



## ASX

Open	4,823
Close	4,854
Movement (%)	0.6%
Day high	4,871
Day low	4,814
1 yr Return	-12.14%
YTD return	-8.65%

## JCI

Open	4,749
Close	4,740
Movement (%)	-0.56%
Day high	4,761
Day low	4,729
1 yr Return	-9.19%
YTD return	3.22%

## PSE

Open	6,692
Close	6,724
Movement (%)	0.40%
Day high	6,755
Day low	6,692
1 yr Return	-11.60%
YTD return	-2.82%

## Global currencies against USD

USD	1
IDR	13,320
EUR	0.89
AUD	1.40
PHP	47.55
GBP	0.69
SGD	1.40

## Commodity Prices

Gold	USD/oz	1,208.60
Oil (brent)	USD/bbl	34.30
Oil (WTI)	USD/bbl	30.60
Coal (Indo)	USD/t	53.20
Iron Ore	USD/t	45.52

## Market View

### Asian Markets

#### Asia markets rebound strongly

Asian markets staged a strong rebound yesterday after last week's dismal showing. Nowhere was this more evident than in Tokyo, where the Nikkei 225 Index surged 7.2% after slumping 11% last week. Singapore was also one of the region's stronger performers yesterday, chalking up a 2.68% gain. Shanghai, reopening after a one-week Chinese New Year break, started the day 2% lower but recovered ground throughout the day, ending with just a 0.6% dip, aided by the strengthening of the yuan.

## News in Brief

### Economy

#### Indonesia: Central bank seen cutting key rate again on Thursday

Indonesia's central bank is expected to cut its benchmark reference rate on Thursday for the second time this year in a bid to lift economic growth. Thirteen of 19 economists in the poll said Bank Indonesia (BI) will cut its main policy rate by 25 basis points to 7%. It cut by the same amount in January, reducing the rate for the first time in 11 months. They also expect the central bank to lower its overnight deposit and lending facility rate by 25 basis points each, to 5% and 7.5% respectively. Those rates act as the floor and ceiling of overnight interbank money market rates.

#### Indonesia: Trade surplus in January with exports and imports fall

Indonesia's trade balance moved back into surplus in January, confounding expectations for a third monthly deficit, due largely to a slump in imports. The trade surplus in January was USD0.05bn versus a revised deficit of USD0.16bn in December. Economists polled by Reuters had expected a USD360mm deficit. Exports fell 20.72% from a year earlier to USD10.50bn in January, the weakest shipment by value since September 2009, as exports of oil and gas slumped.

#### Philippines: Government releases more than half its budget

Philippine growth targets were slightly revised downwards this year amid a "challenging" global environment, but would remain within the seven- to eight target range until 2019. Economic managers lowered gross domestic product (GDP) expansion target to 6.8% to 7.8% from the original 7% to 8% for 2016. Due to large "base effects," GDP growth is targeted to slow between 6.6% and 7.6%. The goal was set between 7% and 8% for 2018. For 2019, the government would aim to hit between 6.9% and 7.9%.

### Corporate

#### Indonesia: Retailers to charge IDR 200 for plastic bags to support Government green initiative

Indonesia Retail Association, a lobby group for the country's retailers, said on Sunday it will start to charge customers IDR 200 per plastic bags, pledging support to government-led initiative to limit plastic bag usage among customers. The ubiquitous plastic bags are free of charge in Indonesia, donning the hands of convenience store customers and high end mall shoppers alike. Most of the bags end up in landfill or washed away by streams, choking the wildlife and clogging cities' drainage system.

#### Indonesia: Boeing sees new aircraft demand worth USD550bn in SE asia

Southeast Asia requires 3,750 new aircraft worth USD550bn in 20 years from 2015, a senior Boeing executive told a press conference ahead of the Singapore Airshow that starts on Tuesday. Of this, 76% will be for single-aisle aircraft like the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320, said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice-president for Asia Pacific and India sales at Boeing. Southeast Asian passenger traffic has grown by more than 9% since 2010, with intra-Southeast Asian traffic projected to increase by 7.7% over the next 20 years.

#### Philippines: RCBC income up 15% in 2015

Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) said its unaudited consolidated net income reached PHP5.1bn in 2015, 15.2% higher than the PHP4.4bn net income reported for 2014. In a statement, RCBC said net interest income hit PHP15.6bn, up 4% from the previous year's PHP15bn. Average loan volume, excluding interbank loans, expanded 18%, with all market segments showing consistent growth. Microfinance lending through Rizal Microbank also advanced, with loan disbursements growing 32% and outstanding loan portfolio increasing 85%.

#### Philippines: PCC readies rules on M&A

The newly-formed Philippine Competition Commission has issued rules governing mergers and acquisitions among companies. The new guidelines aim to iron out whatever legal doubts there may be for M&As completed after the effectivity of RA 10667 or the Philippine Competition Act. The law mandates the Commission to review all M&As before these transactions can materialize. Under Memorandum Circular 16-00, the PCC exempts from the requirement to notify the Commission parties to merger of acquisition agreements when the value of the transaction exceeds PHP1bn. As such, M&As deemed approved under the circular may not be challenged under the Anti-Competition Law.

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