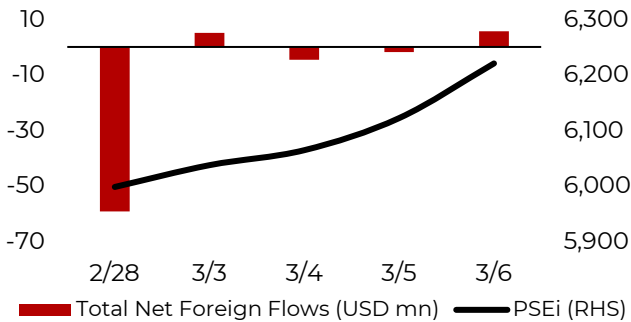


The Morning View

March 7, 2025

Philippine Stock Exchange Index

+1.60% DoD; Net foreign buying: \$5.56mn



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,219.96	+1.60%
3-mo bond yield	5.27%	-4.38 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.86%	+0.45 bps
5-yr bond yield	6.00%	+0.50 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.20%	+2.15 bps
USDPHP	57.32	-0.04%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	69.46	+0.23%

Philippines' unemployment rate rose to 4.3% in January (Dec: 3.1%), its highest level in six months. Meanwhile, the underemployment rate rose to 13.3% in the same period (Dec: 10.9%). According to Philippine Statistics Authority Assistant Secretary Divina Gracia L. Del Prado, this could be attributed to the decreased labor demand post-holiday season.

International Container Terminal Services, Inc.'s (PSE Ticker: ICT) attributable net income rose by 66% YoY to \$849.8 mn, a new record high. This was driven by its diversified origin and destination portfolio and ongoing cost efficiency initiatives. Management budgeted \$580 million in capital expenditures for 2025 and declared dividends amounting to Php14.16 per share.

Local equities rose, **local fixed income yields** fell, and the **Philippine peso** strengthened as investors continued to cheer the cooler-than-expected February inflation print. Additionally, the delayed US tariff decision on automobiles by Trump, fueled hopes for extended negotiations.

The PSEi closed at 6,219.96 (+1.60% DoD).

On average, yields fell by 0.95 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.86% (+0.45 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.20% (+2.15 bps).

The USD/PHP pair closed at 57.32 (-0.04% DoD).

US President Donald Trump delays 25% tariffs for United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement-compliant goods until April 2. In response, Canada will likewise delay its planned second wave of retaliatory tariffs until April 2.

The European Central Bank (ECB) cuts deposit facility rate by 25 bps to 2.5% in its latest policy meeting. According to ECB President Christine Lagarde, monetary policy is becoming meaningfully less restrictive but warned of significant uncertainty surrounding US tariff threats and German spending plans.

US equities fell and the **US dollar** weakened as Challenger Job Cuts in February rose to its highest monthly count since July 2020. Additionally, safe-haven demand for the yen and Swiss franc further pressured the dollar.

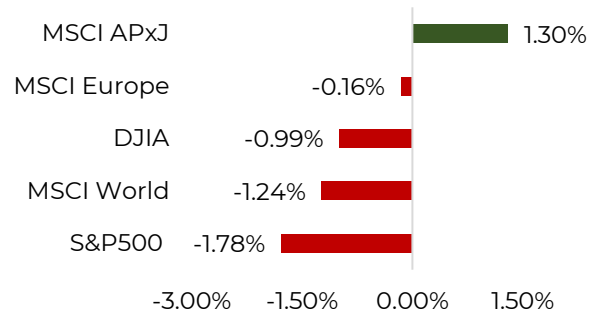
The S&P 500 closed at 5,738.52 (-1.78% DoD) and the DJIA ended at 42,579.08 (-0.99% DoD).

The DXY closed at 104.06 (-0.21% DoD).

US Treasury yields fell following a shift in investor sentiment that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates to counteract President Trump's tariffs and federal workforce reduction.

On average, yields fell by 1.33 bps, with the 2Y closing at 3.96% (-4.60 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.28% (-0.20 bps).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	5,738.52	-1.78%
DJIA	42,579.08	-0.99%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.31%	-0.50 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	3.96%	-4.60 bps
5-yr US Treasury yield	4.06%	-2.20 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.28%	-0.20 bps
DXY	104.06	-0.21%

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