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Legend

- Improvement / Up
- Deterioration / Down
- No Movement

FINANCIAL MARKETS AT A GLANCE



Currency Exchange ¹	Current	Previous
USD/PHP	58.3500	57.8750
USD/JPY	150.3500	147.4500
USD/CNY	7.1185	7.1195
EUR/USD	1.1715	1.1744
GBP/USD	1.3485	1.3480

PHP BVAL Reference Rates ²	Current	Previous
30-Day	4.7711	4.7081
91-Day	4.9267	4.9153
180-Day	5.1942	5.1765
1-Year	5.2799	5.3262
3-Year	5.7050	5.6936
5-Year	5.8810	5.8611
10-Year	6.0190	6.0223

Domestic Stock Index ³	Current	Previous
PSEi	6,000.32	6,108.86
Trade Value (Php B)	12.117	4.574

Stock Index ⁴	Current	Previous
NIKKEI 225	47,944.76	45,769.50
FTSE 100	9,479.14	9,491.25
DOW JONES	46,694.97	46,758.28
S&P 500	6,740.28	6,715.79
NASDAQ	22,941.67	22,780.51

Various ^{5/6}	Current	Previous
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	65.47	65.30
3-M US Treasury Yield	4.02%	4.03%
5-Y US Treasury Yield	3.75%	3.72%
10-Y US Treasury Yield	4.18%	4.13%



PHILIPPINES



- ✓ **Stocks plunge ahead of September inflation.** Local stocks tumbled as investors took a cautious stance ahead of the release of the country's September inflation today. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) plummeted by 1.78 percent or 108.54 points to close at 6,000.32. The broader All Shares index also plunged by 1.14 percent or 41.9 points to end at 3,643.95. Luis Limlingan of Regina Capital said the PSEi declined after three consecutive days of gains last week as profit taking influenced yesterday's trading session.
<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/10/07/2477996/stocks-plunge-ahead-september-inflation>
- ✓ **Philippines seeks to lift foreign ownership of peso bonds to 10%** The Philippines is seeking to lift foreign ownership of peso-denominated government bonds to 10 percent, the Bureau of the Treasury said while playing down concerns that a widening flood control corruption scandal could deter overseas investors. Speaking to reporters on Monday, National Treasurer Sharon Almanza described the 10 percent level as a sweet spot that would allow greater foreign participation without heightening volatility in both interest rates and the peso. "So, we want to increase [foreign] participation," Almanza said. "But since we haven't really seen before that it's too high, we want to manage the impact volatility in terms of rates domestically and peso." Foreign ownership of peso-denominated government debt climbed to 6.03 percent in August, up from 4.2 percent at the end of 2024, according to Treasury data. The bureau attributed the rise to efforts to engage international investors and advance market reforms aimed at improving liquidity and accessibility in the onshore bond market.
<https://business.inquirer.net/551032/ph-seeks-to-lift-foreign-ownership-of-peso-bonds-to-10>
- ✓ **Peso plunges to 8-month low on Japan policy bets.** The peso plunged to more than an eight-month low on Monday to track the broad decline of Asian currencies against the dollar due to Japan's surprise pick for its next prime minister. The local unit closed at P58.35 versus the greenback, sliding by 47.5 centavos from its P57.875 finish on Friday, Bankers Association of the Philippines data showed. This was the peso's worst close in more than eight months or since its P58.66 close on Feb. 3. The peso opened Monday's session stronger at P58.05 versus the dollar. Its intraday best was at P58.04, while its worst showing was at P58.365 against the greenback. Dollars exchanged went down to \$1.19 billion on Monday from \$1.62 billion on Friday. The dollar was generally stronger on Monday as the yen fell due to the appointment of Japan's new prime minister, which reduced expectations of a rate hike by the Bank of Japan, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. Chief Economist Michael L. Ricafort said in a Viber message.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2025/10/07/703189/peso-plunges-to-8-month-low-on-japan-policy-bets/>
- ✓ **T-bill yields correct higher before inflation data.** The government made a full award of the Treasury bills (T-bills) it offered on Monday even as yields corrected higher amid broad market volatility due to overseas concerns and before the release of September inflation data and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) policy meeting. The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) raised P22 billion as planned from the T-bills it auctioned off as the offering was more than three times oversubscribed, with total bids reaching P74.514 billion. However, this was lower than the P80.475 billion in tenders recorded on Sept. 29. Broken down, the Treasury borrowed P7.5 billion as planned via the 91-day T-bills as total

