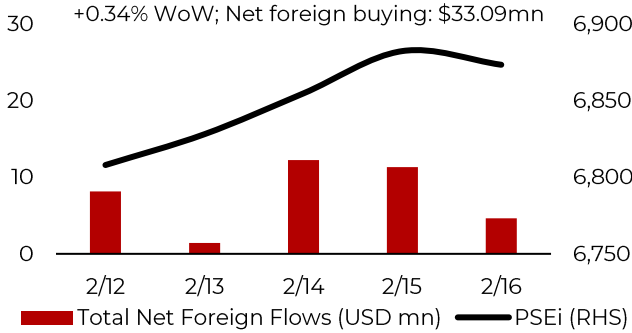


The Weekly Review

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	6,873.23	+0.34%
3-mo bond yield	5.57%	+10.94 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.06%	+3.81 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.26%	+6.19 bps
USDPHP	55.96	+0.09%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	83.47	+1.56%

The local equity market gained after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) decided to leave its key interest rate unchanged at 6.5% during its first policy meeting of the year.

Top performers were Monde Nissin Corporation (PSE Ticker: MONDE; 8.74%), Universal Robina Corporation (URC; 6.02%), and International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICT; 3.32%). Meanwhile, Alliance Global Group, Inc. (PSE Ticker: AGI; -2.56%), Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (AEV; -2.65%), and ACEN Corporation (ACEN; -3.20%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 6,873.23 (+0.34% WoW).

Local fixed income yields rose following the higher-than-expected US inflation data for January. This was also after the BSP kept its policy rate unchanged at 6.50% for the third consecutive meeting.

▲ On average, yields rose by 8 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.06% (+4 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.26% (+6 bps).

The Philippine peso weakened after US inflation data came in higher than expected.

▲ USD/PHP pair closed at 55.96 (+0.09% WoW).

The US stock markets declined after a five-week rally as the higher-than-expected US inflation data for January tempered rate cut bets. US headline consumer price index (CPI) and producer price index (PPI) inflation came in at 3.1% YoY (vs. consensus estimate of 2.9%) and 0.9% YoY (vs. consensus estimate of 0.6%), respectively.

▼ S&P 500 closed at 5,005.57 (-0.42% WoW).

▼ DJIA closed at 38,627.99 (-0.11% WoW).

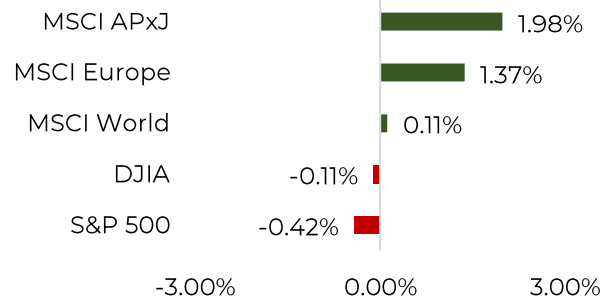
US Treasury yields rose as investors digested the higher-than-expected US CPI and PPI prints. Concerns on the stickiness of inflation pushed back market's expectations of early rate cuts from the US Fed this year.

▲ On average, US Treasury yields rose by 9 bps WoW, with the 10Y closing at 4.28% (+11 bps).

The **US dollar** strengthened after US CPI and PPI came in higher than expected.

▲ The DXY closed at 104.28 (+0.16% WoW).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	5,005.57	-0.42%
DJIA	38,627.99	-0.11%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.39%	0.00 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.64%	+16.00 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.28%	+10.60 bps
DXY	104.28	+0.16%