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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE'S 10 MOST ACTIVE STOCKS BY VALUE TURNOVER • NOVEMBER 2, 2022 (PSEi snapshot on S1/3; article on S2/2) SM P843.000 ALI P27.200 P656.000 **BPI** SCC **BDO** P129.200 P162.500 P94.000 P33.800 P2,230.000 **JFC** P226.800 Value Value Value P688,805,061 P648,444,730 P629,438,042 P418,634,805 Value P351,352,245 Value P317,804,960 Value P295,978,945 P294,541,200 P222,577,480 P141,831,234 **6.667**% -P10.500 ▼ -6.069% P23.000 **A** 2.805% -P11.000 ▼ -1.649% -P2.000 ▼ -2.083% -P1.150 ▼ -3.290% P0.800 **2.540**%

October factory output growth slows

China slowdown likely to send significant shock to Philippines and its peers

SLOWER GROWTH in China may send a "significant shock" to the Philippines and other Asian countries by causing a decline in investments and business confidence, according to Moody's Investors Service.

"A growth shock originating from China would affect the region through bilateral trade and financial flows, including through foreign direct investment," Moody's said in a report dated Nov. 2

"In addition to affecting trade and financial channels, slower growth in China could also transmit a significant shock to regional economies by depressing confidence and investment," it added.

Citing a World Bank working paper published in 2015, the credit rater said a contraction in China's gross domestic product (GDP) would affect growth rates in other countries, including the Philippines.

"The World Bank's most recent economic update estimates that a one percentage point decline in China's growth rate would shave 0.4 to 0.8 percentage point off the GDP growth rates of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines," Moody's said.

Moody's expects the Philippines to expand by 6.6% this year, well within the government's 6.5-7.5% full-year target.

Moody's sees China growing by 3.5% this year and 4.8% next year.

In the report, Asia-Pacific economies with direct trade exposure to Chinese demand for a range of goods may bear the brunt of a sustained slowdown in China.

"Growth in Asia's goods exports to China peaked last year and has been slowing year over year since the end of 2021," Moody's said.

Northeast Asian economies have the most significant direct exposure to Chinese demand for a range of goods, including electrical machinery and equipment, general machinery, chemicals and plastics, according to the report

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) economies also have moderately high direct exposures in certain areas. Moody's said 68% of China's nickel ore imports are from the Philippines.

"Slower economic growth would also translate into diminished demand for commodities such as iron ore, copper, aluminum and other base metals."

China, S1/5

The Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines 2022 has concluded its search for the country's most undaunted and unstoppable entrepreneurs. Entrepreneur Of The Year Philippines is a program of the SGV Foundation, Inc., with the participation of copresenters the Asian Institute of Management, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Philippine Business for Social Progress, and the Philippine Stock Exchange. BusinessWorld will feature each finalist in the next few weeks.

Entrepreneurial CEO

Chief Executive Officer MFT Group of Companies

AT A YOUNG AGE, Mica F. Tan already knew what she wanted to become — a businesswoman. Seeing her mother go about her jewelry business, the young Ms. Tan knew she could do the same. So she spent her time selling little treats at the hospital where her father, an oncologist, would do his rounds.

"My mother is passionate about building relationships and taking care of people. And I think growing up, seeing that, I knew perhaps I could do the same," she said.

Supporting their daughter's knack for doing business, Ms. Tan's parents introduced her to businesspeople from whom she could learn. From her small beginnings, Ms. Tan eventually gained hands-on experience in stock trading and in foreign exchange markets under the mentorship of top industry experts. She was set to pursue her finance studies in New York but wanting to get immediately into the game, she stayed put and got going on her own.

In the early years, she continued under the tutelage of uncles who were in business. But it was with the late Jose "Joseling" Tambunting's guidance that Ms. Tan laid out the blueprint for the MFT Group of Companies.

"MFT Group is a young private equity firm. We buy, we transform and we maximize the value of businesses. And we focus only on fundamentally sound industries like healthcare, financial services, food and beverage, and real estate," she said.

