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MORNING NOTES

PSEi performance

PSEi Index 23 Aug 2011: 4,375.39 + 84.28
Value T/O, net Php 3,434 million
52-week High 4,563.65
Low 3,371.10
Foreign Buying: Php 1,989 million
Foreign Selling: Php 1,897 million

Regional performance

Dow Jones : 11,176.80 + 322.11 FTSE 100 : 5,129.42 + 34.12 Nikkei 225 : 8,733.01 + 104.88

Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
PLDT	+23.50
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	+14.18
Ayala Land Inc.	+8.36
Bank of the Phil. Islands	+7.47
Lepanto Mining A	+7.31

Index Out-performers Lepanto Mining A	Up 7.27%
Lepanto Mining B	6.98%
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5.19%
Jollibee Foods Corp.	4.70%
PLDT	3.93%

Index Under-performers	Down
Universal Robina Corp.	3.44%
Metrobank	1.71%
ABS-CBN	1.39%
First Phil. Holdings	0.96%
Security Bank	0.88%

Calendar

Aug 25 Q3 Business Expectations Survey

Aug 25 AGP, MBC ASM Aug 25 MPI SSM Aug 27 FEU ASM

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HEADLINES

US stocks rally on hopes for another Fed intervention

US stocks rallied on Tuesday (Aug 23) as speculations that Fed Chief Ben Bernanke would make use of his speech on Friday to signal new help for the economy. All three indices managed huge gains with the Nasdag gaining the most at 4.29% while the Dow and the S&P closed 2.97% and 3.43% higher respectively. Recent data that showed weak housing and manufacturing activity raised speculations that Bernanke's scheduled speech on Friday to a central bank conference on Friday will hint of a new round of quantitative easing. ExxonMobil was the biggest gainer for the Dow yesterday after gaining 4.9%. Chevron Corp also jumped 4.3% as oil prices gained US\$1.02 to US\$85.44 a barrel. Bank of America was the only Dow component to fall as investors are still worried of the bank's ability to raise capital. BofA stocks closed 1.9% lower yesterday. Other financial stocks however posted positive with UBS gaining 5% after announcing that it will cut 3,500 jobs worldwide on hopes that it will save US\$2.5B by the end of the year. American Express and JPMorgan Chase & Co. likewise gained ~4.1% each.

T-Bills rate falls as investors seek bonds due to volatility in stocks

- The yields of benchmark T-bills plunged yesterday as investors try to shift their investments to bonds due to the recent increase in volatility in the stock market. Yield for the country's 1-Year T-Bills nosedived yesterday to close at 1.66% (see chart). Yields for the 3M and 6M on the other hand shed 0.86 and 0.92 basis points yesterday to close at 1.18% and 1.10% respectively.
- Because of the country's strong economic growth and healthy fiscal position, Philippine bonds have so far benefited from the de-risking of investors (i.e. shift from riskier assets to safer assets). This has created a more buoyant fixed income trading environment for local banks, which also helped boost their Trading Income in 2Q2011.

Tenor	DTM	Today	Previous	Change
1M	35	1.3169	2.2112	-0.8942
3M	91	1.1085	1.9654	-0.8569
6M	182	1.1808	2.1058	-0.9250
1Y	364	1.6635	2.5000	-0.8365
2Y	707	3 1346	3.3327	-0 1981

SMC to participate in Bataan nuclear plant conversion

San Miguel Corporation confirmed reports yesterday that the company is interested in the participation in the public bidding that may be conducted by the government for the conversion of the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant. The Energy Department had recently asked the DoST to provide proposals on what technology is best to convert the plant into either a coal or gas fired facility. No timetable for the said project was given yet however, nor there a date for the bidding.

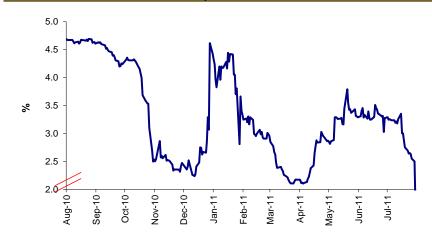
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ICT, ATI seeks increases in port tariffs

According to a report from BusinessMirror, Asian Terminals, Inc. (ATI) and International Container Terminal Services are asking the government for at least a 21% increase in their port handling rates. The new rates could be implemented as early as next year if there will be no objections from both company's shareholders and ruling government agencies. According to the report, the Philippine Port Authority had already created a committee to conduct public hearings on the said matter.

PDS 1-Year Tenor Yield: 12-month period



Source: Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp