

MARKET INDICATORS

As of December 4, 2017

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,084.45	-59.57	-0.73%
Dow Jones	24,290.05	58.46	0.24%
NASDAQ	6,775.37	-72.22	-1.05%
S&P500	2,639.44	-2.78	-0.11%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	695.52	1.66	0.24%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,121.95	6.01	0.54%
5Yr FXTN	4.63	-52 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.37	1 bps	
USD/PHP	50.66	0.38	0.76%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

PH and HK Explore Investment Collaboration Opportunities

- Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Peter S. Cayetano brought news from his recent official visit in Hong Kong that the country and Hong Kong are looking into furthering cooperation on trade and investment, labor, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges following the signing the ASEAN-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Moreover, Sec. Cayetano offered assistance to HK investors in exploring investment opportunities in the Philippines highlighting tourism and encouraged the opening of the Economic and Trade Office in Manila. Furthermore, Sec. Cayetano is optimistic on the future of Hong Kong relations and looks forward to taking leaps towards strengthening cooperation. Currently, there is an approximate 219,000 Filipinos forming part of the Hong Kong workforce.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.63, falling at 52 bps during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds were mostly stagnant throughout yesterday's session with 2 yields rising, 2 yields falling and 7 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- The local bourse slipped below the 8,100-mark yesterday as foreign investors took profit from the recent rise of the stock market. The decline was led by the services, financial, holding firms, mining/oil, and property sectors. On the other hand, the industrial sector posted modest gains. The PSEI fell 0.73% or 59.57 points up to end the day at 8,084.45.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the US dollar advanced yesterday due to the passage of the U.S. tax cut bill. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.66.



News around the World

U.S. Factory Orders Drop 0.1% in October

- Based on the latest data from the U.S. Commerce Department, orders for U.S. manufactured goods fell 0.1% in October from two strong months orders. Contrary to the expected decline of 0.3%, the October reading fell 0.1% to a seasonally adjusted \$479.6 billion. Looking at the changes at a national level, the biggest factors that affected it the most were transportation and defense spending. Excluding transportation, factory orders were up 0.8% against September's reading. On the other hand, not considering spending on defense, the reading is up 0.2%.

US Market

- U.S. major indices were mixed on Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) Index closed at a record high on Monday while the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500) and NASDAQ Composite Index (NASDAQ) fell due to declines in information technology. The S&P 500 ended at 2,639.44 falling 0.11% or 2.78 points. The Dow Jones rose 58.46 points or 0.24% to end at 24,290.05. The NASDAQ slid 72.22 points or 1.05% to close at 6,775.37.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks were stronger on Monday as investors digested the passage of the U.S. tax bill and the effects of the guilty plea of the former U.S. national security adviser, Michael Flynn about lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index went up 0.24% or 1.66 points to close at 695.52.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging equities recovered from a two-week slump on Monday, boosted by the passage of the U.S. tax reform bill. On the other hand, emerging currencies suffered against the advancing greenback. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index went up 0.54% or 6.01 points, closing at 1,121.95.