

WEEKLY REVIEW (02/03/25 – 02/07/25)**What Happened Last Week**

- US bonds gained as weaker jobs data suggest benign inflation. Meanwhile, equities declined with Trump flip-flopping on tariff policies.
 - December JOLTS Job Openings came in at 7.6m, lower than 8.0m market estimates.
 - January Change in Nonfarm Payrolls came in at 143k, lower than 175k market estimates.
- Local bonds and equities rose with December inflation coming in within BSP's target of 2.5-3.3%.
- Asset prices WoW changes:
 - The 10-year US Treasury yields declined by 5 basis points (bps) to 4.49%.
 - The 10-year PHP benchmark yield declined to 6.12% from 6.23%.
 - PHP appreciated against USD to 58.03 from 58.365.
 - S&P 500 declined by 0.24% to 6,025.99.
 - The PSEi rose by 4.99% to 6,154.99.

What to Expect This Week

- Key inflation-related data from the US this week.
 - January CPI is expected to print at 2.9% year-on-year (y/y), same as last month.
 - January Retail Sales is expected to decline 0.1% month-on-month (m/m) from December's 0.4% print.
- Local market shall tune-in to Thursday's Monetary Board meeting where a 25bps rate cut is expected.