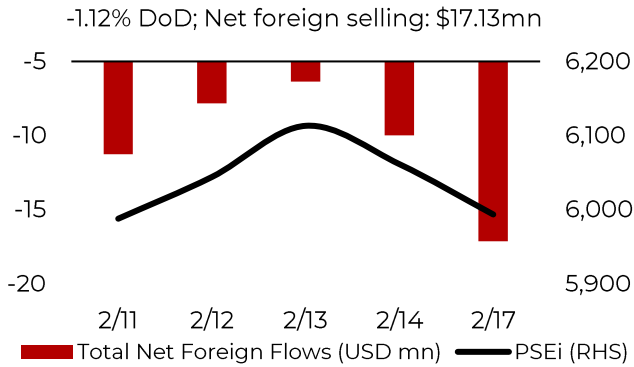


# The Morning View

February 18, 2025

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	DoD
PSEi	5,993.48	-1.12%
3-mo bond yield	5.18%	+2.67 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.80%	+0.09 bps
5-yr bond yield	5.95%	-0.32 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.13%	-0.39 bps
USDPHP	58.03	+0.35%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	75.22	+0.64%

**The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reported that cash remittances from overseas Filipinos hit an all-time high of \$3.38 billion (+3.0% YoY) in December 2024, bringing the FY2024 figure to a record-high of \$34.49 billion (+3.0% YoY).** The BSP also disclosed that the US remained the largest source of cash remittances, accounting for 40.6%, followed by Singapore (7.2%) and Saudi Arabia (6.4%).

**SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (PSE Ticker: SMPH) reported a net income of Php45.6 billion (+14% YoY) in FY2024.** Consolidated revenues rose by 10% YoY to Php140.4 billion, driven by higher rental income, real estate sales, and revenues from services and experiential offerings.

**Local equities fell, local fixed income yields inched up, and the Philippine peso weakened** as investors continued to digest the BSP's policy decision to keep rates unchanged. Investors also weighed Trump's announcement of tariffs on automobiles beginning April 2.

The PSEi closed at 5,993.48 (-1.12% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 0.50 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.80% (+0.09 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.13% (-0.39 bps).

The USD/PHP pair closed at 58.03 (+0.35% DoD).

**Fed Governor Michelle Bowman said that while monetary policy is now "in a good place", more progress on inflation is needed before further interest rate cuts.** Meanwhile, Fed Governor Christopher Waller mentioned that his baseline view is that Trump's new tariffs will only have a modest impact on inflation and should not stall the Fed's policy moves.

**Bank of England's Governor Bailey said inflation is slowing and the expected rise later this year is unlikely to create longer-term inflationary pressures.** He attributed part of the increase to regulated price hikes but noted that a weak economy could offset inflation. He also reiterated that US trade tariffs could either raise or lower UK inflation, depending on their impact on the global economy.

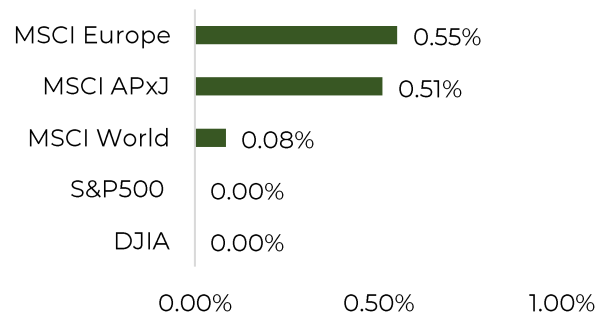
**US equities and US Treasury yields** were unchanged as markets were closed in celebration of Presidents' Day. Meanwhile, the **US dollar** closed flattish amid low trading volume due to the holiday.

The previous close of the S&P 500 was at 6,114.63 (0.00% DoD) and the DJIA was at 44,546.08 (0.00% DoD).

The previous close of the 2Y US Treasury was at 4.26% (0.00 bp) and the 10Y was at 4.48% (0.00 bp).

The DXY closed at 106.58 (-0.13% DoD).

## Global Stock Indices



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DXY	106.58	-0.13%

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