

## MARKET INDICATORS

As of August 7, 2017

| Index/ Bond          | Index Level/Yield | DoD Change | DoD % Change |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| PSEi                 | 7,992.27          | 59.45      | 0.75%        |
| Dow Jones            | 22,118.42         | 25.61      | 0.12%        |
| NASDAQ               | 6,383.77          | 32.21      | 0.51%        |
| S&P500               | 2,480.91          | 4.08       | 0.16%        |
| MSCI Asia ex-Japan   | 659.94            | 3.25       | 0.49%        |
| MSCI Emerging Market | 1,075.36          | 8.10       | 0.76%        |
| 5Yr FXTN             | 4.73              | 10 bps     |              |
| 10 Yr US Treasury    | 2.25              | -1 bps     |              |
| USD/PHP              | 50.45             | 0.21       | 0.42%        |

Source: Bloomberg



## News in the Philippines

### July FX reserves smallest in the last 7 months

- According to economic news released yesterday, the Philippines' international reserves was recorded at its lowest figure in seven months. Gross International Reserves (GIR) fell to \$80.787 billion last month, which is smaller compared to June's \$81.321 billion and last July 2016's \$85.506 billion. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reported that they tapped into the funds to slow down foreign exchange swings as well as help the national government pay off more debts. The figure is the smallest since last December 2016's \$80.692 billion.

### Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.73, falling 10 bps during Wednesday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded mostly flat throughout yesterday's session with the belly of the curve losing traction. Yesterday, 4 yields fell, 1 yield gained and 6 yields remained stagnant.

### Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks ended the day positive as it moves closer to the 8,000 level once again. Stocks were boosted by upbeat jobs data coming from the United States. The PSEi gained 0.75% or 59.45 points to end the day at 7,992.27.

### Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the U.S. dollar yesterday after better than anticipated jobs data was released in the United States. Market players also are anticipating the Federal Reserve's actions in the near future. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.45.



## News around the World

### China's foreign reserves rise for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight month

- People's Bank of China – Economic data released yesterday, showed that China's foreign-exchange reserves posted an increase for the sixth straight month. The figure hit \$3.081 trillion for the month of July climbing \$23.9 billion. It beat current estimates of \$3.075 trillion. The Bank attributed the continuous climb to solid economic data and the strong currency confidence. Furthermore, a weaker US Dollar has been boosting assets in yen and euros.

### US Market

- U.S. stocks yesterday closed in the green as they were boosted by Friday's stronger-than-expected jobs report, continuing its strong trend from last week. The S&P 500 ended at 2,480.91 rising 0.16% or 4.08 points. The Dow Jones gained 25.61 points or 0.12% to end at 22,118.42. The NASDAQ ended the day positive rising by 32.21 points to close at 6,383.77.

### Asian Stocks

- Asian equity indices rose yesterday due to strong US jobs data that boosted the entire region. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index went up by 0.49% or 3.25 points to close at 659.94.

### Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets ended the day positive after very strong US jobs data for the month of July. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 0.76% or 8.10 points, closing at 1,075.36.