

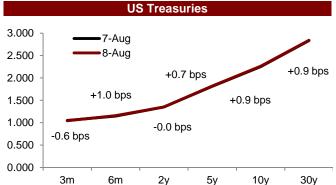
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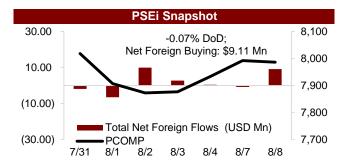
Global equities were mixed, as geopolitical uncertainty weighed US stocks down, while currency dynamics and good earnings releases buoyed European and Asian markets. US Treasury yields fell ahead of an incoming corporate debt supply, while the US dollar improved with the release of solid US job openings data.

- The local equities market was flat with a slight downward bias as gainers from Financials, Services, and Property were dragged by Industrials. Continuing the 2Q17 earnings season, GLO reported results ahead of market expectations, and gained 1.66% DoD. The PSEi decreased by 5.76 points or 0.07%, closing at 7,986.51.
- In the local fixed income market, yields were down across the curve following solid participation in the reissuance of a 7-year government paper, with bids more than double the final amount awarded. On average, yields fell by 2.82 bps, led by the short end of the curve, which fell 16.60 bps.





- The **Philippine peso** weakened against the dollar as congress struggles to re-focus legislative effort in tax reform. The peso went down by 0.17%, closing at 50.440.
- The **US dollar** strengthened owing to better-than-expected data on job openings, spurring optimism about the US economy. The monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey came in at 6.2 million versus consensus of 5.75 million, posting its highest reading since the data series started. The DXY gained 0.23% DoD to 93.647.





- US equities closed lower, snapping its record streak. Trump's stern words against North Korea reversed earlier gains from the financial, tech, and energy sector. The DJIA ended at 22,085.34 (-0.15% DoD) while the SPX was at 2,474.92 (-0.24% DoD).
- European equities were up as weakness in the euro buoyed buying despite the decline in export numbers. The MSCI Europe gained 0.19% to 129.25.
- Asian equities gained as earnings rolled in and regional currencies firmed up. Investors shook off the slowdown in China's June trade numbers; exports grew by 7.2% year-on-year in July (from +11.3%) and imports by 11.0% (from +17.2%). The MSCI Asia ex-Japan ended at 532.22, up 0.13%.
- US Treasury prices were lower at the end of the session, as incoming corporate debt supply and rumors of a large debt issue by Apple (AAPL) later in the week stifled demand for US government paper. On average, yields rose 0.48 bps, with 10-year yields up 0.89 bps to 2.2619%.

Foreign Exchange			
USD/PHP	Previous Close	50.355	
	Close	50.440	
EUR/USD	Previous Close	1.1798	
	Indicative Rate	1.1807	



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Key Indicators

YIELDS AND PRICES	8-Aug-17	DoD	WoW	МоМ	YTD
91-Day Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.17	0.04%	-0.02%	0.02%	-0.49%
1-Year Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	3.04	0.17%	0.21%	-0.19%	0.67%
ROP2021 (Price)	106.39	(0.08)	(0.01)	0.27	(1.97)
ROP2034 (Price)	134.68	(0.21)	0.31	2.32	4.21
3-Month US Treasury Yield	1.05	-0.02%	-0.02%	0.02%	0.89%
3-Month German Treasury Bill Yield	(0.70)	0.00%	-0.03%	0.11%	-0.18%
Dubai Crude Oil Spot (\$/bbl)	50.46	0.40%	-1.23%	10.42%	57.05%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,257.90	-0.07%	-0.91%	3.69%	18.51%

Upcoming Economic Releases

Philippines

Date	Event	Period	Prior
8/10/2017	BSP Overnight Borrowing Rate	10-Aug	3.0%
8/15/2017	Overseas Remittances YoY	June	5.5%

Developed Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
8/10/2017	Japan	Purchasing Price Index (PPI) YoY	July	2.1%
8/9/2017	US	Wholesale Inventories MoM (Final)	June	0.6%
8/10/2017	France	Industrial Production MoM	June	1.9%

Emerging Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
8/9/2017	China	CPI YoY	July	1.5%
8/10/2017	India	Exports YoY	July	4.4%
8/11/2017	Thailand	Foreign Reserves	4-Aug	\$189.3b

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

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