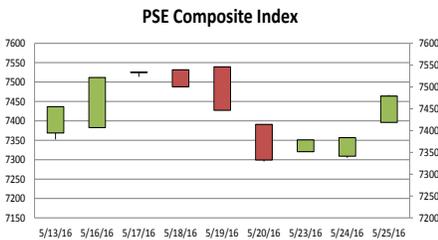




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.9</b> ↑	<b>1.10</b> ↑	
▶ Q1 2016 Gross Domestic Product		▶ April 2016 Inflation Rate	
	<b>-5.7</b> ↑	<b>7.5</b> ↑	
▶ Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention	
	<b>46.79</b> ↑		
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**Regulators step up pressure on Asian banks**  
After Switzerland's BSI bank was shut down in Singapore on Tuesday for breaking money laundering laws, regulators are now poised to investigate banks across the region. Lisa Jucca says no bank, big or small, is immune.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### BOI investment pledges surged 64% as of April

The value of investment pledges approved by the Board of Investments (BOI) surged by 64 percent to P117.3 billion in the first four months of the year, reflecting the continued confidence of investors in the Philippines.

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#### Imports up 11.7% in March

Philippine imports rose 11.7 percent in March on increased demand for capital goods and consumer goods, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported yesterday.

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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Banks face additional liquidity requirement

New rules under the Basel 3 framework specifically aimed at requiring banks to have "reliable" sources of funding to survive a funding stress scenario lasting for at least a year could be implemented at end-2016, a senior central bank official said.

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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### P100-B plan to end traffic woes in 2-3 years

Metro Manila's traffic woes can't be solved overnight, but possibly within two to three years, according to a "Marshall-like" solution being offered to presumptive President-elect Rodrigo Duterte by Filipino consortium Philtrak Inc.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Toyota confirms new \$450-M plant in Malaysia

Seeing the gradual growth of the Malaysian market, Toyota Motor Corporation has decided to reorganize its production system in Malaysia. TMC will be building a new plant to serve as its production core in Malaysia

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