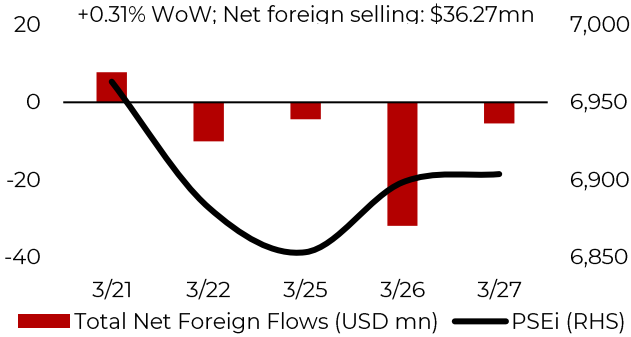


# The Weekly Review

APRIL 1, 2024

## Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	6,903.53	+0.31%
3-mo bond yield	5.73%	-4.91 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.04%	-0.91 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.23%	+3.30 bps
USDPHP	56.24	-0.05%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	87.48	+2.40%

**The local equity market rose** amid bargain hunting ahead of the Holy Week break. Investors also digested the US Fed's projections reaffirming rate cut expectations of three 25-basis points this year.

Top performers were Century Pacific Food, Inc. (PSE Ticker: CNPF; +13.31%), Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. (CNVRG; +6.52%), and Monde Nissin Corp. (MONDE; +6.02%). Meanwhile, Bank of the Philippine Islands (PSE Ticker: BPI; -2.80%), DMCI Holdings, Inc. (DMC; -2.91%), and Jollibee Foods Corporation (JFC; -4.39%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 6,903.53 (+0.31% WoW).

**Local fixed income were mixed** as investors weighed Finance Secretary Recto's projection of two policy rate cuts later this year, as well as market expectations of an uptick in March local inflation.

▲ On average, yields closed flat, with the 2Y closing at 6.04% (-1 bp) and the 10Y closing at 6.23% (+3 bps).

**The Philippine peso remained flat** as investors digested the US Fed's reaffirmation of policy rate cuts later this year. Investors also weighed remarks from Finance Secretary Recto stating that he expects only two policy rate cuts later this year.

▼ The USD/PHP pair closed at 56.24 (-0.05% WoW).

**The US stock markets climbed** as investors digested the upward revision of the 4Q23 US Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to 3.4% from previously 3.2%. This was also after the US Fed reaffirmed its expectation of policy rate cuts this year.

▲ S&P 500 closed at 5,254.35 (+0.39% WoW).

▲ DJIA closed at 39,807.37 (+0.84% WoW).

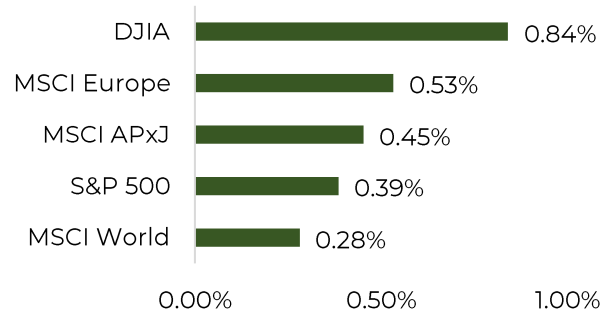
**US Treasury yields inched up** ahead of the February US PCE inflation data release. Post data release, US February PCE inflation slowed to 2.8% YoY (Jan: 2.9%), in line with market's expectations.

▲ On average, yields rose by 1 bp, with the 2Y closing at 4.62% (+3 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.20% (+0 bps).

**The US dollar was relatively flat** as core PCE inflation settled within expectations. Investors also weighed mixed comments from Federal Reserve members Bostic and Goolsbee who expect rate cuts of 25 and 75 bps, respectively, within the year.

▲ The DXY closed at 104.49 (+0.05% WoW).

## Global Stock Indices



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	5,254.35	+0.39%
DJIA	39,807.37	+0.84%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.38%	-1.00 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.62%	+3.10 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.20%	+0.20 bps
DXY	104.49	+0.05%