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FINANCIAL MARKETS AT GLANCE

Currency Exchange ¹	Current	Previous
USD/PHP	62.7710	62.6210
USD/JPY	158.1100	157.9100
USD/CNY	6.7048	6.7047
EUR/USD	1.1260	1.1222
GBP/USD	1.3276	1.3222

PHP BVAL Reference Rates ²	Current	Previous
30-Day	5.2826	5.2151
91-Day	5.5941	5.5656
180-Day	5.9206	5.9127
1-Year	6.0959	6.1922
3-Year	7.1175	7.0522
5-Year	7.5072	7.4285
10-Year	7.8147	7.6280

Domestic Stock Index ³	Current	Previous
PSEi	5,677.12	5,743.21
Trade Value (Php B)	5.457	3.742

Stock Index ⁴	Current	Previous
NIKKEI 225	70,683.98	69,946.86
FTSE 100	10,541.69	10,497.94
DOW JONES	51,521.28	51,267.90
S&P 500	7,818.93	7,773.95
NASDAQ	27,599.79	27,477.31

Various ^{5/6}	Current	Previous
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	100.58	100.32
3-M US Treasury Yield	4.21%	4.22%
5-Y US Treasury Yield	5.03%	5.06%
10-Y US Treasury Yield	5.27%	5.31%

Legend

Improvement / Up Deterioration / Down No Movement

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• Inflation jump drags PSEi down to 5,677

Philippine stocks fell on Tuesday as faster September inflation and a weak peso dampened investor sentiment, erasing part of the previous session's gains. The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) shed 1.15 percent, or 66.09 points, to close at 5,677.12. Philstocks Financial Inc. said investors weighed the latest headline inflation reading, which accelerated to 7.2 percent in September from 6.1 percent in August. Additionally, the figure was close to the upper end of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' forecast range of 6.4 to 7.4 percent. The peso's continued weakness also weighed on market sentiment, the brokerage said. Ron Acoba, chief investment strategist at Trading Edge, said persistent high long-term yields suggest markets remain concerned about inflation, fiscal pressures, and the prospect that interest rates could stay elevated longer, maintaining a challenging backdrop for emerging-market equities. "Domestic selling pressure may also be building ahead of the upcoming Mynt IPO as institutional investors begin freeing up liquidity to participate in the offering," Acoba said.

<https://business.inquirer.net/614535/inflation-jump-drags-psei-down-to-5677>

• Peso sinks as euro zone woes, inflation fears dent sentiment

The peso sank further versus the dollar on Tuesday as players flocked to safer assets amid France's fiscal woes and with Philippine inflation hitting an over three-year high last month. The currency slid by 15 centavos to end at P62.771 versus the greenback from its P62.621 finish on Monday, data from the Bankers Association of the Philippines' website showed. The local unit opened Tuesday's session stronger at P62.55 per dollar, which was also its intraday high. Its weakest showing was at P62.84 against the greenback, near its record-low finish of P62.86 posted on Sept. 14. Dollars traded went down to \$1.496 billion from \$1.689 billion. "The dollar-peso traded higher on persistent safe-haven demand amid the fiscal and political concerns around Europe," a trader said by phone. The dollar was also generally stronger as elevated US Treasury yields increased the attractiveness of the greenback, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. Chief Economist Michael L. Ricafort said in a Viber message. The euro steadied just above a 17-month low on Tuesday as euro zone bond markets stabilized, a day after the currency fell sharply on fears that stress in French bond markets could spread more widely, Reuters reported.