tenders for the tenor reached P19.925 billion. The three-month paper was quoted at an average rate of 4.983%, increasing by 15.5 basis points (bps) from the 4.828% recorded in the previous auction. Yields accepted were from 4.88% to 5.047%.

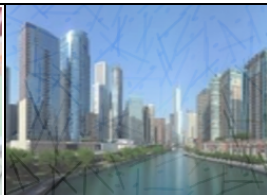
<https://www.bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2025/10/07/703293/t-bill-yields-correct-higher-before-inflation-data/>

- ✓ **Benign inflation gives BSP policy room to support growth – Nomura.** The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) may deliver a fourth straight 25-basis-point (bp) rate cut on Thursday to give the economy a boost as inflation remains low, Nomura Global Markets Research said. “We expect BSP to cut its policy rate by another 25 (bps) to 4.75% as the still-benign inflation outlook allows BSP to continue to focus on supporting domestic demand, which is also now facing more significant downside risks than was the case during the Monetary Board (MB) meeting in August,” Nomura China economist Jing Wang said in a report dated Oct. 3. “We assign a 60% likelihood to our forecast and 40% to BSP leaving the policy rate unchanged, taking into account BSP’s previous ‘Goldilocks’ signal and the possibility that BSP could adopt a wait-and-see approach to assess the downside risks to growth, citing elevated uncertainty,” he said.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2025/10/07/703191/benign-inflation-gives-bsp-policy-room-to-support-growth-nomura/>
- ✓ **Philippine graft scandal may worsen stocks rout, says PSE president.** Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc. (PSE) President and Chief Executive Officer Ramon S. Monzon has urged a “swift” and “credible” investigation of corruption allegations facing the government, warning they may do further damage to the country’s stock market. Corruption allegations tied to government spending on flood control projects have triggered mass protests and fueled a broad exit by foreign investors. Global investors have pulled around \$684 million from the market this year, according to Bloomberg-compiled data. By Friday, they had been net sellers for six days in a row. “Until foreign investors see clarity in the results of the investigation, they will continue to price in risks in our market,” Mr. Monzon said in an interview with Bloomberg Television’s David Ingles and Annabelle Droulers on Monday. “A swift, credible and all encompassing” investigation and prosecution are “very important,” he said. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange index was among Asia’s worst performers on Monday, deepening declines for this year to more than 8% in a region where other gauges have zoomed to all-time highs.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/bloomberg/2025/10/07/703133/philippine-graft-scandal-may-worsen-stocks-rout-says-pse-president/>
- ✓ **Corruption hurts, but global shocks also weigh on growth - Balisacan.** Economic Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said the country’s slower economic growth cannot be blamed entirely on corruption, noting that the world economy has suffered through uncertainty in the past year. On Monday, October 6, Balisacan said international financial institutions have revised their global growth forecasts downward, citing persistent instability in trade and investment flows. “The global economy has... in fact, the World Bank, the IMF — all the organizations have reduced global growth because of the elevated uncertainty in the global economy that impact the flow of goods, trade, investment and so on. We are not completely isolated from those developments,” Balisacan said at a press briefing. The issue of corruption has rocked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.’s government, as several high-profile officials being named in massive flood control fund schemes. The Department of Finance projected that P119 billion was lost in corruption since 2023, dampening economic potential. For the first half of the year, the Philippines’ gross domestic product (GDP) grew an average of 5.4%, slower than the 6.2% a year ago. The projection for the second half of the year is even slower, with the full effect of the United States’ tariffs taking place.
<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/10/06/2477970/corruption-hurts-global-shocks-also-weigh-growth-balisacan>
