

## WEEKLY REVIEW (09/02/24 – 09/06/24)

### What Happened Last Week

- US bonds gained while equities fell sharply on weak employment data. NVIDIA added to the equity overhang by dropping 13.68% due to a probable antitrust lawsuit.
  - July JOLTS Job Openings at 7.7m, lower than 8.1m market estimates
  - August Nonfarm Payrolls at 142k, lower than 165k expectations
- PH equities cheered while local bonds barely nudged on lower-than-expected inflation.
  - August inflation at 3.3% year-on-year (y/y), lower than 3.6% expectations and 4.4% print in July.
- Asset prices WoW
  - The 10-year US Treasury yields fell by 19 basis points to 3.71%.
  - The 10-year PHP benchmark yield slightly rose from 6.07% to 6.08%.
  - PHP appreciated against the USD to 55.905 from 56.111.
  - S&P 500 declined by 4.25% to 5,408.42.
  - The PSEi rose by 0.56% to 6,936.09.

### What to Expect This Week

- Key US macro data for release this week
  - Expected August Producers Price Index lower at 1.7% y/y vs 2.2% in July.
  - August inflation to moderate at 2.6% y/y relative to 2.9% in July.
- Local equities are expected to track US equities' recent sharp selling early in the week. Meanwhile, bonds are likely to trade sideways with local yields at year-to-date lows.