<https://bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2026/10/06/785004/peso-sinks-as-euro-zone-woes-inflation-fears-dent-sentiment/>

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• **BSP gives banks until Oct. 12 to report transactions linked to designated terrorists**

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)-supervised financial institutions (BSFIs) must immediately freeze all funds and assets linked to designated terrorists and have until Oct. 12 to report previous suspicious transactions and submit compliance returns to the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC). BSP Deputy Governor Lyn I. Javier issued Circular Letter No. 2026-47, dated Oct. 6, setting a strict five-day compliance window for all BSFIs to file written returns and report previous transactions involving the terrorists identified by AMLC. According to the BSP, AMLC, the country's financial intelligence unit, issued sanctions freeze orders (SFOs) against individuals designated as terrorists under Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) resolutions. Financial institutions are required to freeze without delay all properties and funds, including related accounts, owned or controlled by the designated terrorists. To enforce compliance, the BSP stressed that BSFIs are mandated to submit key reporting documentation within five calendar days following the order's immediate effectivity. In the letter, BSFIs were reminded to submit a written return detailing compliance with the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act (TFPSA), along with suspicious transaction reports (STRs) covering all previous transactions of the designated individuals. Any entity or individual supporting designated subjects will face severe legal consequences, the BSP said, noting that those who directly or indirectly deal in any property or funds they know or have reasonable grounds to believe are owned or controlled by the designated subjects may be prosecuted under the TFPSA.

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/10/06/bsp-gives-banks-until-oct-12-to-report-transactions-linked-to-designated-terrorists>

• **September core inflation spike to nearly three-year high raises odds of 'jumbo' BSP rate hike**

With core inflation accelerating to a nearly three-year high of 4.7 percent in September, private-sector economists continue to expect price pressures to seep through the broader economy, potentially forcing the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to surprise with a "jumbo" interest rate hike this October. Core inflation, which strips out volatile food and energy items, accelerated last month from 4.1 percent in August, the Philippine Statistics Authority's (PSA) latest consumer price index (CPI) data released on Tuesday, Oct. 6, showed. This came alongside a five-month-high headline inflation rate of 7.2 percent during the month. National Statistician and PSA chief Claire Dennis S. Mapa told a press briefing that the September core print was the highest in nearly three years, since October 2023's 5.3 percent. Core price growth first broke through the four-percent ceiling last May at 4.1 percent before climbing to 4.4 percent in June. It temporarily eased in July and August before the September resurgence. Economists' analyses point to the broader impact of inflation on the domestic economy. Conversations should no longer center on weather and imported oil, according to Alyssa Nuñez, former economist at University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) and currently working for a private commercial bank.

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/10/06/september-core-inflation-spike-to-nearly-three-year-high-raises-odds-of-jumbo-bsp-rate-hike>

• **Philippines hit harder by high energy costs, gains less from AI boom**

The Philippines is being hit harder by high energy costs and benefiting less from the global artificial intelligence (AI) boom than its Asian peers, making it an "outlier" in East Asia, the World Bank said. In its October East Asia and Pacific Economic Update, the World Bank kept its 3.7% gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for the Philippines unchanged, as the economy continues to struggle with the Middle East war-driven spike in fuel prices. If realized, this would be slower than the 4.4% expansion in 2025 and near the lower end of the government's 3.5%-4.5% target. "The Philippines is the outlier in East Asia. It is struggling more than others with high energy prices," World Bank Chief Economist for Asia Franziska Lieselotte Ohnsorge said at a briefing on Tuesday. The Philippines imports at least 90% of its oil supply from the Middle East, making it extremely vulnerable to swings in global oil prices. The country is currently under a state of national energy emergency until March 2027 amid concerns over supply. "As a net oil importer, the Philippines was among the economies most exposed to the energy supply shock caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the conflict in the Middle East," the World Bank said in the report.

<https://bworldonline.com/top-stories/2026/10/06/784924/philippines-hit-harder-by-high-energy-costs-gains-less-from-ai-boom/>

• **Debt costs squeeze social spending as government budget space narrows**

Rising debt costs and other mandatory expenditures are squeezing the Philippine government's spending room next year, contributing to cuts in education, health and other social services even as the proposed national budget grows by 6% to P7.2 trillion, according to a congressional think tank. Only P2.6 trillion, or 36.2% of the proposed 2027 budget, is considered "allocable," down from 38.9% this year and 43.6% in 2023, the Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department (CPBRD) of the House of Representatives said in its October budget brief. The agency warned that reductions in key social services could constrain efforts to improve public services, address learning and health gaps, boost social protection and improve workforce productivity. "The decrease in the budgets of key social services might constrain the government's ability to improve access to quality public services, address learning and health gaps exacerbated by recent crises, strengthen social protection systems, and enhance workforce productivity and employability," the CPBRD said. The squeeze comes as the debt burden, which includes interest payments and net lending, is set to breach P1 trillion for the first time, rising by 16.8% to P1.14 trillion from this year. Interest payments alone are projected at P1.11 trillion, equivalent to 15.5% of the proposed budget, as National Government debt reached P19.61 trillion as of end-August. Primary expenditures will rise by 4.2% to P6.06 trillion from this year.