- ✓ **Marcos says anti-graft drive needed to sustain Philippine economic growth.** Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. said his administration’s campaign against fraudulent public works projects is needed to sustain economic growth, as he ordered the realignment of P255.5 billion from questionable flood control programs toward social services, healthcare, education and agriculture. Speaking in a podcast released across his social media platforms on Monday, the President said the discovery of widespread “ghost” infrastructure projects revealed how deeply corruption has penetrated the bureaucracy, warning that unchecked abuse risks derailing the country’s development goals. “Nothing will happen to the Philippines if we carry on this way,” he said in mixed English and Filipino. “The economy will never grow properly... We will not get anywhere.” The Philippines, which faces an average of 20 typhoons each year, is probing a multibillion-peso infrastructure scandal after a string of storms and monsoon rains triggered heavy flooding. The investigation has exposed alleged corruption within the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), prompting Mr. Marcos to suspend flood control allocations in the 2026 budget.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/the-nation/2025/10/06/703347/marcos-says-anti-graft-drive-needed-to-sustain-philippine-economic-growth/>
- ✓ **Gov’t infra spending to exceed P2 trillion by 2029, but share to GDP seen shrinking.** Hitting a fresh high, the national government (NG) is projected to breach the P2-trillion mark in infrastructure spending by 2029, but its share to gross domestic product (GDP) is seen at just 5.2 percent—lower than last year’s 5.8 percent and the planned 5.3 percent for 2025. According to the Cabinet-level Development Budget Coordination Committee’s (DBCC) 2025 Midyear Report, published on Sept. 30, infrastructure spending will reach P2.03 trillion in 2029 and further increase to P2.2 trillion in 2030, both at 5.2 percent of GDP. Infrastructure spending is expected to hit P1.51 trillion this year, P1.56 trillion next year (5.1 percent of GDP), P1.69 trillion in 2027 (5.1 percent), and P1.9 trillion in 2028 (5.2 percent). In nominal terms, GDP is projected to post a value of P28.36 trillion this year, P30.85 trillion in 2026, P33.46 trillion in 2027, P36.3 trillion in 2028, P39.25 trillion in 2029, and P42.58 trillion in 2030. To recall, the government had programmed P419.9 billion in infrastructure spending for the third quarter of 2025, the largest quarterly disbursement for the year.
<https://mb.com.ph/2025/10/06/govt-infra-spending-to-exceed-2-trillion-by-2029-but-share-to-gdp-seen-shrinking>
- ✓ **Gov’t raises ICC review threshold to P5B, expands oversight to PPP project.** The Economy and Development (ED) Council has overhauled the review and approval process for government programs and infrastructure projects, such as raising the cost threshold and including public-private partnership (PPP) projects. In a statement, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) said the Council, chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., approved the new guidelines that would be applied to new and ongoing projects that require action from the ED Council or Investment Coordination Committee (ICC). Under the new guidelines, projects funded by the national budget will now require ICC review if they exceed P5 billion. The previous threshold was at P2.5 billion.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2025/10/07/703310/govt-raises-icc-review-threshold-to-p5b-expands-oversight-to-ppp-projects/>
- ✓ **Marcos vows ‘no money will go to waste’.** President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. vowed to tighten government spending and curb inefficiencies in the use of public funds as he called for faster project implementation and better coordination among agencies on Monday. Speaking before development partners and senior officials in Mandaluyong City during the Philippine Development Forum 2025, Mr. Marcos said his administration will not tolerate waste or inaction in the execution of government programs. “We will not tolerate measurement without action, nor will we tolerate the wastage of public funds,” he said in mixed English and Filipino. “No money will go to waste. We will not allow the nation’s coffers to be squandered.” The President said reforms are underway to accelerate the disbursement of official development assistance (ODA) and ensure foreign-funded projects translate into tangible results.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2025/10/07/703309/marcos-vows-no-money-will-go-to-waste/>

