



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

47.88 ↓
Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

ADB to double lending for 'strategic' private projects
Multilateral lender Asian Development Bank (ADB) is targeting to double its private sector financing and investment portfolio to \$16 billion by 2020, with the Philippines seen to continue serving as an "important market."



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OFWs losing jobs because of oil glut

More than 4,000 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) posted mostly on offshore oil rigs and supply ships have been laid off or failed to have their contracts renewed as a result of the closure of more than 300 oil rigs in the North Sea and Norway.



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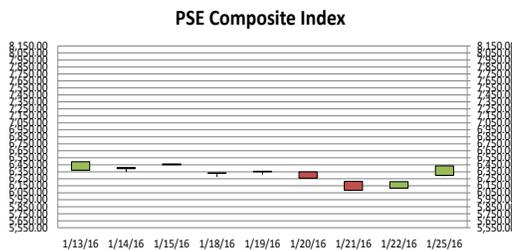
FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP tightens rules on risk management

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has issued the guidelines strengthening the risk management systems to promote sustained safe and sound operations of supervised financial institutions.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Volkswagen promises more exciting variants for 2016

Volkswagen Philippines last Friday announced exciting variants of the current model line-up plus a further reincarnation of the Beetle.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Major banks are making cuts
Bank of America, Citi Group and JPMorgan Chase are trimming jobs and branches.

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INTERNATIONAL

Ford to exit Japan, Indonesia

US auto giant Ford announced on Monday, January 25, that it will withdraw from Japan and Indonesia due to a weak profit outlook in the two Asian markets.



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