<https://bworldonline.com/the-nation/2026/10/06/784907/debt-costs-squeeze-social-spending-as-government-budget-space-narrows/>

• **PEZA inches closer to P300-B full-year goal**

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) approved P80.68 billion in investment pledges in September, bringing its nine-month total to P297.14 billion, just shy of its P300-billion full-year target. In a statement on Tuesday, PEZA said its board approved 26 new and expansion projects valued at P80.68 billion in September, increasing by 65.08% from the P48.87 billion worth of projects approved in the same month last year. The investments are expected to generate \$2.34 billion worth of exports and create 6,292 new jobs. "These figures show growing investor confidence in the Philippines, with companies from a wider range of markets choosing our ecozones (economic zones) for new and expansion projects," PEZA Director-General Tereso O. Panga was quoted as saying. Nine of the projects are related to export manufacturing, while four projects are in the information technology - business process management (IT-BPM) sector. Also approved were four facility projects, three economic zone developments, three logistics projects, two domestic market enterprises, and one project involving utilities. Twelve of the projects will be in Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon), seven in Metro Manila, five in Central Luzon, and one each in Western and Central Visayas, PEZA said. PEZA noted that five major projects with a combined value of P77.62 billion are in key industries like shipbuilding and repair, photovoltaic (solar) manufacturing, real estate activities, bioethanol production, and electronics manufacturing. The approved investment pledges mostly came from investors based in Taiwan, China, Singapore, British Virgin Islands, and Romania. In the first nine months, PEZA-approved investments nearly doubled (92.07%) year on year to P297.14 billion.

<https://bworldonline.com/top-stories/2026/10/06/784923/peza-inches-closer-to-p300-b-full-year-goal/>



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• Large taxpayers now eligible for BIR portal services

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has extended Taxpayer Portal services to large taxpayers covered by the Ease of Paying Taxes (EoPT) Act, giving them centralized online access to their tax records, payments and account information. According to Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 109-2026, taxpayers classified as "large" under the EoPT Act may now register with the portal, the BIR said on Tuesday. The portal allows taxpayers to view their registration information and monitor filed tax returns and tax payments by tax or form type. The EoPT Act classifies as a large taxpayer one with gross sales for a taxable year of P1 billion or more. The latest rollout expands access beyond taxpayers registered with the BIR's Large Taxpayers Service, which were covered by the portal's pilot launch on May 26. BIR Commissioner Charlito Martin R. Mendoza said the expansion brings the portal to large taxpayers in the regions. "The expansion of the Taxpayer Portal to the regions also aligns with President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.'s directive to make government transactions easier and bring government services closer to the people," he said in a statement. "We have been working to translate that directive into concrete improvements and better services for our taxpayers," he added. Mr. Mendoza said the rollout also forms part of the agency's reform initiatives under BIR DARES, alongside the Registration Seal Badge for online businesses, the electronic invoicing system, electronic notarization and electronic documentary stamp tax.

<https://bworldonline.com/economy/2026/10/06/785049/large-taxpayers-now-eligible-for-bir-portal-services/>

