

PH MARKETS MIXED ON WEAK GDP AND SHARP SPIKE IN INFLATION

Weekly Review: 04 – 08 May 2026

What Happened Last Week

- US equities advanced on the back of strong corporate earnings and solid labor data in April. Meanwhile, US bond prices rose as declining oil prices offered temporary relief to inflation concerns.
 - Nonfarm payrolls increased by 115k, above 55k market expectation
 - Unemployment remained at 4.3%
- Local equities tracked regional gains, providing brief respite from weak GDP figures. Local bonds declined after April inflation spiked sharply.
 - 1Q2026 GDP fell to 2.8%, slowest pace since 2021
 - April inflation accelerated to 7.2% from 4.1% in March, breaching the BSP’s 2–4% target for the second time.
- The Philippine peso strengthened on reports of progress toward a US–Iran deal.
- Asset prices Week-on-Week (WoW) and Year-to-Date (YTD)

Asset	Week-on-Week May 4 to 8, 2026	YTD as of May 8, 2026	Current Level as of May 8, 2026
	Rate Change		Rate
10Yr US Treasury Yield	▼0.16%	▲0.19%	4.36%
10Yr PHP Benchmark Yield	▲0.28%	▲1.16%	7.24%
	Price Change		Price
Philippine Peso vs. US Dollar	▲1.42%	▼3.10%	PHP 60.613/USD
S&P500	▲2.33%	▲8.08%	7,398.93
PCOMP	▲2.18%	▼1.52%	5,960.97

What To Expect This Week

Market volatility is expected to persist this week after the US rejected Iran’s peace deal, raising concerns over further escalation in the Middle East.

