

MARKET INDICATORS

As of June 1, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,927.49	90.37	1.15%
Dow Jones	21,144.18	135.53	0.65%
NASDAQ	6,246.83	48.31	0.80%
S&P500	2,430.06	18.26	0.76%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	620.60	2.13	0.34%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,008.47	3.14	0.31%
5Yr FXTN	4.54	39 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.21	1 bps	
USD/PHP	49.74	-0.08	-0.16%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Manufacturing records strongest gain in 5 months

- According to a monthly survey IHS Markit conducted for Nikkei, Inc., manufacturing in the Philippines posted its best performance of the year during the month of May. The Nikkei Philippines Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) recorded a figure of 54.3 in May compared to April's 53.3. A reading above 50 normally suggests an improvement in business conditions. The growth was attributed to robust output growth and new orders as domestic demand and business optimism is at a high for the year so far. The growth of new orders in May was the highest reading in three months due to higher customer demand, new client acquisitions, and ongoing construction activity. With strong corporate earnings, and positive business confidence, there is reason for market sentiment to continue at a positive trajectory.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.54, gaining 39 bps from yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly flat throughout Thursday's session with 2 yields falling, 2 yields rising, and 7 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks closed rose yesterday to begin June on a positive note after news that Congress approved the government's first tax reform package and the release of positive manufacturing data. The PSEI gained 1.15% or 90.37 points to end the day at 7,927.49.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso traded almost flat against the US Dollar as investors stayed on the sidelines ahead of the release of US economic data. The peso closed the day at PHP 49.74.



News around the World

US weekly jobless claims falls short of expectations

- Data released yesterday showed that the United States' weekly jobless claims total reached 248,000 compared an expected 239,000 claims. The figure suggests that more Americans filed for unemployment benefits than were expected last week, however it does not signal a material shift in labor market conditions as many claims were estimated. This marks the 117th week that claims were below the 300,000 threshold that signals a healthy labor market.

US Market

- U.S. stocks closed at record highs during yesterday's session as positive economic data were released even ahead of Friday's closely watched jobs report. The S&P 500 ended at 2,430.06 rising 0.76% or 18.26 points. The Dow Jones gained 135.53 points or 0.65% to end at 21,144.18. The NASDAQ climbed 48.31 points or 0.80% to close at 6,246.83.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices gained yesterday as market sentiment remains strong because of positive economic results coming out of the US and Europe. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 0.34% or 2.13 points to close at 620.60.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day higher as investors take in the first batch US economic data releases. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained 0.31% or 3.14 points, closing at 1,008.47.