

## Market Commentary

➔ **The View:** The PSEi went down by 20.24 points or 0.31% and ended at 6,502.85 last Tuesday. The benchmark index contracted, tracking the continued downward trend in big markets like the US. Some investors also took the opportunity to take profits in this shortened trading week. In the US, the 3 main indices ended with minor changes. The Dow and the S&P500 closed lower by 0.22% and 0.04%, respectively. The Nasdaq Composite went up by 0.27%. All are on track to end the first half of 2023. Nasdaq is up by almost 30%, followed by S&P500 with 14%, and finally, Dow is up 2% for the year. Further comments from US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell hinted that more restrictive policy is coming until inflation is curbed to the target level. Investors are also keeping an eye on the weekly jobless claims data out Thursday (US time). Meanwhile, European markets mostly higher yesterday, finally breaking multi-day declines, led by tech stocks. Investors gained more insights on the global monetary policy outlook on a panel at the European Central Bank forum in Sintra, Portugal which was attended by various central banks' leaders. "Higher for longer" appeared to be the main message of the panelists. In the Asia-Pacific, most markets closed higher. Japan's Nikkei led the gains in the region with 2.02% following a 3-day slump. Australia's ASX200 came in second with 1.10% after its May inflation print came in lower-than-expected at 5.6%, from 6.8% in April, and compared to the consensus estimate of 6.1%. South Korea's Kospi bucked the trend with a 0.67% decline. Worries over China's economy increased after news broke that the country's industrial profits sank 18.8% in first five months of 2023. In the local bourse, sectors mostly declined. Services (+1.14%) and Industrial (+0.22%) were the gainers. The rest had sub-1% contractions led by Mining&Oil (-0.92%) and Holding Firms (-0.79%). In the main index, DMC (+3.30%), TEL (+1.92%), and ALI (+1.62%) were the best performers among 13 gainers. On the other end, AEV (-2.21%), BDO (-2.14%), and SMPH (-1.77%) had the biggest losses among Tuesday's 13 laggards. The market's value turnover fell by 4% to PHP4.16 billion, while total foreign activity increased by 0.09% to PHP3.59 billion. Foreigners continued as net buyers with a net foreign buying of PHP552.59 million, 22% less than the PHP708.27 million in the previous session. The Philippine Peso surged against the US dollar to PHP55.32, a 38-centavo appreciation from Monday. The local bourse could mount a late rally to end the month but investors are likely to remain cautious ahead of the inflation data due next week.

## Stock Picks

Stock	Date	Initial Price	Current Price	Return since Recommendation	
				Stock	PSEi
TEL	3/13/20	1,029.00	1,330.00	29.25%	12.24%
CNPF	3/13/20	13.10	25.05	91.22%	12.24%
FGEN	9/23/20	24.80	18.94	-23.63%	10.35%
AP	9/23/20	25.55	37.85	48.14%	10.35%
BDO	11/17/20	92.60	137.00	47.95%	-6.00%
BPI	11/17/20	83.00	109.10	31.45%	-6.00%
MBT	11/17/20	44.35	55.80	25.82%	-6.00%
SECB	11/17/20	103.90	81.75	-21.32%	-6.00%
CNVRG	6/13/22	22.50	11.32	-49.69%	0.55%
ALI	6/13/22	30.05	25.10	-16.47%	0.55%
SGP	6/13/22	12.06	9.04	-25.04%	0.55%
<b>Ave. Return</b>				<b>12.52%</b>	<b>2.08%</b>

## PSEI INTRADAY



## INDICES

Index	Prev	Last	% Chg
PSEi	6,523.09	6,502.85	-0.31%
All Shares	3,470.46	3,463.81	-0.19%
Financial	1,846.94	1,841.39	-0.30%
Industrial	9,168.88	9,188.60	0.22%
Holding Firms	6,442.61	6,391.61	-0.79%
Property	2,662.53	2,650.57	-0.45%
Services	1,568.60	1,586.51	1.14%
Mining & Oil	9,998.85	9,906.87	-0.92%

## TOP 10

DMC	3.30%	AEV	-2.21%
TEL	1.92%	BDO	-2.14%
ALI	1.62%	SMPH	-1.77%
MER	1.52%	WLCON	-1.58%
ICT	1.46%	JFC	-1.32%
MBT	1.45%	SM	-1.08%
CNVRG	1.43%	JGS	-1.07%
AGI	1.21%	AC	-0.79%
BPI	1.11%	UBP	-0.67%
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## MARKET DATA

Market Volume	562,940,018
Market Turnover ( Value)	4,156,674,833
Foreign Buying	2,069,200,034
Foreign Selling	1,516,609,823
Net Foreign Buy / (Sell)	552,590,211