- ✓ **AMLC intensifies foreign coordination to track offshore dirty money.** Philippine financial intelligence unit Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) is working hand in hand with its foreign counterparts to contain suspicious cash flows that could be involved in money laundering. This forms part of the ongoing crackdown on bank accounts and assets owned by government contractors and officials allegedly involved in flood control scandals. AMLC Executive Director Matthew M. David reported during a DZBB radio interview on Monday, Oct. 6, that the equivalent value of the four freeze orders now stands at ₱4.2 billion, a figure expected to bloat further as the probe deepens. "All assets related to corruption are included in our financial investigation. This covers what we call the foreign assets of our respondents, including offshore bank accounts, real properties, or any properties acquired by the subjects in other countries," David said. "We are coordinating with our foreign counterparts to determine if they are involved in financial transactions abroad," David further said, noting that mutual legal assistance allows AMLC to request foreign jurisdictions to file a petition for civil forfeiture abroad.
<https://mb.com.ph/2025/10/06/amlc-intensifies-foreign-coordination-to-track-offshore-dirty-money>
- ✓ **BSP backs amendments to bank secrecy law.** The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is backing proposals to amend the country's bank secrecy law to strengthen supervision of bank accounts and align with international standards. During a Senate committee on banks hearing on proposed amendments to the Secrecy of Bank Deposits Law, BSP general counsel Roberto Figueroa said that the current restrictions prevent the BSP from fully examining bank accounts, limiting its capacity to ensure financial system stability. "The current laws on secrecy of bank deposits restrict the depth of information and records that BSP can look into," Figueroa said, noting that only the Philippines still maintains strict bank secrecy provisions that constrain prudential oversight. He recalled that under Presidential Decree 1792 issued in 1981, the BSP was allowed to look into or examine bank deposits when authorized by the Monetary Board, but this power was removed in 1993 with the enactment of Republic Act 7653, or the BSP Charter, which expressly repealed the earlier decree.
<https://www.philstar.com/business/2025/10/07/2477991/bsp-backs-amendments-bank-secrecy-law>
- ✓ **PDIC proposes revised guidelines for reconsideration of denied deposit insurance claims.** The Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. (PDIC) is looking to revise the guidelines covering reconsideration requests for denied claims to make the process more efficient. "The proposed revisions are designed to provide clearer, more consistent, and transparent guidelines for depositors whose deposit insurance claims have been denied, ensuring that the process of seeking reconsideration is both fair and efficient," PDIC said in a statement on Monday. "Among the key enhancements are the expanded coverage of the Regulatory Issuance to address a wider range of cases; refined procedures for the filing of requests for reconsideration (RFR) to make the process more accessible and user-friendly; defined timelines within which requests must be resolved, ensuring prompt action on claims; and a standardized RFR form, aligned with data privacy laws to protect sensitive depositor information." The deadline for feedback on the exposure draft of the revised regulatory issuance is on Oct. 15. Under the draft, the PDIC proposed to shorten the decision period for requests for reconsideration of denied claims to 60 days from the current 120 days.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2025/10/07/703291/pdic-proposes-revised-guidelines-for-reconsideration-of-denied-deposit-insurance-claims/>
