

The Daily Dispatch

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS

ET Energy and Vivant begin rooftop partnership

ET Energy and Vivant Corporation sign an agreement to enter into a Joint Venture (JV) – ET Vivant Solar (EVC). The JV came about following initial introductions of the two parties made by Primeiro Partners, who also advised them on the formation of the JV, in December 2016.

NGCP's P52-B project OKd

National Grid Corp. of the Philippines has secured regulators' provisional approval for its P51.7-billion Visayas-Mindanao interconnection project. The Energy Regulatory Commission on Tuesday said it had a relevant order dated July 11, 2017.

Globe ties up with fintech startup

Globe Telecom announced a partnership with EMQ, a remittance-focused financial technology startup based in Hong Kong, in a bid to make further inroads in the country's massive overseas Filipino worker market.

Biz Buzz: 10 years in the making

It took 10 years to get to this point, but the Metrobank group's flagship real estate project—the Bonifacio Global City development that includes the Grand Hyatt Hotel, residential towers and the Nomura/Mitsukoshi retail project—was finally unveiled to the public yesterday.

Lack of regulation a big problem for HMO sector

The warring parties within Caritas Health Shield as well as the government regulator charged with protecting the interests of the public may look like they are poles apart when faced with the financial future of some 600,000 policy holders who have invested their hard-earned money in one of the biggest health management organizations (HMO) in

Philippine Stock Market Update



Previous Close:

8,018.05

1 Yr Return:

-0.34%

Open:

8,015.68

YTD Return:

15.58%

52-Week Range:

6,499.00 - 8,106.74

Source:

Bloomberg

Foreign Exchange

As of Sept 5, 2017

| US Dollar | Philippine Peso |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 1 | 51.115 |

PDST-R2 Rates

As of Sept 5, 2017

| Tenor | Rate |
|-------|--------|
| 1Y | 2.7924 |
| 3Y | 3.6317 |
| 5Y | 4.5932 |
| 7Y | 4.3582 |
| 10Y | 4.6069 |
| 20Y | 5.1542 |

Daily Quote

"You must not only aim right, but draw the bow with all your might."

--Henry David Thoreau

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MORE LOCAL NEWS

PAGCOR reviews lease contract with PAL

PHILIPPINE Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PAGCOR) on Tuesday said flag carrier Philippine Airlines (PAL) cannot build its proposed P20-billion (\$400-million) annex to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on the property adjacent to Terminal 2 since it does not own it.

Inflation picks up to 3.1% in August

Inflation further picked up in August, hitting a three-month high of 3.1% as food and oil prices spiked during the period, the PSA said yesterday. The faster increase in the consumer price index last month likewise brought average inflation to 3.1 percent in the first eight months of the year, PSA said.

DM Wenceslao revives IPO plan

D.M. Wenceslao & Associates Inc. is reviving plans for an IPO and is looking to list on the stock exchange next year, its top official said. "It will proceed. We might do it in the second quarter of next year," company chairman and president Delfin Wenceslao Jr. told The STAR in a chance interview recently.

Manila seen completing \$200M panda bonds sale

The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) looks to sell so-called panda bonds by next month or soon after, and is close to completing the documentation and registration process that Philippine and Chinese authorities require for such a sale.

Mindanao construction boom to pull migrants

The boom in Mindanao's construction sector is seen to potentially "pull" migrants in the congested Philippine capital to return home, industry leaders said. With the rise of public and private investments in the south, "the boom will help unclog Metro Manila," said Patrick-Lawrence Tan, CEO of Global-Link MP Events International (GLMP).

TODAY'S TOP ASIAN NEWS

Angry Birds maker Rovio plans IPO value of \$2b

Angry Birds maker Rovio Entertainment Oy plans to sell shares in a Helsinki initial public offering, seeking funds to support its resurgence seven years after releasing its best-selling mobile-game title. Main owner Kaj Hed and others will sell shares, and Rovio will offer about 30 million euros (\$36 million) of new stock.

IndiGo may buy Jet Airways stake if Air India bid fails

InterGlobe Aviation Ltd-run IndiGo is convinced there is an opportunity for a large India-based airline with a significant international footprint, and may consider investing in Jet Airways (India) Ltd if it fails to acquire a stake in Air India, a person briefed on the airline's strategy said on condition of anonymity.