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## Economic Developments

- ➔ **PH budget deficit narrowed by 17% in May.** The national government's budget deficit in May 2023 decreased by 16.7% to PHP122.2 billion compared to the same month in 2022. This improvement was attributed to the growth in revenues surpassing the increase in spending. The Bureau of the Treasury reported that the deficit for the period of January to May also decreased by 28.9% to PHP326.3 billion compared to the same period last year. In May, government expenses grew by only 0.9% to PHP455.7 billion, while disbursements for the first five months of the year rose slightly by 1.2% to PHP1.92 trillion. On the other hand, revenues for the month increased by 9.4% to PHP333.4 billion, and five-month receipts saw a significant jump of 108% to PHP1.41 trillion. These figures indicate a positive trend in the Philippine government's fiscal performance, with revenues showing robust growth and expenses being carefully managed, resulting in a narrower budget deficit. *(Inquirer)*
- ➔ **US-led free trade framework to progress in 2023.** The United States-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) is expected to make significant progress before the end of the year, according to a United States trade official. Sarah Bianchi, Deputy United States Trade Representative, stated that the goal is to achieve "substantial progress" in all pillars of the framework by the end of the year. The IPEF was launched in May 2022 and includes countries such as Australia, Japan, South Korea, India, and the Philippines, among others. The framework aims to enhance fair trade, supply chain resilience, the clean economy, and the fair economy. Negotiations have been ongoing, and a proposed supply chain agreement was announced in May 2022. The agreement seeks to strengthen supply chains for critical products, including chips, with the goal of reducing dependence on China. The IPEF allows the United States to increase its economic role in the Asia-Pacific region as China's influence in the region has grown. It is worth noting that the Philippines also joined the China-led Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) free trade agreement in February. *(Philstar)*
- ➔ **US trade official supportive of Philippines' GSP renewal.** Sarah Bianchi, Deputy United States Trade Representative, expressed support for the reauthorization of the Philippines' eligibility into the US Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program. The GSP program allows the entry of over 5,000 locally-made products from the Philippines into the US without paying any duties. The Philippines' eligibility into the program expired in December 2020, and the country has been actively pushing for its renewal, including garments being included in the GSP list. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has been particularly vocal about the importance of renewing the Philippines' eligibility. Bianchi stated that she is hopeful and supportive of the reauthorization of GSP and emphasized the need for the US Congress to accomplish it. The GSP program has been instrumental in facilitating trade between the Philippines and the US, with the Philippines utilizing 74% of the agreement in 2020. *(Philstar)*

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## Corporate Developments

- ➔ **ACEN Corporation (ACEN)**. ACEN, through its subsidiary ACEN Vietnam Investments, is progressing with the acquisition of Super Energy Corporation's solar power business in Vietnam. The acquisition will be conducted in phases, with ACEN taking up 49% ownership of Solar NT, which currently operates 837 MW of solar projects in Vietnam. The first phase of the transaction has been completed, and the remaining phases are expected to be finalized within the year, amounting to an estimated total consideration of \$165 million. The partnership between ACEN and SUPER aims to leverage their shared commitment to a sustainable future and capitalize on their collective expertise in renewable energy development. The strategic collaboration will unlock new growth opportunities, expand the portfolio of both companies, generate employment, and accelerate the energy transition. With this investment, ACEN's renewable energy capacity in Vietnam and Laos will reach approximately 1,200 MW, solidifying its position as a prominent player in Southeast Asia's renewable energy sector. *(ACEN Disclosure)*
  
- ➔ **ENEX Energy Corporation (ENEX)**. The Department of Energy (DOE) has granted the request of Palawan55 Exploration and Production Corp., a subsidiary of ENEX Energy Corp., for force majeure relief in the Service Contract 55 (SC 55) contract area in the West Philippine Sea. The force majeure relief is due to the operational and financial risks associated with conducting drilling operations in the area. As a result, SC 55 will be under force majeure from December 6, 2022, until the national government issues a clearance to proceed with exploration activities in the West Philippine Sea. Palawan55, which holds the majority stake in SC 55, is focused on the development of the Cinco prospect within the contract area, which is estimated to contain significant amounts of gas and oil reserves. SC 55 is a deep-water block covering approximately 9,880 square kilometers in the southwest Palawan Basin. ENEX has been seeking partners to take a minority stake in order to reduce the development risk associated with SC 55. The consortium had received approval from the DOE for their updated proposal to develop the Cinco-1 well, and Palawan55 was planning to commence drilling of an appraisal well in April. *(ENEX Disclosure, BusinessWorld)*
  
