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# **MORNING NOTES**

### PSEi performance

PSEi Index 02 Mar 2010: 3,061.89 - 17.02

Value T/O, net Php 2,465 million
52-week High 3,133.53

Low 1,745.39

Foreign Buying: Php 1,395 million
Foreign Selling: Php 1,293 million

# Regional performance

Dow Jones : 10,405.98 + 2.19 FTSE 100 : 5,484.06 + 78.12 Nikkei 225 : 10,221.84 + 49.78

# Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
Ayala Land	-8.87
Manila Electric Co.	-4.86
BPI	-4.44
PLDT	+4.09
Energy Dev't Corp.	-3.35
Index Out-performers	Up
First Phil. Holdings	4.04%
Alliance Global	3.09%
Philippine Stock Exchange	2.59%
ICTSI	2.38%
Filinvest Land	2.30%
Index Under-performers	Down
Ayala Land	4.35%
Robinsons Land	3.51%
Manila Electric Co.	2.75%
Aboitiz Equity	2.22%
BPI	2.15%

### Calendar

Mar 04 ICTSI 2009 Results Teleconference
Mar 05 Feb '10 Inflation Rate
Mar 05 Atlas Consolidated ASM
Mar 05 AEV/AP 2009 Results Briefing

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# **HEADLINES**

### Wall Street closes flat as investors take profits

■ U.S. stocks inched higher on Tuesday (Mar 2) as investors pocketed recent gains. Mergers and acquisitions support in some sectors: fertilizer maker CF Industries Holdings (-1%) raised its bid for Terra Industries (+10.9%) to \$47.40 per share in cash and stock; while Dow Chemical (+0.7%) said it will sell its Styron basic plastics unit to Bain Capital Partners for \$1.63B. On Nasdaq, Qualcomm Inc (+6%) announced a new \$3B share buyback plan and raised its quarterly dividend by 12%. Meanwhile, Feb sales from major U.S. automakers dragged, with Ford Motors declining by 1.5%. Elsewhere, Greece's borrowing costs fell as new austerity measures is expected to be announced by its government to win European debt guarantees.

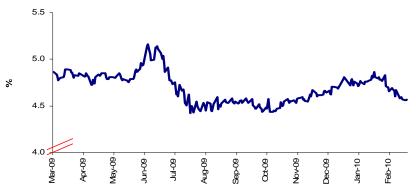
### 1Q2010 Budget deficit seen to beat P110.9-B goal

■ Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran said the government will likely outperform its budget deficit target of P110.94B (US\$2.4B) for the Jan to Mar period given strong collections by Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) in Jan and Feb.

#### PLDT earns P39.8-B in 2009, declares dividends (TEL; P2,675.00)

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) announced its unaudited financial results for 2009 with consolidated Reported Net Income at P39.8B (+5% yoy), and Core Net Income at P41.1B (+8% yoy). The results reflect higher recurring net income, net gain from foreign exchange revaluation of financial assets and liabilities and derivatives compared to a net loss last year, lower statutory tax rate, and the equity share of Pilipino Telephone Corporation (Piltel) in the earnings of Manila Electric Company (Meralco). Consolidated service revenues increased by 2% to P145.6B, fueled mainly by the 3% growth in data and broadband revenues. Consolidated EBITDA was lower at P86.2B while EBITDA margin was 59%. PLDT's Board of Directors also declared a regular dividend of P76 per share, and a special dividend of P65 per share, bringing total dividends for the year to P218 per share, representing a payout of 100% of 2009 core earnings.

### PDS 1-Year Tenor Yield: 12-month period



Source: Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp.