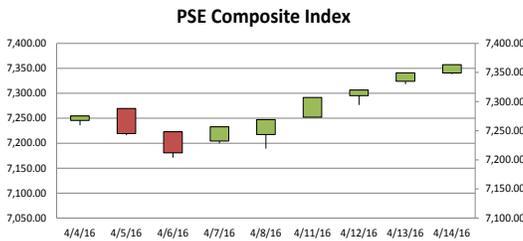




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.10</b>	
<a href="#">Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product</a>		<a href="#">March 2016 Inflation Rate</a>	
	<b>- 5.7</b>	<b>20.3</b>	
<a href="#">Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence</a>		<a href="#">Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention</a>	
<b>46.23</b>			
<a href="#">Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</a>			



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### 'Positive on EMs due to lower-for-longer environment'

Emerging markets offer an “amazing: combination of growth, value and yield not found in many other markets, says East Capital co-founder and CEO, Karine Hirn.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Hot money inflow surges in March

More foreign portfolio investments or “hot money” flowed into the Philippines in March due to renewed investor interest in the country, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) reported yesterday.



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#### ASEAN investors keeping bets on PH despite election

Business leaders will still have the same positive sentiment towards the Philippines even if it will undergo a shift in administration later this year, believing that whoever wins the election will still drive the economic growth but in different pace.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### BSP to pilot e-payment platform by end-2016

The Central Bank is looking to test its planned e-payments platform to settle government transactions by yearend, as authorities prepare the shift to a cash-light economy by allowing fund transfers across banks and financial entities.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Toyota prepares P9b for CARS, P3.9B for Innova

Toyota Motor Philippines Corp. (TMP) is readying P13 billion in investments in the next six years including P9 billion for the participation of Vios in the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) program, and P3.9 billion for the full-model change of its Innova brand.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Suzuki Swift achieves 5M sales milestone

Suzuki Motor Corporation has achieved a production milestone after their iconic hatchback, the Swift, recently reached a cumulative worldwide sales figure of 5 million units in early April 2016.



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