- ✓ **Philippines eyes 1-month rice import window in January 2026.** The Philippines will implement a one-month rice import window in January and reimpose a ban on imports from February to April, as the government seeks to support the prices of rough rice in the 2026 harvest season. Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Jr. said the department is looking to allow about 300,000 metric tons (MT) of rice imports in January 2026, a plan "more or less" approved by President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. following the extension of the rice import ban through end-2025. "We have to import by January just to be sure," Mr. Tiu Laurel told lawmakers in Filipino at a House of Representatives hearing. "Our imported stocks, which we stopped in September, are estimated to run out by the end of November and we'll be running on local stocks in December." "That kind of situation is quite risky," he added. Mr. Marcos had earlier ordered a 60-day suspension of rice imports starting Sept. 1 to support Filipino farmers during harvest season and to stabilize rice prices.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2025/10/07/703312/philippines-eyes-1-month-rice-import-window-in-january-2026/>
- ✓ **Shift to 10% VAT could signal more borrowing, taxes Metrobank says.** The government could raise borrowing and other taxes to offset billions in foregone revenue should it decide to reduce value-added tax (VAT) to 10% from the current 12%, Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. (Metrobank) said. "One thing is clear: reducing the VAT rate would result in a substantial loss of government revenue," Metrobank said in a commentary attributed to Marian Monette Q. Florendo, a research and business analytics officer, and James Nathan Ang of the bank's research and market strategy departments. Any resulting hike in borrowing or taxes could outweigh the expected benefits of lowering VAT. Last month, Batangas Rep. Leandro Antonio L. Leviste filed House Bill (HB) No. 4302 seeking to reduce VAT to 10% from 12% to make the country's tax system more "progressive." According to the measure, however, the government may opt to return the VAT rate to 12% for a year if the projected deficit is expected to surpass the programmed deficit.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/economy/2025/10/06/703332/shift-to-10-vat-could-signal-more-borrowing-taxes-metrobank-says/>
- ✓ **Five more banks join Maynilad's P45.8-B IPO underwriting group.** West zone water concessionaire Maynilad Water Services, Inc. has appointed five additional banks to its underwriting syndicate for its planned P45.8-billion initial public offering (IPO) scheduled next month. In its preliminary prospectus dated Oct. 3, Maynilad said BDO Capital & Investment Corp., First Metro Investment Corp., and Security Bank Capital Corp. have been appointed as domestic co-lead underwriters, while EastWest Banking Corp. will serve as domestic participating underwriter. Maybank Securities Pte. Ltd. has been appointed as joint lead underwriter to assist the international underwriters in the institutional offering on a best-efforts basis. The five banks form part of a nine-member underwriting syndicate that includes BPI Capital Corp. as the domestic lead underwriter. Foreign banks such as The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd., Morgan Stanley Asia (Singapore) Pte., and UBS AG, Singapore Branch will act as joint global coordinators and joint bookrunners.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/corporate/2025/10/07/703321/five-more-banks-join-maynilads-p45-8-b-ipo-underwriting-group/>
- ✓ **Toyota Financial Services launches P2-B maiden bond to fund growth, diversifying funds.** Toyota Financial Services Philippines Corp. (TFSPH), the automotive financing and leasing arm of GT Capital Holdings, Inc., has launched its P2-billion maiden public bond offering to fund asset growth, diversify funding sources, and attract both institutional and individual investors. The bonds will be issued in two series: two-year Series A Bonds due 2027 at a fixed rate of 5.7725% and three-year Series B Bonds due 2028 at 5.9418%, GT Capital said in a statement on Monday. The offer period will run from Oct. 6 to 13. GT Capital said the bonds are exempt securities under Section 9.1.2.1 of the 2015 Implementing Rules of the Securities Regulation Code, as the company is a licensed quasi-bank. Any future offer or sale of the bonds will remain subject to Securities and Exchange Commission registration unless qualifying as exempt. First Metro Investment Corp. and ING Bank N.V. Manila Branch are joint lead arrangers and bookrunners. They will also act as selling agents, alongside Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. and BPI Capital Corp.
<https://www.bworldonline.com/corporate/2025/10/07/703320/toyota-financial-services-launches-p2-b-maiden-bond-to-fund-growth-diversify-funding/>



