

Daily Matters

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MARKET INDICATORS

As of January 22, 2013

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	6,104.90	-66.80	-1.08%
Dow Jones	13,712.21	62.51	0.46%
S&P 500	1,492.56	6.58	0.44%
NASDAQ	3,143.18	8.47	0.27%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	561.46	1.09	0.19%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,079.07	1.02	0.09%
5 Yr FXTN	3.68	-	
10 Yr US Treasury	1.84	-	
USD/PHP	40.61	-0.15	-0.36%

Source: Bloomberg

NEWS IN THE PHILIPPINES

National Debt Climbs to P5.38T

- Bureau of Treasury (BoT): Outstanding debt of the National Government grew 9.1% in November to P5.38T, up from P4.93T last year, due to higher domestic borrowings. Debt owed to local creditors rose 19.5% year-on-year to P3.41T in November to comprise 63% of the government's total debt stock. Foreign debt, however, declined 5.1% year-on-year to P1.98T, or 37% of the end-November total.

Local Bond Market

- The yields of bonds were mixed yesterday with 5 tenors falling, 3 rising, and 4 unchanged. The yields of most short term issues were flat while most long term issues fell.
- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond was unchanged at 3.68%.

Philippine Stocks

- Philippine stocks snapped out of reaching 2 consecutive peaks due to a technical correction and moderate volume, as stock valuations reach 9-year highs. The Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) retreated 1.08% or 66.80 points to close at 6,104.90. Market breadth was negative with losers overwhelming gainers at 113 to 58 while 43 stocks were flat.

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Philippine Peso

- The peso gained after the Bank of Japan expanded its stimulus program to lift its ailing economy. The local currency closed 0.36% or 15 cents lower at 40.61.

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

US Existing Home Sales Decline

- US National Association of Realtors: Sales of existing US homes fell unexpectedly last December while supply shrank, highlighting the obstacles the industry needs to overcome as it seeks to strengthen its recovery. Purchases declined 1% to a 4.94 million annual rate last month, the second-highest since November 2009. The median price of an existing house jumped 6.3% in 2012, the most since 2005.

US Stock Market

- US markets advanced yesterday with the Dow Jones and S&P 500 closing at fresh 5-year highs from mostly robust corporate earnings reports. (Dow Jones 0.46% 13,712.21; NASDAQ 0.27% 3,143.18; S&P 500 0.44% 1,492.56)

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks ticked up, as investors pushed stocks higher as they return from a 3-day break in the US, aided by earnings from corporations. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index gained 0.19% or 1.09 points to close at 561.46.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging-market stocks slightly advanced with Mexican stocks reaching a record high. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index edged 0.09% higher or 1.02 points to close at 1,079.07.

Sources: Bloomberg, Briefing.com, Business World, CNN, Inquirer, PhilStar, Reuters, WSJ

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