

## Market Wrap

Friday, April 10, 2026

### S&P drops PHL outlook

The PBBM administration's bid to secure the Philippines' first-ever "A" credit rating has weakened after S&P Global Ratings downgraded its sovereign outlook to Stable, citing the energy shock from the Middle East war. A Stable outlook means the Philippines' "BBB+" investment-grade rating is unlikely to change over the next one to two years. S&P said the surge in oil prices, compounded by the spillover from the flood control corruption scandal, was expected to widen the Philippines' current account deficit to 4% of GDP this year from 3.3% in 2025. The Philippines is especially vulnerable to the energy shock as it imports 98% of its oil from the ME region. In response, the government has been rolling out measures to cushion the impact, which analysts warned could tighten fiscal space. Department of Budget and Management has earmarked about P238bn for the crisis, sourced from automatic and continuing appropriations in the 2026 national budget. It has also ordered a 20% cut in nonessential government spending to create additional fiscal room. Over the medium term, S&P expects the Philippines' fiscal position to gradually improve as economic conditions stabilize, although a return to pre-pandemic levels may take longer than previously expected.

Wall Street stocks finished higher Thursday after a shaky start, adopting an optimistic view of the ME ceasefire despite largely stalled traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, which boosted oil prices. After surging on Wednesday following the announcement of an Iran-US truce, US stocks pulled back in the early going amid continued clashes between Israel and Lebanon and extremely limited tanker traffic in the Hormuz despite the ceasefire.

PHL shares ended higher, taking cue from the increase in external markets. The gains today further extended the rise to a 3<sup>rd</sup> day. The main index gained 0.14% to 6,098.21 on value turnover of P6.9bn. For the week, the PSEi picked up 100 points (1.7%). Net foreign activity today ended with a buying bias of P1.5mn. MER (P608.50, -0.33) reported a 1.8% decline in energy sales volume in 1Q26 as cooler weather dampened demand. The company expects a 3% increase in energy sales volume this year, supported by demand normalization as temperatures stabilize following the high base from the El Niño period in 2024. CNVRG (12.50, +1.3%) is supporting its infrastructure buildup with the expansion of its field team, hiring close to 600 personnel in 1Q26 to serve as maintenance staff and service linemen tasked to expand national footprint this year. RFM (5.50, +2.4%) announced paying another round of P300mn cash dividends despite noting of mounting cost pressures for this year. The company has consistently exceeded its 60% payout benchmark since 2022. A key official said the full impact of recent oil price hikes has yet to filter through to domestic goods prices.

### Daily Advances & Declines

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
PSEi	5,948.33	5,957.87	6,089.91		<b>6,098.21</b>
Change in PSEi	-50.35	+9.54	+132.04		<b>+8.30</b>
Cumulative change	-50.35	-40.81	+91.23	C	<b>+99.53</b>
Value turnover (Pm)	5,545.9	5,822.4	8,299.7	L	<b>6,909.9</b>
Issues traded	265	261	262	O	<b>268</b>
Advances	70	120	158	S	<b>100</b>
Declines	125	76	47	E	<b>102</b>
Unchanged	70	65	57	D	<b>66</b>
Net advances	-55	+44	+111		<b>-2</b>
Cumulative net advances	-55	-11	+100		<b>+98</b>
Net Foreign Buying/ (Selling) (Pm)	(1,051)	(991)	(440)		<b>1.5</b>

Top Ten Actives	Close	% Change	Value (PhPmn)
ICT	720.00	+3.00	1.40B
ALI	18.08	-1.74	418.02
BDO	122.80	-0.24	408.30
MBT	67.30	+4.50	374.08
JFC	169.50	-1.74	354.77
APX	18.40	+5.87	272.28
SM	621.00	-0.40	262.91
BPI	101.40	-2.59	242.48
PLUS	16.80	-0.94	200.26
SMPH	20.40	-2.86	193.54

Asian Markets			Asian Currencies		
	Last	% Change	Last	% Change	
Japan	56920.88	+1.84	Yen	159.23	+0.17
Hongkong	25974.68	+0.86	HK\$	7.84	0.00
Singapore	4981.40	+0.09	Sing\$	1.2745	+0.02
Philippines	6098.21	+0.14	Peso	59.77	+0.03
Malaysia	1688.73	+0.15	Ringgit	3.9622	-0.50
Thailand	1503.35	+0.92	Baht	32.17	+0.43
Indonesia	7455.460	+2.02	Rupiah	17111	+0.12
Korea	5861.40	+1.44	Won	1482.09	+0.50
Australia	8960.60	-0.14	Euro	1.169	-0.08

Peso/Dollar Update			
PDS Weighted Ave.	59.721	High	59.795
Change	+0.03 %	Low	59.65
Volume	1.09B	Last	59.77

*As of 3pm*

Overnight Foreign Quote	Close	Change
Dow Jones	48185.80	+275.88
NASDAQ	22822.42	+187.43
S&P 500	6824.66	+41.85
PHI (PLDT-US)	US\$20.90 (P1247.73)	-\$0.04
Manulife (MFC-US)	US\$36.59 (P2184.42)	+\$0.08
Sun Life (SLC-US)	US\$66.03 (P3941.99)	+\$0.09
NY Gold Spot	US\$4765.90	-\$1.20
NY Copper	US\$577.60	+\$1.20
LME Nickel	\$17090	-\$210
LME Nickel WH Level	281310	+0.03%
Nymex	\$97.74	-\$0.13
Crude (Dubai)	\$102.30	\$0.00