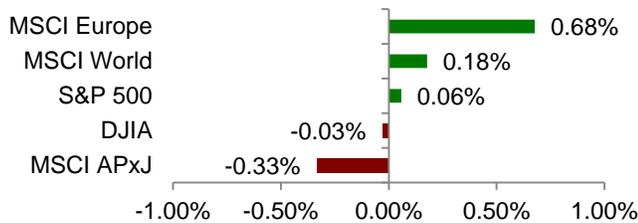


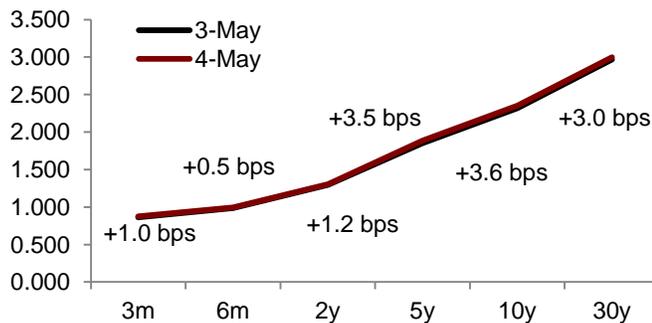
**Global equities ended mixed as investors positioned ahead of the economic data releases in the US and the French elections. US Treasuries declined amid growing expectations of a rate hike in June following the May FOMC meeting. Meanwhile, oil fell to its lowest level since November 2016. Brent crude oil fell 4.75% overnight to \$48.38/bbl.**

- ✓ In the **local equity markets**, all sectors except for mining and oil closed higher amid the result of the FOMC meeting, which was in-line with investor expectations of maintaining rates, and as investors picked up names from yesterday's decline. The PSEi went up 0.957% to 7,755.75.
- ✓ In the **local fixed income market**, average yields decreased, as an increase in demand for bonds with 3-month and 4-year maturities was partially offset by lower demand for bonds with 6-month maturities. Average yields fell by 3.93 bps, with the belly of the curve declining by 12.61 bps.

### Global Equities

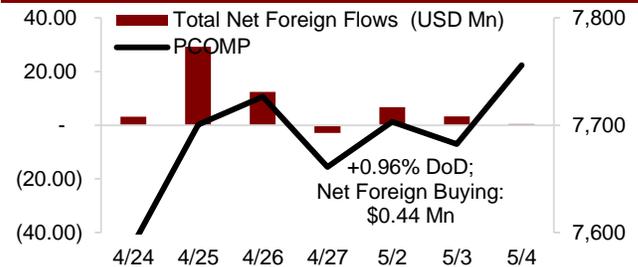


### US Treasuries

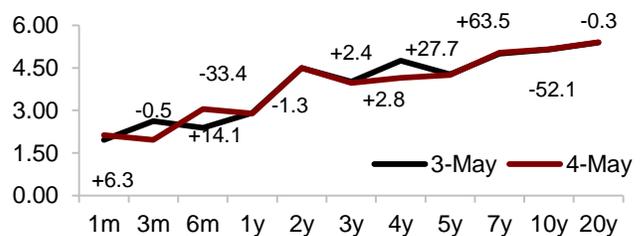


- ✓ The **Philippine peso** closed even stronger at 49.870 along with other Asian currencies, as risk arising from a possible upset in the French presidential elections appeared to wane.
- ✓ **US dollar** weakened in light of positive sentiment in the euro, as the currency rose to 2.8% since last month following the bright prospects of a Macron win in the French elections. The DXY ended 0.42% lower to close at 98.79.

### PSEi Snapshot



### Local Bond Market Movement

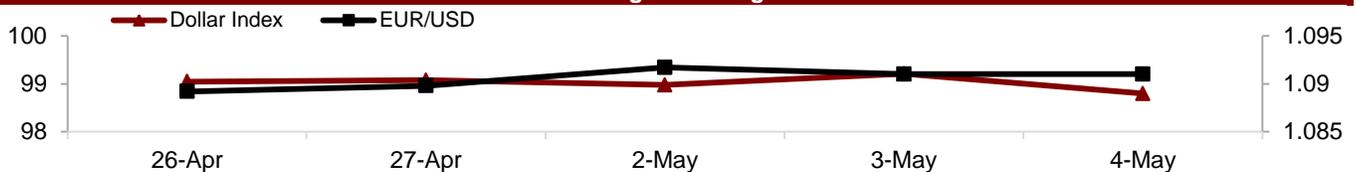


- ✓ **US equity markets** started the early hours of trading on a positive note but quickly pared gains, as investors took a risk off stance ahead of the nonfarm payrolls report. The SPX ended at 2,389.52 (+0.06% DoD), while the DJIA closed at 20,951.47 (-0.03% DoD).
- ✓ **European equities** trended higher as investors anticipated French Candidate Macron to win the second round of Elections on the 7th of May. The latest poll reported by the Financial Times showed Macron (60%) outperforming Le Pen (40%). The MSCI Europe rose 0.68% closing at 132.25.
- ✓ **Asian markets** fell amid country-specific events and as investors took cue from the relatively subdued trading in Wall Street. The MSCI APxJ closed at 487.25 (-0.33% DoD).
- ✓ **US Treasury yields** climbed after the May FOMC meeting wherein the Fed kept rates steady but reiterated they remain on track for two more rate hikes in 2017. On average, US Treasury yields rose 2.14 basis points.

### Foreign Exchange

USD/PHP	Previous Close	49.950
	Close	49.870
EUR/USD	Previous Close	1.0910
	Indicative Rate	1.0918

### Foreign Exchange



## Key Indicators

YIELDS AND PRICES	4-May-17	DoD	WoW	MoM	YTD
91-Day Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	1.96	-0.67%	-0.17%	-1.16%	-0.71%
1-Year Philippine Treasury Bill Yield (PDST-R2)	2.90	-0.03%	-0.05%	0.11%	0.52%
ROP2021 (Price)	106.42	(0.12)	(0.09)	0.10	(1.94)
ROP2034 (Price)	133.24	(0.10)	(0.11)	0.08	2.77
3-Month US Treasury Yield	0.87	0.01%	0.08%	0.10%	0.71%
3-Month German Treasury Bill Yield	(0.86)	-0.00%	-0.02%	-0.02%	-0.32%
Dubai Crude Oil Spot (\$/bbl)	49.38	-0.94%	-0.98%	-3.31%	53.69%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,228.10	-0.81%	-2.86%	-2.24%	15.70%

## Upcoming Economic Releases

### Philippines

Date	Event	Period	Prior
5/5/2017	Foreign Reserves	Apr	\$80.9Bn
5/11/2017	BSP Overnight Borrowing Rate	May	3.00%

### Developed Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
5/5/2017	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Apr	98k
5/8/2017	EU	CPI YoY	Apr	2.80%
5/9/2017	Japan	Labor Cash Earnings YoY	Mar	0.40%

### Emerging Markets

Date	Country	Event	Period	Prior
5/5/2017	Indo	GDP YoY	1Q	4.94%
5/10/2017	China	CPI YoY	Apr	0.9%
5/10/2017	India	Exports YoY	Apr	27.60%

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