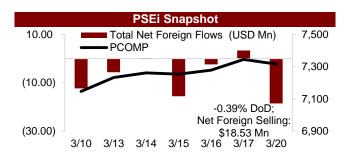


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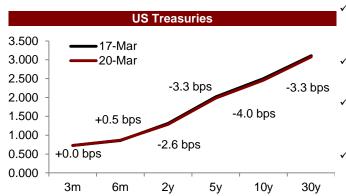
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Global equities were mixed on lack of market-moving data and as investors hold their breath for the outcome of the G-20 meeting. US Treasury yields declined while the DXY improved amid a light week for economic data in the US, as market players positioned ahead of statements from key Fed officials, and news that the UK is triggering Brexit on March 29.

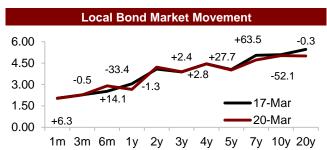
- ✓ The local equities index fell by 0.39%, closing at 7,316.57, due to the Php929.5Mn net foreign selling (biggest outflow since February 22), and compounded by profit-taking.
- ✓ In the local fixed income market, prices rose as long term yields fell at an average of 17.8 bps, as lenders favored longerterm securities, on the back of tempered expectations for a rate hike. On average, yields fell 6.85 bps.







- ✓ The Philippine peso appreciated against the Dollar, closing at 50.090, following a weakening greenback in the global markets due to the Fed's not-so-hawkish tilt.
- ✓ Despite Treasury yields moving lower, the US dollar marginally appreciated on a technical rebound following four consecutive days of losses. Market players also priced in the announcement of the UK triggering Brexit on March 29. The DXY gained 0.11% to 100.41.



**US stocks** corrected on scarcity of major economic data and corporate moves; and was pulled down by a sell-off in financials and energy names. The S&P 500 ended 4.8 points lower to 2,373.45. The Dow Jones was down 8.76 points to 20,905.86.

- **European shares** mirrored their US counterparts as the G-20 finance officials' pledge against protectionism fanned the fears of another slump in global trade. The MSCI Europe lost 0.20%.
- Asian shares were mixed as investors focused on headlines from the G-20 summit and the China Development Forum. Chinese equities buoyed Asian stocks on news that property prices rose in February--the first increase in four months. The MSCI Asia ex-Japan was 0.43% higher.
- **US Treasuries** moved sideways as market players take cue from statements from key Federal officials given the light week ahead for data. Chicago Fed President Charles Evans said on Monday that monetary policy is still on track for two more rate hikes for the year, but will be largely dependent on economic data and Trump's fiscal policies. On average, yields declined by 2.12 bps. The 10-year yield lost 3.98 bps to 2.4607%.

Foreign Exchange				
USD/PHP	Previous Close	Close 50.180		
	Close	50.090		
EUR/USD	Previous Close	1.0738		
	Indicative Rate	1.0757		



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#### **Key Indicators**

YIELDS AND PRICES	20-Mar-17	DoD	WoW	MoM	YTD
91-Day Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.26	-0.02%	0.04%	0.00%	-0.40%
1-Year Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.66	-0.40%	-0.51%	0.08%	0.28%
ROP2021 (Price)	105.96	0.01	0.36	(0.40)	(2.40)
ROP2034 (Price)	131.85	0.57	1.05	(1.19)	1.39
3-Month US Treasury Yield	0.73	0.00%	-0.02%	0.21%	0.56%
3-Month German Treasury Bill Yield	(0.92)	-0.00%	-0.01%	-0.10%	-0.38%
Dubai Crude Oil Spot (\$/bbl)	49.54	-1.33%	-1.18%	-8.75%	54.19%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,234.33	0.41%	2.51%	-0.34%	16.29%

#### **Upcoming Economic Releases**

#### **Philippines**

Date	Event	Period	Prior
3/23/2017	BSP Overnight Borrowing / Standing Overnight Deposit Rate	N/A	3.0% / 2.5%
3/31/2017	Bank Lending YoY	Feb	16.2%

#### **Developed Markets**

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
3/22/2017	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	17-Mar	3.1%
3/22/2017	EU	GDP QoQ and YoY	4Q	0.7% / 3.0%
3/22/2017	Japan	Exports / Imports YoY	Feb	1.3% / 8.5%

#### **Emerging Markets**

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
3/26/2017	China	Industrial Profits YoY	Feb	2.3%
3/31/2017	Indo	Money Supply M1 and M2 YoY	Feb	13.9% / 9.7%
3/20 - 3/31	India	Current Account Balance	4Q	-USD 3.4 Bn

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











