



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

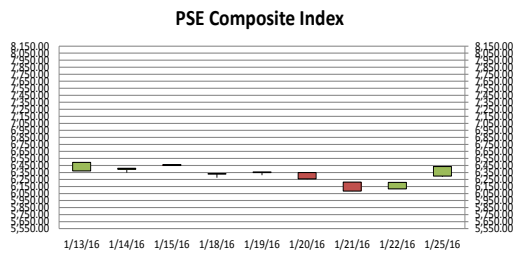
**6.0** ↑ **Q3 2015 Gross Domestic Product**

**1.50** ↑ **December 2015 Inflation Rate**

**-11.6** ↑ **Q3 2015 Consumer Confidence**

**20.0** ↓ **Q3 2015 Auto-buying Intention**

**47.81** ↑ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### 'Partnership Between China and Iran Is Set to Grow by Leaps and Bounds'

China has significant economic interest in the Middle East, not just as a source of energy but also for capital and labor, says Michael Singh, managing director at the Washington Institute.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Inflation expected to pick up into 2017

Bank economists expect inflation to pick up from 2015 and rise at a faster pace in the next two years, according to results of a recent central bank survey that also showed that rates should still fall within the government's target range.



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#### NEDA chief to head new Philippine Competition Commission

Economic Planning Secretary and National Economic and Development Director-General Arsenio Balisacan will be the head of the newly-formed Philippine Competition Commission (PCC).

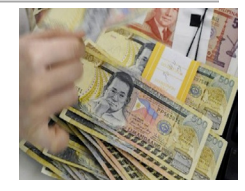


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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Bullish GDP bets to boost peso

The peso is expected to bounce back against the dollar this week after days of hovering at multi-year lows as investors expect upbeat Philippine growth data and on improved appetite for risky assets following hints of more stimulus from major central banks.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Mitsubishi investing P3B for CARS Program

Mitsubishi Motors is investing P3 billion as it prepares for a production hub of its entry car model in the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) Program where it is expected to field Mirage, its volume compact sedan model.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### BMW could ditch side mirrors in favor of cameras

You're about to switch lanes. To be extra careful, you glance at your side-view mirrors to ensure that there are no cars coming from the rear.



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