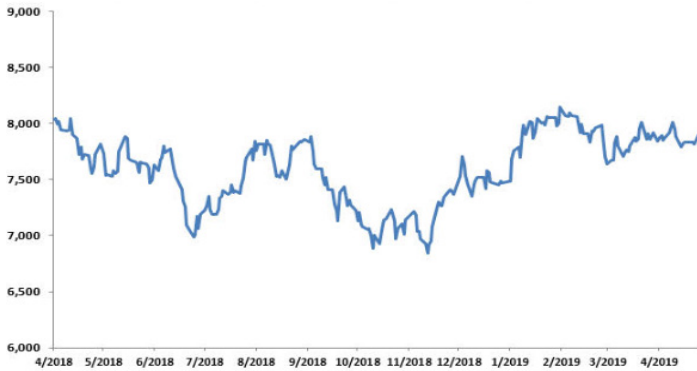


Upgraded

April 22-26, 2019

PSEi 2019 Performance



Weekly PSEi Performance

	As of April 26, 2019	W-o-W Change	YTD Change	Weight In the Index
PSEi	7,868.3	0.4%	5.4%	
FMETF	117.7	0.1%	5.6%	
All Shares	4,856.4	0.4%	7.5%	
Financials	1,743.8	0.1%	-2.0%	17.5
Industrial	11,397.3	-1.9%	4.1%	11.7
Services	1,585.7	-1.4%	9.9%	11.0
Property	4,292.3	2.7%	18.3%	22.3
Holdings	7,535.7	0.5%	2.6%	36.8
Mining & Oil	7,800.3	0.9%	-4.9%	0.7

Market Statistics (in Php bn)

	April 26, 2019	YTD
Ave. Daily Value Turnover	6.7	7.7
Foreign Buying	21.6	351.6
Foreign Selling	18.2	308.9
Net Foreign Buying/(Selling)	3.4	42.6
% of Foreign to Total	59	55

Foreign Indices

	Value	W-o-W	YTD	P/E
Dow Jones	26,543.3	0.4%	13.8%	16.4
S&P 500	2,939.9	1.4%	17.3%	17.7
FTSE 100	7,428.2	-0.6%	10.4%	13.1
DAX	12,315.2	1.3%	16.6%	13.7
Nikkei	22,258.7	-0.1%	11.2%	15.3
Hang Seng	29,605.0	-1.7%	14.5%	11.6
Shanghai	3,086.4	-5.4%	23.8%	11.7
PSE	7,868.3	0.4%	5.4%	16.8

Sources: PSE data, Bloomberg

Equities Outlook

Outlook. Standard & Poor's (S&P) raised the Philippines sovereign credit rating from BBB to BBB+ with stable outlook. Thus, PSEi may rally and easily break above 8,000 on account of the credit rating. The market will also take its cue from the April inflation print and earnings results this week from Metro Pacific Investment Corp., Integrated Micro-Electronics, Inc., Aboitiz Power Corp. and Aboitiz Equity Ventures, Inc. (May 2).

On the domestic front, BSP Governor Benjamin Diokno said he expects GDP growth of more than 6% in the first quarter of 2019 despite the 2019 budget approval delay.

Market Review. PSEi up 0.37% to close yesterday at 7,897.02. Last week, the Philippine market rose 0.4% week-on-week to close on Friday at 7,868.3, failing to climb to the 7,900 level, as investors stayed cautious of the U.S.-China trade talk.

Market Flows. Net foreign buying picked up significantly at P3.4 billion, resulting in YTD tally of P42.6 billion.

Regional Markets. Except for Taiwan (+0.3%), Singapore (+0.2%), Malaysia (+1.1%), and Philippines (+0.4%), all Asian markets were losers last week led by China (-4.3%), Korea (-3.0%), and Indonesia (-1.7%). Year-to-date (YTD), China is still the best performer (25.3%) followed by Hong Kong (14.3%) and Taiwan (13.4%).

