

## Market Commentary

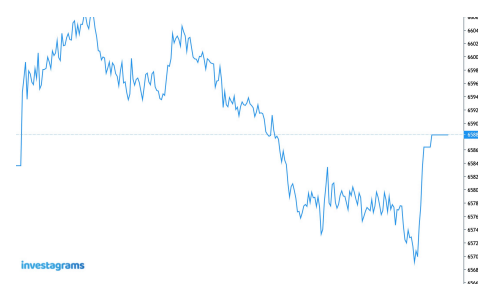
➔ **The View:** The PSEi had a marginal gain of 4.63 points or 0.07% on Thursday to end at 6,588.28. The benchmark index briefly moved up to the 6,600-level again before dropping to as low as 6,569.17 during the session. Major US indices were mixed with the Dow and S&P500 posting minute gains, while Nasdaq settled for another down day. However, the three indices are still on track for a third straight losing week. European markets remained in the red as investors continue to grapple with fears of higher interest rates and a possible economic recession. Meanwhile, Asia-Pacific markets were down on Thursday. South Korea's Kospi and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 have the biggest drops with more than 2% each. In the local bourse, Property (-2.06%), and Services (-0.57%) were the sectoral decliners. Holding firms (+1.14%) posted the biggest gain while the rest of the sectors finished with sub-1% growths. In the main index, SMC (+4.66%), AC (+4.42%), and MER (+2.92%) led Thursday's pack of 15 gainers. On the other end, WLCON (-6.34%), SMPH (-3.70%), and RLC (-2.66%) performed the worst among the yesterday's 13 laggards. The market's value turnover went down by 44% to PHP5.00 billion from PHP8.87 billion last Wednesday. Total foreign activity went down by 58% to PHP4.59 billion from PHP10.99 billion in the previous session. Foreigners switched to being net buyers with net foreign buying amounting to PHP115.14 million, compared with the net foreign selling of PHP287.46 million in the previously. The Philippine Peso touched an 18-year low against the US dollar at PHP56.45 before ending at PHP56.42. It was a 27.5-centavo drop from last Wednesday's PHP56.225. The benchmark index recorded a minor relief yesterday on the back of last-minute bargain hunting. However, the index still failed to climb back up and stay at the 6,600-level as investors remained cautious in the midst of looming interest rate hikes. The further weakening of the local currency could dampen market sentiment even more. The US dollar continues to strengthen as the US Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained its hawkish stance on monetary policy to curb inflation. Investors are waiting for the key US' August jobs report where economists are expecting a hiring slowdown. Most analysts are leaning on another jumbo hike of 75-basis points following the Fed's aggressive pronouncements in recent times. Some research firms, however, are saying that the Philippines, along with other emerging economies, are less likely to be significantly affected by a major economic downturn in the US. A more positive US performance, and continued bargain hunting could help uplift the local bourse, but selling pressure may remain persistent overall.

## Stock Picks

Stock	Date	Initial Price	Current Price	Return since Recommendation	
				Stock	PSEi
TEL	3/13/20	1,029.00	1,650.00	60.35%	13.71%
CNPF	3/13/20	13.10	24.00	83.21%	13.71%
FGEN	9/23/20	24.80	17.74	-28.47%	11.80%
AP	9/23/20	25.55	30.65	19.96%	11.80%
BDO	11/17/20	92.60	130.50	40.93%	-4.77%
BPI	11/17/20	83.00	96.15	15.84%	-4.77%
MBT	11/17/20	44.35	51.50	16.12%	-4.77%
SECB	11/17/20	103.90	89.50	-13.86%	-4.77%
CNVRG	6/13/22	22.50	17.52	-22.13%	1.88%
ALI	6/13/22	30.05	28.65	-4.66%	1.88%
SGP	6/13/22	12.06	13.74	13.93%	1.88%
<b>Ave. Return</b>				<b>16.47%</b>	<b>3.42%</b>

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## PSEI INTRADAY



### INDICES

Index	Prev	Last	% Chg
PSEi	6,583.65	6,588.28	0.07%
All Shares	3,500.72	3,498.04	-0.08%
Financial	1,606.85	1,615.54	0.54%
Industrial	9,739.44	9,758.94	0.20%
Holding Firms	6,200.19	6,270.94	1.14%
Property	3,024.91	2,962.46	-2.06%
Services	1,676.95	1,667.47	-0.57%
Mining & Oil	11,631.58	11,724.12	0.80%

### TOP 10

SMC	4.66%	WLCON	-6.34%
AC	4.42%	SMPH	-3.70%
MER	2.92%	RLC	-2.66%
SCC	2.07%	PGOLD	-2.48%
GLO	2.00%	MBT	-2.09%
BDO	1.32%	AP	-2.08%
BPI	1.26%	AEV	-2.05%
SM	1.08%	TEL	-1.73%
ICT	0.94%	MEG	-1.60%
JGS	0.88%	LTG	-1.58%

### BOTTOM 10

### MARKET DATA

Market Volume	635,984,047
Market Turnover ( Value)	5,000,283,727
Foreign Buying	2,351,430,030
Foreign Selling	2,236,286,585
Net Foreign Buy / (Sell)	115,143,445