REST OF THE WORLD



- ✓ **Asia: Tokyo soars, yen sinks after Takaichi win on mixed day.** Tokyo stocks surged more than four per cent to a record high on Monday and the yen sank on bets that the new leader of Japan's ruling party will embark on a new era of loose monetary policy to kickstart the country's economy. News of the victory for Sanae Takaichi - who is expected to become prime minister this month - fanned a fresh wave of optimism on Japanese trading floors as she has previously backed aggressive monetary easing and expanded government spending. But the rally in Tokyo was not matched in the rest of Asia, where markets were mixed following last week's healthy advances and as investors keep tabs on lawmakers' attempts to end a US government shutdown. However, expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates again this month continue to provide support to risk assets, with the S&P 500 and Dow both hitting peaks along with bitcoin and gold.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/capital-markets-currencies/asia-tokyo-soars-yen-sinks-after-takaichi-win-mixed-day>
- ✓ **Europe: Government collapse triggers French equities' steepest fall in over a month.** European stocks recouped their losses on Monday after the fall triggered by the unexpected resignation of French Prime Minister Sebastian Lecornu was offset by a rally in semiconductor stocks following AMD's chip supply deal with OpenAI. The pan-European Stoxx 600 closed flat at 570.24 points. The index briefly hit an intraday record high on Monday after climbing more than 2.8 per cent last week. French stocks tumbled 1.4 per cent, marking their steepest one-day drop since August and snapping a six-day winning streak, after Lecornu abruptly resigned just hours after unveiling his new cabinet. French bond yields spiked, with the 10-year note hitting a one-week high, while the euro weakened.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/capital-markets-currencies/europe-government-collapse-triggers-french-equities-steepest-fall-over-month>
- ✓ **US: S&P 500, Nasdaq reach all time closing highs on AI dealmaking boost.** The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq advanced on Monday, as artificial intelligence-related dealmaking boosted investor sentiment even as the US government shutdown extended through its sixth day. The Nasdaq and the S&P 500 reached record closing highs, while the blue-chip Dow inched lower. Chips took the lead after AMD said it would supply AI chips to OpenAI in a deal that could generate tens of billions of dollars in yearly revenue and would allow the ChatGPT creator to buy a stake of up to 10 per cent in the chipmaker. AMD surged 23.7 per cent, while the broader Philadelphia Semiconductor Index rose 2.9 per cent. "The market is seeing some strength in areas like technology and consumer discretionary and it's flying in the face of the government shutdown," said Robert Pavlik, senior portfolio manager at Dakota Wealth in Fairfield, Connecticut. "The market is still interested in the AI trade and the companies that support and use it." "It's a wave and waves don't go on forever; it will eventually crest and decline," Pavlik added. "But where are we this cycle of the wave? It's impossible to know."
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/capital-markets-currencies/us-sp-500-nasdaq-reach-all-time-closing-highs-ai-dealmaking-boost>
- ✓ **Oil rises after Opec+ hikes output less than expected.** Oil prices gained about 1 per cent on Monday after the Opec+ production increase planned for November was more modest than expected, tempering some concerns about supply additions, though a soft outlook for demand is likely to cap near-term gains. Brent crude futures settled 94 cents, or 1.46 per cent, higher at US\$65.47 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at US\$61.69, up 81 cents, or 1.33 per cent. "The market feel that the actual amount of oil that is going to hit the market is far less than what they announced, given that some of the Opec+ members are already producing at capacity," said Andrew Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates. On Sunday, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, plus Russia and some smaller producers, said it would raise production from November by 137,000 barrels per day, matching October's figure, amid persistent concern over a looming supply glut.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/energy-commodities/oil-rises-after-opec-hikes-output-less-expected>
- ✓ **Gold tops US\$3,900 for first time on safe-haven demand.** Gold surged past US\$3,900 an ounce for the first time on Monday (Oct 6), driven by safe-haven demand amid a US government shutdown, alongside growing expectations of additional US Federal Reserve rate cuts. Spot gold rose 0.4 per cent to US\$3,900.40 per ounce as at 8.27 am after hitting an all-time high of US\$3,919.59 earlier in the session. US gold futures for December delivery gained 0.5 per cent to US\$3,926.80. The Trump administration will start mass layoffs of federal workers if US President Donald Trump decides negotiations with congressional Democrats to end a partial government shutdown are "absolutely going nowhere", a senior White House official said on Sunday. Fed governor Stephen Miran pressed for an aggressive rate cut trajectory again on Friday, citing the impact of the Trump administration's policies on the economy.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/energy-commodities/gold-tops-us3900-first-time-safe-haven-demand>
- ✓ **Japanese yen slides on likely new leader, euro pressured by French PM resignation.** Politics dominated currency markets on Monday (Oct 6) as the Japanese yen weakened by the most in five months against the dollar with Sanae Takaichi looking set to become Japan's next prime minister, and the euro slid after France's new government quit. Takaichi is a former economic security and internal affairs minister with an expansionary fiscal agenda for the world's fourth-largest economy. She won the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) leadership election at the weekend, putting her on track to become Japan's next prime minister. Her victory caused traders to reduce bets that the Bank of Japan (BOJ) will hike interest rates this month and sent the yen tumbling across the board. The US dollar at one point rose more than 2 per cent to 150.47 yen, its highest level since early August. It was last up 1.7 per cent at 149.91, and if sustained, that would be its biggest daily gain since May 12. The euro hit 176.22 yen in Asian trade, its highest ever against the Japanese currency. It later pared those gains to be up 1.2 per cent at 175.3 yen following the collapse of the French government.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/capital-markets-currencies/japanese-yen-slides-likely-new-leader-euro-pressured-french-pm-resignation>
- ✓ **Japan Foreign Reserves Hit 3 ½ - Year High.** Japan's foreign reserves rose by \$17.1 billion to \$1.34 trillion in September 2025, marking the highest level since March 2022. The holdings included \$1.15 trillion in foreign currency assets, \$11.27 billion in IMF reserve position, \$60.90 billion in SDRs, \$104.05 billion in gold, and \$16.33 billion in other reserve assets. The finance ministry earlier confirmed that no foreign exchange interventions occurred between April and June 2025, while data for the September quarter has yet to be released.
<https://tradingeconomics.com/japan/foreign-exchange-reserves>

