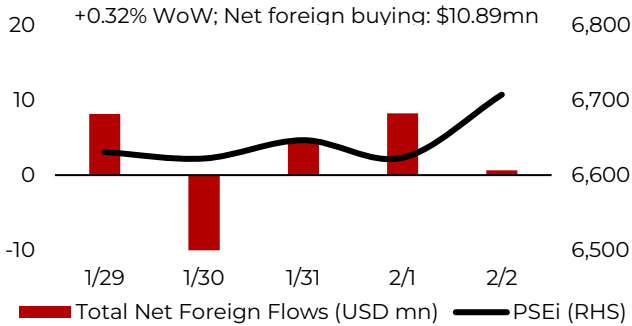


The Weekly Review

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	6,707.25	+0.32%
3-mo bond yield	5.44%	+2.02 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.98%	+1.02 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.14%	-5.28 bps
USDPHP	55.92	-0.66%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	77.33	-7.44%

The local equity market rose amid the better-than-expected local gross domestic product (GDP) data. The economy grew by 5.6% in 4Q23, better than the Bloomberg consensus estimate of 5.2%.

Top performers were Monde Nissin Corp (PSE Ticker: MONDE; +11.74%), Century Pacific Food Inc (CNPF; +6.56%), and International Container Terminal Services Inc (ICT; +5.08%). Meanwhile, Manila Electric Company (PSE Ticker: MER; -3.82%), Puregold Price Club Inc (PGOLD; -4.03%), and Jollibee Foods Corp (JFC; -5.39%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 6,707.25 (+0.32% WoW).

Local fixed income yields were mixed but fell on average following the release of the full-year local GDP growth report of 5.6%, which is lower than the government's target of 6% to 7% and the Fed pushing back expectations of early rate cuts.

▼ On average, yields fell by 1 bp, with the 2Y closing at 5.98% (+1 bp) and the 10Y closing at 6.14% (-5 bps)

The Philippine peso strengthened amid optimism on the higher-than-expected PH economic growth for 4Q23. Investors also weighed BSP Governor Remolona's comment that a rate cut is unlikely in the upcoming February meeting.

▼ USD/PHP pair closed at 55.92 (-0.66% WoW).

The US stock markets rose to fresh highs as investors parsed through a new batch of fourth quarter earnings reports. This included results from some of the Magnificent Seven tech companies. Gains were boosted by strong earnings results from Meta Platforms, Amazon, and Microsoft.

▲ S&P 500 closed at 4,958.61 (+1.38% WoW).
 ▲ DJIA closed at 38,654.42 (+1.43% WoW).

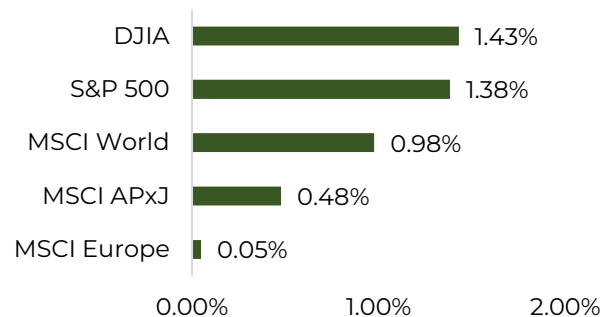
US Treasury yields fell after the US government signaled less 1Q24 borrowings than expected. The US Treasury will borrow \$760 billion, \$55 billion lower than the estimate last October.

▼ On average, US Treasury yields fell by 6 bps WoW, with the 10Y closing at 4.02% (-12 bps).

The **US dollar** strengthened amid safe-haven demand as tensions between the US and Iran escalated. Investors also weighed the latest economic data releases in the US, including the stronger-than-expected labor data, which tempered the market's early rate cut bets.

▲ The DXY closed at 103.92 (+0.47% WoW).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	4,958.61	+1.38%
DJIA	38,654.42	+1.43%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.38%	+1.30 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.37%	-2.20 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.02%	-10.60 bps
DXY	103.92	+0.47%