

Market Commentary

The View. The PSEi increased by 1.60% or 98.19 points to 6,219.96 on Thursday. Philippine shares surged above 6,200 levels after Trump postponed tariffs for automakers in Mexico and Canada, along with easing local inflation for the month of February. In the US, S&P 500 fell by 1.78%, while the Nasdaq Composite also declined by 2.61%. Meanwhile, Dow Jones decreased by 0.99%, while Russell 2000 dropped by 1.63%. Market sentiment were negative on Thursday due to confusion in Trump's trade policies after stating that tariffs from Canada and Mexico would be postponed again for one month. In Europe, market results were mixed as the Stoxx50 increased by 0.57%, while Stoxx600 decreased marginally by 0.034%. In APAC, market results were mostly positive. China shares increased with CSI 300 climbing by 1.38% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced by 3.29%. Meanwhile, Japan's Nikkei increased by 0.77%, while South Korea's KOSPI improved by 0.70%. In the local bourse, sector results were green across the board. Mining & Oil (+3.58), Services (+2.66), and Property (+1.87) led the gainers. In the main index, ICT (+5.64%), GTCAP (+5.07%), and SMPH (+2.97%) were the top performers. On the other end, CNVRG (-1.73%), AEV (-1.05%) and AGI (-0.61%) had the biggest losses. Market turnover increased by 6% to ₱6.88 billion, while net foreign investors turned to net buying with a ₱319.48 million net inflow on Thursday, rebounding from a net outflow of ₱106.02 million on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Philippine Peso appreciated slightly, closing at ₱57.32 against the US dollar, an increase of 0.025 cents from Wednesday's ₱57.345. The local market may see positive sentiment as inflation data came lower than expected, increasing the chance of rate cut.

Stock Picks

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Stock	Date	Initial Price	Current Price	Stock	PSEi
TEL	3/13/2020	1,029.00	1,370.00	33.14%	7.35%
CNPF	3/13/2020	13.10	41.00	212.98%	7.35%
FGEN	9/23/2020	24.80	16.90	-31.85%	5.55%
AP	9/23/2020	25.55	41.10	60.86%	5.55%
BDO	11/17/2020	92.60	155.00	67.39%	-10.09%
BPI	11/17/2020	83.00	130.00	56.63%	-10.09%
MBT	11/17/2020	44.35	71.00	60.09%	-10.09%
SECB	11/17/2020	103.90	72.35	-30.37%	-10.09%
CNVRG	6/13/2022	22.50	17.08	-24.09%	-3.82%
ALI	6/13/2022	30.05	23.45	-21.96%	-3.82%
SGP	6/13/2022	12.06	10.78	-10.61%	-3.82%
Ave. Return				33.84%	-2.36%

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PSEi	6,121	.77	6,219.96	1.60%		
All Shares	3,664	1.54	3,699.10	0.94%		
Financial	2,315	5.38	2,338.97	1.02%		
Industrial	8,696	5.06	8,767.42	0.82%		
Holding Firms	5,160).69	5,238.80	1.51%		
Property	2,232	2.69	2,274.42	1.87%		
Services	1,942	2.34	1,994.06	2.66%		
Mining & Oil	8,220).37	8,514.79	3.58%		
TOP 10		ВО	TTOM 10			
ICT	5.64%	CN	VRG	-1.73%		
GTCAP	5.07%	ΑE	/	-1.05%		
SMPH	2.97%	AG	I	-0.61%		
SM	1.99%	СВ	С	-0.35%		
LTG	1.83%	GL)	-0.27%		
BLOOM	1.81%	AR	EIT	-0.26%		
MER	1.49%	DN	1C	-0.18%		
JGS	1.46%	EM	I	-0.16%		
AC	1.40%	JFC		0.00%		
BDO	1.37%	PG	OLD	0.00%		
MARKET DATA	A					
Market Volume			6	31,031,380		
Market Turnover ((Value)		6,881,197,909			
Foreign Buying			3,7	31,129,942		
Foreign Selling			3,4	11,652,976		
Net Foreign Buy /	(Sell)		3	19,476,966		

