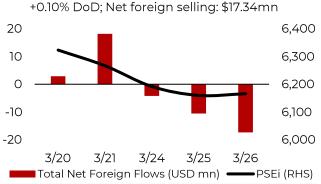
## **The Morning View**

March 27, 2025

## **Philippine Stock Exchange Index**



	Level	DoD
PSEi	6,166.05	+0.10%
3-mo bond yield	5.25%	+3.83 bps
2-yr bond yield	5.77%	-0.02 bps
5-yr bond yield	5.95%	-1.54 bps
10-yr bond yield	6.25%	-1.08 bps
USDPHP	57.69	+0.16%
Oil (Brent, \$ / barrel)	73.79	+1.05%

The Department of Agriculture (DA) said that it will reduce the maximum suggested retail price (MSRP) for imported rice to Php45/kilo on March 31, citing declining global rice prices. DA first implemented the MSRP for imported rice on January 20 at initial setting of Php58/kilo, which was further lowered to Php52/kilo on February 15 and to Php49/kilo on March 1.

GT Capital Holdings Inc. (PSE Ticker: GTCAP) reported a core net income of Php28.13 billion (+11% YoY) in FY24, which excludes one-off gains from its associate Metro Pacific Investments Corporation in FY24, lot sales in FY24 and FY23, and incentives under the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy program in FY23. Earnings were driven by record performances of its banking, automobile, and infrastructure businesses.

**Local equities** rebounded, **local fixed income yields** were mixed, and the **Philippine peso** weakened as investors digested Bangko Sental ng Pilipinas Governor Remolona's comment on a potential rate cut in April and ahead of Trump's tariff announcements. The local stock market also rose amid bargain hunting. The PSEi closed at 6,166.05 (+0.10% DoD).

On average, yields inched up by 0.44 bps, with the 2Y closing at 5.77% (-0.02 bps) and the 10Y closing at 6.25% (-1.08 bps).

-2.00%

The USD/PHP pair closed at 57.69 (+0.16% DoD).

US President Donald Trump announces 25% tariffs on imported cars and light trucks starting April 2. This will target automobiles that are not made in the United States. Meanwhile, auto parts that are compliant with the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement will be exempted from the new tariffs.

Minneapolis Fed President Kashkari said that he is uncertain about the impact of Trump's tariffs on the US economy and supports the view that there is no rush to cut rates. Meanwhile, Chicago Fed President Goolsbee expects interest rates to be "a fair bit lower" in 12-18 months, but said that it may take longer than anticipated for the next rate cut due to economic uncertainty.

**US equities** fell, **US Treasury yields** were mixed, and the **US dollar** slightly strengthened as investors awaited details on Trump's automotive import tariffs. This was also ahead of the release of the February US personal consumption expenditures (PCE) data.

The S&P 500 closed at 5,712.20 (-1.12% DoD), while the DJIA ended at 42,454.79 (-0.31% DoD).

On average, yields rose by 2.33 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.02% (-0.10 bps) and the 10Y closing at 4.35% (+3.90 bps).

The DXY closed at 104.55 (+0.35% DoD).

## MSCI APXJ DJIA -0.31% MSCI Europe -0.75% MSCI World -1.01% S&P500 -1.12%

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Level	DoD
5,712.20	-1.12%
42,454.79	-0.31%
4.30%	+1.50 bps
4.02%	-0.10 bps
4.10%	+3.00 bps
4.35%	+3.90 bps
104.55	+0.35%
	5,712.20 42,454.79 4.30% 4.02% 4.10% 4.35%

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