71%
Holding Firms	6,190.26	6,148.86	-0.67%
Property	2,897.61	2,868.35	-1.01%
Services	2,237.76	2,224.81	-0.58%
Mining & Oil	8,706.62	8,597.95	-1.25%

TOP 10

ICT	0.49%	DMC	-3.42%
AC	-0.07%	BPI	-3.34%
EMI	-0.11%	ACEN	-3.20%
SMC	-0.11%	JFC	-2.98%
GTCAP	-0.14%	MONDE	-2.61%
MER	-0.20%	TEL	-2.36%
BDO	-0.31%	GLO	-2.16%
AGI	-0.43%	CNVRG	-2.11%
BLOOM	-0.52%	URC	-2.10%
SM	-0.52%	NIKL	-2.08%

BOTTOM 10

MARKET DATA

Market Volume	776,650,109
Market Turnover (Value)	3,809,074,221
Foreign Buying	1,789,559,813
Foreign Selling	1,995,989,045
Net Foreign Buy / (Sell)	(206,429,233)

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Economic Developments

- ➔ **PH-EU free trade deal to address \$8.3-billion untapped export opportunities.** The Philippines has significant untapped export opportunities in the European Union (EU) market worth \$8.3 billion, which can be addressed through the Philippines-EU Free Trade Agreement (PH-EU FTA), according to DTI Undersecretary for International Trade Group Allan Gepty. This was highlighted during the recent resumption of PH-EU FTA negotiations in Brussels, where both parties made substantial progress in formal talks. Gepty emphasized the potential to expand not only in goods but also in services and investments, making the FTA crucial for enhancing trade relations with the EU. The negotiations are advancing, with the next round scheduled for February 2025 in the Philippines, followed by additional rounds in June and October. Gepty stressed the importance of concluding the FTA swiftly, particularly as the Philippines is poised to graduate from the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+) once it achieves upper middle-income status. This transition could potentially impact the 26-28% of Philippine exports that currently enjoy duty-free access to the EU under the GSP+. The FTA aims to ensure continued preferential trade benefits, even after the GSP+ benefits phase out. *(Philippine News Agency)*
- ➔ **PCA ties up with Japanese firm to develop coconut-based sustainable aviation fuel.** The Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) is collaborating with Japan-based Manryu Co., Ltd. to explore the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) using local coconut oil. Through a recently signed memorandum of understanding, both organizations aim to conduct research and development on SAF, positioning the Philippines as a potential key player in the global biofuel market. The PCA emphasized that this partnership will leverage Manryu's proprietary Maeda Method, which promises safer and more cost-efficient biofuel production, including SAF and biodiesel. As part of the agreement, the PCA will provide access to its research facilities and high-quality coconut oil, while Manryu will contribute its technology and equipment. The collaboration aligns with the Department of Energy's initiative to increase the coco methyl ester (CME) blend in diesel fuel from 3% to 5% by 2026, further emphasizing the growing importance of biofuels in the Philippines. Both organizations will work together on research, experiments, and testing to ensure that the SAF production process meets global aviation fuel standards. *(BusinessWorld)*

Corporate Developments

- ➔ **Aboitiz Power Corporation (AP).** AP reported a net income of ₱27.3 billion for the first nine months of 2024, a 2% increase from ₱26.7 billion in the same period last year. This growth was attributed to improved margins in its generation portfolio and added capacity, particularly from the 159-MW Laoag and 94-MW Cayanga solar plants. These factors also drove a 12% rise in the company's EBITDA, which reached ₱56.10 billion. The generation and retail supply business contributed significantly to the company's performance, with a beneficial Ebitda of ₱50.90 billion, 11% higher year-on-year, due to stronger portfolio margins and new capacity additions. Energy sold during the period increased by 2% to 26,910 GWh. AP's distribution business also saw growth, with Ebitda rising 11% to ₱6.60 billion, supported by an 8% increase in energy sales to 4,939 GWh, partly due to increased demand under El Niño conditions. Energy sales to residential, commercial, and industrial customers rose by 14% and 5%, respectively. *(The Manila Times)*

