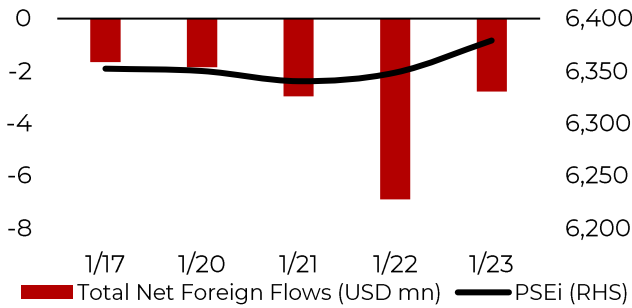


The Morning View

January 24, 2025

Philippine Stock Exchange Index

+0.48% DoD; Net foreign selling: \$2.79mn



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,378.86	+0.48%
3-mo bond yield	5.32%	+2.24 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.90%	-0.48 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.29%	+1.54 bps
USDPHP	58.69	+0.31%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	78.29	-0.90%

The Philippines planned to secure a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) with the US. Board of Investments Managing Head Ceferino Rodolfo stated that they foresee a net positive impact on the Philippines-US relations as the Trump administration carries a welcoming attitude towards a bilateral FTA and sectoral agreement.

Jollibee Foods Corporation (PSE Ticker: JFC) launched the first standalone concept store of Milksha, a Taiwanese milk tea brand, in the Philippines. The store was opened on January 20 and is located in Quezon City.

Local equities inched up, **local fixed income yields** closed mixed, and the **Philippine peso** slightly weakened as investors continued to await further clarity on US President Donald Trump's tariff plans. Bargain hunting also extended the local stock market's gains.

The PSEi closed at 6,378.86 (+0.48% DoD).

On average, local fixed income yields rose by 0.44 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.9% (-0.48 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.29% (+1.54 bps).

The USD/PHP pair closed at 58.69 (+0.31% DoD).

US initial weekly jobless claims increase by 6,000 to a seasonally adjusted 223,000 for the week ended January 18, above market expectations. The increase in claims was driven by wildfires in Los Angeles, with unadjusted filings rising by 6,744 in California but dropping in most states.

Japan's December core consumer price index (CPI) rose 3.0% YoY, in line with market expectations. This marked the fastest YoY gain in 16 months, supporting expectations that the Bank of Japan will hike interest rates. The increase was mainly attributed to the phase-out of government subsidies as well as the weak yen which kept import costs elevated.

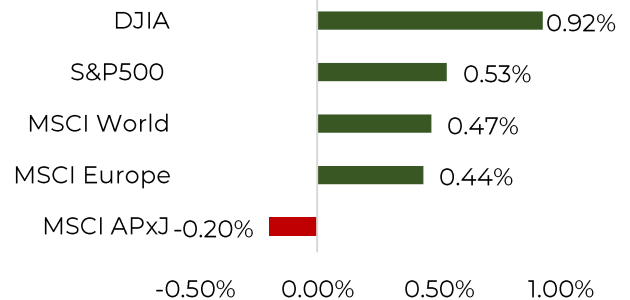
US equities climbed to new record-highs, **US Treasury yields** ended mixed, and the **US dollar** slightly weakened after US President Donald Trump called for lower interest rates and lower oil prices.

The S&P 500 closed at 6,118.71 (+0.53% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 44,565.07 (+0.92% DoD).

On average, US Treasury yields rose by 1.34 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.29% (-0.90 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.65% (+3.30 bps).

The DXY closed at 108.05 (-0.11% DoD).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	6,118.71	+0.53%
DJIA	44,565.07	+0.92%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.32%	-0.50 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.29%	-0.90 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.65%	+3.30 bps
DXY	108.05	-0.11%