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## Economic Developments

- ➔ **Manufacturing activity grows faster in August.** The S&P Global Philippines Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) reading stood at 51.2 in August, higher than the 50.8 in July. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> month in a row that manufacturing firms recorded growth. Manufacturing workforce increased in the hope of expanding production in the coming months. However, overall client demand took a hit as new orders lessened, primarily driven by a sharp drop in new export orders. According to Maryam Baluch, economist at S&P Global Market Intelligence, "…persistent inflation, supply chain disruption, the peso depreciation and rising rates "will squeeze demand as clients' disposable income will take a hit". (*BusinessWorld*)
- ➔ **BSP raises rural banks' minimum capital requirements to PHP50 million.** The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) raised the minimum required capital for rural banks with up to five branches to PHP50 million from PHP10 million. Other rural banks with six to ten branches, and more than ten branches, will be required to have PHP120 million and PHP200 million in capital, respectively. The rural banks will be given five years to comply with the new rule. (*BusinessWorld*)
- ➔ **Rice and corn inventory in July decline by 6.6% and 19.2%, respectively.** According to a report of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), total rice inventory as of July 1 dropped to 2.03 million metric tons (MT) from 2.2 million MT recorded in the same period last year. It was also lower than June's 2.1 million MT. Data from the Bureau of Plant Industry showed as of August 18, the country imported 2.5 million MT of rice, with Vietnam accounting for most of the imported rice at over 2 million MT. The Department of Agriculture previously announced that it will give out more rice seeds to farmers to help boost production and income. Meanwhile, total corn inventory went down to 746,920 million MT from 924,250 MT last year, and from 873,480 last month. (*Inquirer*)

## Corporate Developments

- ➔ **ABS-CBN Corporation (ABS).** ABS and TV5 Network, Inc. (TV5) mutually agreed to terminate the Investment Agreement dated 10 August 2022 covering the proposed acquisition by ABS-CBN of 34.99% equity interest in TV5 and the Convertible Note Agreement covering the proposed subscription by ABS-CBN to a Convertible Note to be issued by TV5. (*ABS Disclosure*)

ABS, Sky Vision Corporation (Sky Vision), and Lopez, Inc. (the Sellers) and Cignal Cable Corporation (Cignal Cable) mutually agreed to terminate the Sale and Purchase Agreement covering the proposed acquisition by Cignal Cable of 38.88% equity interest in Sky Cable Corporation and the Debt Instruments Agreement covering the proposed subscription by Cignal Cable to an Exchangeable Debt Instrument to be issued by Sky Vision and the proposed acquisition by Cignal Cable of a Convertible Note issued by Sky Cable. (*ABS Disclosure*)

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- ➔ **Converge Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. (CNVRG).** According to sources familiar with the matter, CNVRG is talking to prospective advisers regarding the selling of some of its stake in the company to bring in a minority investor. The transaction could raise as much as \$1 billion depending on the deal's size and structure. Converge's Investor Relations Director Owen Kieffer Ocampo said that no decision has been made on such transaction, but the company continues to review options to maximize shareholder value. *(Bloomberg)*
- ➔ **RFM Corporation (RFM).** RFM's board of directors has approved the PHP1.2 billion capital expenditures plan to expand its milk production capacity along with other high growth segments. The company believes that this will support the growing consumer demand and institutional businesses that are expected to double in the next 5 years. *(RFM Disclosure)*

