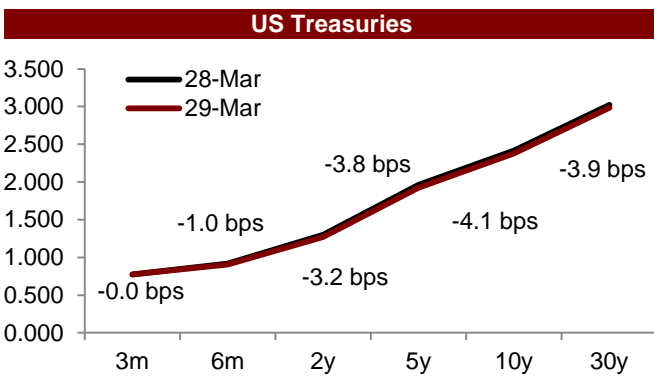
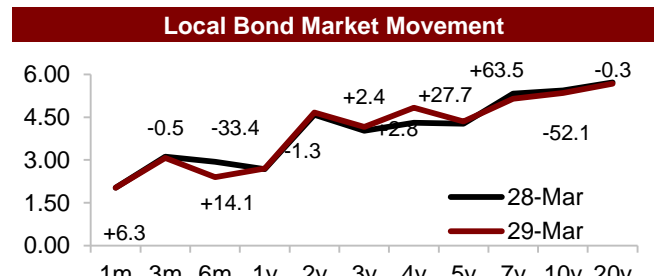
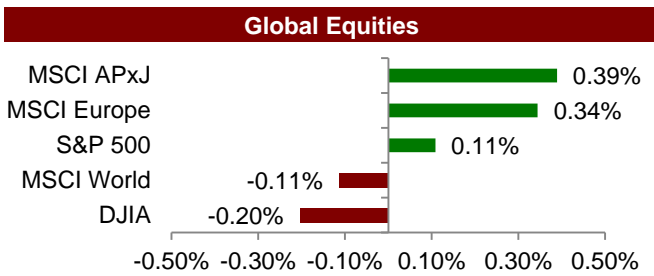
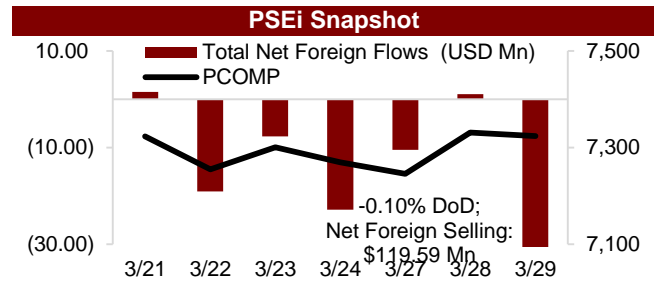


Global equities ended mixed as a two-week high in oil prices drove gains in the energy sector, which also benefited Asian markets and the S&P 500. Meanwhile, US Treasury yields were down on uncertainty about Trump's economic reforms, while several Fed speeches affirmed the prospect of increased interest rates, which drove the US dollar up.

- ✓ The **local equities index** ended the day slightly lower, due to profit-taking and net foreign outflows of USD120Mn after the 1% rally during the prior day. The PSEi ended the day down by 0.10% at 7,324.00.
- ✓ In the **local fixed income market**, yields were almost unchanged (-0.38%) on average, as dampened bid volumes and higher yields in the latest term deposit auction of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, were offset by supply risk from the release of BT's Php180Bn 2Q borrowing program with issuances skewed to the long-end of the curve.

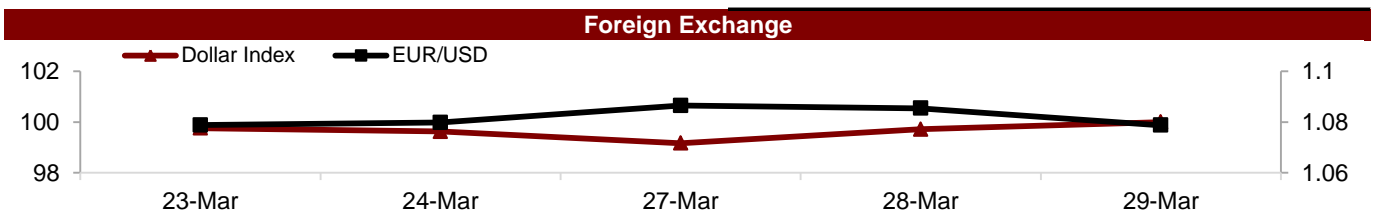


- ✓ **US stocks** ended mixed, as gains in the energy sector, driven by a two-week peak in oil prices, were offset by profit-taking in the financial and utilities sectors. The S&P 500 was up 0.1%, closing at 2,361.13, while the DJIA decreased by 0.20% to 20,659.32.
- ✓ **European equities** edged higher, despite the announcement of the official commencement of the UK's Brexit negotiations, which was in line with market expectations. The MSCI Europe was up 0.34%, ending at 128.11.
- ✓ **Asian stocks** closed higher for the third consecutive day, as they tracked strength in the US energy sector, which was mainly due to crude oil rising above \$49.50 for the week. The South Korean and Australian markets gained the most. The MSCI APxJ appreciated 0.39% to 483.19.
- ✓ **US Treasury yields** declined due to lingering uncertainty about Trump's economic policies and unexpectedly strong demand for seven-year notes. Yields decreased by 2.67 bps on average, with 10-year yields falling 4.1 bps.

- ✓ The **Philippine peso** slid 0.01% as large equities net foreign selling of Php 5.97Bn offset the impact of higher yields on the BSP's latest term deposit auction.
- ✓ The **US dollar** climbed to a 1-week high as investors reacted to hawkish comments by the Fed. The DXY gained 0.29% to 99.998.

Foreign Exchange

USD/PHP	Previous Close	50.180
	Close	50.185
EUR/USD	Previous Close	1.0854
	Indicative Rate	1.0790



Key Indicators

YIELDS AND PRICES	29-Mar-17	DoD	WoW	MoM	YTD
91-Day Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	3.07	-0.05%	0.86%	0.76%	0.40%
1-Year Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.70	0.02%	0.04%	0.04%	0.33%
ROP2021 (Price)	106.27	(0.09)	0.21	(0.17)	(2.09)
ROP2034 (Price)	132.85	(0.04)	0.56	(0.00)	2.38
3-Month US Treasury Yield	0.77	-0.00%	0.01%	0.15%	0.61%
3-Month German Treasury Bill Yield	(0.94)	0.01%	-0.00%	-0.09%	-0.40%
Dubai Crude Oil Spot (\$/bbl)	50.14	1.27%	3.30%	-9.18%	56.05%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,253.52	0.13%	0.40%	0.32%	18.10%

Upcoming Economic Releases

Philippines

Date	Event	Period	Prior
3/31/2017	Bank Lending YoY	Feb	16.2%
3/31/2017	Money Supply M3 SRF YoY	Feb	12.4%

Developed Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
3/30/2017	US	GDP Annualized QoQ (Third Estimate)	4Q	1.9%
3/30/2017	EU	GDP QoQ and YoY	4Q	0.7% / 3.0%
3/30/2017	Japan	Jobless Rate	Feb	3.0%

Emerging Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
3/30/2017	China	Manufacturing PMI	Mar	51.6
3/31/2017	Indo	Money Supply M1 and M2 YoY	Feb	13.9% / 9.7%
4/3/2017	India	Nikkei India PMI Mfg	Mar	50.7

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

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