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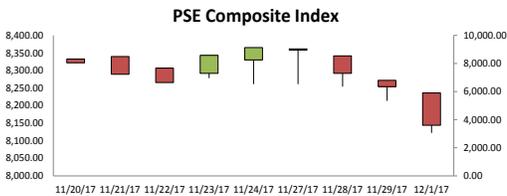
6.9 ↑ **Q3 2017 Gross Domestic Product**

3.50 ↑ **October 2017 Inflation Rate**

10.2 ↓ **Q3 2017 Consumer Confidence**

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

50.37 ↓ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Senate Republicans pass sweeping tax overhaul
The U.S. Senate narrowly approved a tax overhaul, moving Republicans and President Donald Trump a big step closer to their goal of slashing taxes for businesses and the rich while offering everyday Americans a mixed bag.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

China, Japan investments up, Korea down

Korean investments in the Philippines are shrinking, while Chinese investors are making their big comeback and the Japanese continue to see the country as an investment destination, data from two of the country's largest investment promotion agencies showed.



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Bicam panel adopts 5 tax reform provisions

The congressional bicameral conference committee has agreed on at least five provisions of the tax reform package, including tax exemptions for all workers earning less than P250,000 a year, and VAT-free leases on housing units below P15,000 a month and condominium dues.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Bonds likely to fetch higher rates

Treasury bonds (T-bond) on offer this week will likely fetch higher rates, although the government is expected to reject bids as pressure to award eased following its successful retail bond offering.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

DTI: Philippine auto sales to reach 1M per year by 2025

With the help of the Comprehensive Automotive Resurgence Strategy (CARS) Program and government support in the form of Php 27 billion over the next six years, the auto industry is expected to breach the 1-million annual mark by 2025.



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INTERNATIONAL

Toyota Updates Standard Safety, Pratt Dispels Autonomous Myths

A second generation of Toyota's suite of advanced driver-assist technologies, mimicking most of those soon to be available on the new Lexus LS flagship sedan, launches in the middle of next year.



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