- ➔ **Monde Nissin Corporation (MONDE)**. MONDE has commenced the construction of a PHP1.2-billion production plant in Davao, Mindanao, aimed at expanding its bakery and biscuit business. The new facility, set to open in February 2024, will increase the company's manufacturing capacity and create an additional 500 jobs. It will include a bakery and biscuits facility producing brands such as Butter Coconut and Monde Mamon. The project is expected to have highly automated operations, enabling Monde Nissin to enhance its distribution network and strengthen its partnerships with distributors and retailers. Additionally, the expansion will enable the company to contribute more to disaster relief efforts in the region by providing food products to communities in need. MONDE's investment aligns with its goal of establishing a regional and national distribution network. The company aims to source local production materials like eggs and flour, reducing manufacturing and logistical costs while improving product shelf visibility in Visayas and Mindanao. The expansion in the bakery and biscuit segment comes as MONDE focuses on strengthening its core food and beverage segments in the Asia-Pacific region, alongside restructuring its alternative meat business. *(Inquirer)*

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- ➔ **SM Investments Corporation (SM).** SM announced that its subsidiary, Philippine Geothermal Production Co., Inc. (PGPC), is expanding its renewable energy capacity to 600 megawatts (MW) through new exploration projects. SM aims to harness clean energy and increase its steam capacity, taking advantage of the Philippines' location within the geologically active "Ring of Fire." PGPC plans to add another 300 MW of renewable energy capacity, bringing its geothermal capacity to an estimated 600 MW. The new projects will be located in various areas in Luzon, including Kalinga, Daklan, Cagayan, and mounts Labo and Malinao. These initiatives are part of PGPC's annual investment of PHP3 billion. PGPC operates the Tiwi and Mak-Ban steam fields, which have contributed to significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions. The combined steam fields generate enough geothermal steam to produce 300 MW of electricity and have been operational since 1979. *(BusinessWorld)*
- ➔ **San Miguel Corporation (SMC).** SMC's infrastructure unit has secured a PHP100-billion loan from a consortium of Philippine banks, including BDO Unibank, Philippine National Bank (PNB), Bank of Commerce (BankCom), Security Bank Corp., and the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS). The loan agreement, which reached financial close on June 1, will accelerate the construction of the Metro Rail Transit 7 (MRT-7) project. With a total cost of PHP77 billion, the MRT-7 project is currently 61.92% completed as of June 14 and aims to connect Quezon City to San Jose del Monte, Bulacan. Once operational, the train system will have 14 stations and is projected to carry 300,000 passengers daily in its first year, increasing to 850,000 passengers per day in its 12th year. The loan agreement will help SMC remain on track to start operations in 2025 and contribute to enhanced mobility and accessibility for Filipinos. The loan agreement will enable SMC to strengthen its infrastructure portfolio and operate the largest infrastructure network in the country. *(BusinessWorld)*

