



Daily Matters

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MARKET INDICATORS

As of July 13, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,936.85	-1.52	-0.02%
Dow Jones	21,553.09	20.95	0.10%
NASDAQ	6,274.44	13.27	0.21%
S&P500	2,447.83	4.58	0.19%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	639.84	6.88	1.09%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,040.72	10.82	1.05%
5Yr FXTN	4.21	-5 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.34	3 bps	
USD/PHP	50.54	-0.09	-0.18%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

S&P tempers Philippine GDP growth projections

- In a report that was published yesterday, S&P Global Ratings has lowered its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) outlook for the country this year. The rating agency has set an expectation of 6.4% for 2017, slower than the 6.6% forecast that was released in March. However, it did not release an explanation for the revision. The rating agency also maintained its “BBB” rating with a “stable” outlook on the Philippines. It cited the country’s strong domestic conditions as well as the country’s external position and fiscal debt burden as strengths for economic growth.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.21, falling 5 bps during yesterday’s session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly negative throughout yesterday’s session with 8 yields falling, 1 yield rising and 2 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks ended the day flat after the anticipated testimony of Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen failed to serve as a catalyst to push the market above the 8,000-threshold. The PSEi fell 0.02% or 1.52 points to end the day at 7,936.85.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso ended almost flat against the US Dollar after investors were digesting the dovish comments of Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen during yesterday’s testimony before Congress. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.54.



News around the World

US Initial Jobless Claims fall while PPI rises

- According to economic news released yesterday, US initial jobless claims dropped for the first time in a month and PPI data unexpectedly inched upwards. The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits over the past week fell 3,000 to 247,000 for the week ending July 8. Claims have now been below the 300,000-threshold associated with a healthy labor market for 123 straight weeks. The labor market strength is expected to encourage the Fed to raise interest rates in December. Producer Price Index (PPI) on the other hand, unexpectedly ticked up 0.1% in June as increases in the cost of services offset decreasing energy prices.

US Market

- U.S. stocks closed positive during yesterday’s session after dovish comments from Fed Chair Janet Yellen encouraged investors to look for gains in the stock market. The S&P 500 ended at 2,447.83 rising 0.19% or 4.58 points. The Dow Jones gained 20.95 points or 0.10% to end at 21,553.09. The NASDAQ gained 13.27 points or 0.21% to close at 6,274.44.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices advanced yesterday and extended their best week since March after Fed Chair Janet Yellen’s dovish comments. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 1.09% or 6.88 points to close at 639.84.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day higher following Fed Chair Janet Yellen’s comments. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index gained 1.05% or 10.82 points, closing at 1,040.72.

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