Currencies. The Philippine peso fell 0.8% week-on-week to close on Friday at P52.19 as investors anticipated the first quarter GDP growth of United States which was 3.2% vs 2.7% expected. Bought/Sold Stocks, see table in next page.

Economic News

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) reported that Philippines have \$12.2 billion worth of investments as President Duterte witnessed the exchange of 19 business agreements with Chinese firms. The investments would be allocated for projects on energy, infrastructure, food, telecommunications, agricultural products, tourism and economic zone and industrial park development. DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez stated that these projects would not only broaden the Philippines' manufacturing base and increase its exports, but will also help decrease dependence on oil and gas imports and will bring more than 21,000 jobs to Filipinos. The projects are: 1) 250MW South Pulangi Hydroelectric Power Plant, 2) Petrochemical refinery processing plant, 3) agreements to supply agricultural product to Chinese companies, 4) develop economic zones (e.g. fintech hub and financial center and expansion of the Cagayan North International Airport).

Meanwhile, BSP reported inflation forecast to settle within the 2-4% target range in 2019 and 2020. The decline in the forecast path for 2019-2020 can be attributed primarily to the lower-than-expected inflation in Q1 2019 and slower domestic liquidity.

Corporate News

Aboitiz-led Union Bank of the Philippines net income rose by 75% to P2.2 billion in the first quarter of 2019 versus the previous quarter due to higher earning asset base, lower operating expenses (P4.3 billion, down by 12%), and a 70% decrease on provision of losses. UBP's performance translated to a return on equity (ROE) of 9.6%, return on assets (ROA) of 1.3%, and revenue-to-expense ratio of 1.6x.

Index Performer (Year-to-date)

Gainers				Losers			
Stock	Price	% Chg	P/E	Stock	Price	% Chg	P/E
BLOOM	13.0	37.9%	18.5	GTCAP	860.0	-11.8%	11.0
AGI	15.0	25.7%	8.4	BPI	83.5	-11.2%	13.8
ICT	125.2	25.2%	22.5	DMC	11.4	-11.0%	9.8
RLC	24.5	21.6%	14.8	GLO	1,766.0	-7.1%	12.5
ALI	48.5	19.5%	20.9	MBT	75.8	-6.4%	11.4

Index Performer (Week-on-Week)

Gainers				Losers			
Stock	Price	% Chg	P/E	Stock	Price	% Chg	P/E
JGS	64.6	5.3%	17.0	URC	142.1	-6.5%	29.3
AP	37.4	4.0%	11.1	GLO	1,766.0	-5.3%	12.5
LTG	16.0	3.8%	9.3	DMC	11.4	-5.2%	9.8
SMPH	40.9	3.3%	32.2	ICT	125.2	-2.9%	22.5
ALI	48.5	3.2%	20.9	MBT	75.8	-2.9%	11.4

**Top Weekly Net Foreign Buying/Selling
(Index Components, in Php mn)**

Top Foreign Buying		Top Foreign Selling	
ALI	797.22	MBT	-553.99
ICT	310.29	AC	-547.73
TEL	291.82	MPI	-273.35
BLOOM	142.79	AGI	-194.72
SMPH	115.00	GTCAP	-186.19

Commodities (in USD)

	Value	W-o-W	YTD
Gold (per troy ounce)	1,286.16	1.0%	0.3%
Nickel (per metric tons)	12,424.00	-3.6%	16.2%
Copper (per lbs)	289.40	-2.7%	9.6%
WTI (per barrel)	63.30	-0.7%	39.4%
Sugar (per lbs)	12.65	1.0%	3.3%
Rice (per cwt)	10.20	-2.7%	1.0%

Market Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		5/01/2019	5/02/2019	5/03/2019
			Analysts' briefing of MPI, IMI, AP, AEV	
5/06/2019	5/07/2019	5/08/2019	5/09/2019	5/10/2019
	April inflation data	March export and import data	1Q19 GDP results	
			Monetary policy meeting	