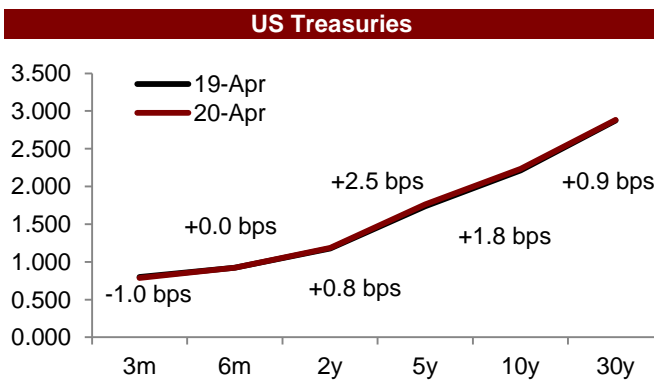
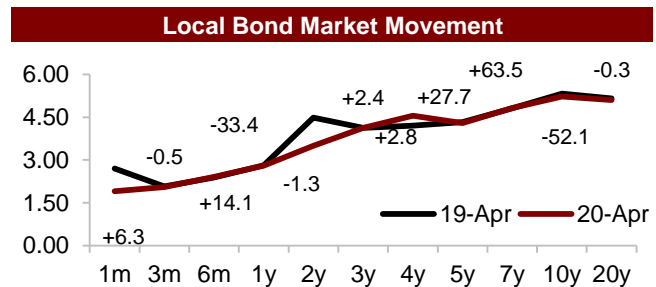
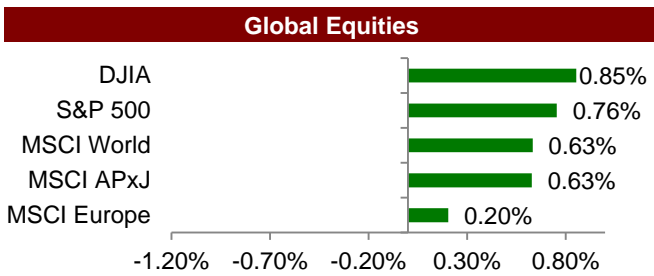
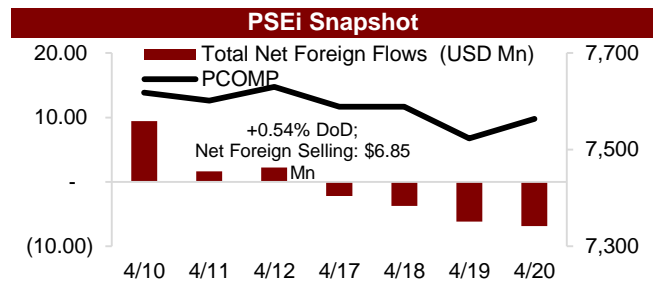


Global equities were up on good corporate reports, favorable comments on tax reform and hints of continued monetary policy accommodation from the BOJ. This preference for risk assets added downward pressure on bond prices. Lastly, the US dollar benefitted, albeit slightly, from these positive news.

- ✓ The **local equity market** stood at 7,563.45, up 0.54% (DoD) as investors shifted to emerging markets due to better-than-expected exports data from Japan at 12%.
- ✓ In the **local fixed income market**, yields slumped 13.3 bps on average with the short end (-20.0 bps) falling more than the long end (-4.8 bps) following risk off sentiment ahead of the nearing French elections.

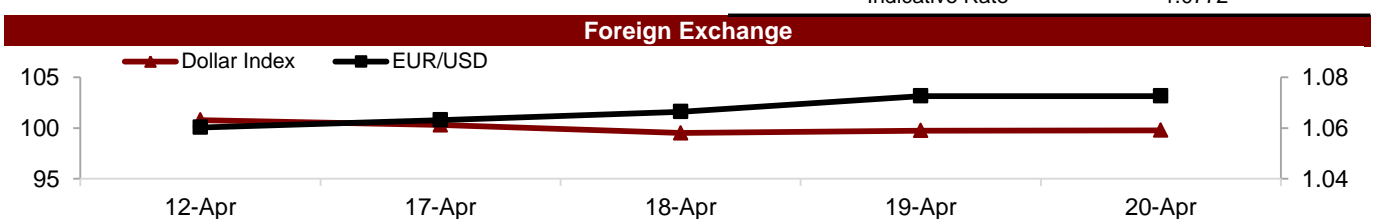


- ✓ **US equities** soared on anticipation of robust corporate earnings and economic data. Likewise, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin's comments on a favorable tax reform bolstered optimism. The SPX rose 0.76% to 2,355.84, while the DJIA rose 0.85%, ending at 20,578.81.
- ✓ **European equities** grew 0.20% closing the day at 127.62. Markets have already closed when the attacks on Paris happened (claimed by ISIS); this could then dampen markets the following day.
- ✓ **Asian stocks** gained as investor sentiment was spurred by comments from Bank of Japan Governor Kuroda affirming continued accommodative monetary policy. The MSCI Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index gained 0.63% to 476.43.
- ✓ **US Treasury yields** were largely unchanged (average change of only 0.83 bps), though the belly and long-end generally saw an increase, offset by the short end. There is currently a preference for equities due good earnings surprises.

Foreign Exchange

USD/PHP	Previous Close	49.725
	Close	49.830
EUR/USD	Previous Close	1.0726
	Indicative Rate	1.0772

- ✓ The **Philippine peso** continued to weaken against the dollar as higher US Treasury yields kept the dollar strong. The USDPHP rose 0.21% to close at 49.830
- ✓ The **US dollar** moved sideways with an upward bias, on the back of strong earnings reports from US companies and supportive comments from Mnuchin. The DXY ended 0.04% higher to close at 99.73.



Key Indicators

YIELDS AND PRICES	20-Apr-17	DoD	WoW	MoM	YTD
91-Day Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.05	-0.03%	-0.20%	-0.21%	-0.62%
1-Year Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.80	-0.01%	-0.05%	0.14%	0.43%
ROP2021 (Price)	106.78	0.08	0.36	0.82	(1.58)
ROP2034 (Price)	133.95	0.13	0.94	2.09	3.48
3-Month US Treasury Yield	0.79	-0.01%	-0.02%	0.06%	0.62%
3-Month German Treasury Bill Yield	(0.83)	-0.03%	-0.02%	0.09%	-0.29%
Dubai Crude Oil Spot (\$/bbl)	51.68	-2.77%	-4.60%	4.32%	60.85%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,281.89	0.13%	-0.47%	3.85%	20.77%

Upcoming Economic Releases

Philippines

Date	Event	Period	Prior
4/27/2017	Bank Lending YoY	Mar	17.50%
5/4/2017	CPI YoY	Apr	3.40%

Developed Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
4/21/2017	US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Apr	53.3
4/21/2017	Japan	Tertiary Industry Index MoM	Feb	0.00%
4/24/2017	EU	IFO Business Climate	Apr	112.3

Emerging Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
4/29/2017	China	Manufacturing PMI	Apr	51.80
5/1/2017	Indo	Nikkei Indonesia PMI Mfg	Apr	50.50
5/2/2017	India	Nikkei India PMI Mfg	Apr	52.50

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

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