



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

5.8 ↓ Full Year 2015 Gross Domestic Product

1.10 ↑ March 2016 Inflation Rate

-5.7 ↑ Q1 2016 Consumer Confidence

20.3 ↓ Q1 2016 Auto-buying Intention

46.02 ↑ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PHL growth outlook still deemed 'one of the strongest' in Asia

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has kept its trimmed growth forecast for the Philippines as part of a downward revision of projections worldwide, but the country is still expected to remain among Asia's best performers with "substantial" buffers against external shocks.



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Tourist arrivals hit 5-yr high in February

The tourism sector turned in a record feat in February as international arrivals registered the biggest growth rate and volume over the past five years.



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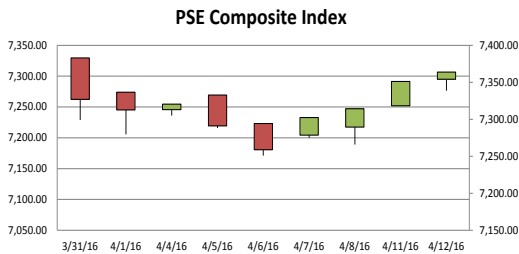
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Philippine banks well-regulated

Philippine banks stand well-regulated with targeted and timely measures against any financial shocks, Fitch Ratings said in a new report, though noting some slips in terms of corporate governance.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Chevrolet sets Sail on a new direction

With its Trailblazer mid-sized SUV and Colorado pickup fighting it out in their hotly contested respective segments, it's easy to overlook that Chevrolet is also a purveyor of decidedly smaller automobiles.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



China data steadily improving: Analyst

Recent data indicate there won't be a hard landing on the mainland, points out Steve Cook, co-head of emerging markets fixed income at Pine-Bridge Investments.

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INTERNATIONAL

Hyundai, Kia sell 100 million cars globally

If you're curious as to why you've probably been seeing a lot of Hyundai and Kia vehicles on the road, well that's because they've just hit a milestone in terms of worldwide auto sales.



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