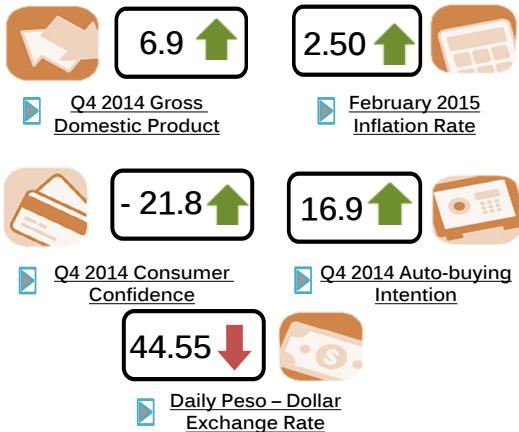
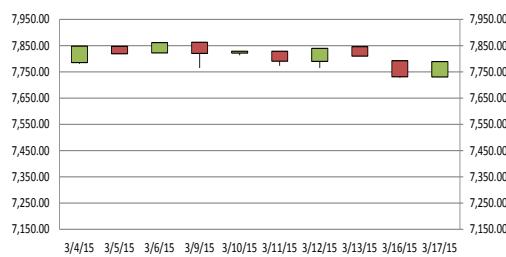




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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Here's the 'Encouraging News' for Japan Inflation
Japan is seeing "encouraging news" in terms of wage growth, which is the key to accelerate inflation.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Power Rate Seen Up Over Shift to Expensive Fuel

Customers of the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) are facing higher power bills for April and May as gas-fired power plants supplying Metro Manila and nearby areas switch to more expensive liquid fuel due to the temporary shutdown of the Malampaya gas platform.



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Fitch Affirms Philippines' Rating

Fitch Ratings has affirmed its grade and outlook on the Philippines, keeping the sovereign's score at the minimum investment grade. In a statement yesterday, the global debt watcher said it has maintained the country's long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating (IDR) at "BBB-".



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Bangko Sentral Posts Net Loss at End-2014

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) was in the red for the fifth straight year at end-2014, but its losses narrowed further as interest payments fell and income from foreign exchange operations grew. The central bank posted a net loss of P11.31 billion in 2014, more than half the P25.05 billion in losses recorded a year earlier, according to latest data posted on the BSP Web site.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

BAIC: World-class China-brand Cars; Right Here, Right Now

A decade ago, Chinese cars gained notoriety in the Philippine market for having poor quality and dependability. Add to that the extremely bad aftersales support customers were afforded by the importers of these cheap cars. But that was 10 years ago. Now, Chinese car manufacturers have learned their lessons, and more than ever, are determined to make their companies thrive and become sustainable.



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INTERNATIONAL

Tesla Reassigns Sales Chief After Slow Start to China Deliveries

Tesla Motors Inc. is reassigning its sales chief after struggling to gain traction in China and suffering a market-share decline in its home state of California. It's interviewing for executives to lead retail operations by region.



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