

## WEEKLY REVIEW (03/27/23 – 03/31/23)

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## What Happened

- US markets enjoyed a relief rally on news of support for the battered banking sector
  - o First Citizens Bank agreed to buy Silicon Valley Bank.
  - o US authorities reportedly considering to expand emergency lending facilities
- As risk sentiment improved, investors sold bonds as they shifted to equities.
  - The 10-Yr US Treasury yield closed higher at 3.47% from 3.38% the prior week
  - The S&P 500 rose by 3.48% to 4,109.31
- Locally, investors sold equities and refrained from taking positions ahead of the local CPI print next week.
  - The 10-Yr PHP benchmark yield closed slightly higher at 6.22% from 6.19% last week
  - PHP closed weaker versus the USD at 54.36 from 54.35
  - o The PSEi declined by 1.55% to 6,499.6

## What to Expect

• Volatility could increase as value turnover falls further. Investors will be sidelined as they await Philippine inflation data and the US jobs reports during a shortened trading week.