



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

**6.9** ↑  
Q4 2014 Gross Domestic Product

**2.40** ↓  
January 2015 Inflation Rate

**-21.8** ↑  
Q4 2014 Consumer Confidence

**16.9** ↑  
Q4 2014 Auto-buying Intention

**44.08** ↑  
Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

### 2014 Foreign Investment Pledges Fall

Foreign companies marked last year with less investment commitments in the country, according to official data released yesterday, with one analyst particularly citing a lack of big energy projects like those pledged in 2013 and a “wait-and-see” stance as the Aquino administration approached its homestretch. [FULL STORY HERE](#)



### ASEAN Focus on Trade Facilitation, Liberalizing Services

Discussions among Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) member countries this year will focus on trade facilitation as the region prepares for an integrated regional economy at the end of 2015, economic ministers said in a statement on Monday. [FULL STORY HERE](#)



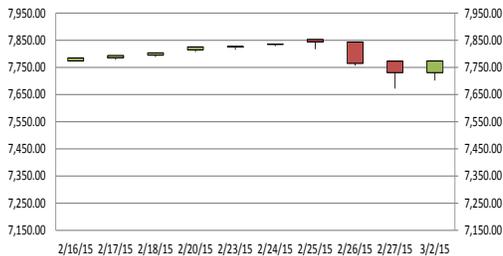
## FINANCIAL TRENDS

### Strong Demand Drives Decline in T-Bill Rates

The government raised P20 billion in fresh funds as the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) made a full award of Treasury bills (T-bill) auctioned yesterday on the back of strong demand and favorable rates offered by investors. [FULL STORY HERE](#)



PSE Composite Index



## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Volkswagen Set to Expand Phl Auto Portfolio this Year

Volkswagen continues to build up its model portfolio, launching the Golf GTI just last week, and is set to expand its lineup further this year. John Philip Orbeta, president of Automobile Central Enterprise Inc., told reporters at the launch of its new performance car on Thursday that 2015 will be a year of aggressive launches, (both new models and variants) on the part of Volkswagen. [FULL STORY HERE](#)



## GLOBAL WATCHLIST



### China's NPC isn't 'Meaningful'?

With policy decisions made by a selected few, conventions like the National People's Congress are “not meaningful in substance”. [FULL STORY HERE](#)

## INTERNATIONAL

### GM aims to boost GMC truck brand's U.S. market share

General Motors Co wants to boost the U.S. market share for its GMC truck brand by two-thirds over the next decade by advertising more heavily and introducing new vehicles, a top executive said on Monday. [FULL STORY HERE](#)

