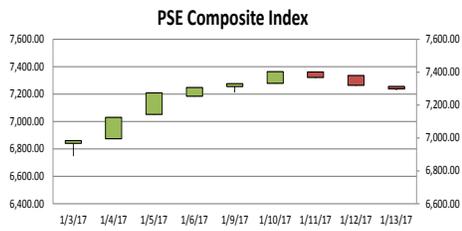




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.60</b>	
	<b>9.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	
	<b>49.64</b>		

**Q3 2016 Gross Domestic Product**  
**December 2016 Inflation Rate**  
**Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence**  
**Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention**  
**Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Turkey and Russia to invite U.S. to Syria talks: Turkish minister

Turkey and Russia have decided to invite the United States to Syria peace talks due to be held this month in the Kazakh capital Astana, Turkey's foreign minister said on Saturday.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Higher oil tax faces rough sailing in Senate

Tax reform, especially lowering personal income tax rates, will be high in the Senate's priority when sessions resume today, but Senate President Aquilino Pimentel III said they would continue to oppose moves to slap new taxes.



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#### PHL chairmanship of ASEAN 2017 launched

President Rodrigo R. Duterte on Sunday led the launching ceremony of the Philippines' chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 2017 as he vows to "strengthen the capacities" of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and urge the regional bloc's dialogue partners to observe "non-interference."



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### PNB targets millennials as it ramps up digital banking efforts

Philippine National Bank (PNB) is focusing on ramping up its digital banking efforts this year as it eyes to offer its services to more customers entering the labor force, a top official said.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Autohub Group Committed to Improving Workforce Skills

The Autohub Group is committed to upgrading the skills and standards of its workforce by becoming an Institute of Motor Industry (IMI) Certified Institution. As the only international automotive awarding organization, IMI works with government and industry leaders across the world to improve training standards and skills within the sector.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Takata admits defect, to pay \$1 B penalty

Takata Corp. has agreed to plead guilty to a single criminal charge and will pay \$1 billion in fines and restitution for a years-long scheme to conceal a deadly defect in its automotive air bag inflators.



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