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MORNING NOTES

PSEi performance

PSEi Index 10 Nov 2010: 4,197.57 - 68.88
Value T/O, net Php 4,856 million
52-week High 4,413.42
Low 2,787.66
Foreign Buying: Php 3,525 million
Foreign Selling: Php 3,664 million

Regional performance

Dow Jones : 11,357.04 + 10.29 FTSE 100 : 5,816.94 - 58.25 Nikkei 225 : 9,830.52 + 136.03

Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
Metrobank	-12.96
Alliance Global	-6.91
Energy Dev't Corp.	-5.51
DMCI Holdings	-5.22
Banco de Oro	-4.93
Index Out-performers	Up
Jollibee Foods Corp.	1.61%
SM Prime	0.17%
PLDT	0.17%
Index Under-performers	Down
DMCI Holdings	6.53%
Metrobank	5.72%
Alliance Global	5.43%
Megaworld Corp.	4.44%
Energy Dev't Corp.	3.29%

Calendar

Nov 11 Zeus Holdings, Inc. ASM
 Nov 12 ABS/FLI/SMC 3Q Results Briefings
 Nov 15 Ayala Corp. 3Q Results Briefing
 Nov 15 Sep '10 OF Remittances

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HEADLINES

Banks, materials stocks lead Wall Street rebound

■ US stocks closed little changed on Wednesday (Nov 10) as financials (+1.4%) and energy (+1.3%) stocks rebounded after investors began to shrug off worries over Euro-zone debt. The CBOE Volatility index fell 3.2% to 18.47. Earlier, stocks declined as Ireland's borrowing costs hit another euro lifetime high, pushing the U.S. dollar higher and keeping buying interest in stocks muted. Meanwhile, data showed a larger-than-expected drop in new applications for unemployment insurance. In corporate news, Boeing Co (-3.2%) halted test flights of its 787 Dreamliner after one of the planes forced an emergency landing. Research in Motion (+6.3%) said its Playbook will take on Apple's iPad with competitive pricing. Polo Ralph Lauren Corp (+7.3%) reported better-than-expected quarterly profit and raised its sales outlook.

Merchandise exports for Sep 2010 up by 46.1%

Total earnings for merchandise export in Sep 2010 amounted to US\$5.314B (+46.1% YoY, +11.7% MoM). Meanwhile, aggregate merchandise exports for the period Jan to Sep 2010 increased by 38.5% YoY to US\$38.298B. Accounting for 65.5% of the total export revenue in Sep 2010. Electronic Products was the country's top export with total receipts of US\$3.478B (+54.6% YoY). Electronic Products also increased month-on-month by 16.4% from US\$2.989B in Aug 2010. Total export receipts from RP's top ten markets for the month of Sep 2010 amounted to US\$4.569B or 86.0% of the total. Singapore (24.2%) topped the list with revenue amounting to US\$1.283B (+478.6% YoY); followed by Japan (14.4%) with export earnings of US\$765.85M (+25.2% YoY); China (12.6%) with US\$669.74M (+296.1% YoY); USA (10.5%) with US\$558.68M (-13.9%); and Hong Kong (7.2%) with US\$383.99M (-Rounding off the top ten were Taiwan, US\$201.59M; Netherlands, US\$192.00M; Republic of Korea, US\$189.04M; Thailand, US\$168.71M; and Germany, US\$155.57M.

Foreign Direct Investment inflows continue in August

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) net inflows in Aug 2010 amounted to US\$80M, eight times higher than the US\$10M net inflows posted in Aug 2009. Positive domestic economic developments, including robust 2Q GDP growth of 7.9% and reports of higher corporate earnings for the first half of 2010, helped perk up investor sentiment. All FDI components posted net inflows during the month. In particular, net inflows of equity capital amounted to US\$66M (+187% YoY), with equity capital infusion coming mostly from the U.S. and Japan. The major recipients of these inflows were the real estate, mining, and information and communication sectors. Reinvested earnings and other capital investments also posted net inflows of US\$5M and US\$9M, respectively. As a result, net FDI inflows from Jan to Aug 2010 reached US\$1.0B. This figure however, is lower by 38.0% from the year-ago level as equity capital inflows in 2009 included big-ticket investments arising from the privatization of a local power corporation and the acquisition of a number of shares of a local beverage manufacturing firm.

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MPIC's Jan-Sep 2010 core net income up 142% P2.94 billion (MPI; P4.01)

Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC) announced consolidated core net income of P2.94B (+142% YoY) for the nine months ended Sep 2010, as a result of the inclusion of Meralco and stronger contributions from most operating companies. Consolidated reported net income. which reflects net foreign exchange gain and other nonrecurring losses of P347M, stood at P2.59B (+24% YoY). The improvement in core net income is attributable to higher profit contributions from Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (43% or P1.80B) as a result of higher billed volume, Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (P1.10B or 27%) due to higher average daily traffic and Manila Electric Company (P1.15B or 27%) for its first profit contribution. The Hospital Group contributed P125M or 3% of the total. The solid financial health of MPIC was underlined by a reduction in MPIC's net debt to equity ratio to 0.23 times as at Sep 2010 from 0.31 times as at Dec 2009. The decrease in debt was due to a loan payment made in 1Q 2010. MPIC Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan said that the company raised its guidance on core profitability for the full year 2010 to P3.5B from the earlier figure of P3.3B.

Jollibee declares regular, special cash dividends for 4Q 2010 (JFC; P94.90)

■ The board of directors of the Jollibee Foods Corporation approved in its meeting held on Nov 10, 2010 the declaration of a regular cash dividend of P0.57 and a special cash dividend of P0.25 per share for stockholders of record as of Nov 25, 2010. This will bring JFC's regular cash dividend to a total of P1.00 per share in 2010, an increase of 17.6% over the regular cash dividend of P0.85 per share declared in 2009. Including the special cash dividend of P1.00 per share declared in May, 2010 and P0.25 per share declared on Nov 10, 2010, JFC's total cash dividend in 2010 will amount to P2.25 per share representing a 164.7% YoY increase. Payment date is on Dec 21, 2010.

Nymex Crude 1-Yr Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg