



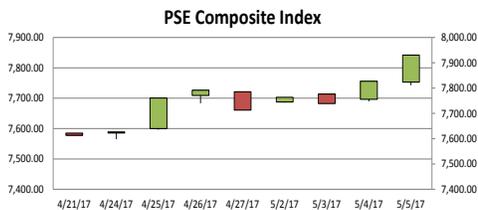
ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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| | 6.6 | 3.40 | |
| | 8.7 | 7.1 | |
| | 49.91 | | |

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

▶ **Q1 2017 Consumer Confidence** ▶ **Q1 2017 Auto-buying Intention**

▶ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Macron storms to victory in French election
Emmanuel Macron has won the race for the French presidency. The 39-year-old independent centrist beats far-right rival Marine Le Pen to get the keys to the Elysee Palace. Mia Womersley reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

7% growth likely this Q2 -- Pernia

The Philippine economy stands a chance to sustain this quarter the seven percent expansion the country's socio-economic planning chief has estimated for the first three months, putting a 6.5-7.5% full-year target in sight.



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Tax reform substitute bill to result in wider budget deficit: DOF

The House ways and means committee-approved tax reform measure would result in a wider budget deficit, preliminary estimates of the Department of Finance (DOF) revealed.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Bangko Sentral unfazed by Fed tightening into 2018

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), whose Monetary Board will meet for the third time this year on Thursday, will keep its eyes glued to key macroeconomic dials even in the face of mounting views that the US Federal Reserve will speed up policy tightening next year, Deputy Governor Diwa C. Guinigundo said here on Thursday last week.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

How the Approved Excise Tax Bill Affects 20 Popular Vehicles

The Philippines may be in the first stage of motorization, but that doesn't mean that only mass market cars are selling well here. The availability of nameplates like Rolls-Royce, Ferrari and Lamborghini in Metro Manila indicates that their brand principals are bullish about a growing niche market in this nation.



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INTERNATIONAL

Exclusive: India's green car plan prioritizes electric vehicles over hybrids

India's most influential government think-tank has recommended lowering taxes and interest rates for loans on electric vehicles, while capping sales of conventional cars, signaling a dramatic shift in policy in one of the world's fastest growing auto markets.



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