

WEEKLY REVIEW (11/18/24 – 11/22/24)**What Happened Last Week**

- US bond yields slightly fell on safe haven demand triggered by geopolitical tensions. However, US equities gained as investors focused on strong private sector growth and improved consumer sentiment.
 - The S&P Global US Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to 55.3 vs 54.3 consensus.
 - Revised November University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index at 71.8, higher than October's 70.5.
- Local bond yields declined as Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reiterated a policy rate cut in December. Equities moved up on bargain-hunting after a 4-week decline.
- Asset Prices WoW
 - The 10-year US Treasury yields decreased by 4 basis points to 4.40%.
 - The 10-year PHP benchmark yield fell to 6.02% from 6.07%.
 - PHP depreciated against USD to 58.87 from 58.73.
 - S&P 500 increased by 1.7% to 5,969.34.
 - The PSEi gained by 1.5% to 6,780.13.

What to Expect This Week

- Locally, investors will monitor US dollar strength vis-à-vis the Philippine peso.
- MSCI rebalancing on Monday is expected to create another outflow of at least USD20mn for Philippine equities.