

# **THE WEALTH VAULT**

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## **MORNING NOTES**

#### PSEi performance

PSEi Index 18 May 2010: Value T/O, net	3,265.07 - 24.24 Php 2,075 million		
52-week High	3,342.31		
Low	2,272.00		
Foreign Buying:	Php 795 million		
Foreign Selling:	Php 1,136 million		

#### **Regional performance**

Dow Jones	:	10,510.95	-	114.88
FTSE 100	:	5,307.34	+	44.80
Nikkei 225	:	10,242.64	+	6.88

#### **Trading snapshot**

Index Movers	Points
PLDT	-8.23
SM Prime	-5.59
ICTSI	-2.67
BPI	-2.24
Aboitiz Equity	-1.78
Index Out-performers	Up
ABS-CBN	1.47%
China Bank	1.23%
First Phil. Holdings	0.90%
Jollibee Foods Corp.	0.83%
Ayala Corp.	0.79%
Index Under-performers	Down
SM Prime	4.44%
ICTSI	3.57%
Philex Mining	2.17%

#### Calendar

Filinvest Land

Alliance Global

May 19	GMA Network ASM, Results Briefing	
May 19	Apr '10 Overall BOP Position	
May 20	Seafront Resources Corp. ASM	
May 20	2Q'10 Bus. Expectations Survey	

2.06%

1.82%

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### HEADLINES

#### Financials lead decline on regulation concerns

Financial stocks led the market's slide on Tuesday (May 18) on worries that financial regulation reforms will hit banks' profits, and that deep cuts to government budgets will dampen euro-zone growth. In Washington, Senators will move toward final passage of sweeping regulation reforms while Germany moved to ban naked short selling in stocks of the country's 10 most important financial institutions. Technology companies were also among the biggest losers. Wal-Mart (+1.8%) reported betterthan-expected results, but gave a cautious forecast for 2Q earnings. In after-hours trading, however, Hewlett-Packard (+2.5%) reported betterthan-expected results and also raised its full-year earnings outlook.

#### First Holdings posts P24.6B 1Q'10 net income (FPH; P56.00)

First Philippine Holdings Corporation (FPHC) posted a net income of P24.6B for 1Q'10, driven mainly by the P23.6B combined gain on the sale of Meralco shares (6.6%) to Beacon Electric Asset Holdings, Inc. and the mark-to-market restatement of its Meralco shares. Even without the gain on sale, net income would have been P1.0B, which is significantly higher than last year's net profit of P178M due better earnings contribution of subsidiaries. First Gen, the largest contributor to FPHC's bottomline, reported a net income of \$36M for the quarter, a 166% yoy increase. With the remaining shares in Meralco at 6.6%, FPHC's investment will now be carried in its financial statements as "Available-for-Sale (AFS) Financial Assets" which will then be adjusted on a regular basis for changes in the market price of Meralco.

#### Vista Land reports 50% yoy jump in 1Q'10 sales take up (VLL; P1.72)

Vista Land & Lifescapes, Inc., (VLL) announced that its sales take up for the first quarter of this year compared to the first quarter of 2009 rose by 50% to P5.05B from P3.36B. Revenues were P2.68B for the first quarter of this year compared to the P2.45B realized during the comparable period last year. Core net income was up slightly to P694M compared to P630M during the first quarter of 2009. Total consolidated assets as of March 2010 totaled 55.13B compared to P54.64B in March of last year. Capital expenditures for 2010 are expected to reach P10.2B.



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