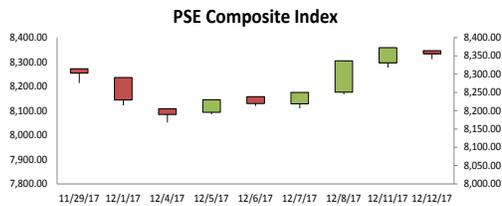




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.9	3.30	
▶ Q3 2017 Gross Domestic Product		▶ November 2017 Inflation Rate	
	10.2	7.6	
▶ Q3 2017 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q3 2017 Auto-buying Intention	
	50.51		
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



UK inflation hits highest in nearly six years

British inflation unexpectedly rose to its highest level in nearly six years in November, tightening the post-Brexit vote squeeze on households whose spending is the main driver of the country's economy. David Pollard reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PH trade deficit widens to record \$2.845 billion in October

Strong imports growth that outpaced the increase in exports brought the trade-in-goods deficit in October to its widest on record, at \$2.845 billion, the government reported Tuesday.



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Senate, House clear all hurdles for 2018 national budget bill

Both houses of Congress worked extra hours on Tuesday to ratify the proposed P3.7-trillion national budget for 2018. House and Senate separately gave their final nod to the proposed General Appropriations Act (GAA) on Tuesday night.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Big banks' NPLs rise 9%

Bad debts held by big banks grew by nearly a tenth in October but accounted for an even smaller share relative to total loans granted during the period, latest central bank data showed, signalling strong asset quality among lenders.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Foreign business groups urge lawmakers to fix traffic problem before 2020

In a statement, the JFC urged lawmakers to speed up the passing of legislation that will immediately make a positive impact on the vehicular congestion all over Metro Manila.



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INTERNATIONAL

Singapore Launches EV Car-Sharing Program

Singapore launched on Tuesday its first large-scale electric car-sharing programme through which the land-scarce city-state hopes to provide commuters with more transport options and steer them away from the need to buy their own cars.



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