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Index	Value	Change	% Change
PSEi	7,181.30	35.18	0.49▲
All Shares	4,473.62	11.93	0.27▲
Financials	1,850.63	-2.17	0.12▼
Industrial	10,909.32	-7.48	0.07▼
Holding Firms	6,486.08	23.44	0.36▲
Services	2,103.64	17.65	0.85▲
Mining and Oil	19,661.04	-252.69	1.27▼
Property	2,934.65	29.34	1.01▲

## WORLD INDICES

S&P 500	1,632.69	+0.41%
FTSE 100	6,583.48	+0.40%
Nikkei	14,285.70	+0.74%

## TRADING SNAPSHOT

## Index Movers

ALI	+12.03
TEL	+8.82
AC	+5.76
GLO	+5.20
AP	-2.44

## Index Out-performers

GLO	4.52%	Up
ALI	2.18%	
PCOR	1.89%	
AC	1.51%	
MPI	1.31%	

## Index Under-performers

AP	-1.77%	Down
PX	-0.98%	
MWC	-0.98%	
BEL	-0.93%	
BLOOM	-0.67%	



## PSEi Index

May 08, 2013:	7,181.30	+35.18
Value T/O, net	P 6,528	million
52-week High	7,230.40	
Low	4,863.42	

Foreign Buying:	P 5,559	million
Foreign Selling:	P 4,193	million



## HEADLINES

## U.S. stocks continue record run

➤ From Bloomberg and MarketWatch: Closing with a fifth consecutive record, the S&P 500 index gained 6.72 points to 1,632.68. Friday's nonfarm payrolls report for April relayed a better-than-expected increase of 165,000 jobs. Electronic Arts rallied 17% and Whole Foods Market Inc. jumped 10% after the upscale grocer raised its full-year profit forecast. Economic data from China and Germany today came in better than estimated. Chinese export growth unexpectedly accelerated in April even as shipments to the U.S. and Europe fell. German industrial production also rose more than forecast, increasing for a second month in March in a further sign that Europe's largest economy is returning to growth.

## ALI Q1 profit jumps 30% to P2.76 B

- Net income of Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) jumped 30% YOY to P2.76 B in the first three months. Consolidated revenues hit P18.53 B, up 38%.
- In particular, the residential business posted a 17% growth in revenues to P8.01 B on the back of a 33% improvement in the value of bookings across the residential brands Ayala Land Premier, Alveo, Avida and Amaia. In the first quarter, the four residential brands launched a total of 4,010 units with a total sales value of P10.1 B.
- Revenues from the sale of commercial and industrial lots surged 348% to P4.1 B due to the sale of commercial lots in the Arca South property (Food Terminal Inc).
- Revenues of the hotels and resorts business climbed 86% to P1.21 B from P650 M a year ago due to the opening of new hotels and resorts.

### East West Bank's net profit up 60% in Q1

- East West Bank grew its first quarter net profit by 60% to P735 M from a year ago on higher interest margins alongside a surge in fee-based and trading income. Consumer loans accounted for more than half of the loan portfolio at 55%. The bank reported that a strong growth in consumer lending and low-cost funds resulted in further improvement in the net interest margin (NIM) to 8% in the first quarter. This NIM level is more than twice the industry average of less than 4%. Trading income increased by P777 M to end at P1 B.

### Metrobank income up 163% in Q1

- Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. (Metrobank) posted a consolidated net income of P11.4 B in the first three months of 2013, a 163% jump from the P4.3 B level in the same period last year. This was achieved on the back of a 103% increase in non-interest income to P18.7 B, coupled with the modest five-percent growth in net interest income to P8.2 B. The bank also booked a one-time gain from the sale of their 15% stake in Toyota Motors Philippines Corp. Net interest margin improved to 4% against the 3.7% reported in the same period last year.

### MPIC posts 23% hike in core income in Q1

- MPIC said its core income, which strips off non-recurring gains, jumped 23% YOY to P1.9 B in first quarter while reported net income rose 13% to P1.8 B. In terms of contribution, Maynilad accounted for P1.01 B of MPIC's operating income, followed by Meralco at P779 M, MPTC at P438 M and hospitals at P141 M.
- Billed volume of West Zone concessionaire Maynilad inched up 2% as the number of customers climbed 6% to 1.08 million as of end-March compared with a year ago, while rates rose 6.6%. Meralco, for its part, grew its income 18% to P4 B due mainly to an increased average distribution tariff together with a 1% increase in energy sales to 7,777 gigawatt hours. The average distribution charge for the first quarter hit P1.63 per kilowatt-hour (kwh), up from P1.49 per kwh a year ago. Toll road operator MPTC reported a 19% increase in its core income to P450 M due to greater traffic in the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and Cavite Expressway (Cavitex), Lim said. MPIC's hospital business, the largest healthcare group in the country, posted a 13% growth in aggregate core income to P219 M in the first quarter.
- In March, Meralco announced the acquisition of an effective 28% stake in GMR Energy (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., which owns two 400-megawatt liquefied natural gas facility in Singapore. MPIC hiked its spending budget this year to P42 B as the Singapore power plant will require P8 billion in investments.

## CURRENCIES

US, Dollar	40.7850
Japan, Yen	0.4122
UK, Pound	63.3800
Hong Kong, Dollar	5.2561
EU, Euro	53.6786
China, Yuan	6.6411
Singapore, Dollar	33.2207

## COMMODITIES

BRENT		
CRUDE OIL	104.34	-0.06%
(USD/bbl.)		
GOLD 100		
OZ FUTR	1,471.30	-0.16%
(USD/t oz.)		
SILVER		
FUTURE	23.87	-0.24%
(USD/t oz.)		
CORN		
FUTURE	633.00	-1.09%
(USd/bu.)		
SUGAR #11	17.55	+0.46%
(USd/lb.)		
SOYBEAN		
FUTURE	1,391.50	+0.05%
(USd/bu.)		



### **Holcim reports 1st Q profit of P1.4 B**

- Holcim Philippines grew its first quarter net profit year-on-year by 77% to P1.43 B as the company improved operating efficiency amid an industry-wide slowdown in demand for cement early in the year. Revenues grew by 8% to P7.16 B from a year ago supported by healthy demand from Luzon, particularly the National Capital Region. Cement demand growth in the country slowed to 3.4% from a hefty 20% in the same period last year as the sector came from a very high base given record volumes registered last year, according to the Cement Manufacturers Association of the Philippines. Holcim Philippines chief executive officer Ed Sahagun said the company's sales were affected by the heavy rains in January and February in Mindanao. But cement volumes have been gradually rising, pointing to the sustained pace of large construction projects.

### **Phoenix Petroleum Q1 income grows 5%**

- Phoenix Petroleum Philippines, Inc.'s consolidated revenue for the first quarter of 2013 increased to P10.3 B, or 24% higher YOY. The growth was brought about by the 35% increase in fuel sales volume during the year driven primarily by the company's continuously expanding retail station network. At the same time, sales to commercial accounts, primarily to fishing, mining, power and transportation sectors, registered a continuous significant growth during the year. The company's net income increased 5% to P224.6 M, improving EPS to P0.23 from P0.22.



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