- ✓ **Vietnam achieves over 8% growth in two quarters amid trade challenges.** Vietnam is approaching its full-year gross domestic product growth target of between 8.3 and 8.5 per cent this year, as the economy continues to show strength despite ongoing trade challenges. With robust consumption, investment and export activities, growth accelerated to 8.23 per cent year on year in the third quarter, quickening from the upwardly revised 8.19 per cent in the previous quarter, going by preliminary data from the country's National Statistics Office on Monday (Oct 6). Excluding the pandemic-driven rebound in 2022, this was the fastest third-quarter expansion since 2011, bringing the GDP growth rate in the first nine months to 7.85 per cent from the year before. The standout was fixed investment growth, which surged 9 per cent year-on-year, in the strongest quarterly expansion since 2017. The growth was likely driven by both government- and private-sector domestic investments. In the first nine months, public investment disbursement rose by over 43 per cent from the corresponding period last year. Realised foreign direct investment rose 8.5 per cent to US\$18.8 billion – the highest for any nine-month period since 2008.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/asean/vietnam-achieves-over-8-growth-two-quarters-amid-trade-challenges>
- ✓ **Australian consumer sentiment sinks to six-month lows in October.** Australia's consumer confidence slipped to a six-month low this month on renewed doubts about hopes of future interest rate cuts, given recent strength in inflation. Sentiment declined 3.5 per cent to 92.1 points in October, a Westpac Banking survey showed on Tuesday (Oct 7). Pessimists persist in outweighing optimists, and it has now been 44 months since Australian consumers last registered a sentiment reading above 100. "Consumers appear to have been rattled by recent updates on inflation," said Matthew Hassan, Westpac's head of Australian macro forecasting, referring to two back-to-back increases in a closely-watched monthly price gauge. That, together with "signs of firmer consumer demand and a pick-up in housing markets, looks to have sparked renewed doubts about the path of interest rates, weighing on near-term expectations for family finances and the economy". Australia's central bank has lowered borrowing costs by 75 basis points since the start of the year for a cash rate of 3.6 per cent. Reserve Bank of Australia governor Michele Bullock last week signalled patience on further rate cuts, pointing to a stronger-than-expected pick-up in household consumption driven by real income growth and a tight labour market.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/australian-consumer-sentiment-sinks-six-month-lows-october>
- ✓ **Eurozone Retail Sales Show Modest Recovery in August.** Retail Sales In the Euro Area increased 0.10 percent in August of 2025 over the previous month. Retail Sales MoM in Euro Area averaged 0.10 percent from 1995 until 2025, reaching an all time high of 19.30 percent in May of 2020 and a record low of -11.30 percent in April of 2020.
<https://tradingeconomics.com/euro-area/retail-sales>
- ✓ **UK Construction Output Falls at Slowest Pace for Three Months.** The S&P Global UK Construction PMI rose to 46.2 in September 2025 from 45.5 in August, its highest in three months but still below the 50.0 mark, signaling continued contraction. The moderation was driven by a slower drop in new work and residential activity (46.8), while civil engineering (42.9) remained weakest and commercial construction (46.4) saw a faster decline. Order books fell for the ninth straight month but at the slowest pace in that period, as firms cited weak demand, client caution, and uncertainty ahead of the Autumn Budget. Employment also fell for the ninth month amid hiring freezes, though some firms hired apprentices. Input buying and delivery times improved slightly, but cost pressures persisted, with higher energy and wage.
<https://tradingeconomics.com/united-kingdom/construction-pmi>