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Economic Developments

- Diagnosment rate declines to 2.1%. Philippine unemployment rate slowed down to 4.3% in January 2025, lower than the same period a year ago at 4.5%. Moreover, job quality improved as underemployment also went down by 13.3% from 13.7%. Meanwhile, labor force participation rate (LFPR) increased by 63.9%, higher versus the same period a year ago at 61.1%. The increase is equivalent to 2.6 million individuals across all age groups joining the labor force of which 1.4 million are in their prime working age. On the other end, youth labor participation rate experienced the same, increasing by 31.8% in January 2025, up from 29.7 a year ago. The government is focused on sustaining job growth by fostering a business-friendly environment, attracting investments, and equipping workers with industry-relevant skills. While employment has expanded, many jobs remain vulnerable, underscoring the need to develop high-growth industries that offer stability and better wages. At the same time, reskilling and upskilling programs, particularly in the IT-BPM sector, will help workers adapt to evolving industry demands and technological advancements. (PNA)
- ⇒ Tourism revenues in January surpass pre-pandemic levels. The DOT reported that the Philippines earned \$1.1 billion in tourism revenues in January 2025, exceeding pre-pandemic levels. This was 136.1% higher than the \$821 million recorded in January 2019 and 71.4% higher than the \$652 million in January 2024. The country welcomed 1,167,908 foreign visitors in the first two months of 2025, with South Korea contributing 25.31% of arrivals. The US followed with 229,836 visitors, while Japan recorded 83,208, Canada 65,145, and Australia 61,564. Other key markets included China with 53,545 arrivals, Taiwan 41,388, the UK 34,451, Singapore 29,352, and France 21,252. The DOT attributed the surge to increased travel demand, expanded tourism activities, and promotional efforts, including appointing a South Korean celebrity as a tourism ambassador. The industry's strong recovery is expected to generate more jobs, especially in rural areas. (PNA)

Corporate Developments

International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICT). ICT posted a strong net income growth of 66%, reaching an all-time high of \$849.8 million in 2024. That said, excluding nonrecurring income and charges in 2023 and 2024, ICT would have only recorded a net income attributable to equity holders of \$830.94 million, an increase of 23%. Likewise, revenue logged in a 2024 revenue growth of 15% to \$2.74 billion due to higher operating income and interest earned from the extra-ordinary high cash balance, and volume growth with favorable container mix. Meanwhile, free cash flow increased by 12% to \$1.08 billion and EBITDA by 18% to \$1.78 billion. Operationally, ICT managed 13,066,949 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in 2024, 2% higher than 2023's 12,749,214 TEUs. The growth was driven by new services, stronger trade at certain terminals, and contributions from Visayas Containerr Terminal (VCT) in Iloilo. This was partly offset by lower volumes at CGSA in Ecuador, the end of the PICT concession in Pakistan, and OJA's deconsolidation in Indonesia. Without these changes, volume would have grown 5%. ICT estimates capex to be at \$580 million in 2025 to support expansion of new projects in Batangas, CMSA in Mexico, MICT in Manila, and IDRC in Congo, with new developments at Brazil and Cagayan de Oro. (ICT Company Disclosure)

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⇒ Bloomberry Resorts Corporation (BLOOM). BLOOM's annual gross gaming revenue (GGR) grew 6% to ₱61.7 billion in 2024 from ₱58.3 billion in 2023. The increase was driven by Solaire Resort North (SN), posting a GGR of ₱8.4 billion. That said, its main source, Solaire Resort Entertainment (SEC)'s VIP rolling chip volume declined by 29% decline, while mass table drop also plunged by 20%. Thanks to that, SEC's revenue contracted by 9% to ₱53.2 billion in 2024 from ₱58.3 billion recorded in 2023. Meanwhile, the mass market segment outpaced the VIP business, with mass table games and electronic gaming machines across both properties posting a 19% increase. Consolidated net income dropped 73% to ₱2.6 billion from ₱9.5 billion in 2023, driven by higher depreciation and interest expenses tied to SN, along with a one-time GRT charge. (BLOOM Company Disclosure)

