

MARKET INDICATORS

As of August 29, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,948.39	-66.75	-0.83%
Dow Jones	21,865.37	56.97	0.26%
NASDAQ	6,301.89	18.87	0.30%
S&P500	2,446.30	2.06	0.08%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	657.32	-2.77	-0.42%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,081.23	-3.85	-0.35%
5Yr FXTN	4.62	3 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.13	-3 bps	
USD/PHP	51.00	-0.05	-0.09%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Government say project bonds are unnecessary 'for now'

- In her speech yesterday, National Treasurer Rosalia V. De Leon stated that the government believes that now is not the time to offer project bonds to fund big-ticket infrastructure projects. She notes that the country continues to have the funds necessary to support major public spending plans. The Philippines is considered to be in a position of strength with sufficient resources to support the government's P8.44-trillion 2017-2022 infrastructure spending plan of President Rodrigo R. Duterte. Furthermore, the country will look into receiving \$1.81 billion in official development assistance (ODA) in 2018 via loans from China and Japan.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.62, gaining 3 bps during Wednesday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded flat throughout yesterday's session. Yesterday, 5 yields rose, 5 yields fell and 1 yields remained stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks fell below the 8,000-threshold yesterday as investors show concerns in regard to geopolitical tensions. Earlier in the day, North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, launched a test missile over Japan, reportedly to show the extent of his power. The PSEi fell 0.83% or 66.75 points to end the day at 7,948.39.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the U.S. dollar yesterday after geopolitical tensions created demand for the safe-haven dollar. The peso closed the day at PHP 51.00.



News around the World

US Consumer confidence at a five-month high

- Economic data released yesterday showed that consumers' confidence in the US economy increased during the month of August, as it reached its strongest level in five months. According to the Conference Board, the Consumer Confidence Index reached 122.9 in August after an adjusted reading of 120.0 in July. Analyst forecasts for August were 120.3. The jump was due to an increase in optimism for current business conditions and a more buoyant assessment of present-day overall economic conditions.

US Market

- U.S. stocks gained at yesterday's close after Wall Street shook off geopolitical tensions and investors reacted to a bump in the technology industry. The S&P 500 ended at 2,446.30 rising 0.08% or 2.06 points. The Dow Jones gained 56.97 points or 0.26% to end at 21,865.37. The NASDAQ ended the day in the green as well, gaining 18.87 points or 0.30% to close at 6,301.89.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices fell yesterday after concerns over North Korea's launching of a missile over Japan. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index fell by 0.42% or 2.77 points to close at 657.32.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day negative after investors continue to show concerns about North Korea. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index dropped 0.35% or 3.85 points, closing at 1,081.23.