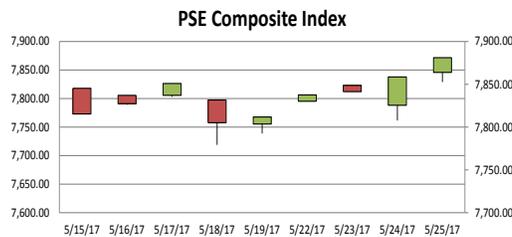




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3.40</b>	
	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	
	<b>49.83</b>		

[▶ Q1 2017 Gross Domestic Product](#)     [▶ April 2017 Inflation Rate](#)  
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[▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate](#)



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### China scolds U.S. over South China Sea naval patrol

Beijing slams the U.S. for sending a warship close to one of its disputed islands in the South China Sea. As Raju Gopalakrishnan reports, strained relations could become an obstacle to cooperation.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Martial law in Mindanao not a threat to economy, says DOF chief

The head of the Duterte administration's economic team yesterday said the declaration of martial law in Mindanao would protect businesses there from the threat of terrorism and would unlikely slow the country's growth momentum.

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#### BOI sees FDI rising to record-high \$11 billion on better China-PHL relations

The government expects Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) to jump to as high as \$11 billion this year on the back of robust interest of Chinese investors in the Philippines brought about by improving Manila-Beijing ties.

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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### Banks build up capital buffers ahead of leverage ratio rollout

Philippine banks are generally ready to comply with the leverage ratio standard even as of end-2016, even as the central bank has pushed back its implementation to next year, according to preliminary estimates from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).

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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### Review of anti-distracted driving rules to focus on mobile phones as navigation tools

The upcoming review of the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of the Anti-Distracted Driving Act will focus on mobile devices as navigation tools, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) said Wednesday.

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### INTERNATIONAL

#### Report: US begins action against FCA over emissions fraud

Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) is being sued by the US Department of Justice over allegations of emissions fraud. This civil suit covers the undeclared amounts of 'defeat devices' installed on diesel-powered offerings from the company.

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