

MARKET INDICATORS

As of February 1, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,738.72	-25.29	-0.29%
Dow Jones	26,186.71	37.32	0.14%
NASDAQ	7,385.86	-25.62	-0.35%
S&P500	2,821.98	-1.83	-0.06%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	761.28	-5.93	-0.77%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,248.65	-5.94	-0.47%
5Yr FXTN	4.73	0 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.79	8 bps	
USD/PHP	51.58	0.25	0.48%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Factory growth slows in January

- According to the IHS Markit Survey conducted by Nikkei, factory growth in the Philippines started 2018 with its weakest pace in four months. The Nikkei Philippines Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) dropped to 51.7 last month compared to December's 54.2 and January 2017's 52.7. The figure was the weakest since September 2017. A value above 50 signifies improvement in business conditions while a value below 50 signals deterioration. The data indicates that January demand was affected by the increase in excise taxes which came into effect January 1st, 2018.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.73, remaining stagnant during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded negative throughout yesterday's session with 5 yields rising, 6 yields falling and no yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks fell during yesterday's close as investors started February looking towards earnings season. Investors, both local and foreign, also remained cautious because of concerns regarding the elevated valuations of equities. The PSEi fell 0.29% or 25.29 points to end the day at 8,738.72.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso weakened against the greenback during yesterday's session after investors reacted to the hawkish stance from the US Federal Reserve. The peso closed the day at PHP 51.58.



News around the World

Eurozone manufacturing soars in January

- According to economic news released yesterday, the Eurozone's manufacturing output soared in January, as the 19-member bloc churned out goods at one of the fastest paces in over 20 years. The IHS Markit Survey for manufacturing PMI released yesterday put the Eurozone at 59.6, slightly lower than December's 60.6, however still the second highest since the survey began in 1997.

US Market

- US stocks closed the day mostly negative yesterday after retailers, restaurant chains and other consumer-focused companies were the source for much of the market's dip. The S&P 500 ended at 2,821.98 falling 0.06% or 1.83 points. The Dow Jones rose 37.32 points or 0.14% to end at 26,186.72. The NASDAQ fell 25.62 points or 0.35% to close at 7,385.86.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks fell yesterday as technology stocks led the decline after disappointment with US corporate earnings. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index dropped 0.77% or 5.93 points to close at 761.28.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets declined yesterday even after economic news released showed encouraging factory growth data from Turkey and China. The dip was due to investors anticipating a more hawkish US Federal Reserve. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index fell 0.47% or 5.94 points, closing at 1,248.65.