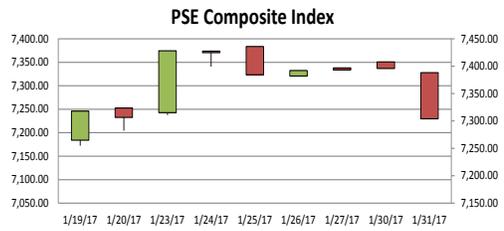




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	2.60	
▶ Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product		▶ December 2016 Inflation Rate	
	9.2	6.6	
▶ Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention	
	49.77		
	▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate		



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Trump policies not yet hampering BOJ forecast
The Bank of Japan keeps monetary policy steady and maintains its optimistic price forecasts, signalling its confidence that a steady economic recovery will accelerate inflation to its 2 percent target without additional stimulus.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

U.S. to continue partnering with PH in improving business environment

The United States has vowed to continue partnering with the Philippines in improving the latter's business environment and attract more investors to the country.



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Millennials seen as top consumers with shift to e-commerce -- KPMG, IDEA

Investors should take advantage of the looming growth of e-commerce amid the rise of digital banking, with tech-savvy millennials outpacing baby boomers as the top consumers, according to a report by the KPMG R.G. Manabat and think tank Institute for Development and Economic Analysis (IDEA).



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Liquidity growth eases in December

More money circulated in the economy in December as strong credit demand supported a double-digit expansion, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said yesterday.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Auto makers assess impact of higher tax

The automotive industry tapped a third party to conduct an independent study on the impact of the proposed excise tax hike on automotive vehicles.



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INTERNATIONAL

Toyota loses top-selling automaker crown in 2016

Toyota lost its crown as the world's top-selling automaker in 2016, company figures showed Monday, with the Japanese giant overtaken by Volkswagen as the industry prepares for an uncertain trade environment under Donald Trump.



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