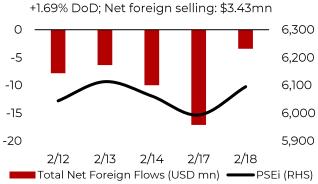
The Morning View

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Philippine Stock Exchange Index



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,094.96	+1.69%
3-mo bond yield	5.24%	+5.23 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.81%	+1.12 bps
5-yr bond yield	5.96%	+0.66 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.13%	+0.43 bps
USDPHP	58.15	+0.21%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	75.84	+0.82%

The Department of Transportation approved a new fare matrix, raising the fares for the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) starting April 2. The boarding fare will be increased to Php16.25 from Php13.29, while the distance per kilometer fare will be raised to Php1.47 from Php1.21. The maximum fare for a single-journey end-to-end trip will be hiked to Php55 from Php45.

Ayala Land Inc. (PSE Ticker: ALI) has partnered with the city government of Santa Rosa, Laguna to develop a two-hectare Santa Rosa Civic Complex within the Nuvali Estate. The complex will feature a convention center, a city one-stop shop, sports facilities, and a command center.

Local equities rose amid bargain hunting after two consecutive days of decline. Meanwhile, **local fixed income yields** inched up and the **Philippine peso** weakened as investors digested comments from several US Fed policymakers that rates could be kept steady until there is more progress made to bring down inflation.

The PSEi closed at 6,094.96 (+1.69% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 0.29 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.81% (+1.12 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.13% (+0.43 bps).

The USD/PHP pair closed at 58.15 (+0.21% DoD).

San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly said that monetary policy should remain restrictive until there is more progress on inflation. Daly cited the uncertainties over the economic impact of Trump's policies, which warrant careful policymaking.

US homebuilder sentiment drops to a five-month low in February amid concerns on sticky inflation and potentially higher mortgage rates. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index, which gauges builder sentiment towards housing market conditions, dropped to 42 in February from 47 in January.

US equities inched up, **US Treasury yields** rose, and the **US dollar** strengthened ahead of the release of the US Fed's January meeting minutes. Investors also weighed the ongoing US-Russia peace talks and hawkish remarks from several Fed officials saying that they want to see more progress on inflation before considering further rate cuts.

The S&P 500 closed at 6,129.58 (+0.24% DoD) and the DJIA closed at 44,556.34 (+0.02% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 5.02 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.31% (+4.70 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.55% (+7.40 bps).

The DXY closed at 107.01 (+0.41% DoD).

MSCI APXJ 0.45% MSCI Europe 0.31% S&P500 0.24% MSCI World 0.22% DJIA 0.02% 0.00% 0.50% 1.00%

	Level	DoD
S&P 500	6,129.58	+0.24%
DJIA	44,556.34	+0.02%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.32%	-0.10 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.31%	+4.70 bps
5-yr US Treasury yield	4.40%	+7.50 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	4.55%	+7.40 bps
DXY	107.01	+0.41%

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