• DOE warns 'super El Niño' could drive up power bills as supply tightens

The Department of Energy (DOE) is bracing for possible power bill spikes during the looming "super El Niño" as extreme heat threatens to curb electricity supply just as demand surges due to increased use of cooling devices. Energy Secretary Sharon Garin told a press briefing on Tuesday, Oct. 6, that the DOE is preparing for the impact of a strong El Niño, as some energy sources may be affected by the climate phenomenon. "I don't want to be a doomsayer, but I just want to be very transparent about this. When it's very hot, our rivers are dry, that's hydropower [affected] already. Our coal power plants—not only are we over-extending their production, but also the heat affects their efficiency," she said, adding that even biomass energy plants are affected by the hot weather. Although solar power has a significant advantage, energy supply disruptions caused by a lack of generation could have a significant impact on the demand-supply balance, especially at a time when cooling devices are expected to drive higher electricity consumption. "It's possible because the demand-supply relationship always has an effect on the market, on WESM [wholesale electricity spot market], so it might affect that," Garin said. The DOE is already coordinating with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) to determine ways to minimize the risks of power bill spikes being passed on to consumers.

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/10/06/doe-warns-super-el-nino-could-drive-up-power-bills-as-supply-tightens>

• PH agri exports decline by 26.1% in August 2026 —PSA

The country's agricultural export revenue slumped to US\$554.7 million in August of this year, the lowest since January 2024, data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) showed. According to PSA, the latest figure is 26.1% lower from \$750.57 million recorded in August 2025. Further, the agriculture export revenue in August of this year was the lowest recorded since January two years ago with \$545.25 million. The agricultural exports logged in August 2026 accounted for 6.1% of the country's total exports, the PSA said. Moreover, data showed that edible fruits and nuts, including citrus peel or melon rinds, accounted for the largest share of agricultural exports in August 2026, generating \$211.99 million or 38.2 percent of the total. Other agricultural commodity groups that contributed to the country's August exports are animal, vegetable, or microbial fats and oils (\$135.74 million); tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes (\$38.50 million); preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants (\$35.47 million); and fish, crustaceans, molluscs, and other aquatic invertebrates (\$32.40 million). The PSA data also showed that agricultural exports to ASEAN member states totaled \$67.15 million in August 2026, representing 5.1% of the country's overall exports to the regional block. Malaysia emerged as the leading market for Philippine agricultural exports among ASEAN member nations in August 2026, purchasing \$27.82 million worth of goods or a 41.4% share of the regional total.

<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/money/economy/1004947/ph-agri-exports-decline-by-26-1-in-august-2026-psa/story/>

• DA pushes to extend toll fee waiver for produce haulers until end of year

The Department of Agriculture (DA) said it is negotiating with toll road operators to extend the toll waiver for trucks hauling agricultural goods until Dec. 31. "At the moment, we are still under negotiation with toll service providers. We are hoping that by the end of this week, we will already have an assurance," However, negotiations with toll service providers are still ongoing, Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Jr. said at a briefing on Monday. He noted the expected surge in hauling activity in the runup to Christmas. The DA has a P1-billion budget for transport that may be tapped to finance the toll waiver program. "We need it as soon as possible, especially when the prices of fuel are this high," he said, adding that he expects an update by the end of the week. In April, the DA secured a one-month toll fee exemption for agricultural trucks in response to rising fuel prices caused by the conflict in the Middle East.

<https://bworldonline.com/economy/2026/10/06/784892/da-pushes-to-extend-toll-fee-waiver-for-produce-haulers-until-end-of-year/>

• Security Bank taps Noage International for health benefits for its wealth clients

Security Bank Corp. has partnered with Japan-based Noage International, Inc. to expand medical tourism offerings for their affluent segment. Under the partnership, eligible Security Bank Wealth clients, including World Mastercard and Platinum Mastercard cardholders, will gain access to benefits on select Noage International medical and wellness programs in Japan. These include comprehensive health screenings, advanced diagnostics, and concierge-supported healthcare experiences at Japanese medical institutions. Noage International is a joint venture between Resorttrust and Mitsubishi Corp. and connects international clients to Japan's healthcare ecosystem through medical and wellness programs. "The most valuable asset is not always in your portfolio. It's your health," Security Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Victor Lee said in a statement on Tuesday. "We want to help our clients not only build and protect their wealth but enjoy the life they have worked hard to create. Our partnership with Noage International brings that thinking beyond traditional banking." "True peace of mind arises when both financial legacy and your personal health are fully safeguarded," Tetsuro Yoshihara, president of Noage International, said. "Japan has long stood at the forefront of global preventative medicine and longevity science. Through our partnership with Security Bank, we are honored to grant their most distinguished clients privileged access to Japan's pinnacle healthcare ecosystem.