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Corporate Developments

➔ **First Gen Corporation (FGEN).** Singapore's GIC and Australia's Macquarie are exploring the sale of their roughly 30% stake in Philippine renewable energy firm Energy Development Corporation (EDC), a deal that could raise around \$2 billion, according to sources. While still in preliminary talks with advisors, no formal decisions have been made. GIC and Macquarie initially invested in EDC in 2017, with a \$1.3 billion investment for a stake of up to 31.7%. EDC holds an installed capacity of approximately 1,480 MW, primarily from geothermal sources, accounting for around 20% of the country's total renewable capacity. FGEN retains the majority control of EDC, with 65% of the voting rights, while the joint venture between GIC and Macquarie holds 34.9%. The growing demand for renewable energy investments aligns with the region's expanding electricity needs, with Southeast Asia's electricity demand expected to grow by 4% annually. Clean energy, including wind, solar, and geothermal, is set to play a key role in meeting this demand, positioning EDC as an attractive asset in the renewable energy sector. *(Reuters)*

Other Developments

➔ **10-year Treasury yield briefly tops 4.25%, hits highest level since late July.** The US 10-year Treasury yield climbed again on Wednesday, increasing over three basis points to 4.24%, reaching its highest level since late July. This rise follows a 12-bps surge earlier in the week, pushing yields to 4.26% at their session peak. Meanwhile, the 2-year Treasury yield also saw a slight increase, reaching 4.06%. Rising yields, often inversely correlated with bond prices, are putting pressure on US equities, contributing to a dip in stock futures following the S&P 500's consecutive losses. Despite the US Federal Reserve (Fed)'s recent half-point rate cut, robust economic data and concerns about the federal deficit have fueled higher Treasury yields, as traders worry that the Fed may delay additional rate reductions. Investors are closely watching Fed officials' speeches, including those from Fed Governor Michelle Bowman and Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin, as well as the release of the Fed's Beige Book, which offers insight into economic conditions across the 12 districts. *(CNBC)*

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Other Developments

- ➔ **Bank of Canada slashes rates, says monetary policy has worked.** The Bank of Canada (BoC) lowered its benchmark rate by 50 basis points to 3.75%, marking its largest move in over four years, in response to signs of low inflation taking hold. This marks the fourth consecutive rate cut since June, as inflation in September fell to 1.6%, dipping below the BoC's 2% target. Governor Tiff Macklem expressed optimism, stating that Canadians can now "breathe a sigh of relief" after a prolonged battle against inflation. Despite previous cuts totaling 75 basis points, demand has remained subdued, with businesses experiencing sluggish sales and consumer sentiment dampened, which has slowed economic growth. Macklem emphasized that the recent rate cut should stimulate demand and help strengthen growth moving forward. While the BoC's move follows the U.S. Federal Reserve's own rate reduction cycle, economists are now anticipating another potential 50-basis-point cut in December, with money markets already pricing in a 25-basis-point reduction. The Canadian dollar fell by 0.15% to 1.3839 CAD/USD following the announcement, while yields on Canada's two-year government bonds eased. The BoC expects the neutral interest rate, which neither restricts nor accelerates growth, to fall between 2.25% and 3.25%. However, with July GDP growing just 0.2% and August likely stagnating, the central bank revised its third-quarter growth forecast to 1.5% from the previous 2.8%. The BoC continues to watch inflation closely, maintaining an annual inflation forecast of 2.5% for this year, with expectations for it to fall to 2.2% in 2025 and 2.0% in 2026. *(Reuters)*
- ➔ **Japan's factory activity dips for fourth straight month, PMI shows.** Japan's manufacturing sector remained under pressure in October, with factory activity contracting for the fourth consecutive month. The IHS Markit manufacturing PMI fell to 49.0 from 49.7 in September, signaling weak demand both domestically and internationally. New orders dropped at the fastest rate since February 2023, as exports were hit by slowing growth in key markets such as China and the U.S. This ongoing weakness contributed to subdued production levels, while the services sector also experienced its first contraction in four months, with the PMI slipping to 49.3 in October from 53.1 in September. Firms cited economic uncertainty and rising costs as factors behind reduced client orders. Business confidence has taken a hit, with the composite PMI—combining both manufacturing and services—falling to 49.4, the first contraction in four months. As companies face higher costs and a soft economic outlook, overall sentiment has weakened to its lowest since August 2020. Japan's exports fell for the first time in 10 months in September, further exacerbating economic concerns. With the IMF projecting Japan's economic growth to slow to just 0.3% in 2024, the outlook remains challenging for both manufacturing and service sectors. *(Reuters)*

