



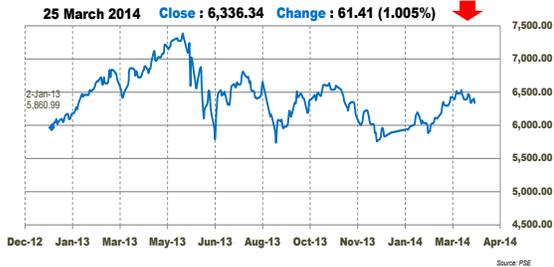
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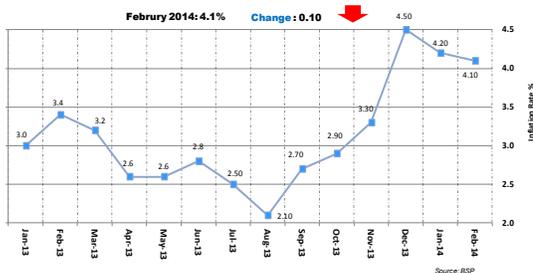
PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



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



Wall St. Rallies As Consumers Perk Up

A jump in consumer confidence to a six-year high helps Wall Street stop losing streak; new home sales fall again but old home prices rise; IRS says bitcoin should be taxed as property.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Fitch keeps investment grade rating for Phl

MANILA, Philippines - Fitch Ratings affirmed yesterday the Philippines' investment grade rating, citing strong economic growth, steady inflow of remittances from overseas Filipinos, continued expansion of business process outsourcing (BPO) industry and low interest rates. In a statement, the rating firm said it affirms the country's long-term foreign and local currency issuer default ratings at 'BBB-' and 'BBB,' respectively. The outlook on both ratings is stable, which means no change is expected in the next six months at the least. (Philippine Star)

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Imports up 22% to \$4.7 B in Jan

The country's imports rose by more than a fifth in January from a year ago supported by the positive performance of electronic products and eight other major commodities, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) said. The PSA reported yesterday the country's imported merchandise amounted to \$5.757 billion in January, a 21.8 percent increase from the \$4.727 billion recorded during the same month in 2013. Compared to the \$5.413 billion posted in December 2013, imports in January went up 6.4 percent. (Philippine Star)

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Asian shares mostly lower after US, Europe losses

HONG KONG – Asian markets were mostly down Tuesday, March 25, as traders booked profits after the previous day's rally, while Wall Street provided another negative lead in response to anemic US and Chinese manufacturing data.

But the euro held on to the gains it made against the dollar after an upbeat survey of European factory activity raised hopes for the eurozone, while the Indian rupee hit a seven-month high. (rappler.com)

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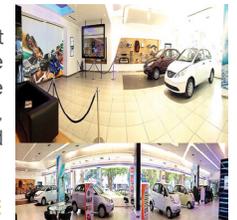


INDUSTRY BUZZ

Ain't no slumdawg—just a billionaire: Tata Motors comes to Phl

MANILA, Philippines - The first great civilization of South Asia was that of the Indus Valley, and it was located in the Northwestern region of the Indian subcontinent. Truth be told, the land of India has indeed become the birthplace of many great things...and in the contemporary context, it also happens to be the land to conceive a great brand which would resonate the world over—the brand of Tata. (Philippine Star)

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INTERNATIONAL

Hyundai promises more refined, upscale '15 Sonata

LOS ANGELES -- As sales of the aging Hyundai Sonata slow in the U.S. market, Hyundai Motor Co. says the next generation of its bread-and-butter mid-sized sedan will be more refined and premium-feeling than the model it replaces.

Hyundai revealed the re-engineered 2015 Sonata in South Korea today. It will make its public debut next month at the New York Auto Show. Hyundai says it spent about 450 billion South Korean won, roughly \$416.3 million at current exchange rates, over the past three years developing the 2015 Sonata. (autonews.com)

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