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FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the beginning of this term, we committed ourselves to one central mission: Catalyzing Confidence. As we now move into the final stretch of 2026, that mission continues to guide us, with a full agenda and a clear sense of purpose.

Our capital markets remain relatively shallow compared with regional peers. Liquidity remains limited, public equity raising has been modest, and while activity in the debt markets has shown encouraging strength, we still have significant room to broaden participation, deepen the investor base, and expand the range of issuers and instruments.

Governments can improve the rules and regulators can make access easier. But ultimately, markets deepen only when companies are willing to raise capital, investors are willing to commit and boards must earn that confidence through strong governance.

A stronger capital market gives Philippine companies another source of long-term funding, reduces our dependence on bank financing alone, and, more importantly, helps mobilize Philippine savings into productive Philippine investment.

Read the full message of his speech [HERE](#).

Carlo Enrico B. Lazatin
PRESIDENT



GUEST SPEAKER

Appointed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on 3 June 2025. He also serves as Chair of the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF), where the SEC Philippines leads regional efforts to advance market integration, sustainable finance, corporate governance, and stronger cross-border cooperation. A lawyer by profession, he brings over four decades of leadership in capital markets regulation, corporate governance, and legal reform.

He previously served as President and CEO of the Philippine Stock Exchange and held senior roles in affiliated market institutions, where he spearheaded initiatives to modernize market infrastructure, strengthen investor confidence, and advance key policy reforms, including the passage of five capital market laws.

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Read more about his full Profile [HERE](#).

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Atty. Dee was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 1989. He earned his A.B. in History and L.L.B. from the University of the Philippines, where he was also recognized as the Most Outstanding Law Intern of the College of Law. He further pursued his Master of Laws degree at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

He currently serves as Corporate Secretary of several listed companies at Picazo Law and is also a member of the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines.

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Cause for worry
By EJ Qua Hiansen

I have generally been optimistic about the Philippines, and there is much to feel positive about. We have a young and talented population that gives us tremendous long-term potential. However, I am also starting to worry. As of July 31, national government debt has reached a record P19.39 trillion, including P6.28 trillion in foreign obligations. Part of the increase can be attributed to the weaker peso, which raises our foreign-currency debt.

What is the Philippine Outlook?
By Flor Tarriela

The Iran war, the recent Nepal tragedy, nonstop rains for a month, political noise—some don't want to listen to the news anymore. But we need to know what's happening to the economy and what to expect as we enter another budget season.

Philippines not ready for AI use in capital markets
By Benel Laguna

Philippine Capital Markets are not ready for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for trading, advising, or prediction as the country's investor base remains hesitant about new technologies, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said.

ESG scores - why investors are interested
By Wilma Miranda

For many years, investors primarily looked at financial statements before deciding where to put their money. They examined revenues, profits, cash flows, assets, liabilities, and returns on investment. These numbers remain fundamental, but today's investors are increasingly interested in another question: How sustainable is the business behind those numbers? This is where ESG comes in. ESG—which stands for Environmental, Social, and Governance—has recently become a popular and even necessary component of reporting, especially for listed and large corporations.

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Beyond the Numbers: Finance Leadership
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Flag Ceremony

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JUNE CHERYL CABAL-REVILLA
FEATURED
SPEAKER
EVP & CFO, Metro Pacific
Investments Corporation
CEO, MWELL INC.

PRESENTED BY: YOUNG FINANCE OFFICERS SUB-COMMIT

A FIRESIDE CHAT

WITH
**JUNE CHERYL
CABAL-REVILLA**



RAFAEL MATEO R. DA SILVA
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DAY 2

PANEL DISCUSSION

DIGITAL FINANCE, INNOVATION AND RISK

The Role of Technology in Shaping the Future of Finance



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**OCTOBER 6, 2026**
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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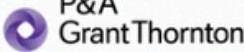


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**DAY
3**

NAVIGATING MARKET VOLATILITY: ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND INVESTOR SENTIMENT



JUN NERI
LEAD ECONOMIST
BPI
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EUGENE LEE
ECONOMIST, ASEAN
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AND MACRO, CLSA
SPEAKER



MICHAEL RICAFORT
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RCBC
SPEAKER



ATTY. DINO DE LEON
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**OCTOBER 7, 2026**
2:00-4:30PM

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DAY 4

PRESENTED BY: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

POWERING THE FUTURE: RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIC MOBILITY FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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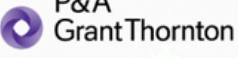
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**58TH ANNUAL FINEX CONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 9, 2026**

SHERATON HOTEL MANILA,
NEWPORT CITY, PASAY CITY

**DAY
5**

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**



**ENERGY RESILIENCE:
POWERING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH**

FOCUS ON THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY SECURITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND TRANSITION TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MIX. KEY ISSUES INCLUDE INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS, INNOVATIVE FINANCING, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, REGULATORY CHALLENGES, AND THE ROLE OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT ENERGY SECTOR.



**INTEGRITY AS STRATEGY:
GOVERNANCE THAT GROWS**

A LOOK AT THE REFORMS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN FISCAL GOVERNANCE AND PROTECT PUBLIC RESOURCES FROM MISUSE. THE DISCUSSION WILL COVER TRANSPARENCY, BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY, INTERNAL CONTROLS, AND INSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARDS THAT PROMOTE INTEGRITY WHILE ENSURING THAT GOVERNMENT SPENDING TRANSLATES INTO BETTER PUBLIC SERVICES AND OUTCOMES.



**BUILDING CONFIDENCE:
MONETARY STABILITY, FINANCIAL INNOVATION, AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

AN EXPLORATION OF THE BALANCE BETWEEN FINANCIAL STABILITY AND INNOVATION IN A RAPIDLY EVOLVING FINANCIAL SYSTEM. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE MONETARY POLICY, DIGITAL PAYMENTS, FINANCIAL INCLUSION, EMERGING CENTRAL BANK INITIATIVES, AND MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE IN THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM AMID GLOBAL ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY.



**CAPITAL MARKET AS CATALYSTS FOR CONFIDENCE,
SUSTAINABILITY, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

A DISCUSSION ON HOW STRONGER CAPITAL MARKETS CAN MOBILIZE INVESTMENT AND PROVIDE BUSINESSES WITH GREATER ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CAPITAL. THE CONVERSATION WILL EXAMINE MARKET DEVELOPMENT, REGULATORY REFORMS, DIGITALIZATION, CROSS-BORDER INVESTMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE, AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITIES TO DEEPEN THE PHILIPPINE CAPITAL MARKET.



**CFO ROUNDTABLE:
THE CFO AS A CATALYST FOR INNOVATION, GOVERNANCE, GROWTH.**

A CANDID CONVERSATION AMONG LEADING CFOS ON THE EXPANDING RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MODERN FINANCE LEADER. THE DISCUSSION WILL COVER STRATEGIC DECISION-MAKING, GOVERNANCE AND RISK, AI AND TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL ALLOCATION, RESILIENCE, AND THE CHALLENGE OF BALANCING NEAR-TERM PERFORMANCE WITH LONG-TERM ENTERPRISE VALUE.

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OCTOBER 9, 2026
6:00 PM

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