

MARKET INDICATORS

As of May 9, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,923.50	-38.83	-0.49%
Dow Jones	20,975.78	-36.50	-0.17%
NASDAQ	6,120.59	17.93	0.29%
S&P500	2,396.92	-2.46	-0.10%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	603.83	3.08	0.51%
MSCI Emerging Market	990.60	5.49	0.56%
5Yr FXTN	4.27	3 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.40	1 bps	
USD/PHP	49.95	0.08	0.15%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

New BSP Chief Espenilla vows continuity

- In a Tuesday afternoon press conference, incoming Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Nestor A. Espenilla stressed upon general policy continuity before he assumes the post in July. As he highlighted the importance on keeping the monetary environment data-driven, he also emphasized bank regulation fortification and getting financial inclusion initiatives underway. It is said that he will be supportive of inclusive prosperity and not just poverty reduction which more often than not, offers the possibility for more opportunities for smaller players in the industry.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.27, rising 3 bps from yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds split trading throughout Tuesday's session with 6 yields falling and 5 yield rising.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks closed in the red yesterday after the benchmark index courted 8,000 territory for the first time since April 2015. The slip was due to market corrections after stocks were up over the last three days. However, the market should continue and upward trend as long as inflation is contained and the GDP forecast is within range. The PSEI fell 0.49% or 38.83 points to end the day at 7,923.50.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the US Dollar to begin the week as market players look to big economic releases coming from the US. The peso closed the day at PHP 49.91.



News around the World

South Korea's new President, Moon Jae-in, pledges unity

- Yesterday's South Korean elections saw the left leaning Moon Jae-in of the Democratic Party of Korea win the presidency after receiving 41.08% of votes. This democratic win comes on the heels after nine years of conservative rule that ended with the impeachment of his predecessor. Moon promised to add fiscal stimulus to create jobs for disaffected youth and bolster an economy forecast to expand this year at the slowest pace since 2012. Furthermore, he vowed to reduce the political and economic influence of the chaebol (conglomerates) and to greatly strengthen corporate oversight.

US Market

- U.S. stocks mostly fell on Tuesday after oil prices took a beating and the US Dollar strengthened throughout the day. The S&P 500 ended at 2,396.92 shedding 0.10% or 2.46 points. The Dow Jones fell 36.50 points or 0.17% to end at 20,975.78. The NASDAQ rose 17.93 points or 0.29% and ended at 6,120.59.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices climbed after yesterday's session due to the favorable results of the South Korean presidential election. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 0.51% or 3.08 points to close at 603.83.

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 0.56% or 5.49 points, closing at 990.60.