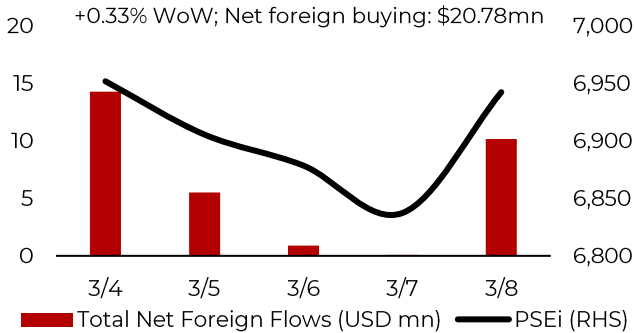


The Weekly Review

MARCH 11, 2024

Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	WoW
PSEi	6,942.21	+0.33%
3-mo bond yield	5.77%	+3.60 bps
2-yr bond yield	6.11%	-0.46 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.25%	+0.93 bps
USDPHP	55.57	-0.79%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	82.08	-1.76%

The local equity market rose amid bargain hunting. This was after a three-day market decline amid the higher-than-expected local inflation print in February and hawkish remarks from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Remolona.

Top performers were International Container Terminal Services Inc. (PSE Ticker: ICT; +9.39%), SM Investments Corp. (SM; +4.54%), and Semirara Mining And Power Corp. (SCC; +3.03%). Meanwhile, Nickel Asia Corp (PSE Ticker: NIKL; -5.33%), Universal Robina Corp. (URC; -5.58%), and Wilcon Depot Inc.s (WLCON; -8.44%) were the laggards of the week.

▲ The PSEi closed at 6,942.21 (+0.33% WoW).

Local fixed income yields rose as local inflation surprised to the upside at 3.4% in February. This was also after BSP Governor Remolona said that it is “too soon” for a policy rate cut given upside risks to inflation.

▲ On average, yields rose by 1 bp, with the 2Y closing at 6.11% (0 bp) and the 10Y closing at 6.25% (+1 bp).

The Philippine peso strengthened following hawkish remarks from BSP Governor Remolona who said that it is unlikely for the BSP policy rate to be cut soon.

▼ USD/PHP pair closed at 55.57 (-0.79% WoW).

The US stock markets fell as investors weighed mixed data from the February US jobs report which showed that unemployment rate rose to 3.9%, nonfarm payrolls jumped by 275,000, and average wage growth slowed to a 0.1% MoM increase.

▼ S&P 500 closed at 5,123.69 (-0.26% WoW).

▼ DJIA closed at 38,722.69 (-0.93% WoW).

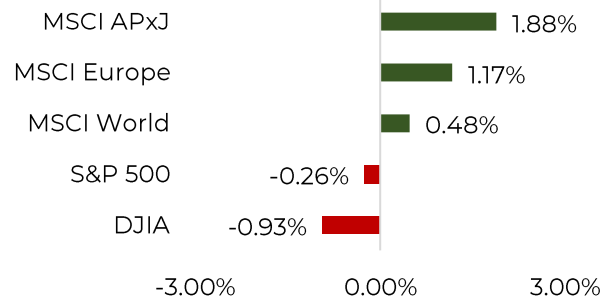
US Treasury yields declined as investors weighed dovish remarks from US Fed Chair Powell who said that he is still expecting rate cuts later this year. Investors also weighed mixed labor data which showed an increase in both nonfarm payrolls and unemployment rate, as well as easing wage growth.

▼ On average, yields fell by 7 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.48% (-6 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.08% (-11 bps).

The US dollar weakened amid rate cut bets following the weaker job openings data, higher unemployment rate, and dovish comments from Fed Chair Powell.

▼ The DXY closed at 102.71 (-1.11% WoW).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	WoW
S&P 500	5,123.69	-0.26%
DJIA	38,722.69	-0.93%
3-mo US Treasury yield	5.39%	+0.30 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.48%	-16.60 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.08%	-20.60 bps
DXY	102.71	-1.11%