



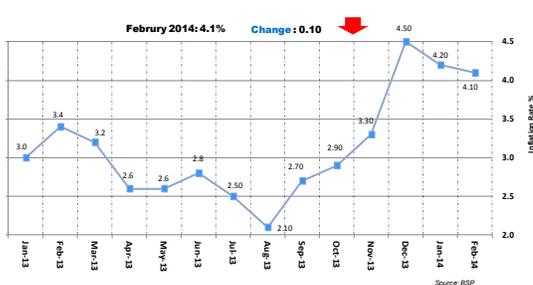
PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Peso-US Dollar Rate



Inflation Rate



KEY INTEREST RATES

Overnight Lending, RP	5.50%
Overnight Borrowing, RRP	3.50%
91 Day T Bill Rates	0.87%
Interbank Call Loan Rate	2.00%

GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Roubini: How I'd Invest \$1 Million Right Now

Despite the slow recovery in the Euro Debt Crisis, Hard Landing in China and Political Gridlock in the Us, Nouriel Roubini (known as Dr. Doom since he predicted the 2008 financial crisis) has been quite optimistic about the global

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Tax-to-GDP ratio rises to 13.3%

The country's tax-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio has improved to 13.3 percent in 2013, compared to 12.9 percent in 2012, as the collections by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Bureau of Customs (BOC) also improved. The improvement is indicative of a nation better able to finance its growth, as more of its collections are applied on growth-boosting programs like the buildup of infrastructure or support health and education measures that ensure the long-haul welfare of Filipinos. (Business Mirror)



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Ukraine conflict won't significantly affect remittances

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine and Russia is not seen to significantly affect the robust inflow of cash remittances to the country, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said. "The escalating tension in Ukraine and Russia appears to have minimal potential impact on overseas Filipinos' remittances," BSP Governor Amando M. Tetangco Jr. said in an e-mail. The crisis began when pro-Russian forces took over the Crimea peninsula. A standoff ensued between Ukraine and Russia while global leaders have urged a military conflict be avoided. (Philippine Star)



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Index seen testing 6,500-6,700 level

The momentum from a four-week uptick will likely push share prices higher anew, albeit at a slower pace due to possible profit taking. News on corporate earnings and the geopolitical concerns in Ukraine will continue to dictate trades this week, analysts said. "We expect further short-term gains from the market as momentum indicators remain strong," said Gregg Adrian Ilag, equity analyst at AB Capital Securities Inc. (Philippine Star)



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INDUSTRY BUZZ

'Opportunity losses' seen from truck ban

THE CITY of Manila's extended truck ban means "opportunity losses" for the Philippine economy, according to Citi Research, with the exports sector to be particularly affected. The research arm of Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., in a note dated March 7, described the implementation of the ban -- and the resulting transport bottlenecks -- as a potential risk to both exports and economic growth. (Business World)



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INTERNATIONAL

If everyone loves the Juke, Nissan's designers blew it

GENEVA -- Nissan designers have retained one of the brand's most polarizing designs -- and want to keep it looking different in the future. The refreshed 2015 Juke compact crossover, which reaches U.S. dealers this year, keeps the original narrow and bulky look, says Shiro Nakamura, the automaker's top global design executive. Nakamura says designers already are at work in London interpreting the next-generation look for the Juke, which is some years away. But he says Nissan believes the surprising sales success of the model is because of its appeal as a polarizing model. (autonews.com)



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