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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
SLF	Sun Life Financial Inc.	CAD 0.75	Cash	Common	05/26/23	05/31/23	06/30/23
FGEN	First Gen Corporation	Php0.40	Cash	Common	06/02/23	06/07/23	06/30/23
DD	DoubleDragon Corporation	Php0.2624	Cash	Common	06/05/23	06/08/23	07/05/23
CTS	CTS Global Equity Group, Inc.	Php0.000776	Cash	Common	06/06/23	06/09/23	07/05/23
CTS	CTS Global Equity Group, Inc.	Php0.002328	Special Cash	Common	06/06/23	06/09/23	07/05/23
AUB	Asia United Bank Corporation	Php1.00	Cash	Common	06/06/23	06/09/23	07/06/23
BDO	BDO Unibank, Inc.	Php0.75	Cash	Common	06/08/23	06/14/23	06/30/23
FILRT	Filinvest REIT Corp.	Php0.071	Cash	Common	06/09/23	06/15/23	06/30/23
DDMPR	DDMP REIT, Inc.	Php0.0253889	Cash	Common	06/14/23	06/19/23	07/13/23
DNL	D&L Industries, Inc.	Php0.24	Cash	Common	06/15/23	06/20/23	07/14/23
DNL	D&L Industries, Inc.	Php0.06	Special Cash	Common	06/15/23	06/20/23	07/14/23
SMC2F	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.27635	Cash	Preferred	06/16/23	06/21/23	07/05/23
SMC2I	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.18790625	Cash	Preferred	06/16/23	06/21/23	07/05/23
SMC2J	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.890625	Cash	Preferred	06/16/23	06/21/23	07/05/23
SMC2K	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.84375	Cash	Preferred	06/16/23	06/21/23	07/05/23
RFM	RFM Corporation	Php0.089033	Cash	Common	06/26/23	06/29/23	07/25/23
CEU	Centro Escolar University	Php0.60	Cash	Common	06/27/23	06/30/23	07/25/23
CDC	Cityland Development Corporation	Php0.0295	Cash	Common	06/27/23	06/30/23	07/26/23
SMC	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.35	Cash	Common	06/27/23	06/30/23	07/26/23
DDPR	DoubleDragon Corporation	Php2.42125	Cash	Preferred	06/27/23	07/03/23	07/14/23
CPGP	Century Properties Group, Inc.	Php1.6794250	Cash	Preferred	06/30/23	07/05/23	07/15/23
ACR	Alsons Consolidated Resources, Inc.	Php0.02	Cash	Common	06/30/23	07/05/23	07/24/23
GTPPA	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php11.57475	Cash	Preferred	06/30/23	07/05/23	07/27/23
GTPPB	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php12.73725	Cash	Preferred	06/30/23	07/05/23	07/27/23
SGP	Synergy Grid & Development Phils., Inc.	Php0.1737	Cash	Common	07/03/23	07/06/23	07/21/23
PREIT	Premiere Island Power REIT Corporation	Php0.0299	Cash	Common	07/04/23	07/07/23	07/17/23
KPH	Keppel Philippines Holdings, Inc.	Php0.10	Cash	Common	07/04/23	07/07/23	08/02/23
FJP	F & J Prince Holdings Corporation	Php0.10	Cash	Common	07/05/23	07/09/23	07/27/23
DELM	Del Monte Pacific Limited	US\$0.0013	Cash	Common	07/06/23	07/11/23	07/25/23
8990B	8990 Holdings, Inc.	Php1.375	Cash	Preferred	07/24/23	07/27/23	08/10/23
BRNP Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Preferred	07/27/23	08/01/23	08/29/23
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	08/16/23	08/24/23	09/08/23
TCB2C	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	Php0.8233	Cash	Preferred	08/24/23	08/30/23	09/14/23
TCB2D	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	08/24/23	08/30/23	09/14/23
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.015	Cash	Preferred	08/29/23	09/01/23	09/18/23
CROWN	Crown Asia Chemicals Corporation	Php0.04	Cash	Common	08/25/23	08/31/23	09/25/23
FJP	F & J Prince Holdings Corporation	Php0.07	Cash	Common	09/06/23	09/09/23	09/27/23
AUB	Asia United Bank Corporation	Php1.00	Cash	Common	09/07/23	09/12/23	09/28/23
GTPPA	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php11.57475	Cash	Preferred	10/02/23	10/05/23	10/27/23

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GTPPB	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php12.73725	Cash	Preferred	10/02/23	10/05/23	10/27/23
8990B	8990 Holdings, Inc.	Php1.375	Cash	Preferred	10/20/23	10/25/23	11/10/23
BRNP Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Preferred	10/26/23	10/31/23	11/29/23
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	11/21/23	11/24/23	12/11/23
TCB2C	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	Php0.8233	Cash	Preferred	11/23/23	11/29/23	12/14/23
TCB2D	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	11/23/23	11/29/23	12/14/23
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippines Corporation	US\$0.015	Cash	Preferred	11/28/23	12/01/23	12/18/23
8990B	8990 Holdings, Inc.	Php1.375	Cash	Preferred	01/24/24	01/29/24	02/10/24

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## Stocks Dividends/Property Dividends

Ticker	Company	Amount/Rate	Dividend Type	Share Type	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
PNB	Philippine National Bank	0.156886919 shares of PHC 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	01/09/23
ABA	AbaCore Capital Holdings, Inc.	0.0009 PRIDE shares per 1 ABA common share	Property	Common	06/23/22	06/28/22	TBA
GREEN	Greenergy Holdings Incorporated	0.0561786222 share of ANI for every 1 share of the company	Property	Common	06/27/22	06/30/22	TBA
MFIN	Makati Finance Corporation	0.5435056706%	Stock	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	TBA
LPC	LFM Properties Corporation	60%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
VMC	Victorias Milling Company, Inc.	100%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
UBP	Union Bank of the Philippines	27%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
CEI	Crown Equities, Inc.	10%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
SBS	SBS Philippines Corporation	22%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
CDC	Cityland Development Corporation	2.5%	Stock	Common	07/03/23	TBA	TBA
LAND	City & Land Developers, Incorporated	5%	Stock	Common	07/10/23	TBA	TBA
AUB	Asia United Bank Corporation	50%	Stock	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA

Note: AC  
Scripless shareholders will have a moving payment date for their property dividends

## 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
ANI	AgriNurture, Inc.	Php1.00	1:2.5	288,000,027	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LC	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company	Php0.12	1:3.95	16,803,989,391	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
PBB	Philippine Business Bank	Php10.00	1:4.6428	50,000,000	03/07/2023	03/10/2023	03/17/2023	TBA

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