



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	3.30	
	9.2	6.6	
	50.27		

▶ **Q4 2016 Gross Domestic Product** ▶ **February 2017 Inflation Rate**

▶ **Q4 2016 Consumer Confidence** ▶ **Q4 2016 Auto-buying Intention**

▶ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**

MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Feb. inflation quickens to 27-month high

The inflation rate, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), rose at an accelerated pace at 3.3% on-year in February, its fastest pace in 27 months due to upward price adjustments in both food and non-food items.



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Forex reserves slightly drop to \$81.13 B

The country's foreign exchange buffer thinned slightly in February due to outflows arising from the weaker peso as well as the payments made by the government for its maturing obligations.



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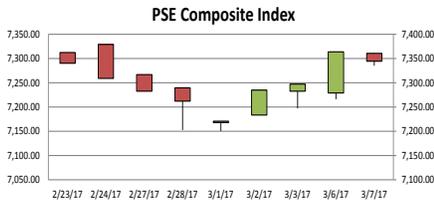
FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso up as inflation spike fuels rate bets

The peso continued to strengthen against the dollar on Tuesday as inflation rose in February, spurring bets of an increase in domestic interest rates, and due to profit taking ahead of key US data to be released on Friday.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Brexit price hikes deter British shoppers

The spending power of households is being stretched by the fall in the value of the pound since Britain's referendum decision in June to leave the European Union and by a rise in global oil prices. As Sara Hemrajani reports, grocery inflation has also doubled since February.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Mitsubishi output increased by 46% in 2016

Local production of Mitsubishi vehicles rose 46 percent in 2016, marking its highest output since 1998, the company said on Tuesday.



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INTERNATIONAL

Peugeot 3008 named 'Car of the Year' at Geneva auto show

The Peugeot 3008, the French automaker's offering for the hot mid-size SUV segment, has been named "Car of the Year" by dozens of European motoring journalists.



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