



Daily Matters

May 9, 2017

MARKET INDICATORS

As of May 8, 2017

| Index/ Bond | Index Level/Yield | DoD Change | DoD % Change |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| PSEi | 7,962.33 | 120.34 | 1.53% |
| Dow Jones | 21,012.28 | 5.34 | 0.03% |
| NASDAQ | 6,102.66 | 1.90 | 0.03% |
| S&P500 | 2,399.38 | 0.09 | 0.00% |
| MSCI Asia ex-Japan | 600.75 | 5.70 | 0.96% |
| MSCI Emerging Market | 985.11 | 6.84 | 0.70% |
| 5Yr FXTN | 4.24 | 0.00 | |
| 10 Yr US Treasury | 2.39 | 0.04 | |
| USD/PHP | 49.88 | -0.07 | -0.14% |

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Duterte picks Espenilla for BSP Governor

- On Monday night, Malacañang Palace announced the appointment of Nestor A. Espenilla, Jr. as the new Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) governor. He replaces Amando M. Tetangco, Jr. who steps down in July. As BSP governor, Espenilla would sit as chairman of the Monetary Board, head the financial intelligence unit Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) and occupy ex-officio seats in various national government agencies. Mr. Espenilla, a BSP insider, has given 35 years of service to the Central Bank and plans to continue his predecessor's initiatives. This includes the rollout of a National Retail Payments System, which consists of two houses for digital transactions set to be launched within the year.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.24 remaining stagnant.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly negative throughout Monday's session with 7 yields falling, 1 yield rising, and 3 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks jumped yesterday as the country's benchmark index reached its highest in eight months of trading. The rise comes from the general optimism of the Philippine economy as well as the favorable market results of last Sunday's French election. The PSEI rose 1.53% or 120.34 points to end the day at 7,962.33.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso strengthened against the US Dollar to begin the week after positive market sentiment from Emmanuel Macron's victory in the French election. The peso closed the day at PHP 49.88.



News around the World

China import, export growth slows in April

- China's export growth took a hit last month as reports showed that it had been cut in half in dollar terms, while imports slowed more than expected. The numbers were in line with recent readings that forecasted slower expansion in the country's manufacturing sector for the month of April. Exports grew at 8% in April compared to March's 16.4%. Imports, on the other hand, were predicted to rise 18%, however only rose 11.9% in April compared to 19.8% growth in March. Exports can expect to hold up well given the relatively bright outlook for the global economy this year, however imports could continue to struggle due to policy tightening and declines in commodity prices.

US Market

- U.S. stocks opened the week nearly flat following Emmanuel Macron's election victory in France on Sunday. The S&P 500 ended at 2,399.38 inching up 0.00% or 0.09 points. The Dow Jones gained 5.34 points or 0.03% to end at 21,012.28. The NASDAQ rose 1.90 points or 0.03% and ended at 6,102.66.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices climbed after yesterday's session with investors focused on key regional events, including the South Korean presidential election. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 0.96% or 5.70 points to close at 600.75.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day higher as investors are focused on the results of the South Korean presidential election. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 0.70% or 6.84 points, closing at 985.11.

The content on this material is provided for information purposes only and should not be considered as investment advice. This document is not a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any securities or related financial products. While this document was prepared with reasonable care, no guarantee is given as to the accuracy and completeness of the information herein. Information and/or views contained herein are for information only and based on data that ATR Asset Management (ATR) has researched. However, ATRAM does not represent that the information and/or views are accurate or complete, and these should not be relied upon as such. Any person receiving this document must make his/her own investigation and satisfy him-/herself as to the accuracy and completeness of the information and/or views. Any information or opinion expressed in this document is subject to change without prior notice. This document may not be reproduced or distributed without written consent from ATR Asset Management.