### Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi)

6.395.59

AREIT

▲ 14.27 PTS.

**▲ 0.22**%

**BLOOM** 

P6.18

+P0.43 +7.48%

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#### PSEI MEMBER STOCKS

ALI

Ayala Land, Inc.

P24.35

+P0.40 +1.67%

GLO

Globe Telecom, Inc.

P1,782.00

P18.00 -1.00%

SCC

Semirara Mining and Power Corp.

P32.85

+P0.15 +0.46%

AC Ayala Corp. P570.00

**CNPF** 

P39.50

MBT

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co.

P73.90

+P1.30 +1.79%

-1.13%

P0.45

ACEN **ACEN Corp.** P2.61 +P0.11 +4.40%

CNVRG Converge ICT

P19.60 -P0.55 -2.73%

MER Manila Electric Co. P542.00 +P5.00 +0.93%

**AEV** Aboitiz Equity P34.50 +P0.05 +0.15%

DMC

**DMCI Holdings, Inc.** 

-P0.02 -0.19%

MONDE

Monde Nissin Corp.

P7.20

+P0.06 +0.84%

P9.61 +P0.11 +1.16% EMI

Emperador, Inc. P14.90 +P0.14 +0.95%

AGI

Alliance Global

PGOLD Puregold Price Club, Inc. P33.90 +P0.25 +0.74%

AREIT, Inc. P39.95 -P0.05 -0.12%

GTCAP P598.00 +P2.00 +0.34%

SM SM Investments Corp P875.00 -P5.00 -0.57%

+P4.20 +2.68% ICT International Container

**BDO** 

BDO Unibank, Inc.

P160.70

Terminal Services, Inc. P415.00

SMC San Miguel Corp. P78.00

JFC Jollibee Foods Corp. P226.20 -P7.60 -3.25%

> SMPH P22.55 -P0.20 -0.88%

TEL PLDT Inc. P1,228.00 -P2.00 -0.16%

BPI

Bank of the Philippine Islands

P138.70

+P0.20 +0.14%

JGS

JG Summit Holdings,

P18.50

-P0.54 -2.84%

LTG LT Group, Inc. P12.64 P0.26 -2.02%

CBC

China Banking Corp.

P65.80

+P0.60 +0.92%

URC P82.65 -P0.50 -0.60%

#### **OUTLIER**

## Bloomberry Resorts shares surge after gaming platform launch

SHARES in Bloomberry Resorts Corp. surged last week as investors reacted positively to the launch of its digital gaming platform MegaFUNalo.

Data from the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) showed that Bloomberry was the most actively traded stock last week, with 702 million shares worth P4.13 billion changing hands.

Shares of the Razon-led company closed at P6.18 on Friday, up 23.6% from P5 the previous week. The stock outperformed the services index, which declined by 0.5%, and the benchmark PSE index, which fell by 0.2%.

Year to date, the listed casino operator has gained 34.9%, outpacing the services sector's 6.6% growth and the PSEi's 2.04% decline.

The market was closed on Thursday in observance of Independence Day.

Bloomberry launched MegaFUNalo last week, entering the digital gaming space alongside established license holders such as BingoPlus, operated by Digiplus Interactive Corp.

The launch aligns with Bloomberry's previously disclosed online gaming development strategy outlined in its annual report.

The new platform expands the company's digital portfolio, complementing Solaire Online, which focuses on live gaming and integration with physical casino operations.

China Bank Securities Corp. Research Associate Ralph Jonathan B. Fausto said Bloomberry's rally reflects investor optimism about

its digital expansion strategy, though sustainability will depend on performance indicators.

"Focus is also expected to shift toward the magnitude of promotional efforts incurred during the rollout phase and the extent to which advertising and promotional spending have translated into meaningful topline contribution." Mr. Fausto said in an e-mail message.

Mercantile Securities Corp. Head Trader Jeff Radley C. See said Bloomberry may sustain its rally despite some selling pressure triggered by concerns over the performance of Solaire Resort North and its potential bottom-line impact.

"The theme for the gaming industry is their eGaming platforms. Other gaming companies will most likely follow suit," Mr. See said in a Viber message. "Investors will have to wait and see on the results, whether MegaFUNalo can get market share."

Mr. Fausto said investors should also monitor the ramp-up of Solaire Resort North, noting that stronger earnings could offset associated costs and enhance bottom-line performance.

In a press release, Bloomberry Chairman and Chief Executive Officer **■ FULL STORY** 

Enrique K. Razon, Jr. said Solaire Resort North continued to gain momentum, posting a 29% sequential increase in gross gaming revenue (GGR), contributing P1.1 billion to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA).

