

## MARKET INDICATORS

As of March 22, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,124.45	215.38	2.72%
Dow Jones	23,957.89	-724.42	-2.93%
NASDAQ	7,166.68	-178.61	-2.43%
S&P500	2,643.69	-68.24	-2.52%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	733.34	-7.35	-0.99%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,196.73	-12.89	-1.07%
5Yr FXTN	5.24	-9 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.82	-6 bps	
USD/PHP	52.32	0.20	0.38%

Source: Bloomberg



## News in the Philippines

### BSP keeps interest rate unchanged

- With the uptrend movement of inflation, economists were speculating that Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will raise key interest rate, contrary to the result of BSP policy setting yesterday which kept key interest rate unchanged at three percent. BSP Governor Nestor A. Espenilla, Jr. maintained its confidence in Philippine economic growth and announced during the briefing that the latest baseline forecasts continue to show inflation remaining within the inflation target in 2018 and moderating further in 2019.

### Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond decreased and finished off at 5.24 bps.
- Most yields of bonds traded on a negative state with 8 yields falling and only 3 yields rising.

### Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks picked up above 8,100 level during yesterday's close due to bargain hunting. Investors scouted for cheaper blue-chip stocks making the local index bounced back after two days of bloodbath. PSEi went up by 2.72% or 215.38 points to end the day at 8,124.45.

### Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the greenback during yesterday's session. The peso closed the day at PHP 52.32 due to some expectations that BSP will keep its policy rate unchanged as well as downward pressure from US Federal Reserve's decision on raising interest rate by 0.25%.



## News around the World

### China on retaliatory stance with US, trade war continues

- After US President Donald Trump announced that his administration would impose big trade sanctions on Chinese exports, China hits back and plans to retaliate by imposing tariffs that will hurt major US retailers. Trump signed an executive memo which will impose 25% on proposed list of Chinese products after accusing the latter as intellectual property theft.

### US Market

- The yield of the benchmark 10-year US Treasury went down and ended at 2.82 bps.
- US stocks further slid as trade war concerns shook the Wall Street. The Dow Jones lost 724.42 points or 2.93% ending at 23,957.89. The S&P 500 went down by 68.24 points or 2.52% to close at 2,643.69. The NASDAQ lost 178.61 points or 2.43% ended at 7,166.68.

### Asian Stocks

- The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index went down by 0.99% or 7.35 points to close at 733.34. Asian stocks followed the US markets as trade war fears affected investor sentiment.

### Emerging Markets

- The MSCI Emerging Markets Index slipped by 12.89 points or 1.07% closing at 1,196.73. Emerging market investors braced for the possible effects of trade conflict between the US and China, the two largest economies in the world. China announced that it will reciprocate Trump administration's decision on imposing higher tariffs on Chinese goods.