<https://bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2026/10/06/784931/security-bank-taps-noage-international-for-health-benefits-for-its-wealth-clients/>



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• Mynt IPO opens to retail investors via GStocks PH

Mynt, the financial technology company behind GCash, has begun accepting subscriptions for its initial public offering (IPO), with retail investors able to place orders through GStocks PH on the GCash app. In a statement on Tuesday, Mynt said investors may subscribe for a minimum of 100 shares, equivalent to P660 at the final offer price of P6.60 apiece. The offer period runs from Oct. 6 to 12. Eligible GStocks PH users may transfer funds from their GCash wallets to their trading accounts, select the Mynt offering, and submit orders through the platform, the company said. For orders placed on Oct. 6 and 7, the first 100 shares will be allocated in real time while shares remain available, according to Mynt. Orders exceeding 100 shares will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with fulfillment starting Oct. 8. Mynt said demand could exceed the number of shares available through AB Capital Securities, Inc. In such cases, orders may remain pending until final allocations are determined after the offer period, while funds for unallocated shares will be returned. "We built GStocks PH to completely eliminate the friction of traditional investing," Mynt Group Head of New Businesses Winsley Bangit said. "By allowing users to set up and fund their wallets in a matter of minutes, and be able to participate responsibly in the capital markets, we are proving that investing and building a stronger financial future is no longer out of reach for Filipinos," he added.

<https://bworldonline.com/corporate/2026/10/06/784883/mynt-ipo-opens-to-retail-investors-via-gstocks-ph/>

• BDO launches self-service forex machine at NAIA T3

BDO Unibank, Inc. has introduced a self-service Currency Exchange Machine at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 (NAIA T3) to give travelers quick access to Philippine pesos. The 24/7 self-service machine can convert US dollars, euros and Japanese yen into peso, eliminating the need to fill out forms or for teller assistance. It authenticates banknotes, accepts up to 30 bills at a time, and issues a receipt for every exchange. It dispenses both bills and coins. Customers need to select the foreign currency they want to convert, review and accept the terms and conditions, scan their passport and capture their photo, insert their banknotes, and collect their converted pesos and printed transaction receipt. The Currency Exchange Machine is located in front of the BDO branch at NAIA Terminal 3's arrival area. "Travelers today expect convenience at every touchpoint of their journey," Cora A. Mallillin, BDO Executive Vice-President and Head of Branch Banking Group, said in a press release on Tuesday.

<https://bworldonline.com/banking-finance/2026/10/06/785001/bdo-launches-self-service-forex-machine-at-naia-t3/>

• PLDT delays ₱24.2-billion VITRO REIT IPO to 2027 as interest rates rise

Manuel V. Pangilinan-led telco giant PLDT Inc. is delaying the launch of the country's first digital infrastructure real estate investment trust (REIT) to 2027, as it waits for more favorable market conditions to raise up to ₱24.2 billion from the listing of its data centers. In a disclosure on Tuesday, Oct. 6, PLDT said it will no longer proceed with the planned fourth-quarter debut of its data center arm on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE), as it will move the initial public offering (IPO) to next year. The company said it has decided to delay the IPO of VITRO REIT Inc. due to "current market conditions and rising interest rates." "VITRO REIT will continue to coordinate with the SEC [Securities and Exchange Commission] and PSE to complete the applicable requirements, with a view to completing the offering in 2027," said PLDT. Based on its initial application, PLDT was planning to offer up to 1.91 billion common shares, with an over-allotment option of 286.96 million shares at an offer price of ₱11 per share. The public will own approximately 48.95 percent of VITRO REIT, assuming the full exercise of the over-allotment option.