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Other Developments

➔ **South Korea's economy barely grows in Q3 as exports dip.** South Korea's economy showed minimal growth in the third quarter, expanding just 0.1% from the previous quarter, falling short of expectations as a rebound in consumer spending was offset by declining exports. Private consumption rose 0.5%, but construction investment fell 2.8%, and exports dropped 0.4%, marking the first decline since late 2022. The Bank of Korea, which had previously lowered its 2024 full-year growth estimate to 2.4%, warned that it would likely revise this downward again, citing weakening export momentum. The won has also depreciated by nearly 5% against the dollar this month, adding further economic pressure. Despite this weak performance, the Bank of Korea indicated that the poor growth was largely due to external factors, and it remains cautious about making immediate rate cuts. The central bank had already lowered rates earlier this month for the first time since 2020 but signaled that further easing would be considered carefully to balance growth concerns with financial stability risks. On an annual basis, GDP growth slowed to 1.5%, the weakest rate since Q3 2023, reflecting the broader challenges facing South Korea's trade-reliant economy. *(Reuters)*

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CASH DIVIDEND SCHEDULE

*Arranged by ex-date

Ticker	Company	Amount/ Rate	Dividend Type	Share	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
ABA	AbaCore Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php0.01	Cash	Common	06/23/22	06/28/22	TBA
BKR	Bright Kindle Resources & Investments Inc.	Php0.0037	Cash	Common	10/13/23	10/16/23	TBA
GTPPB	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php12.73725	Cash	Preferred	10/04/24	10/07/24	10/28/24
MWP4	Megawide Construction Corporation	Php1.325	Cash	Preferred	10/11/24	10/14/24	10/29/24
BALAI	Balai Ni Fruitas Inc.	Php0.005	Cash	Common	10/23/24	10/24/24	11/08/24
CPGPB	Century Properties Group, Inc.	Php1.8858000	Cash	Preferred	10/25/24	10/28/24	11/22/24
SCC	Semirara Mining and Power Corporation	Php2.50	Special Cash	Common	10/28/24	10/29/24	11/14/24
DMC	DMCI Holdings, Inc.	Php0.48	Special Cash	Common	10/29/24	10/30/24	11/15/24
PRC	Philippine Racing Club, Inc.	Php0.08	Cash	Common	10/29/24	10/30/24	11/21/24
ASLAG	Raslag Corporation	Php0.05	Cash	Common	10/30/24	10/31/24	11/25/24
DDMPR	DDMP REIT, Inc.	Php0.0235610	Cash	Common	10/30/24	10/31/24	11/26/24
PSB	Philippine Savings Bank	Php0.75	Cash	Common	10/31/24	11/04/24	11/18/24
MEG	Megaworld Corporation	Php0.08175968	Cash	Common	11/04/24	11/05/24	11/18/24
BRNPB Series B	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.0625	Cash	Preferred	11/04/24	11/05/24	11/25/24
BRNPC Series C	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.1875	Cash	Preferred	11/04/24	11/05/24	11/25/24
BRNP Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Preferred	11/04/24	11/05/24	11/29/24
DD	DoubleDragon Corporation	Php0.2648000	Cash	Common	11/05/24	11/06/24	11/29/24
RFM	RFM Corporation	Php0.148388	Cash	Common	11/05/24	11/06/24	12/02/24
HTI	Haus Talk, Inc.	Php0.02	Cash	Common	11/07/24	11/08/24	12/02/24
FCG	Figaro Coffee Group, Inc.	Php0.027	Cash	Common	11/13/24	11/14/24	12/04/24
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	11/21/24	11/22/24	12/09/24
TCB2C	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	Php0.8233	Cash	Preferred	11/28/24	11/29/24	12/16/24
TCB2D	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	11/28/24	11/29/24	12/16/24
EEIPA	EEl Corporation	Php1.441025	Cash	Preferred	11/29/24	12/02/24	12/23/24
EEIPB	EEl Corporation	Php1.73485	Cash	Preferred	11/29/24	12/02/24	12/23/24
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.025	Cash	Preferred	12/02/24	12/03/24	12/18/24
BRNPB Series B	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.0625	Cash	Preferred	02/07/25	02/10/25	02/24/25
BRNPC Series C	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.1875	Cash	Preferred	02/07/25	02/10/25	02/24/25

