



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



6.1 ↑

Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.50 ↑

December 2015 Inflation Rate



- 11.6 ↑

Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence

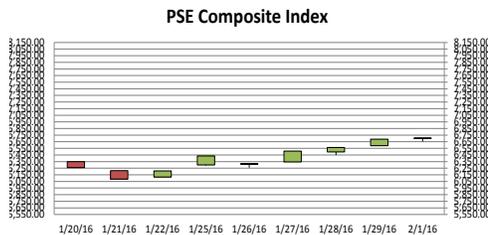
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Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention



47.69 ↓

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Moody's: PH growth in 2016 likely better than peers

Moody's Investor Service predicts the Philippines will grow faster this year with its vibrant, domestically-focused growth putting it in a better position compared to some of its export-oriented neighbors.



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#### Trade Representative bill goes into bicam after hurdling Senate

Legislation creating a separate agency to undertake foreign trade agreements was approved by the Senate yesterday, sending that chamber's version into bicameral session where it will be harmonized with the House version approved as early as 2014.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Small companies to start 2016's first IPO wave

Two small and medium enterprises intend to brave the volatile equities market with their respective initial public offerings (IPO) worth a combined P1.4 billion, their IPO underwriter said.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### DTI backs proposal to scrap old vehicles

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is pushing for the scrapping of old vehicles as a way to address the worsening traffic situation in the country and complement the government's new Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) Program.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Growing fears of spreading Zika virus

Dr. Bettina Fries, Stony Brook School of Medicine, explains how the Zika virus spreads.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Toyota halting domestic assembly for week on parts shortage

Toyota said on Monday that it would temporarily stop its vehicle production in Japan due to a parts shortage following an explosion at a supplier.



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