GIC to buy 30% stake in aircraft manager BBAM

Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC said on Tuesday it would buy a 30 percent stake in BBAM, the world's largest manager of investments in leased commercial jets. GIC will buy the stake through partial sales by BBAM's two existing shareholders, its management team and Canadian private equity company Onex Corp.

Mekong Brahmaputra funds exit solar projects in Thailand

Singapore-based private equity firm Armstrong Asset Management and the Mekong Brahmaputra Clean Development Fund have signed an agreement to sell the entire shares in Symbior Elements Pte Ltd, the operator of solar projects in Thailand, to Padaeng Industry Pcl (PDI) for 1.3 billion baht (\$39.16 million).

Sompo divests UK unit in \$952M deal

Tokyo-listed Japanese insurer Sompo Holdings Inc has agreed to sell British unit Sompo Canopius to a PE consortium led by Centerbridge Partners for \$952 million. Sompo is among the three largest property and casualty insurers in Japan and purchased Canopius, a Lloyd's of London insurance market player, for an estimated \$1 billion

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MORE ASIAN NEWS

Record inflows just beginning for Asia high yield debt

Asia's highest-yielding bonds are holding on to their fans, with top investors saying they'll keep buying Indian and Indonesian debt -- even if policy makers don't keep easing. Rupee and rupiah-denominated bonds lured a record \$29 billion of inflows this year.

CH growth numbers may finally add up... in 2019

Fifteen years ago, if you added up the gross domestic product of all China's 31 provinces, you'd get a number more than 10 percent larger than the official national total. By around 2019, the country will "nearly eliminate" that gap, according to Sheng Laiyun, chief economist of the National Bureau of Statistics.

Noble default-swap verdict in play as test of ISDA

Pressure is building on an ISDA panel of investors and bankers to end Noble Group's credit-default swap impasse. ISDA's determinations committee will meet on Wednesday (Sept 6) to reconsider whether Noble triggered a credit event when it arranged a 120-day extension to a loan facility in June.

Investors agree to sell Noble unit to Mercuria

Shareholders of embattled Noble Group gave the green light yesterday for the sale of the group's North American gas and power unit to rival Mercuria Energy Group. Investors at the special general meeting were 99.76 per cent in favour of the proposal.

India: Govt eyes \$390m from sale

With the government successfully raising about Rs9,100 crore by selling a stake in NTPC Ltd through an offer for sale (OFS), it is now looking at selling a 15% stake in another power producer NLC India Ltd, two people aware of the developments said. The sale could fetch the government as much as Rs2,500 crore at current market

TODAY'S TOP GLOBAL NEWS

Apple to sell \$5B of debt for buyback, dividends

Apple Inc. sold bonds again to finance its current round of share buybacks and dividends. The iPhone maker offered \$5 billion of debt in four parts, after dropping a two-year floating rate component. The longest portion of the sale, a 30-year security, will yield 1.1 percentage points above Treasuries.

Bitcoin tumbles as PBOC declares offerings illegal

Bitcoin tumbled the most since July after China's central bank said initial coin offerings are illegal and asked all related fundraising activity to be halted immediately, issuing the strongest regulatory challenge so far to the burgeoning market for digital token sales.

AUS economy grew less than forecast in 2Q

Australia's economy grew slightly slower than forecast last quarter as a slump in non-residential construction partly offset higher government and household spending. The quarterly rebound validates the Reserve Bank's decision to look through the weather-affected first quarter.

Nasdaq to buy analytics firm eVestment for \$705M

U.S. exchange operator Nasdaq Inc said on Tuesday it would buy investment analytics provider eVestment Alliance LLC for \$705 million to bolster its market technology business and woo more institutional investors. Evestment provides cloud-based services to help investors monitor market trends and make investment decisions.

Economic Calendar

| Date | Release |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 09.04.2017 | PH: CPI YoY |
| 09.06.2017 | PH: Foreign Reserves |
| 09.11.2017 | PH: Unemployment Rate |
| 09.11.2017 | PH: Trade Balance |
| 09.14.2017 | PH: Overseas Remittances YoY |

Source: Bloomberg Economic Calendar