



WEEKLY REVIEW

(04/03/23 – 04/07/23)

What Happened

- Global asset prices see-sawed on conflicting US economic data. Investors initially turned to bonds and sold equities as the ISM Manufacturing and Services Index came in lower-than-expected. Risk sentiment improved at the end of the week with US employment data remaining solid.
 - March ISM Manufacturing printed at 46.3 and ISM Services printed at 51.2, below analyst estimates of 47.5 and 54.4, respectively.
 - March nonfarm payrolls (NFP) increased to 236k, beating estimates of 230k. February NFP was revised upwards to 326k from 311k.
- On the local front, the Philippine March inflation print came in lower than expected at 7.6% YoY. The BSP is expected to end its aggressive tightening if inflation continues to trend lower.
- Week on week:
 - The S&P 500 was still down by 0.10% to 4,105.02.
 - The PSEi declined by 0.17% to 6,488.51.
 - The 10-Yr US Treasury yield closed lower at 3.41% from 3.47%.
 - The 10-Yr PHP benchmark yield closed lower at 6.16% from 6.22%.
 - PHP closed weaker versus the USD at 54.40 from 54.36.

What to Expect

- Investors will tune into US inflation data and Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) minutes for direction of future Fed action.