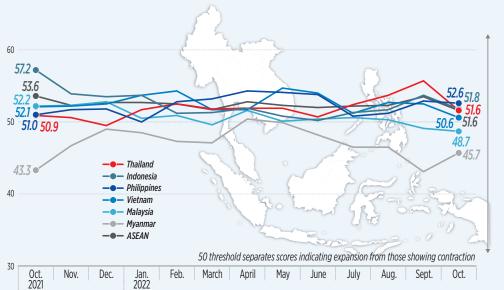


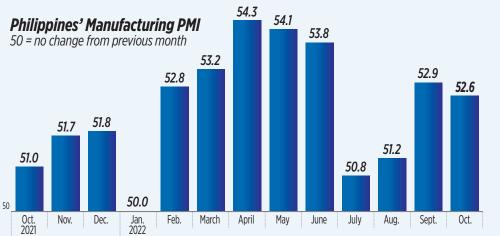
The MFT Group maximizes the value of its portfolio of companies and strategic partnerships through long-term capital and transformative solutions that impact and deliver value for customers, employees, shareholders and communities. It also enables corporations, through shared services, focus on finance, marketing, operations, business development, succession and corporate restructuring, and legal services.

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MANUFACTURING PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX (PMI) OF SELECT ASEAN ECONOMIES, OCTOBER 2022









By Luisa Maria Jacinta C. Jocson Reporter

FACTORY OUTPUT in the Philippines expanded at a slower pace in October, reflecting a modest uptick in new orders despite elevated inflation and supply chain disruptions, S&P Global said on Wednesday.

The S&P Global Philippines Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 52.6 in October, lower than 52.9 in September.

Despite the slightly slower expansion, S&P Global said the Philippine index was still above the historical

A PMI reading above 50 denotes better operating conditions than in the preceding month, while a reading below 50 signals the opposite.

"The latest PMI data revealed yet another round of expansion across the Filipino manufacturing sector. Demand conditions continued to improve, resulting in a further rise in output and new business placed at goods producers," Maryam Baluch, an economist at S&P Global Market Intelligence, said in a report,

The headline PMI measures manufacturing conditions through the weighted average of five indices: new orders (30%), output (25%), employment (20%), suppliers' delivery times (15%) and stocks of purchases

Philippine manufacturing companies reported improved demand in October, driving growth in production and new orders for a second straight month, S&P Global said.

"While overall factory orders increased, volumes of new work from abroad contracted at the sharpest pace since the recent sequence of decline began in March," it said.

Manufacturers also increased their workforce for a sixth straight month, while input-buying activity rose for a second month in a row although slower.

"Despite the pace of the latest upturns easing slightly on the month, firms continued to increase capacity and stocks to support future growth," Ms Baluch said

S&P Global noted that supply-side constraints had plagued the manufacturing sector, as vendor performance declined sharply and extension of delivery times lengthened. The shipping delays were mainly attributed to bad weather and port congestion.

Higher demand and supply chain disruptions led to more work backlogs for a second straight month.

However, S&P Global said increasing inflationary pressures were felt by manufacturing firms in the Philip-

In September, headline inflation quickened to 6.9%.

Factory, S1/5

UNDP zeroes in on human development to-do's for PHL

THE PHILIPPINES should focus on critical areas of human development such as climate-resilient infrastructure and education to help boost its recovery from the coronavirus disease 2019 (CO-VID-19) pandemic, a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) official said.

"The Philippines has been hit by COVID-19 and has pushed back some of the development indicators that the country had

invested in, so we did see a drop in the human development indicators. This was not unexpected, the question is how we can recover and move back to this track," Kanni Wignaraja, United Nations assistant secretary-general and UNDP regional director, told BusinessWorld in an interview on

She visited the Philippines last week on an official mission, meeting with senior government officials to discuss ways to accelerate recovery.

The Philippines ranked 116th out of 191 countries in the latest UNDP Human Development Index, down three places from 113th.

The index ranks countries based on three dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life, knowledge and a decent standard of living.

With a score of 0.699 out of 1, the Philippines was below the East Asia

and the Pacific's average of 0.749 and the global average of 0.732.

"In the process of recovery, how does one move very quickly to generating jobs and new livelihoods for young people? That was a big focus of the conversation and this has to be done from the barangay level onwards, so you look at community livelihoods and incomes and how to protect and UNDP S1/5