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## CASH DIVIDEND SCHEDULE

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Ticker	Company	Amount/ Rate	Dividend Type	Share	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
ABA	AbaCore Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php0.01	Cash	Common	06/23/22	06/28/22	TBA
PERC	PetroEnergy Resources Corporation	Php0.05	Cash	Common	08/10/22	08/15/22	09/08/22
FB	San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc.	Php0.40	Cash	Common	08/15/22	08/18/22	09/02/22
FB	San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc.	Php0.26	Special Cash	Common	08/15/22	08/18/22	09/02/22
TEL	PLDT Inc.	Php47.00	Cash	Common	08/15/22	08/18/22	09/05/22
TEL	PLDT Inc.	Php28.00	Special Cash	Common	08/15/22	08/18/22	09/05/22
EAGLE	Eagle Cement Corporation	Php0.40	Cash	Common	08/15/22	08/18/22	09/07/22
GSMI	Ginebra San Miguel, Inc.	Php0.375	Cash	Common	08/16/22	08/19/22	09/02/22
GSMI	Ginebra San Miguel, Inc.	Php1.00	Special Cash	Common	08/16/22	08/19/22	09/02/22
ALCPD	Arthaland Corporation	Php7.50	Cash	Preferred	08/16/22	08/19/22	09/03/22
MREIT	MREIT, Inc.	Php0.2468	Cash	Common	08/16/22	08/19/22	09/09/22
CREIT	Citicore Energy REIT Corp.	Php0.44	Cash	Common	08/16/22	08/19/22	09/14/22
FJP	F & J Prince Holdings Corporation	Pho0.10	Cash	Common	08/16/22	08/19/22	09/15/22
MPI	Metro Pacific Investments Corporation	Php0.0345	Cash	Common	08/17/22	08/22/22	09/08/22
MER	Manila Electric Company	Php5.806	Cash	Common	08/18/22	08/23/22	09/14/22
MFC	Manulife Financial Corporation	CAD 0.33	Cash	Common	08/18/22	08/23/22	09/19/22
SLF	Sun Life Financial Inc.	CAD 0.69	Cash	Common	08/19/22	08/24/22	09/29/22
GLO	Globe Telecom, Inc.	Php27.00	Cash	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	09/09/22
SHLPH	Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation	Php1.00	Cash	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	09/19/22
MFIN	Makati Finance Corporation	Php 0.005435056706	Cash	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	09/21/22
AREIT	AREIT, Inc.	Php0.49	Cash	Common	08/23/22	08/26/22	09/09/22
SSI	SSI Group, Inc.	Php0.021	Cash	Common	08/23/22	08/26/22	09/20/22
APX	Apex Mining Co., Inc.	Php0.01055	Cash	Common	08/24/22	08/30/22	09/15/22
VREIT	VistaREIT, Inc.	Php0.0210	Cash	Common	08/24/22	08/30/22	09/20/22
DDMPR	DDMP REIT, Inc.	Php0.027299	Cash	Common	08/25/22	08/31/22	09/26/22
FILRT	Filinvest REIT Corp.	Php0.088	Cash	Common	08/25/22	08/31/22	09/20/22
PRF3A	Petron Corporation	Php17.17825	Cash	Preferred	08/25/22	08/31/22	09/26/22
PRF3B	Petron Corporation	Php17.84575	Cash	Preferred	08/25/22	08/31/22	09/26/22
MEDIC	Medilines Distributors Incorporated	Php0.0030842082	Special Cash	Common	08/26/22	09/01/22	09/22/22
ALCPC	Arthaland Corporation	Php1.7319	Cash	Preferred	08/26/22	09/01/22	09/27/22
LTG	LT Group, Inc.	Php0.30	Special Cash	Common	08/31/22	09/02/22	09/15/22
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.015	Cash	Preferred	09/01/22	09/06/22	09/19/22
MONDE	Monde Nissin Corporation	Php0.14	Cash	Common	09/05/22	09/08/22	10/04/22
MBT	Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company	Php0.80	Cash	Common	09/06/22	09/09/22	09/23/22
ALLDY	AllDay Marts, Inc.	Php0.0032	Cash	Common	09/07/22	09/12/22	10/04/22
BDO	BDO Unibank, Inc.	Php0.30	Cash	Common	09/08/22	09/13/22	09/30/22
SHNG	Shang Properties, Inc.	Php0.095	Cash	Common	09/12/22	09/15/22	09/27/22
RFM	RFM Corporation	Php0.059355	Cash	Common	09/12/22	09/15/22	10/11/22
SMC2F	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.27635	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/04/22
SMC2H	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.1854125	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/04/22
SMC2I	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.18790625	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/04/22
SMC2J	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.890625	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/04/22
SMC2K	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.84375	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/04/22
JFCPA	Jollibee Foods Corporation	Php8.20525	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/14/22

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<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Amount/ Rate</b>	<b>Dividend Type</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Ex-date</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>
JFCPB	Jollibee Foods Corporation	Php10.60125	Cash	Preferred	09/16/22	09/21/22	10/14/22
CPGP	Century Properties Group, Inc.	Php1.679425	Cash	Preferred	09/30/22	10/05/22	10/10/22
AUB	Asia United Bank Corporation	Php1.00	Cash	Common	10/11/22	10/14/22	10/31/22
BRNP	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Common	10/28/22	11/03/22	11/29/22
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.015	Cash	Preferred	12/01/22	12/06/22	12/19/22



## Stocks Dividends/Property Dividends

Ticker	Company	Amount/Rate	Dividend Type	Share Type	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
PNB	Philippine National Bank	0.156866919 shares of PNB for every 1 share of PNB	Property	Common	05/13/21	05/18/21	TBA
AC	Ayala Corporation	3 ACEN shares per 1 AC common share	Property	Common	05/24/22	05/27/22	TBA
ABA	AbaCore Capital Holdings, Inc.	0.0009 PRIDE shares per 1 ABA common share	Property	Common	06/23/22	06/28/22	TBA
BDO	BDO Unibank, Inc.	20%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
MFIN	Makati Finance Corporation	0.5435056706%	Stock	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	TBA

## Stocks Rights/Follow-on Offering

Ticker	Company	Offer Price	Ratio	Offer Shares	Ex-date	Offer Start	Offer End	Listing Date
MA	Manila Mining Corporation	Php0.01	1:5	51,917,357,741	04/26/22	05/16/22	05/20/22	TBA
SPNEC	Solar Philippines Nueva Ecija Corporation	Php1.50	1:1.28	1,875,649,995	08/22/22	08/30/22	09/05/22	09/15/22
ANI	AgriNurture, Inc.	Php1.00	1:2.5	288,000,027	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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