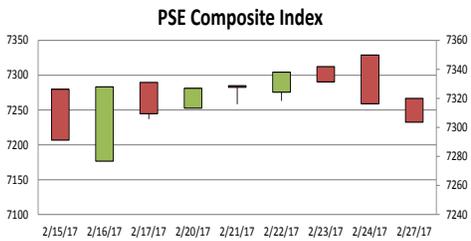




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.6</b>	<b>2.70</b>	
	<b>9.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	
	<b>50.27</b>		

**Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product**  
**January 2017 Inflation Rate**  
**Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence**  
**Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention**  
**Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



## GLOBAL WATCHLIST



**Lookahead: 2 percent inflation - a call to action?**  
Euro zone inflation and the PCE inflation number for the U.S. that the US Federal Reserves looks at closely are due for release in the coming week. If either hit two per cent, it could trigger central bank action. Ciara Lee reports.

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## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

### BSP warns inflation could hit high of 3.9%

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando M. Tetangco Jr. yesterday said higher fuel, transport and electric bill rates could have spiked inflation rate to climb as high as 3.9 percent in February.



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### Asia trade talks resume after U.S. exit dashes hopes for TPP deal

Negotiators from 16 Asia-Pacific countries on Monday, February 27, held their first round of free-trade talks since hopes faded of reaching a separate regional deal after the US pulled out.



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## FINANCIAL TRENDS

### Peso weakens further, hits fresh 10-year low

The peso shed 5.5 centavos to hit a fresh 10-year low at 50.27 to a dollar from Friday's 50.215 level amid the expected rate hike by the US Federal Reserve next month and ahead of the speech of US President Donald Trump in Congress.



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Duterte to car makers: 'Tax impact to be fair'

As Japanese automaker Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. (MMPC) unveiled its first Philippine-manufactured Mirage G4 on Monday, President Rodrigo R. Duterte gave it a promise: a planned higher tax on automobiles won't be a step backwards that would undermine an incentive that is already greasing the wheels of the industry's growth.



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## INTERNATIONAL

### In tougher climate, Chinese automaker cuts jobs, shifts to green cars

Chinese automaker Qoros, founded 10 years ago, has cut jobs and is shifting its focus to faster-growth electric cars in response to increased competition in the world's largest car market.



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