

Indices:

	Last	chn	%
PSEi	7,243.40	(77.90)	(1.06)
All Shares	4,272.19	(42.48)	(0.99)
Financials	1,620.47	(18.39)	(1.12)
Industrial	11,730.37	(138.64)	(1.17)
Holdings	7,190.07	(35.77)	(0.50)
Services	1,526.23	(21.49)	(1.39)
Mining/Oil	10,603.33	(100.98)	(0.94)
Property	2,952.94	(58.21)	(1.93)

World Markets:

	Last	chn	%
Dow Jones	18,004.16	106.7	0.6
S&P 500	2,094.34	13.61	0.65
FTSE 100	6,353.52	9.77	0.15
DAX	10,120.31	68.74	0.68
ASX 200	5,137.06	(20.43)	(0.40)
Nikkei 225	16,275.95	(572.08)	(3.4)
Hang Seng	21,161.50	(183.92)	(0.7)
Shanghai	3,033.66	(44.46)	(1.44)

ADR/ETF:

	Last	chn	%chn
EPHE	36.42	(0.02)	(0.05)
PLDT ADR	40.71	(0.37)	(0.9)

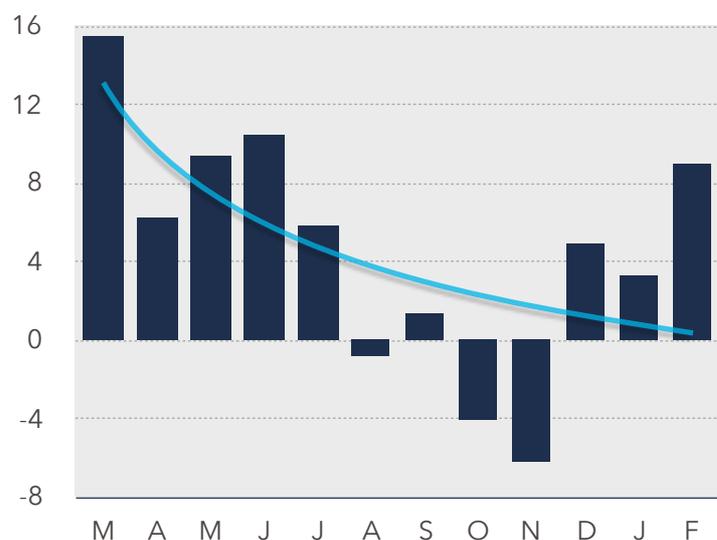
Summary and outlook:

The PSEi fell by 77.90 points, or 1.06% lower to 7,243.40 on Monday as oil prices dropped sharply lower following OPEC's meeting to resolve production quotas failed over the weekend. As a result crude oil fell by as much as 5% in early Asian trade and sent financial markets on a tailspin as investors sold positions amid worries over the possibility of another commodity rout. PCOR fell by 7% to PhP10.18. The index may retest the 7,200 level before stabilizing. Investors are advised to look out for and catch blue chip bargains on further market dips.

Economic News:

Personal remittances from overseas Filipinos rose to US\$2.3 billion in February, or 9% higher from the same month last year. February's growth rate was higher than the expected 4% and was also the fastest rate in seven months. For the first two months of 2016, the average remittance growth rate was pegged at 6.1%, slightly better than the 6.0% posted in the same period last year.

Remittance growth, in %



Commodities:

	Last	chnng	%chnng
Brent crude (\$/bbl)	41.81	(1.29)	(2.99)
Gold spot (\$/oz)	1,238.90	4.3	0.35
Copper (\$/lb)	216.90	0.7	0.32

Currencies: Peso in:

	Last	%chnng
US dollar	46.185	0.12
Euro	52.209	0.47
Japan Yen	0.424	(0.15)

Economic indicators

	Last
GDP (4Q15)	6.4
Inflation (March 2016)	1.1
Ind'l production, %	4.9
Unemployment, %	5.6
Current account (\$b)	9.6
as % of GDP	3.6
91-day T-bill rate, %	1.505
10 year govt rate, %	3.82

The increase in February remittances can be partly attributed to improving economic outlook in the Middle East region following this year's sharp recovery in global oil prices. Major oil producers Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are two of the top three sources of foreign remittances after the US.

Corporate News:

Sta. Lucia Land, Inc. (SLI) posted a 2015 net income of PhP676 million, up 23% from PhP548m in 2014, on the back of higher real estate sales. Gross revenues jumped 35% year-on-year to PhP3.1bn in 2015 from PhP2.3bn a year before. Of this total, real estate sales, which accounted for 54% of topline, went up by 16.3% to PhP1.68bn last year from PhP1.45bn in 2014. Sales from the company's existing projects, namely Colinas Verdes Residential Estates in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan; Monte Carlo Tower in Cainta, Rizal; Davao Riverfront in Davao; and Splendido Taal Tower 2 in Tagaytay City helped lift real estate revenues last year. Meanwhile, rental income almost doubled in 2015 to PhP984.4m from PhP504.3m due to a change in internal operations whereby the old lease agreement with a subsidiary was replaced with a management services agreement between the parent and mall tenants. Cost of sales from real estate and rentals increased by 38% y-o-y to PhP1.39bn in 2015 from PhP1.01bn due mainly to the beefing up of SLI's sales push including costs related to its bond offering last year. As a result of SLI's bond offering coupled with a higher collection rate, the company's cash level surged 19-fold to PhP2.2bn, boosting its current ratio to 4.68x in 2015 from 2.08x. And even with the corresponding increase in debt coming from the bond sale, its debt level relative to equity remained healthy at 0.44x from 0.28x. SLI is banking on real estate sales from existing projects along with newer ones that will be launched in the future funded partly by the recent bond sale and a possible equity offering. Its other real estate business segments: high-rise condo/condotels, mall, and housing construction, are expected to provide steady revenue growth as

well. **Buy on weakness.**

Nickel Asia Corp (NIKL) approved a plan to invest PhP660m in equity and PhP1.5bn in fresh loans to Emerging Power, Inc. (EPI), a subsidiary. The investment will finance the completion of EPI's renewable energy projects that will produce around 105 MW of electricity once completed this year. Apart from EPI, NIKL is also financing the development of another subsidiary, Biliran Geothermal Inc. This comes after the company successfully turned on the switches on Jobin-SQM, another subsidiary that operates a 100 MW solar power plant in Subic Bay Freeport. **Buy on weakness.**

Century Properties Group (CPG) posted a 2015 net income of PhP1.53bn, down 29.6% from PhP2.16bn in 2014, as revenues from real estate sales decreased. Gross revenues fell to PhP10.38bn in 2015, or 18.6% lower from PhP12.76bn in 2014. The company turned over six residential tower last year with a combined total of 3,068 units, 234,000 square meters of gross floor area with an aggregate value of PhP15.2bn. Meanwhile, construction at Canyon Ranch, a residential project in Carmona, Cavite is on track and ground works are in progress at another project, The Residences at Azure North in San Fernando, Pampanga. CPG hopes to deliver another 20 towers in the next four years with more than 10,000 units and 751,000 sqm of gross area valued at almost PhP60.00bn. **Neutral.**

Vitarich Corp (VITA) and Kormasinc, its creditor, have agreed to extinguish all secured debt of the company inline with its approved rehabilitation plan. Kormansic took control of 70% of VITA after absorbing the feed company's more than PhP3.2bn debt load in 2006. This will pave the way for VITA's financial recovery. **Trading Buy.**

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