

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.