

MARKET INDICATORS

As of April 02, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,039.45	59.62	0.75%
Dow Jones	23,644.19	-458.92	-1.90%
NASDAQ	6,870.12	-193.33	-2.74%
S&P500	2,581.88	-58.99	-2.23%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	716.35	-0.20	-0.03%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,169.43	-1.45	-0.12%
5Yr FXTN	5.23	-1 bp	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.73	-1 bp	
USD/PHP	52.04	-0.16	-0.31%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

PH economy far from overheating- Moody's

- Moody's, one of the major credit rating agencies in the world, believes that the Philippine economy is far from overheating despite upward pressures on inflation after the implementation of Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act. Moody's added that the impact of tax reform law is only transitory. Meanwhile, inflation forecast of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) ranges from 3.8% to 4.6% in March.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond ended slightly negative and finished off at 5.23 bps.
- The Bureau of Treasury partially awarded Treasury bills (T-bills) worth of P3.265B from the total bids of P8.725B yesterday, rejecting all bids from the longer tenor securities.

Philippine Stocks

- After a long Holy Week trading break, local stocks bounced back to 8,000 level with support mostly coming from domestic investors. PSEi went up by 0.75% or 59.62 points to end the day at 8,039.45 ahead of the release of first quarter corporate earnings.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso appreciated against the greenback during yesterday's session due to continued inflows supportive of the peso. The peso closed the day at PHP 52.04.



News around the World

Trump's tariffs hurt US manufacturers

- Based on the manufacturing business survey conducted by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), manufacturing activity slightly fell in March due to prices of raw materials reaching a seven-year high. According to Timothy Fiore, chairman of ISM's manufacturing business survey, respondents showed much concerns after US President Donald Trump announced tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

US Market

- The yield of the benchmark 10-year US Treasury slightly went down and ended at 2.73 bps. US Treasury officials is set to meet with trading firms to discuss transparency measures on government debt.
- US stocks ended on a bloodbath brought by China's retaliatory response of announcing a list of US imports that would be subject to higher tariffs. The technology-laden NASDAQ fell the most due to sell-off after President Donald Trump criticized an e-commerce giant. The Dow Jones lost 458.92 points or 1.90% ending at 23,644.19. The S&P 500 went down by 58.99 points or 2.23% to close at 2,581.88. The tech-laden NASDAQ fell 193.33 points or 2.74% ended at 6,870.12.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks were affected by Wall Street losses being pulled by technology stocks selloff. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index slipped by 0.03% or 0.20 points to close at 716.35.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets experienced mild losses due to investor sentiment on full-blown US-China trade war as investors took cue on mixed economic readings. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell by 1.45 points or 0.12% closing at 1,169.43.