- Pierce Oel A. Montalvo

# ERC sets final prices for 4<sup>th</sup> green energy auction

THE Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) has issued the final ceiling prices for the fourth round of the Green Energy Auction (GEA-4), which will offer 10,653 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy (RE) ca-

In a resolution, the ERC set the green energy auction reserve (GEAR) price at P5.68 per kilowatthour (kWh) for ground-mounted solar, P4.4832 per kWh for rooftop solar, and P6.5258 per kWh for floating solar.

For other technologies, the commission set the GEAR price at P6.0859 per kWh for onshore wind and P5.4028 per kWh for solar systems equipped with energy storage.

The GEAR price serves as the maximum price in pesos per kWh that will be used as the basis for bid offers during the auction.

Most of the final prices are higher than the preliminary figures after the ERC received comments from



stakeholders and conducted public

In a recent advisory, the Department of Energy (DoE) raised the total capacity for floating solar in the Visayas due to regional demand and increased investor interest.

consultations.

Under GEA-4, developers may compete for 3,940 MW of groundmounted solar, 48 MW of rooftop solar, 3,175 MW of floating solar, 2,390 MW of onshore wind, and 1,100 MW of solar with energy storage.

In a statement on Saturday, the DoE said the auction proper is scheduled for Sept. 2. The list of winning bidders will be released on Oct. 22.

As a flagship government initiative, the program is expected to support the target of increasing the RE share in the country's power generation mix to 35% by 2030.

"With over 10 gigawatts of solar and wind capacity up for auction targeted for commercial operations from 2026 to 2029 — this round aims to boost the RE share in the country's energy mix, strengthen grid reliability, and ensure energy security," the

"GEA-4 not only promotes increased investment in RE, but also affirms the DoE's commitment to competitive, transparent, and efficient energy procurement practices," it added. — **Sheldeen Joy Talavera** 

## PSEi could hit 7,000 by yearend amid tariff uncertainties

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By Revin Mikhael D. Ochave Reporter

THE BENCHMARK Philippine Stock Exchange index (PSEi) could reach the 7,000 level by yearend, fueled by investor optimism over expected earnings growth among listed companies, despite uncertainties related to global trade, according to some analysts.

"Despite our expectations that valuations will continue to persist below long-term averages given heightened trade policy and global growth uncertainties, we still think there remains scope for the PSEi to recover back to at least the 7,000 level amid expectations of sustained earnings growth in listed companies," China Bank Securities Corp. Research Director Rastine Mackie D. Mercado said in an e-mail interview.

"Over the next few weeks, we think that the PSEi could consolidate between 6,300 and 6,600 as it builds a base for its next major move," he added.

On Friday, the PSEi rose by 0.22% or 14.27 points to close at 6,395.59, while the broader all shares index gained 0.24% or 9.12 points to end at 3,785.31.

Week on week, the PSEi increased by 0.29% or 18.80 points from its 6,376.79 finish on June 5. DragonFi Securities, Inc. Equity Research

Analyst Jarrod Leighton M. Tin said in a Viber message that the PSEi could reach 6,700 by the end of the year.

"My conservative guess is 6,700 yearend. I feel that the worst has already been priced in when the PSEi hit a 52-week low of around 5,800 with Trump's Liberation Day. Since then, tariffs have significantly come down and trade deals are being made," he said.

"With the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) having room for two more rate cuts this year as well as a declining trend in the reserve

requirement ratio (RRR), I feel that the PSEi has ample room for upside," he added.

Analysts expect a 25-basis-point rate cut at the BSP's policy meeting on Thursday (June 19), as inflation slowed to 1.3% in May from 1.4% in April amid lower utility costs.

BDO Capital & Investment Corp. President Eduardo V. Francisco said in an interview that the PSEi could "realistically" reach 6,600 to 6,700 this year.

"It will go sideways. The underlying [factor] is the global concerns," he said.

"While the Trump tariffs are still there, unless there's a resolution. I don't think it will change significantly. I don't think it will reach 7,000 unless the US resolves its dispute with China," he added.

BPI Securities Corp. said in a statement that the PSEi could settle at 7,300 by end-2025, lower than its initial forecast of 7,600, due to supply shocks caused by the ongoing trade war.

"Global economic uncertainties arising from US tariff measures continue to weigh on investor confidence. The local market also faced an uphill climb following weaker-than-expected first-quarter gross domestic product results and a lackluster corporate earnings season," it said.

Mr. Mercado said investors should monitor consumer and banking stocks amid slowing inflation.

"We think that the consumer and banking sectors could lead growth given expectations of continued consumption recovery amid stable and low inflation and improving credit demand as policy rates continue to ease," he said.

BPI Securities said its top picks include Ayala Corp. and SM Investments Corp., which may benefit from a rebound in consumption and spending. It also cited Century Pacific Food, Inc. and Converge ICT Solutions, Inc. as major players in expanding markets with "dynamic growth strategies."

Other recommended stocks for dividendyield-focused investors include Manila Water Company, Inc., Puregold Price Club, Inc., and RL Commercial REIT, Inc.















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