Other Developments

- Trump suspends tariffs on goods from Canada and Mexico. President Donald Trump suspended the 25% tariffs on most goods from Canada and Mexico imposed earlier this week, with the exemption expiring on April 2 when reciprocal tariffs are set for all US trading partners. Canada responded by delaying C\$125 billion in retaliatory tariffs, though a separate 10% levy on energy imports remains. The tariffs, imposed under a national emergency tied to fentanyl, were accompanied by a 20% levy on Chinese imports. While automotive goods were exempted, 25% tariffs on steel and aluminum take effect on March 12. Markets fell, with the S&P 500 down 1.8% amid uncertainty. A US official said policy goals, not markets, drive decisions. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who steps down Sunday, warned of a prolonged trade war, while Mexico's president described discussions with Trump as productive. Both nations remain frustrated by the lack of clarity in negotiations with the US administration. (Reuters)
- ECB cuts rates to 2.5% but uncertainty clouds further easing. The European Central Bank (ECB) cut interest rates to 2.5% on Thursday, its sixth reduction since June, signaling that rates remain restrictive but becoming less so. While inflation slowed to 2.4% last month, the ECB slightly raised its 2024 inflation forecast to 2.3% and downgraded 2025 growth projections to 0.9%, citing weaker exports and investment due to trade policy uncertainty. A looming trade war with the US and Europe's shift toward increased defense and infrastructure spending add to the economic complexity. While rate cuts are still expected, a surge in government spending could introduce inflation risks, as seen in long-term inflation measures rising to 2.24%. Markets anticipate nearly two more cuts this year, but the ECB's path remains uncertain. Investors will watch ECB President Christine Lagarde's press conference for insights on whether further easing is likely or if the bank will adopt a more cautious approach. (Reuters)

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Cash Dividends Schedule

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Ticker	Company	Amount/ Rate	Dividend Type	Share Type	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
ABA	AbaCore Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php0.01	Cash	Common	06/23/22	06/28/22	ТВА
BKR	Bright Kindle Resources & Investments Inc.	Php0.0037	Cash	Common	10/13/23	10/16/23	ТВА
BRNPC Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.0625	Cash	Preferred	02/03/25	05/05/25	05/23/25
VMC	Victorias Milling Company	Php0.05	Cash	Common	02/18/25	02/19/25	03/12/25
VMC	Victorias Milling Company	Php0.01	Cash	Common	02/18/25	02/19/25	03/12/25
RCR	RL Commercial REIT, Inc.	Php0.1010	Cash	Common	02/19/25	02/20/25	03/28/25
SLF	Sun Life Financial	CAD0.84	Cash	Common	02/25/25	02/26/25	03/31/25
PRF4D	Petron Corporation	Php17.09100	Cash	Preferred	02/27/25	02/28/25	03/24/25
PRF4E	Petron Corporation	Php17.75800	Cash	Preferred	02/27/25	02/28/25	03/24/25
EEIPA	EEI Corporation	Php1.441025	Cash	Preferred	02/28/25	03/03/25	03/24/25
EEIPB	EEI Corporation	Php1.73485	Cash	Preferred	02/28/25	03/03/25	03/24/25
PRF3B	Petron Corporation	Php17.84575	Cash	Preferred	02/28/25	03/03/25	03/25/25
CNPF	Century Pacific Food, Inc	Php0.55	Cash	Common	02/28/25	03/03/25	03/26/25
FEU	Far Eastern University, Incorporated	Php16.00	Cash	Common	03/03/25	03/04/25	03/18/25
MFC	Manulife Financial Corporation	C\$0.44	Cash	Common	03/04/25	03/05/25	03/19/25
ALI	Ayala Land, Inc.	Php0.2888	Cash	Common	03/04/25	03/05/25	03/21/25
AREIT	AREIT, Inc.	Php0.58	Cash	Common	03/04/25	03/05/25	03/21/25
MBT	Metropoliton Bank & Trust Company	Php1.50	Cash	Common	03/05/25	03/06/25	03/28/25
MBT	Metropoliton Bank & Trust Company	Php2.00	Cash	Common	03/05/25	03/06/25	03/28/25
OGP	OceanaGold, Inc.	Php0.0100	Cash	Common	03/05/25	03/06/25	04/01/25
BEL	Belle Corporation	Php0.06	Cash	Common	03/06/25	03/07/25	03/21/25
MWC	Manila Water Company, Inc.	Php1.674	Cash	Common	03/07/25	03/10/25	03/28/25
MWC	Manila Water Company, Inc.	Php0.167	Cash	Common	03/07/25	03/10/25	03/28/25
BDO	BDO Unibank, Inc.	Php1.00	Cash	Common	03/10/25	03/11/25	03/31/25
PX	Philex Mining Corporation	Php0.02	Cash	Common	03/11/25	03/12/25	03/24/25
SBS	SBS Philippines Corporation	Php0.005	Cash	Common	03/11/25	03/12/25	03/25/25
FILRT	Filinvest REIT Corp.	Php0.062	Cash	Common	03/11/25	03/12/25	03/25/25
SBS	SBS Philippines Corporation	Php0.005	Cash	Common	03/11/25	03/12/25	03/25/25
SBS	SBS Philippines Corporation	Php0.06	Cash	Common	03/11/25	03/12/25	03/25/25
MER	Manila Electric Company	Php13.736	Cash	Common	03/11/25	03/12/25	04/04/25
NIKL	Nickel Asia Corporation	Php0.066	Cash	Common	03/12/25	03/13/25	03/26/25

