



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

**6.0** ↑

Q3 2015 Gross Domestic Product

**1.50** ↑

December 2015 Inflation Rate

**- 11.6** ↑

Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence

**20.0** ↓

Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention

**46.89** ↑

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Dec. inflation fastest in 7 months, but monetary policy steady for now

Annual inflation closed 2015 at its fastest pace in seven months as prices of select food and services accelerated. But the central bank said there is no need for now to change monetary policy since last month's increase was within expectations.



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#### President Aquino expects more investment inflows for 2016

President Aquino expects more investment inflows during his administration's last six months in office. A lot is at stake for the Aquino administration's bid to continue what it started.



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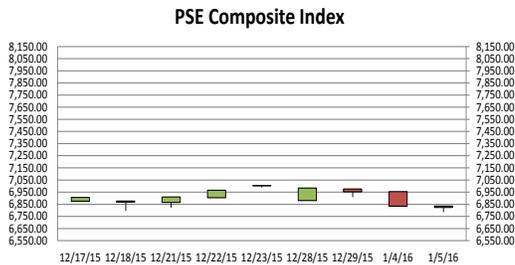
### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### BSP further liberalizes MBO regulations

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has expanded the scope of transactions that can be made in micro-banking offices (MBOs) in a bid to make banking more accessible, part of its efforts in pushing financial inclusion.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### The cars to watch out for in 2016

Automobile companies in the Philippines are targeting to sell over 350,000 units this year. With that crazy number (959 cars per day), Fast Times has assembled a list of all-new rides that could come our way and buyers should wait for.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Tearful Obama tightens gun control and tells inactive Congress: 'We can't wait'

President expands background checks for online sellers and gun shows and calls on Congress to expand funding for mental health treatment and gun research.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Volvo developing intelligent media streaming for cars

Swedish automobile giant Volvo on Tuesday said it is developing intelligent high bandwidth streaming capabilities in collaboration with Ericsson which can create the possibility of a highway full of autonomous cars.



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