

MARKET INDICATORS

As of April 4, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,997.67	-51.05	-0.63%
Dow Jones	24,264.30	230.94	0.96%
NASDAQ	7,042.11	100.82	1.45%
S&P500	2,644.69	30.24	1.16%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	705.45	-10.72	-1.50%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,155.64	-14.51	-1.24%
5Yr FXTN	5.24	-8 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.80	3 bps	
USD/PHP	52.10	0.05	0.09%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

DOF sees March inflation at 4.1%

- The Department of Finance said yesterday that headline inflation for March can settle above 4% due to price surge of tobacco and non-alcoholic drinks after the first tranche of tax reform program, possibly breaching Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) 2-4% target for 2018. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) is set to release official inflation today.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond went down and finished off at 5.24 bps.
- Banks flocked the term deposit facility (TDF) offered by the BSP tendering P124.31B, oversubscribing the P110B on the auction block, with seven-day tenor getting the largest chunk of the oversubscription, making the yields go up to 3.2657%.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks fell below 8,000 level affected by market sentiment on heated trade wars as well as the regularization order of Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to the local fast food giant, making it the biggest index loser yesterday. PSEi lost 51.05 points or 0.63% to end the day at 7,997.67.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso further depreciated against the greenback during yesterday's session. The peso closed the day at PHP 52.10.



News around the World

US economy faces minimal risk over trade war

- After China's threat of imposing 25% tariffs on US imports including soybeans, automobiles, and industrial chemicals, experts believe that this will only give a slight hurt to US economy affecting only 2.5% of all US imports. US President Donald Trump considers negotiation tactics to minimize risk over trade war.

US Market

- The yield of the benchmark 10-year US Treasury appreciated and ended at 2.80 bps.
- US stocks continued its recovery erasing trade tensions and giving investors buying opportunities. The Dow Jones went up by 230.94 points or 0.96% ending at 24,264.30. The S&P 500 gained 30.24 points or 1.16% to close at 2,644.69. The NASDAQ appreciated by 100.82 points or 1.45% ended at 7,042.11.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks further slid to the negative territory following concerns over trade war's ripple effects on Asian markets. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index by 1.50% or 10.72 points to close at 705.45.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets retreated as increased tension over US- China trade war brought pessimism to investors. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index went down by 14.51 points or 1.24% closing at 1,155.64.