- ✓ **German 10-Year Bund Yield Rises as Global Political Turmoil Rattles Market.** The yield on Germany's 10-year Bund rose to 2.73%, tracking increases in European, US, and Japanese government bond yields as political turbulence reverberated through global markets. In Europe, French Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu resigned on Monday after President Emmanuel Macron appointed a largely unchanged cabinet, sparking criticism for failing to signal political renewal. In the US, the ongoing government shutdown showed no signs of resolution, while in Japan, fiscal expansionist Sanae Takaichi won the ruling party's leadership election on Saturday, fueling expectations of looser fiscal policy. Finally, yields also found support from Germany's recent announcement of higher bond issuance for the final quarter of the year, reflecting increased planned spending on infrastructure and defense.
<https://tradingeconomics.com/germany/government-bond-yield>
- ✓ **French government quits just hours after being appointed, deepening political crisis.** France's new Prime Minister Sebastian Lecornu and his government resigned on Monday (Oct 6), hours after Lecornu announced his Cabinet line-up, in a major deepening of France's political crisis that drove stocks and the euro sharply lower. The swift, unexpected resignation came after allies and foes alike threatened to topple the new government, with Lecornu saying that meant he could not do his job. Opposition parties immediately urged President Emmanuel Macron to resign, or call a snap parliamentary election, saying there was no other way out of the crisis. Lecornu, who was Macron's fifth prime minister in two years, was prime minister for only 27 days. His government lasted 14 hours, making it the shortest-lived in modern French history at a time when parliament is deeply divided and the eurozone's second-largest economy is struggling to put its finances in order. After weeks of consultations with political parties across the board, Lecornu, a close ally of Macron, had appointed his ministers on Sunday; they had been set to hold their first meeting on Monday afternoon.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/french-government-quits-just-hours-after-being-appointed-deepening-political-crisis>
- ✓ **Dollar Strengthen Toward August Peak.** The dollar index rose to 98 on Monday, approaching August highs, supported by political developments abroad that weighed on both the euro and the yen. The euro weakened after another French Prime Minister resigned, stoking concerns about the government's ability to manage the country's large fiscal deficit and debt. In Japan, the yen depreciated sharply following Sanae Takaichi's election as leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, boosting expectations of additional fiscal stimulus. Meanwhile, the US federal government shutdown entered its sixth day after US Senators for the fourth time failed to pass spending proposals to reopen the federal government on Friday. Senators are set to return Monday and will once again vote on a Democratic funding plan that includes healthcare priorities, as well as on a GOP-led stopgap bill.
<https://tradingeconomics.com/united-states/currency>
- ✓ **US interest rates well-placed to fight inflation.** US interest rates are in a good place for the Federal Reserve's inflation fight, a senior central bank official said on Monday, pushing back against President Donald Trump's calls for cuts. "Overall, given the state of the economy and financial markets, I view the current stance of policy as only slightly restrictive, which I think is the right place to be," Kansas City Fed President Jeff Schmid told a conference in the city, according to prepared remarks. Schmid, who is a voting member of the Fed's powerful rate-setting committee this year, said he had voted for a rate cut last month as an "appropriate risk-management strategy," given the ongoing signs of a cooling labour market. The Fed has a dual mandate from Congress to act independently to tackle both inflation and unemployment, mainly by hiking, cutting or holding its benchmark lending rate.
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/banking-finance/us-interest-rates-well-placed-fight-inflation-fed-official>

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