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MARKET INDICATORS

As of July 31, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,018.05	-53.42	-0.66%
Dow Jones	21,891.12	60.81	0.28%
NASDAQ	6,348.13	-26.55	-0.42%
S&P500	2,475.42	-2.41	-0.10%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	656.04	3.45	0.53%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,066.23	3.26	0.31%
5Yr FXTN	4.72	9 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.31	2 bps	
USD/PHP	50.49	-0.06	-0.11%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Inflation Rate Estimated to be at 2.7% for July

- The Department of Finance (DOF) estimates that due to steady food and decline in power prices, the inflation rate for July will be at 2.7%, which is the lowest it has been for the last six months. The figure would be lower than June's rate of 2.8% and similar to the rate in January. With the prediction, DOF Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran is optimistic that the economy can easily handle volatilities in the world market as well as support economic growth. July's inflation rate will be released at the end of this week.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond is at 4.72 rising by 0.09 points on Friday.
- The yields of bonds close with a yield of 2.31 falling by 0.02 points. Trading was flat as majority or 7 of the yields remained stagnant, 2 yields rose while 2 yields fell.

Philippine Stocks

- After month-long strong performance, the Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEI) mellowed down to close with a yield of 8,018.05, weakening by 0.66% or 53.42 points on the last day of the July. Stocks in the service and property sectors having the most weight, pulled down the PSEI along with weak data from the financial, holding firm, and mining/oil sectors.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso sides down by 0.06 points or 0.11% to close at 50.49 to a dollar continuing to be one of the weakest performing currencies in the Asia.



News around the World

U.S. Sanctions Venezuelan President Maduro

- The victory of President Nicolas Maduro in the Venezuelan election earns him isolation from the U.S. starting Monday. He is seen by Venezuelans as a dictator elected through an illegitimate election without regard for his people. President Donald J. Trump clearly showed his opposition to his regime by imposing a sanction denying him the ability to do business with U.S. persons and vice versa, and access to the U.S. financial and commercial systems. A stark implication of his election is the economic sanction that will hit Venezuelan's oil industry, the country's biggest source of income. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin declines to comment regarding plans of further sanction.

US Market

- The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) Index showed the strongest performance as strong data from the oil and gas industry pulled it up showing a yield of 21,891.12, going up by 60.81 points or 0.28%. On the other hand, S&P 500 and NASDAQ slid down as consequence of the decline in the stock prices in the tobacco industry and the concerns about the US administration's capability to effect policy changes grow, in light of the failure to retract Obamacare. S&P 500 Index yield closes at 2,475.42, going down 0.42% or 2.41 points. NASDAQ Composite Index yield is at 6,348.13, sliding down by 26.55 points or 0.42%.

Asian Stocks

- MSCI Asia-ex Japan Index closed the day yesterday with a yield of 656.04, rising by 0.53% or 3.45 points, reflecting strong regional economic growth, moderately low valuations, improving earnings mainly driven by South Korea.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging market stocks continue to perform well, as it enters its seventh straight month of gains reflecting a stronger world market. The MSCI Emerging Market Index yield is at 1,066.23, moving up by 0.31% or 3.26points.

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