

MARKET INDICATORS

As of January 8, 2018

Index/ Bond	Index Level/Yield	DoD Change	DoD % Change
PSEi	8,745.12	-24.88	-0.28%
Dow Jones	25,283.00	-12.87	-0.05%
NASDAQ	7,157.39	20.83	0.29%
S&P500	2,747.71	4.56	0.17%
MSCI Asia ex-Japan	742.42	4.12	0.56%
MSCI Emerging Market	1,206.86	5.85	0.49%
5Yr FXTN	4.73	1 bps	
10 Yr US Treasury	2.48	0 bps	
USD/PHP	50.14	0.26	0.52%

Source: Bloomberg



News in the Philippines

Philippine business leaders among the world's bullish

- According to advisory service provider Grant Thornton, business leaders in the Philippines remain amongst the world's optimistic about the economy's outlook. In a survey that involved 2,500 respondents within 36 economies from May-June last year, the Philippine business leaders' optimism recorded a level of 86% for 2017's fourth quarter. The reading is the highest over the 84% recorded by the previous three months. Grant Thornton concluded that the country placed fourth behind Indonesia (100%), Finland (96%), and the Netherlands (92%) as a result of "the recent passage of the first tranche of tax reforms that is expected to support public spending and investments in infrastructure." The country's highest reading was 98% that was recorded in the first few months of 2017.

Local Bond Market

- The yield of the benchmark 5-year bond closed at 4.73, rising 1 bp during yesterday's session.
- The yields of bonds traded flat throughout yesterday's session with 1 yield rising, 4 yields falling and 6 yields remaining stagnant.

Philippine Stocks

- Local stocks fell at yesterday's close, breaking the index's eight-day rally after investors looked towards profit taking. The bellwether index gained more than 200 points over the first three trading days of the year and encountered successive days of breaking records. The PSEI fell 0.28% or 24.88 points to end the day at 8,745.12.

Philippine Peso

- The local peso traded flat against the greenback during yesterday's session returning to the P50 level after strong US employment data released at the end of last week. The peso closed the day at PHP 50.14.



News around the World

Eurozone economic confidence highest since 2000

- Economic news released yesterday showed that economic confidence inside the eurozone hit a 17-year high on the heels of the region's healthy economic performance. The eurozone's consumer confidence reading beat November's 114.8 and hit 116.0 for the month of December, its highest since October 2000. The rise had beat economist expectations and showed improvements within every business sector. After the positive data and as well from the manufacturing sector last week, the European Central Bank expects the economy to expand by 2.4% for 2017 which clearly beats previous expectations of 1.7% growth in the beginning of the year.

US Market

- US stocks closed the day mostly positive yesterday after beginning the year on record levels. Investors took their profits as healthcare stocks slid. The S&P 500 ended at 2,747.71 rising 0.17% or 4.56 points. The Dow Jones fell 12.87 points or 0.05% to end at 25,283.00. The NASDAQ gained 20.83 points or 0.29% to close at 7,157.39.

Asian Stocks

- Asian stocks jumped yesterday after positive gains led by markets in the US last week. Investors now await earnings releases from regional corporates this week. The MSCI Asia-Ex Japan Index gained 0.56% or 4.12 points to close at 742.42.

Emerging Markets

- Emerging markets gained yesterday after Brazil stocks reach near all-time highs as optimism begins to increase. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index climbed 0.49% or 5.85 points, closing at 1,206.86.