

MARKET INDICATORS

As of December 12, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,334.06	-24.51	-0.29%
Dow Jones	24,504.80	118.77	0.49%
NASDAQ	6,682.32	-12.76	-0.19%
S&P500	2,664.11	4.12	0.15%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	692.41	-4.40	-0.63%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,112.37	-7.60	-0.68%
5Yr FXTN	4.71	0 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.40	1 bp	
USD/PHP	50.46	0.11	0.22%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Monthly trade gap biggest on record in October

- According to a report yesterday, foreign sales of Philippine goods increased for the 11th straight month in October, however, the double-digit rise in imports pushed the trade gap to its widest on record. Data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) noted that export sales grew 6.6% to \$5.37 billion in October compared to September's 4.9% growth. Imports, on the other hand, grew by 13.1% to \$8.21 billion in October compared to September's 4.4% growth. That said, the country's year to date trade deficit has hit \$75.06 billion, up 8.3% from last year's 10-month comparable \$69.3 billion. The month of October presented the title for the worst monthly trade gap on record at \$2.845 billion, previously owned by last May's \$2.74 billion.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.71, trading flat during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded flat throughout yesterday's session with 2 yields rising, 3 yields falling and 6 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks fell at yesterday's close after investors await Congress' ratification of the first of five tax reform packages designed to boost infrastructure spending. Since the reform, which can make a substantial difference in projected additional revenues, is not yet set, then it is not final. The PSEi fell 0.29% or 24.51 points to end the day at 8,334.06.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the greenback during yesterday's session as the country posted its biggest monthly trade deficit on record. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.46.



News around the World

US PPI beats expectations for November

- Economic news released yesterday showed that the United States Producer Price Index (PPI) beat analyst expectations for the month of November. The recorded PPI, a key measure of industrial inflation, for November hit 0.4%, matching the 0.4% increase in October. Analyst expectations were recorded at 0.3%. The slight jump can be attributed to a rebound in oil prices that has been helping to drive up business costs.

US Market

- US stocks closed the day mostly positive yesterday after big-name companies posted gains, resulting in both the S&P 500 and Dow Jones hitting all-time highs. A slide in technology stocks pulled the NASDAQ lower. The S&P 500 ended at 2,664.11 rising 0.15% or 4.12 points. The Dow Jones climbed 118.77 points or 0.49% to end at 24,504.80. The NASDAQ fell 12.76 points or 0.19% to close at 6,682.32.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks fell yesterday as investors await a full slate of Central Bank meetings throughout the week, including those of the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index fell 0.63% or 4.40 points to close at 692.41.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets fell yesterday as investors look to a US Federal Reserve meeting and potential policy tightening in China. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index shed 0.68% or 7.60 points, closing at 1,112.37.