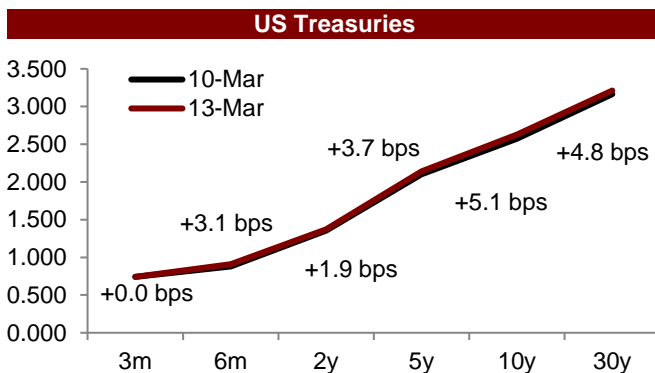
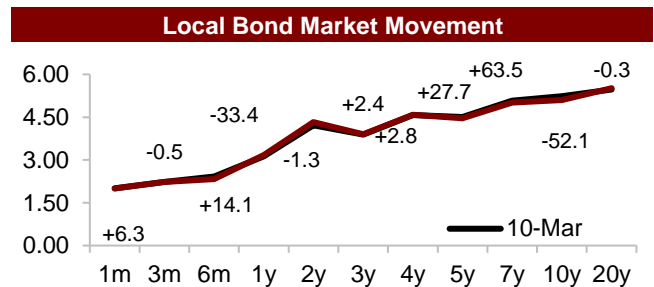
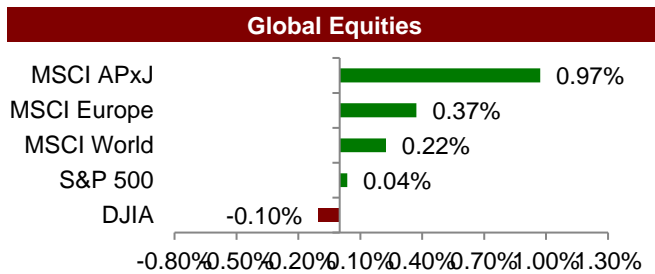
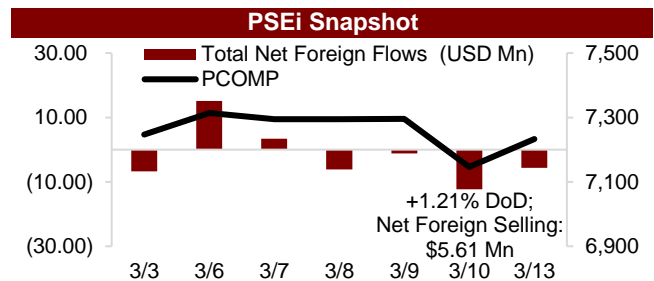


**Global equities started the week lacking a unified direction ahead of political events and central bank meetings. US Treasury yields jumped, as market players positioned ahead of Wednesday's FOMC meeting. The US Dollar strengthened vis-a-vis major trading peers, tracking movements in US Treasuries.**

- ✓ The **local equities index** rose by 1.215% to 7,233.09, driven by bargain-hunting and strong earnings releases during the day. It recovered in spite of the USD5.61Mn net foreign selling.
- ✓ In the **local fixed income market**, treasuries rose as the Bureau of Treasury made full awards of the 91-day, 182-day, and 1-year auctions. Total tenders rose to 35.3 Bn, representing an oversubscription of 2.4x. On average, treasury yields went down by 0.96 bps, led by the short-end (-1.3 bps) and the long-end (-3.0 bps).

