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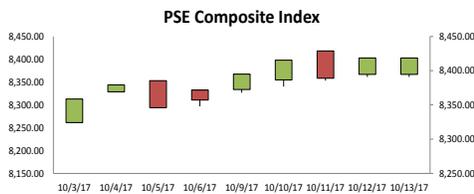
6.5 ↑ **Q2 2017 Gross Domestic Product**

3.40 ↑ **September 2017 Inflation Rate**

10.2 ↓ **Q3 2017 Consumer Confidence**

7.6 ↓ **Q3 2017 Auto-buying Intention**

51.39 ↑ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Oil rises over Iraq fighting & Trump’s Iran threat
Oil markets jumped on Monday on concerns over potential renewed U.S. sanctions against Iran as well as conflict in Iraq, while an explosion at a U.S. oil rig and reduced exploration activity supported prices there. Ciara Lee reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PH remittances for August rise fastest in 5 months

Money sent home by overseas Filipinos last August saw the fastest growth in 5 months, fueled by those with work contracts in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the United States, data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed.



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ASEAN making substantial progress toward integration — Dominguez

The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has made substantial progress toward creating a single common market amid concerns of rising protectionist policies and monetary policy tightening in other parts of the globe, Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez said yesterday.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

PSE moving to woo China investors

The Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) is wooing the Shenzhen Stock Exchange to secure a minority interest in the local bourse — a move that is seen increasing investments from China amid warmer ties between the two countries.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

DOTr: PUV modernization isn’t as bad as jeepney operators think

The DOTr released a statement on social media to shed further light on the PUV modernization program. Many of the points raised in the Facebook post further explain the program’s implications on drivers and operators, so we do hope they read up. Here are some of them:



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INTERNATIONAL

Second Car Can Slash Fuel Savings, Researchers Say

A couple or family may drive a “gas-sipper” for most day-to-day tasks but also own a bigger “gas-guzzler” for taking road trips or ski trips, or going to the hardware store or other places where more space and power may be useful, the researchers found.



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