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NIKL	Nickel Asia Corporation	Php0.044	Cash	Common	03/12/25	03/13/25	03/26/25
TEL	PLDT Inc.	Php47.00	Cash	Common	03/12/25	03/13/25	04/03/25
PRF4A	Petron Corporation	Php16.76975	Cash	Preferred	03/12/25	03/13/25	04/07/25
PRF4B	Petron Corporation	Php16.99300	Cash	Preferred	03/12/25	03/13/25	04/07/25
PRF4C	Petron Corporation	Php17.71525	Cash	Preferred	03/12/25	03/13/25	04/07/25
ANS	A. Soriano Corporation	Php0.50	Cash	Common	03/14/25	03/17/25	04/11/25
ICT	International Container Terminal Services, Inc.	Php14.16	Cash	Common	03/19/25	03/20/25	03/28/25
GSMI	Ginebra San Miguel, Inc.	Php1.50	Cash	Common	03/19/25	03/20/25	04/04/25
GSMI	Ginebra San Miguel, Inc.	Php2.50	Cash	Common	03/19/25	03/20/25	04/04/25
SMC2J	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.890625	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
SMC2N	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.5649875	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
SMC20	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.611300	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
SMC2M	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.5703125	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
SMC2K	San Miguel Corporation	Php0.84375	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
SMC2I	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.18790625	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
SMC2F	San Miguel Corporation	Php1.27635	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
MREIT	MREIT, Inc.	Php0.2505	Cash	Preferred	03/20/25	03/21/25	04/04/25
V	Vantage Equities	Php0.27	Cash	Common	03/24/25	03/25/25	04/25/25
CLIA1	Cebu Landmasters, Inc.	Php18.9625	Cash	Preferred	04/01/25	04/02/25	04/12/25
CLIA2	Cebu Landmasters, Inc.	Php20.625	Cash	Preferred	04/01/25	04/02/25	04/12/25
GTPPB	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php12.73725	Cash	Preferred	04/04/25	04/07/25	04/28/25
CPGPB	Century Properties Group, Inc	Php1.8858000	Cash	Preferred	04/24/25	04/25/25	05/22/25
BRNPC Series B	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.1875	Cash	Preferred	05/02/25	05/05/25	05/23/25
BRNPC Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Preferred	05/02/25	05/05/25	05/29/25
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	05/22/25	05/23/25	06/09/25
TCB2D	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	05/29/25	05/30/25	06/16/25
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.025	Cash	Preferred	06/02/25	06/03/25	06/18/25
CPGPB	Century Properties Group, Inc	Php1.8858000	Cash	Preferred	06/25/25	06/28/25	08/22/25
CLIA1	Cebu Landmasters, Inc.	Php18.9625	Cash	Preferred	07/01/25	07/02/25	07/12/25
CLIA2	Cebu Landmasters, Inc.	Php20.625	Cash	Preferred	07/01/25	07/02/25	07/12/25
GTPPB	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php12.73725	Cash	Preferred	07/04/25	07/07/25	07/28/25
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Ticker	Company	Amount/ Rate	Dividend Type	Share Type	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
BRNPC Series C	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.1875	Cash	Preferred	08/04/25	08/05/25	08/25/25
BRNPC Series B	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.0625	Cash	Preferred	08/04/25	08/05/25	08/25/25
BRNPC Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Preferred	08/04/25	08/05/25	08/29/25
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	08/20/25	08/22/25	09/08/25
CPGPB	Century Properties Group, Inc	Php1.8858000	Cash	Preferred	08/27/25	08/28/25	09/24/25
TCB2D	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	08/28/25	08/29/25	09/15/25
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.025	Cash	Preferred	09/02/25	09/03/25	09/18/25
CLIA1	Cebu Landmasters, Inc.	Php18.9625	Cash	Preferred	10/01/25	10/02/25	10/12/25
CLIA2	Cebu Landmasters, Inc.	Php20.625	Cash	Preferred	10/01/25	10/02/25	10/12/25
GTPPB	GT Capital Holdings, Inc.	Php12.73725	Cash	Preferred	10/03/25	10/06/25	10/27/25
BRNPC Series C	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.1875	Cash	Preferred	11/04/25	11/05/25	11/24/25
BRNPC Series B	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.0625	Cash	Preferred	11/04/25	11/05/25	11/24/25
BRNPC Series A	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php1.75	Cash	Preferred	11/04/25	11/05/25	12/01/25
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	11/21/25	11/24/25	12/09/25
TCB2C	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	11/27/25	11/28/25	12/15/25
TCB2D	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	Php0.968825	Cash	Preferred	11/27/25	11/28/25	12/15/25
BRNPC Series C	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.1875	Cash	Preferred	02/06/26	02/09/26	02/23/26
BRNPC Series B	A Brown Company, Inc.	Php2.0625	Cash	Preferred	02/06/26	02/09/26	02/23/26
TCB2A	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.0228125	Cash	Preferred	02/20/27	02/21/25	03/10/25
TCB2C	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	Php1.7678125	Cash	Preferred	02/26/27	02/27/25	03/14/25
TCB2B	Cirtek Holdings Philippine Corporation	USD0.025	Cash	Preferred	02/28/27	03/03/25	03/18/25

