

PSEi drops for the week and in October

Former BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo, who now serves as analyst for GlobalSource Partners, believes that the PHL needs to boost domestic demand to insulate its economy from a potential setback on multilateralism, which is likely to happen if Donald Trump returns to power in the US. He thinks the US' trading partners "will suffer from the consequences of a fundamentally closed trading system — higher tariffs will actually reduce US imports and growth, while its trading partners will have compressed markets, lower trading gains and economic growth." Trump has said he will impose a 10% tariff on imports from all countries and 60% tariff on imports from China. PHL Finance Secretary Recto last week said a potential Trump presidency poses risks to global growth as increased protectionism could weaken global trade. Recto said the country is counting on its relationship with the US to encourage firms to do more offshoring locally.

PHL government debt rose to a record-high P15.9TN at end-September as fiscal managers turned to fresh borrowings here and abroad to plug the budget deficit. The Bureau of the Treasury said on Wednesday that total state obligations had gone up by P343.1bn in September, increasing by 2.2% from the previous month. Compared with a year ago, the debt load also grew by 11.4%, or an additional P1.6TN. Domestic borrowing, which accounted for 69% of total debt, increased 1.3% from the previous month.

Local stocks ended the month in the red, dropping 1.9% today to 7,142.96. Value turnover reached P5.4bn though market breadth ended with more gains than declines. Net foreign activity closed with a hefty selling bias of P1.3bn. For the week, the PSEi fell by 2.3%. Financial markets will be closed tomorrow for a holiday. Incidentally, for the month of October, the main index dropped 1.8% despite the continued monetary easing. Leading the most active today was ICT, which fell 4.6% to P396. MWIDE (P2.67, +3.9%) has completed the sale of its remaining stake in the Mactan-Cebu International Airport to AEV's (34.90, -0.14%) Aboitiz InfraCapital in a move designed to strengthen the former's balance sheet and greater focus on core infrastructure and housing projects. The final phase of the sale, representing 33.33% plus one share of the airport brings in P7.76bn, concluding a P25bn deal initially launched between the two parties in December 2022. GLO (2146, -0.9%) is providing a cable landing station in Davao for the 19,221-kilometer Malaysia-US subsea cable system project, which aims to cater to data-hungry hyper-scalers, and cloud companies. Officials said MYUS cable owner Hexa Capital Consultancy chose GLO as its local partner for the interconnection. GLO said it would be providing an existing station, which Hexa would use for a fee.

Daily Advances & Declines

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
PSEi	7,343.24	7,239.98	7,280.24	7,142.96	
Change in PSEi	+29.01	-103.26	+40.26	-137.28	
Cumulative change	+29.01	-74.25	-33.99	-171.27	
Value turnover (Pm)	4,130.6	6,173.9	5,497.8	5,426.5	C
Issues traded	244	242	245	241	L
Advances	90	55	88	97	O
Declines	99	147	99	88	S
Unchanged	55	40	58	56	E
Net advances	-9	-92	-11	+9	D
Cumulative net advances	-9	-101	-112	-103	
Net Foreign Buying/ (Selling) (Pm)	(47.8)	(932.5)	(599.9)	(1,306.3)	

Top Ten Actives	Close	% Change	Value (PhPmn)
ICT	396.00	-4.58	758.71
BDO	152.80	-4.50	661.81
ALI	32.70	-2.68	623.92
TEL	1430.00	-2.19	289.92
MBT	76.00	-4.34	262.83
SMPH	30.65	+2.00	243.85
BPI	143.20	-1.58	232.68
SM	941.00	-2.23	202.51
AC	690.00	-2.40	173.75
GTCAP	720.00	+2.71	133.74

Asian Markets			Asian Currencies		
	Last	% Change		Last	% Change
Japan	39081.25	-0.50	Yen	153	-0.28
Hongkong	20431.84	+0.25	HK\$	7.80	0.00
Singapore	3558.88	Closed	Sing\$	1.3226	+0.02
Philippines	7142.96	-1.89	Peso	58.17	-0.11
Malaysia	1601.88	-0.82	Ringgit	4.378	-0.01
Thailand	1460.19	+0.90	Baht	33.73	-0.13
Indonesia	7583.970	+0.19	Rupiah	15701	-0.02
Korea	2563.37	-1.17	Won	1378.92	-0.03
Australia	8160.03	-0.25	Euro	1.085	-0.06

Peso/Dollar Update			
PDS Weighted Ave.	58.214	High	58.275
Change	-0.11 %	Low	58.12
Volume	1.03B	Last	58.17

As of 3pm

Overnight Foreign Quote		
	Close	Change
Dow Jones	42141.54	-91.51
NASDAQ	18607.93	-104.82
S&P 500	5813.67	-19.25
PHI (PLDT-US)	US\$24.67 (P1435.79)	+\$0.31
Manulife (MFC-US)	US\$29.96 (P1743.67)	-\$0.11
Sun Life (SLC-US)	US\$56.55 (P3291.21)	-\$0.26
NY Gold Spot	US\$2784.50	-\$3.10
NY Copper	US\$434.70	-\$0.50
LME Nickel	\$15820	-\$50
LME Nickel WH Level	146154	-1.98%
Nymex	\$69.04	+\$0.43
Crude (Dubai)	\$70.44	-\$0.34