

WEEKLY REVIEW (09/09/24 – 09/13/24)

What Happened Last Week

- US bonds and equities gained with a possible half-point rate cut back on the table. Stocks registered its strongest gain, reversing its worst weekly performance at the start of September.
 - August Core CPI increased 0.28% month-on-month but kept the year-on-year rate stable at 3.2%.
 - A large swing in rate cut expectations was seen after former Fed Governor Dudley supported a 50-basis point rate cut.
- PH bonds traded sideways and local stocks tracked higher US equities ahead of the upcoming Fed meeting
- Asset prices WoW
 - The 10-year US Treasury yields fell 6 basis points to 3.65%.
 - The 10-year PHP benchmark yield flattish from 6.08% to 6.09%.
 - PHP depreciated from 55.90 to 56.00 against the USD.
 - S&P 500 rose by 4.0% to 5,626.02.
 - The PSEi gained by 1.3% to 7,022.85.

What to Expect This Week

- Investors will watch out for the following:
 - September 18 Federal Reserve policy meeting and the Fed officials' economic outlook
 - Key retail sales and industrial production data
 - Expected August US Retail Sales to decline by 0.2%, lower than 1.0% in July.
 - US Industrial Production to grow by 0.2% in August, higher than the 0.6% decline in July.