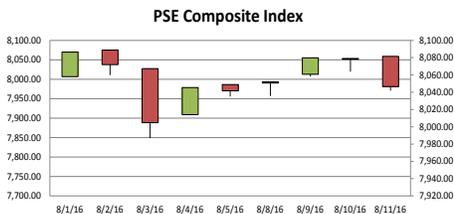
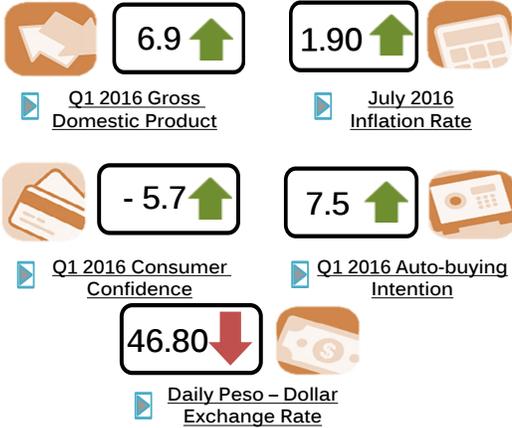




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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



How much longer will rates keep falling?

The Reserve Bank of New Zealand has become the latest to cut interest rates to a record low as it struggles to head off deflation. But, as Laura Frykberg reports, there are signs some want to see an end to the extreme low rate environment.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Enforcing antitrust law: 60 mergers reviewed

More than 60 mergers and acquisitions (M&A) have already been reviewed in the past year as the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) begins to enforce the landmark antitrust law of the country.



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Monetary policy steadies but inflation forecasts cut

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) kept monetary policy unchanged yesterday against the backdrop of sustained robust domestic demand and subdued general price increases that prompted authorities to cut inflation forecasts anew.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP penalty on RCBC for heist 'credit negative'

The penalty recently imposed by the central bank on Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) related to its systemic failings in a massive money laundering heist earlier this year is "credit negative" for the local lender, Moody's Investors Service said.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Ayala eyes auto manufacturing

Conglomerate Ayala Corp. is in talks with four automotive companies for a possible joint venture in car manufacturing. Arthur Tan, president of Ayala Industrials, said the plan to venture into car manufacturing was part of the conglomerate's Asean strategy.



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INTERNATIONAL

Gasoline, Alternative Fuels Gain on Diesel in U.K.

Businesses in the U.K. are wiping their hands clean of diesel-fueled cars in increasing numbers, a study of commercial-vehicle operators indicates.



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