<https://mb.com.ph/2026/10/06/pldt-delays-242-billion-vitro-reit-ipo-to-2027-as-interest-rates-rise>



REST OF THE WORLD

• Asian shares track Wall Street higher; Treasury yields near multi-decade highs

Asian stocks gained on Tuesday (Oct 6) after a tech-fuelled rally lifted the Nasdaq to a record close, with lower oil prices offering further support even as longer-dated Treasury yields hovered near multi-decade highs. The euro languished near 17-month lows after briefly touching US\$1.116 overnight, pressured by mounting fiscal concerns in France as investors dumped government bonds after an underwhelming budget. Political uncertainty also deepened after Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez called a snap election. Brent crude edged 0.6 per cent higher to US\$100.88 a barrel, after losing 1.9 per cent overnight as Gulf oil flows excluding Iran surged to over 81 per cent of pre-war levels last month and the Group of Seven nations pledged to boost supplies. Most markets in Asia rose, with Japan's Nikkei gaining 1.1 per cent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index up 0.7 per cent. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares excluding Japan was flat and South Korean shares fell nearly 1 per cent after returning from a holiday.

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/business/asian-shares-track-wall-street-higher-treasury-yields-near-multi-decade-highs-6434821>

• European shares rise as retreating bond yields and oil prices boost risk appetite

European shares rose on Tuesday (Oct 6), buoyed by broad gains across sectors as euro zone bond yields eased after a recent rally driven by fiscal and inflation concerns. The pan-European Stoxx 600 index closed 0.5 per cent higher, paring some gains from earlier in the day, and rising for a third consecutive session. Most sectors ended higher, with travel and leisure stocks up 1.4 per cent, leading gains. Oil prices fell 2 per cent on Tuesday, as increased Middle Eastern crude exports eased supply concerns. Danish biotech firm Genmab climbed 4.4 per cent to a three-year high after Genmab and US drugmaker AbbVie's combination treatment for patients newly diagnosed with a type of lymphoma reduced the risk of disease progression or death in a late-stage study. The broader healthcare index rose 0.6 per cent, with gains limited by a 5.5 per cent fall in Zealand Pharma.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/capital-markets-currencies/european-shares-rise-retreating-bond-yields-and-oil-prices-boost-risk-appetite>



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• **S&P 500, Nasdaq reach record closing highs as focus pivots to earnings**

US stocks ended higher on Tuesday (Oct 6) as crude prices steadied and US Treasury yields eased, offering some reprieve from concerns that have preoccupied investors in recent weeks, and allowing markets to turn their attention to the approaching third-quarter reporting season. The broad rally pushed the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq Composite to all-time closing highs. The blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average remains just over 5 per cent shy of its record closing level reached on Aug 5. When oil prices stabilise or move lower, "that causes yields to move down because there's less anxiety about energy-driven inflation, which in turn is helping lift stocks higher", said Oliver Pursche, senior vice-president at Wealthspire Advisors in New York. "This has been the narrative of the market for the last couple of weeks." Six of the "Magnificent Seven" group of artificial intelligence-linked megacap firms advanced, bolstering gains, while small-caps lagged their larger-cap counterparts.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/capital-markets-currencies/sp-500-nasdaq-reach-record-closing-highs-focus-pivots-earnings>

• **Brent Falls for 3rd Day**

Brent crude fell for a third consecutive session on Tuesday, approaching \$98 a barrel, amid signs that Middle Eastern crude exports are recovering. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister said that oil flows through the East-West Pipeline reached 5.8 million barrels, while Reuters reported that shipments through the route had not been interrupted. In addition, reports showed that crude exports from the Middle East exceeded pre-war levels on four days during the final week of September. Adding to the bearish pressure, G7 countries agreed on Friday to release 100 million barrels of diesel and crude from emergency reserves and pledged to refrain from imposing energy export restrictions. Saudi Arabia also sharply cut the price of its flagship crude grade for Asian buyers as supply flows improved, providing further evidence of a loosening market.

