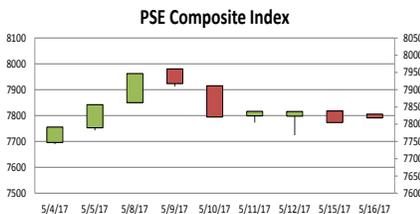
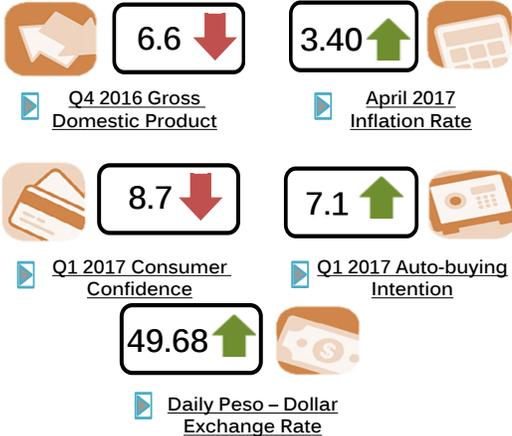




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Euro zone growth stable, but Italy still weak
Euro zone growth holds steady at an annualised 1.7 per cent in the first quarter, according to new data, in a further sign that ECB stimulus is feeding through into a recovery.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Economy likely grew 7% in Q1

The economy likely grew by about seven percent in the first quarter on the back of strong performance of the agriculture and manufacturing sectors, according to Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran.



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DoF nixes House's softer auto tax bill

The government stands to lose at least P10 billion in auto tax revenues judging by the provisions of a watered-down version of the tax reform bill approved by a House panel, an official from the Finance department told Senate lawmakers yesterday.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

BSP warns banks on 'ransomware'

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has reminded banks and other financial entities to beef up their safeguards versus cyber-attacks, in light of a so-called global "ransomware" where hackers freeze computer systems and demand money to regain access to the machines and private data.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

EVAP Gives the Government's Jeepney Modernization Initiative the Thumbs-Up

It's no secret that many of the public utility vehicles (PUVs) that roam our streets today are known as rolling coffins. This is due in no small part to the thick black smoke they emit and equally deadly condition that these vehicles are usually in. And with most of these poorly maintained jeepneys being more than 15 years of age, a lot of them are a recipe for disaster.



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INTERNATIONAL

Fifty-Four Years and One Million Units Later, the Porsche 911 Remains an Icon

When most people think of Porsche, the image that almost always comes to mind is that of the 911. This is no accident, as the two-door sports car has practically been the brand's most significant model for some 54 years now and is the definition of the German sports car maker.



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