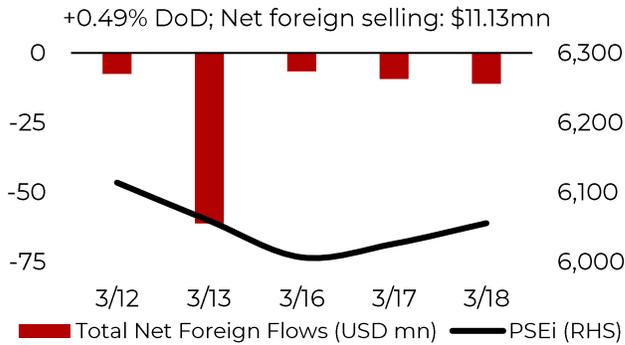


The Morning View

March 19, 2026

Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,055.45	+0.49%
3-mo bond yield	4.91%	+4.36 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.92%	+5.64 bps
5-yr bond yield	6.54%	+3.64 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.79%	-2.75 bps
USDPHP	59.52	-0.47%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	107.38	+3.83%

President Marcos suspended the planned fare hike for public utility vehicles, a day before its implementation. He noted that now is not the right time to raise fares despite soaring pump prices. Nonetheless, he assured transport workers that the government will ramp up support as it began its cash relief distribution for tricycle drivers in the capital region.

Manila Electric Company (PSE: MER) is unlikely to scale back its capital expenditure for FY26 despite ongoing global uncertainties. Meralco earlier announced plans to allocate up to Php30 billion in 2026 for distribution projects aimed at enhancing customer service. Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan said there was an approved capex plan for 2026 but did not provide figures.

Local equities rose on continued bargain hunting and amid optimism over potential policy changes on fuel taxes. Meanwhile, **local fixed income yields** were mixed and the **Philippine peso** strengthened as investors looked ahead of the US Fed's policy decision. Traders also digested Finance Secretary Go's remarks of a potential rate hike if energy prices remain high by April.

The PSEi closed at 6,055.45 (+0.49% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 4.27 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.92% (+5.64 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.79% (-2.75 bps).

The USD/PHP pair closed at 59.52 (-0.47% DoD).

The US Federal Reserve kept its policy rate unchanged in the 3.50%-3.75% range. The Fed also updated its economic projections, with a higher Personal Consumption Expenditures inflation of 2.7% (December projection: 2.4%), steady unemployment rate at 4.4%, and faster economic growth of 2.4% (December projection: 2.3%). Lastly, the Fed retained its one 25-bp rate cut projection for the year. Meanwhile, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said that higher energy prices will push up overall inflation in the near term, though the scale of its impact remain uncertain.

US producer price index (PPI) inflation jumped to 0.7% MoM in February (Revised Jan.: +0.5%, Consensus: +0.3%). This was the fastest increase in seven months, led by the 0.5% rise in services costs. Economists said that PPI inflation could accelerate further as the US-Iran war is likely to continue raising oil prices.

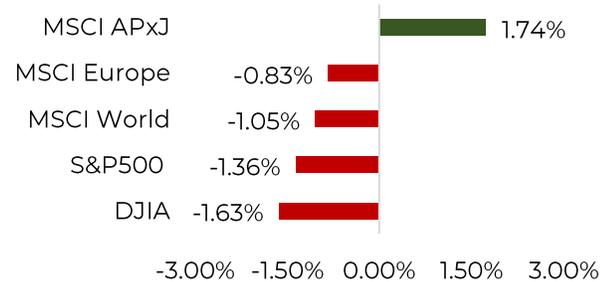
US equities retreated, **US Treasury yields** climbed, and the **US dollar** strengthened after the Fed left the policy rate unchanged. The market also assessed the Fed's latest economic projections.

The S&P 500 closed at 6,624.70 (-1.36% DoD), while the DJIA ended at 46,225.15 (-1.63% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 5.42 bps, with the 2Y closing at 3.78% (+10.30 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.27% (+6.70 bps).

The DXY closed at 100.09 (+0.51% DoD).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	6,624.70	-1.36%
DJIA	46,225.15	-1.63%
3-mo US Treasury yield	3.71%	+1.20 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	3.78%	+10.30 bps
5-yr US Treasury yield	3.88%	+8.70 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.27%	+6.70 bps
DXY	100.09	+0.51%

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