<https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/brent-crude-oil/news/589853>

• **Gold Slightly Up as Fed Rate-Hike Bets Fade**

Gold edged above \$4,160 an ounce on Tuesday as fading expectations of a Federal Reserve rate hike this month offset pressure from a firm US dollar and elevated Treasury yields. Markets have scaled back bets on an October rate hike following weaker-than-expected job growth in September and downward revisions to payrolls for the previous two months. Traders now see only about a 20% chance of a rate increase this month, while still pricing in nearly a 70% probability of a hike in December, according to the CME FedWatch Tool. Higher interest rates raise the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding gold. The dollar, however, remained close to an 18-month high, supported by rising government debt, widening budget deficits and political uncertainty in parts of the Eurozone, which have weighed on the euro.

<https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/gold/news/589899>

• **Southeast Asia's energy security at a crossroads as power demand surges, IEA warns**

Southeast Asian countries are using more energy than ever but becoming increasingly reliant on imported fuel, leaving the region vulnerable to supply disruptions and price shocks, warns a new report by the International Energy Agency (IEA). The report, published on Monday (Oct 5), came ahead of an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Energy Ministers meeting in Manila on Oct 7 where the ministers are expected to review regional fuel-security measures. The region continues to grapple with fuel supply disruption from the Middle East since Feb 28, when the United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran, prompting Iran to effectively block the Strait of Hormuz, a key shipping passage. The IEA – which urged the region to diversify energy sources and routes of supply, make greater use of domestic resources where viable and expand energy efficiency and electrification – said it would present its key findings at the ASEAN meeting.

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/asia/southeast-asias-energy-security-crossroads-power-demand-surges-iea-warns-6434901>

• **China, Japan may pull back from US debt, billionaire investor Ray Dalio warns**

Billionaire Ray Dalio warned that US Treasuries are vulnerable to a pullback of demand from China and Japan, two of the US' largest foreign creditors, highlighting a potential pain point for a market that has endured wild swings this year. The US relies on foreign capital for about a third of its debt, and a lot of that is coming from Japan and China, Dalio, the founder of Bridgewater Associates, said on Bloomberg Television in Singapore on Tuesday (Oct 6). "The Chinese don't want to continue to accumulate; there are geopolitical issues as well as economic issues," he said. "When you have a debtor-creditor relationship and you have an adversary relationship, that's a very difficult dynamic."

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/global/china-japan-may-pull-back-us-debt-billionaire-investor-ray-dalio-warns>

• **BOJ may signal underlying inflation has hit 2% goal: sources**

The Bank of Japan may signal this month that underlying inflation has roughly hit its 2 per cent target, three sources familiar with its thinking said, highlighting its readiness to raise interest rates again in the coming months. Any such announcement would largely be symbolic, but it would reinforce dominant market expectations of a December hike and signal the BOJ's readiness to keep raising interest rates in short intervals. The central bank has begun stressing the need to anchor underlying inflation around its target in judging the pace and timing of further interest rate increases. Having just raised rates in September, many in the central bank are cautious about delivering another hike this month and prefer to gauge more data on how past rate increases have affected domestic financial conditions, the sources said. A recent slew of data, such as Tokyo consumer inflation and the central bank's quarterly "tankan" business survey, are likely heightening the BOJ's conviction that underlying inflation has roughly reached its 2 per cent target, the sources said.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/banking-finance/boj-may-signal-underlying-inflation-has-hit-2-goal-sources>

• **Thai inflation accelerates again with floods adding price risk**

Thailand's inflation accelerated for a second straight month in September, moving closer to the central bank's upper limit as severe flooding adds to the risk of higher food prices. The consumer price index rose 2.82 per cent in September from a year earlier, accelerating from 2.53 per cent in August, Commerce Ministry data showed on Tuesday (Oct 6). Still, the reading was below the 3.1 per cent median estimate in a Bloomberg survey of economists. Despite the pickup, inflation remains within the Bank of Thailand's 1 to 3 per cent target range, but brings it closer to the upper bound after a prolonged period of subdued price pressures. Higher oil and processed food prices drove much of the acceleration, reflecting elevated raw material costs and the conflict in the Middle East, according to Nantapong Chiralerspong, director general of the Commerce Ministry's Trade Policy and Strategy Office.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/asean/thai-inflation-accelerates-again-floods-adding-price-risk>

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REST OF THE WORLD

• Vietnam's northern provinces, not Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City, are powering near 10% GDP growth