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Stocks Dividends/Property Dividends

Ticker	Company	Amount/Rate	Dividend Type	Share Type	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
PNB	Philippine National Bank	0.156886919 shares of PHC for every 1 share of PNB	Property	Common	05/13/21	05/18/21	10/25/24
AC	Ayala Corporation	3 ACEN shares per 1 AC common share	Property	Common	05/24/22	05/27/22	01/09/23
ABA	AbaCore Capital Holdings, Inc.	0.0009 PRIDE shares per 1 ABA common share	Property	Common	06/23/22	06/28/22	TBA
GREEN	Greenery Holdings Incorporated	0.0561786222 share of ANI for every 1 share of the company	Property	Common	06/27/22	06/30/22	TBA
BKR	Bright Kindle Resources & Investments Inc.	(1) BHDI share for every three (3) common BKR shares	Property	Common	10/13/23	10/16/23	TBA
MACAY	Macay Holdings, Inc.	0.936 common share of ARC for every 1 common share of MACAY	Property	Common	10/20/23	10/23/23	TBA
LFM	Liberty Flour Mills, Inc.	97 common shares of LPC for every 1 common share of LFM	Property	Common	06/18/24	06/19/24	TBA
BDO	BDO Unibank, Inc.	TBA	Property	Treasury	TBA	TBA	TBA
CEI	Crown Equities, Inc.	0.10 common share for every one (1) CEI common share	Property	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
MFIN	Makati Finance Corporation	0.5435056706%	Stock	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	TBA
LPC	LFM Properties Corporation	60%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
VMC	Victorias Milling Company, Inc.	100%	Stock	Common	09/16/24	09/17/24	10/11/24
CEI	Crown Equities, Inc.	10%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
SBS	SBS Philippines Corporation	22%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
MFIN	Makati Finance Corporation	0.7127962684%	Stock	Common	08/21/24	08/22/24	09/18/24
COL	COL Financial Group, Inc.	25%	Stock	Common	10/22/24	10/23/24	11/14/24
CEU	Centro Escolar University	20%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA

Note: AC
Scripless shareholders will have a moving payment date for their property dividends

Stocks Rights/Follow-on Offering

Ticker	Company	Offer Price	Ratio	Offer Shares	Ex-date	Offer Start	Offer End	Listing Date
MA	Manila Mining Corporation	Php0.01	1:5	51,917,357,741	04/26/22	05/16/22	05/20/22	TBA
ANI	AgriNurture, Inc.	Php1.00	1:2.5	288,000,027	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LC	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company	Php0.12	1:3.95	16,803,989,391	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
PBB	Philippine Business Bank	Php10.00	1:4.6428	50,000,000	03/07/2023	03/10/2023	03/17/2023	TBA

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