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Stock Dividends / Property Dividends

Ticker	Company	Amount/Rate	Dividend Type	Share Type	Ex-date	Record Date	Payment Date
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
BKR	Bright Kindle Resources & Investments Inc.	(1) BHDI share for every three (3) common BKR shares	Property	Common	10/13/23	10/16/23	ТВА
MACAY	Macay Holdings, Inc.	0.936 common share of ARC for every 1 common share of MACAY	Property	Common	10/20/23	10/23/23	TBA
LFM	Liberty Flour Mills, Inc.	97 common shares of LPC for every 1 common share of LFM	Property	Common	06/18/24	06/19/24	ТВА
BDO	BDO Unibank, Inc.	TBA	Property	Treasury	TBA	ТВА	TBA
CEI	Crown Equities, Inc.	0.10 common share for every one (1) CEI common share	Property	Common	TBA	TBA	TBA
MFIN	Makati Finance Corporation	0.543505670 6%	Stock	Common	08/22/22	08/25/22	ТВА
LPC	LFM Properties Corporation	60%	Stock	Common	TBA	ТВА	TBA
CEI	Crown Equities, Inc.	10%	Stock	Common	TBA	ТВА	TBA
SBS	SBS Philippines Corporation	22%	Stock	Common	TBA	ТВА	TBA
CEU	Centro Escolar University	20%	Stock	Common	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА

Stock 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	ТВА
ANI	AgriNurture, Inc.	Php1.00	1:2.5	288,000,027	ТВА	TBA	TBA	TBA
LC	Lepanto Consolidated Mining Company	Php0.12	1:3.95	16,803,989,39 1	ТВА	TBA	TBA	ТВА
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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