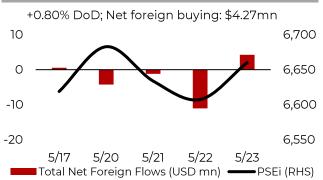
## **The Morning View**

May 24, 2024

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,659.99	+0.80%
3-mo bond yield	5.79%	-4.54 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.29%	+0.23 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.71%	+1.37 bps
USDPHP	58.13	+0.12%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	81.36	-0.66%

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Eli Remolona said that the BSP will only intervene in the foreign exchange market to control speculation. He added that the peso's depreciation will not prompt a rate hike. Governor Remolona reiterated that the BSP's future policy move will depend on local economic data and not on what the US Federal Reserve does.

DMCI Holdings, Inc.'s (PSEi Ticker: DMC) unit, along with EEI Corporation, was awarded the Php5.1-billion contract to build connector roads for the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX). In line with this, DMC was tapped to construct the remaining segment of the CAVITEX C5 Link.

**Local equities** rebounded as investors hunted for bargains after a two-day market decline. The PSEi closed at 6,659.99 (+0.80% DoD).

**Local fixed income yields** closed mixed but fell on average as investors weighed BSP Governor Remolona's remarks that recent peso weakness would not trigger a rate hike. On average, yields fell by 1.08 bps, with the 2Y closing at 6.29% (+0.23 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.71% (+1.37 bps).

The **Philippine peso** strengthened as investors further digested remarks from BSP Governor Remolona stating that the central bank will intervene only to control speculation on the currency. The USD/PHP pair closed at 58.13 (+0.12% DoD).

US S&P flash Composite PMI jumped to 54.4 in May (April: 51.3), marking the highest level since April 2022. The reading stayed above 50.0, indicating the continued expansion in the private sector. The services sector led the growth, while manufacturing had modest expansion.

**US new home sales dropped by 4.7% MoM in April (March: revised +5.4%)**, more than the expected -2.2% decline. The rise in mortgage rates above the 7% level in April weighed on demand. Meanwhile, the median price of new homes was up by 3.9% YoY.

**US equities** fell as the US PMI report in May showed a surge in input prices, suggesting inflation could pickup. This was despite optimism after tech giant Nvidia reported robust earnings forecast. The S&P 500 closed at 5,267.84 (-0.74% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 39,065.26 (-1.53% DoD).

**US Treasury yields** rose following the stronger-than-expected US S&P flash Composite PMI which jumped to its highest level since April 2022. On average, yields rose by 4.22 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.94% (+6.70 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.48% (+5.30 bps).

The **US dollar** strengthened following robust US business activity data, which supported delaying a potential US Fed rate cut. The DXY closed at 105.11 (+0.17% DoD).

## MSCI Europe MSCI APXJ MSCI World S&P500 DJIA -1.53%

-3.00% -2.00% -1.00% 0.00% 1.00%

	Level	DoD
S&P 500	5,267.84	-0.74%
DJIA	39,065.26	-1.53%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.42%	+0.10 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.94%	+6.70 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.48%	+5.30 bps
DXY	105.11	+0.17%

This material, which is strictly for information purposes only, is for your sole use, does not constitute a recommendation or an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy any financial product. Any information is subject to change without notice and BPI Wealth is not under any obligation to update or keep current the information contained herein. You are advised to make your own independent judgment with respect to the matter contained in this document. No liability whatsoever is accepted for any loss that may arise (whether direct or consequential) from any use of the information contained herein.