Vietnam's economy is heading towards rapid growth of more or less 10 per cent, helped by large-scale projects coming into operation, recovering export orders and faster public-investment disbursement. Some of the fastest growth is being recorded not in Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City, but across a cluster of northern industrial provinces closely tied to electronics manufacturing, foreign investment and global supply chains. Of Vietnam's 34 provinces and cities, 12 recorded gross regional domestic product, or GRDP, growth of at least 10 per cent in the first nine months of 2026. Seven were in the north, versus three in the central region and just two in the south. The pattern was also evident in the latest quarter, when nine of the 17 localities posting double-digit growth were in the north, compared with three in the south.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/asean/vietnams-northern-provinces-not-hanoi-or-ho-chi-minh-city-are-powering-near-10-gdp-growth>

• Eurozone Retail Sales Inch Higher

Retail sales volumes in the Eurozone inched higher by 0.1% from the previous month in August of 2026, loosely aligned with market expectations of a 0.2% increase and trimming the 0.6% drop in July, which was the sharpest decline in over one year. Sales were sharply higher for core non-food products (0.5% vs -1.2% in July) to reflect some fresh resilience to higher borrowing costs and prices, while food, drinks, and tobacco sales also inched up (0.1% vs -0.1%). In turn, automotive fuel sales volumes plunged 1.9%, extending the 0.2% drop in the earlier period as the surge in fuel prices drove consumers to cut back on tank refills.

<https://tradingeconomics.com/euro-area/retail-sales/news/589843>

• Eurozone Construction Activity Remains Weak

The S&P Global Eurozone Construction PMI rose slightly to 43.4 in September 2026 from 43.0 in August, but remained below the 50.0 threshold, signaling a marked contraction in construction activity. The downturn remained broad-based across France, Germany and Italy, with France recording the steepest contraction, Germany seeing a much sharper decline and Italy the slowest fall. Residential construction saw the sharpest contraction and its fastest decline since February 2025, led by Germany. Meanwhile, new orders continued to fall, extending the downturn in demand to four-and-a-half years, although the pace eased from August. Employment declined for an eighth consecutive month, while purchasing activity also fell sharply. Input price inflation accelerated for the first time since April, with cost pressures strongest in Italy and Germany.

<https://tradingeconomics.com/euro-area/construction-pmi/news/589805>

• US Treasuries yields fall from 2002 high as oil prices dip

US bond yields fell from their highest levels since 2002 as oil prices stabilised and US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent insisted the government's debt load can be tamed. It marked a pause in the global bond rout that has been driven by inflationary fears from the US-Iran war as well as bets on more aggressive tightening from the US Federal Reserve as US economic data comes in strong. Bessent tried to reassure investors that a mix of economic growth and spending restraints will "very quickly" start to alter the path of US government borrowing. Speaking at a fireside chat in Pennsylvania on Monday (Oct 5) night, he said the government would start "bending that curve". Yields on 10-year notes dropped by three basis points to 5.27 per cent, while two-year yields dropped by about two basis points to 4.8 per cent.

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/international/us-treasuries-yields-fall-2002-high-oil-prices-dip>

• US trade deficit widens in August amid strong imports

The US trade deficit widened more than expected in August, driven by a surge in imports of goods amid robust domestic demand, keeping trade on track to again subtract from economic growth in the third quarter. The trade shortfall increased 13.7 per cent to US\$105.6 billion, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis and Census Bureau said on Tuesday (Oct 6). Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the deficit would be US\$102 billion. The deterioration was flagged by data last week that showed an import-driven surge in the goods trade deficit in August. Domestic demand increased at its fastest pace in more than 3-1/2 years in the second quarter, reflecting robust consumer spending and business spending on equipment, mostly related to AI. The trend appears to have spilled over into the third quarter, with data last month showing strong consumer spending in August as well as orders and shipments of nondefence capital goods, excluding aircraft. But businesses are relying on imports to meet demand. The increase in imports also has occurred despite President Donald Trump's aggressive tariffs, which he has argued are meant to shrink the trade deficit.

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