

## MARKET INDICATORS

As of March 20, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,059.60	-175.94	-2.14%
Dow Jones	24,727.27	116.36	0.47%
NASDAQ	7,364.30	20.06	0.27%
S&P500	2,716.94	4.02	0.15%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	743.52	3.24	0.44%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,209.89	6.30	0.52%
5Yr FXTN	5.49	-3 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.90	4 bps	
USD/PHP	52.08	0.05	0.09%

Source: Bloomberg



## News in the Philippines

### Consumption and Infrastructure will boost economy in 2018-S&P Global Ratings

- According to S&P Global Ratings, stronger consumption and infrastructure spending will boost Philippine economic growth this year. This will account for the expansion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 6.5% in 2018, as expected by S&P. The first installment of Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act pushed up consumer spending while the allotted P1.1 trillion for public works made infrastructure sector stronger.

### Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond went down and ended at 5.49 bps.
- The first 'Panda' bond sale was met by overwhelming subscription after it was offered to both onshore and offshore investors. According to the Investors Relations Office (IRO), the government was able to raise 1.46B renminbi from the three-year Panda bond with the coupon rate of 5.00%. Meanwhile, the Bureau of Treasury partially made a partial award of the 10-year Treasury bonds with a coupon rate of 6.25%.

### Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks fell below key support levels after it went down to its lowest level this year, officially entering a correction territory. The P3.8B foreign fund outflows accounted for the bloodbath. The PSEI shed 175.94 points or 2.14% to end the day at 8,059.60.

### Philippine Peso

- The local peso appreciated against the greenback during yesterday's session. The peso closed the day at PHP 52.08.



## News around the World

### US first-quarter GDP predicted to post lackluster figures

- Wall Street firms Goldman Sachs and Barclays have posted below 2% economic growth forecasts for the first three months of 2018, but economists are still optimistic for the 3% growth for the whole year, consistent with Trump's target. The effect of tax cuts was felt early, and American consumers are now cautious.

### US Market

- The yield of the benchmark 10-year US Treasury further went up and ended at 2.90 bps as US Federal Meeting begins.
- US stocks picked up due to strong gains led by the energy sector after oil prices went up. The Dow Jones gained 116.36 points or 0.47% ending at 24,727.27. The S&P 500 slightly went up by 4.02 points or 0.15% to close at 2,716.94. The NASDAQ grew by 20.06 points or 0.27% ended at 7,364.30.

### Asian Stocks

- The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index entered the positive territory by 0.44% or 3.24 points to close at 743.52. Asian stocks retreated after Wall Street's previous close was affected by selloff in the biggest social media network.

### Emerging Markets

- The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained 6.30 points or 0.52% closing at 1,209.89 after lagging for four consecutive days when fears on trade wars prompted the sell-off. Emerging stocks rebounded as investors await for US Federal Reserve's aggressive stance on tightening monetary policy.