

MARKET INDICATORS

As of July 25, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	7,971.72	9.08	0.11%
Dow Jones	21,613.43	100.26	0.47%
NASDAQ	6,412.17	1.36	0.02%
S&P500	2,477.13	7.22	0.29%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	652.41	-1.43	-0.22%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,061.69	-2.58	-0.24%
5Yr FXTN	4.12	-33 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.24	-2 bps	
USD/PHP	50.56	-0.11	-0.22%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Infrastructure spending to increase GDP estimates

- In a report released yesterday, Nomura Global Markets said that the infrastructure spending that the government is infusing into the country's economy will support and even increase Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates. The Japanese firm noted that the widening of the fiscal deficit to 2.6% at the end of June from 2.2% at the end of March helped confirm their estimate for the country's 2017 GDP growth to be 6.7%. It is said that the increased fiscal impulse will support an already steady growth outlook and justify less monetary accommodation as more progress on infrastructure spending should boost potential growth.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.12, falling 33 bps during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly negative throughout yesterday's session with 6 yields falling, 3 yields rising and 2 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks ended the day positive after investors gained confidence in President Rodrigo R. Duterte's administration following his remarks during Monday's State of the Nation Address (SONA). The PSEi gained 0.11% or 9.08 points to end the day at 7,971.72.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso ended higher against the US Dollar after investors gained optimism following President Duterte's remarks on Monday and as they look toward the US Federal Reserve meeting that occurs tonight. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.56.



News around the World

US consumer confidence bests expectations in July

- According to economic news released yesterday, The US Consumer Confidence Index increased in July to reach a 16-year high, beating expectations that predicted a drop. The forecast for the month was for consumer optimism to drop to 116.5, however the index rose to 121.1, its highest level since July 2001. The jump was attributed to the improving economic environment in the US and optimism that economic expansion would continue well into the second half of the year. Consumers noted that good business conditions and more plentiful jobs than last month are keeping market sentiment high.

US Market

- U.S. stocks closed positive and hit records during yesterday's session after corporate profits continued to show better numbers than analysts expected. The S&P 500 ended at 2,477.13 rising 0.29% or 7.22 points. The Dow Jones gained 100.26 points or 0.47% to end at 21,613.43. The NASDAQ gained 1.36 points or 0.02% to close at 6,412.17.

Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices fell yesterday as investors await the US Fed policy decision later tonight. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index fell 0.22% or 1.43 points to close at 652.41.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day lower as investors await the US Fed policy decision this evening. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell 0.24% or 2.58 points, closing at 1,061.69.