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## **MORNING NOTES**

#### **PSEi** performance

PSEi Index 01 Mar 2010: Value T/O, net 52-week High Low Foreign Buying:	3,078.91 + 35.16 Php 2,021 million 3,133.53 1,745.39 Php 1,381 million
Foreign Selling:	Php 1,269 million

#### **Regional performance**

Dow Jones	:	10,403.79	+	78.53
FTSE 100	:	5,405.94	+	51.42
Nikkei 225	:	10,172.06	+	46.03

#### Trading snapshot

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Index Movers	Points
PLDT	+16.30
Ayala Land	+4.44
Robinsons Land	+3.26
Megaworld Corp.	+2.44
BPI	-2.22
Index Out-performers	Up
Robinsons Land	7.55%
Filinvest Land	7.41%
Megaworld Corp.	6.78%
DMCI Holdings	2.33%
PLDT	2.31%
Index Under-performers	Down
Lepanto Consolidated B	2.13%
Jollibee Foods Corp.	1.74%
Metrobank	1.12%
BPI	1.06%
SM Prime	1.05%
Calendar	

#### Calendar

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Mar 02	PLDT 2009 Results Briefing
Mar 04	ICTSI 2009 Results Teleconference
Mar 05	Feb '10 Inflation Rate
Mar 05	Atlas Consolidated ASM

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### HEADLINES

#### M&A, earnings outlook and economic news buoy Wall Street

U.S. stocks rose on Monday (Mar 1), driven mainly by AIG's (+4.4%) deal to sell its AIA Group insurance arm for \$35.5B to Prudential Plc and improved 1Q revenue forecast from SanDisk Corp (+11.9%). Other mergers and acquisitions news include: Merck agreeing to buy Millipore Corp (+11.1%) for about \$6B in cash, while Japan's Astellas Pharma launched a \$3.5B hostile bid for OSI Pharmaceuticals Inc (+51.9%). Economic data showed U.S. consumer spending increased slightly faster than expected in Jan while the manufacturing sector grew in Feb, though at a slower-than-expected pace. Signs that Athens is close to securing emergency aid from EU governments added to the positive sentiment.

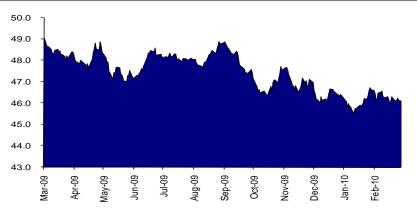
#### BDO audited net income surges to P6.1B in 2009 (BDO; P38.00)

Banco De Oro Unibank Inc. posted an audited 2009 net income of P6.1B (+173% yoy; +11% than 2009 target of P5.5B), driven largely by robust growth in operating income and a slower increase in operating costs. For 2010, BDO aims to leverage on its operating scale and maintain good growth in its core businesses amid a more favorable operating environment. The Bank is considering plans to raise fresh capital to support its medium-term growth objectives and further reinforce its position in the industry. The amount, structure and timing have yet to be finalized at this point.

#### Metro Pacific and Piltel to consolidate Meralco stake (MPI/PLTL; P2.85/P7.70)

Metro Pacific Investments Corp. and Pilipino Telephone Corp. will transfer a 28.2% stake in Meralco to Beacon Electric Asset Holdings Inc., a company to be equally owned by the two firms. Manuel V. Pangilinan will chair Beacon's five-member board. The consolidation will allow Beacon to access debt financing for any additional purchases of Meralco shares, using its Meralco shares as security. A syndicate of banks has offered a credit line of P18B over 10 years to Beacon. Meanwhile, First Pacific had agreed to subscribe to P6.6B of Metro Pacific's three-year convertible bonds to partially fund its subscription of Beacon shares.

Php versus US\$ : 1-Year Price Chart



#### Source: Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp.

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