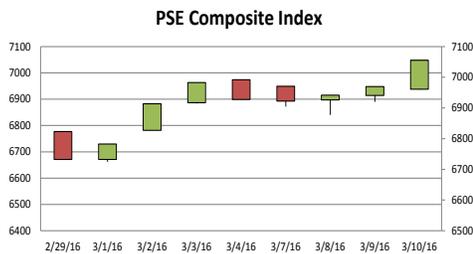




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.90</b>	
<a href="#">Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product</a>		<a href="#">February 2016 Inflation Rate</a>	
	<b>- 11.6</b>	<b>20.0</b>	
<a href="#">Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence</a>		<a href="#">Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention</a>	
	<b>46.70</b>		
	<a href="#">Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</a>		



### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### PH exports down for 10th straight month

Exports slid for the 10th straight month in January, an indication of sluggish trade for the rest of the year, the country's chief economist said yesterday.



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#### Monetary Board ruled out stimulus amid robust spending

Strong public and private spending are expected to spur further growth, ruling out the need for additional stimulus, monetary authorities said during their first policy meeting for the year held last month.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Peso ends at fresh peak

The peso sustained its climb against the dollar yesterday, surging to its strongest level this year as investors anticipate more stimulus from the European Central Bank (ECB) following its policy meeting.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Automobile sales post slowdown in February

Growth in domestic car sales slowed down to 6 percent in February driven by steep decline in sales of heavy trucks and buses and the Asian utility vehicle categories, industry data showed.



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### GLOBAL WATCHLIST

SOUTHEAST ASIA MARKETS (PREV)			
STI	2809.12	-1.31	(-0.05%)
KLCI	1690.91	+4.56	(+0.27%)
PSE Comp	7048.08	+99.90	(+1.44%)
Bangkok SET	1379.06	-11.60	(-0.83%)
Jakarta Comp	4793.20	-17.84	(-0.37%)

**PREISS: LIKE INDONESIA BANKS, DOM CONSUMPTION, INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### Why Indonesia stands out as a bright spot

Indonesian president Joko Widodo slowly prepared the groundwork for meaningful stimulus, explains Michael Preiss from Taurus Wealth Advisors.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Volkswagen US chief steps down amid emissions scandals

Volkswagen's straight-talking US chief Michael Horn has quit the automaker as it struggles with the fallout of a massive pollution cheating scandal, a decision that caught the industry by surprise.



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