

MARKET INDICATORS

As of April 05, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,022.16	24.49	0.31%
Dow Jones	24,505.22	240.92	0.99%
NASDAQ	7,076.55	34.44	0.49%
S&P500	2,662.84	18.15	0.69%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	710.32	4.87	0.69%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,166.48	10.84	0.94%
5Yr FXTN	5.21	-3 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.83	3 bps	
USD/PHP	52.12	0.02	0.03%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

March inflation accelerates to 4.3%

- The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) released March inflation yesterday which accelerates to 4.3% year-on-year, higher than the Central Bank's target of 2-4% for full-year 2018. As stated by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Nestor Espenilla Jr., careful evaluation of a "measured policy response" will help keep inflation rate for 2018 and 2019 in line with the forecast.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond dropped and finished off at 5.21 bps.
- Most yields of bonds traded on the positive state with 8 yields rising and 3 yields falling.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks recovered back to 8,000 level supported mostly by local investors while remaining on the sidelines amidst local and global risk factors. PSEi went up by 0.31% or 24.49 points to end the day at 8,022.16.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso depreciated against the greenback during yesterday's session due to China's retaliatory response of imposing tariffs to US goods such as soybeans, automobiles, and industrial chemicals. The peso closed the day at PHP 52.12.



News around the World

US soybean farmers fears China's tariff effect

- After China announced plans of imposing 25% tariffs in soybeans, a threat made in response of President Donald Trump's proposed tariffs on Chinese goods, US soybean farmers worry that Chinese companies will look for other importers, affecting sales of US leading agricultural export. Based on the report of US Department of Agriculture, \$12.3B worth of soybeans were sold to China in 2017, making it the largest market of US soybean.

US Market

- The yield of the benchmark 10-year US Treasury further went up and ended at 2.83 bps.
- US stocks continued rebounding for three straight days as investors took a set back and calmed against fears of US- China full-blown trade war. The Dow Jones gained 240.92 points or 0.99% ending at 24,505.22. The S&P 500 appreciated by 18.15 points or 0.69% to close at 2,662.84. The NASDAQ went up by 34.44 points or 0.49% ended at 7,076.55.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks ended positive following Wall Street gains after trade war tensions subsided as the MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index appreciated by 0.69% or 4.87 points to close at 710.32.

Emerging Markets

- The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained 10.84 points or 0.94% closing at 1,166.48 as the market is offering stable economic growth to attract more investors. Meanwhile, news about the arrest warrant of Brazil's former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva for corruption conviction is shaking Latin America's largest economy.