

The PSEi is on track for its longest monthly winning streak since 2021 as it gained 4.5% in February. On its 4th straight month of gains, the benchmark index is up 7.7% YTD. This strong rally is underpinned by foreign inflows - every day of February saw net foreign buying. Totalling PhP 6.7 billion for the month, this allowed the PSEi to stay close to the 7000 level despite volatility in global markets.

January inflation came in at 2.8% which is firmly within the BSP's target range. At the same time, the Fed also maintained its much expected dovish pause. These contributed to the BSP maintaining its hawkish pause.

Corporate earnings for the full year 2023 were mixed as we still saw weakness in the property sector, utilities and some consumer names. Banks maintained their upward momentum and index heavyweights continued to report high quality earnings. We are closely monitoring news on constitutional change, minimum wage hikes and the launch of infrastructure projects.



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