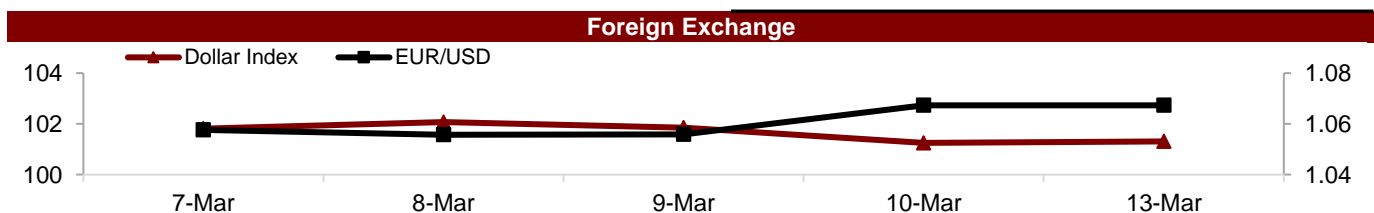


- ✓ **US stocks** were mixed as investors stayed on the sidelines ahead of the Fed's March meeting and absent economic data releases. The Dow Jones pulled back 21.50 points to 20,881.48 while the S&P 500 logged a modest 0.87-point gain to 2,373.47.
- ✓ **European stocks** continued to register modest increases amid volatile trading ahead of the Dutch elections, Brexit bill vote, and the central bank meetings in the US and in Japan. The MSCI Europe was up 0.037%.
- ✓ **Asian equities** inched higher, albeit on subdued trading and without a unified direction, as some markets focused on domestic drivers. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan gained 0.97%.
- ✓ **US Treasuries** declined as market players positioned ahead of the March FOMC meeting where consensus expects the Fed to tighten monetary policy. Moreover, the abundance of corporate supply pressured yields higher. The 2-year yield increased 1.85 bps to 1.3719%, while the 10-year yield jumped 5.13 bps to 2.6258%.

- ✓ The **Philippine peso** continued its sideways trading against the USD, ending at 50.325 given the lack of strong market-moving events.
- ✓ The **US dollar** strengthened vis-a-vis most other major trading peers as market players moved ahead of the FOMC meeting and as market players await the Fed's new economic forecasts. The DXY increased 0.06% to 101.31.

### Foreign Exchange

USD/PHP	Previous Close	50.360
	Close	50.325
EUR/USD	Previous Close	1.0673
	Indicative Rate	1.0675



## Key Indicators

YIELDS AND PRICES	13-Mar-17	DoD	WoW	MoM	YTD
91-Day Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.23	0.00%	-0.07%	0.11%	-0.44%
1-Year Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	3.17	0.04%	0.10%	0.45%	0.80%
ROP2021 (Price)	105.60	0.13	(0.55)	(0.80)	(2.76)
ROP2034 (Price)	130.80	0.87	(1.46)	(2.66)	0.34
3-Month US Treasury Yield	0.74	0.00%	0.02%	0.21%	0.58%
3-Month German Treasury Bill Yield	(0.91)	-0.00%	-0.06%	-0.06%	-0.37%
Dubai Crude Oil Spot (\$/bbl)	50.13	-2.09%	-6.77%	-7.51%	56.02%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,204.06	-0.06%	-1.73%	-1.72%	13.44%

## Upcoming Economic Releases

### Philippines

Date	Event	Period	Prior
3/14/2017	Unemployment Rate	Jan	4.70%
3/15/2017	Overseas Remittances YoY	Jan	3.60%

### Developed Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
3/14/2017	US	Producer Price Index (PPI) Final Demand MoM and YoY	Feb	0.6% / 1.6%
3/14/2017	EU	GDP QoQ and YoY	4Q	0.7% / 3.0%
3/15/2017	Japan	Industrial Production MoM / YoY	Jan (f)	-25.0%

### Emerging Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
3/26/2017	China	Industrial Profits YoY	Feb	2.3%
3/15/2017	Indo	Central Bank 7-Day Repo Rate	16-Mar	4.8%
3/14/2017	India	CPI YoY	Feb	3.2%

Sources: BPI, Business World, PDI, Phil Star, Manila Bulletin, Reuters, Briefing, Bloomberg, CNN, Dow Jones, The Wall Street Journal, CNBC

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