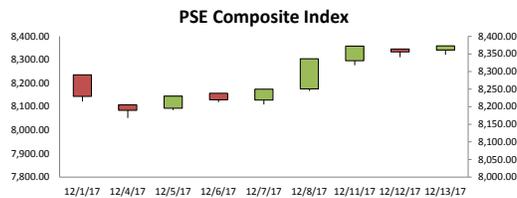


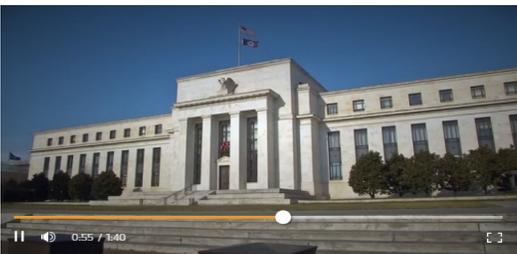


## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.9</b>	<b>3.30</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q3 2017 Gross Domestic Product</a>		<a href="#">▶ November 2017 Inflation Rate</a>	
	<b>10.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q3 2017 Consumer Confidence</a>		<a href="#">▶ Q3 2017 Auto-buying Intention</a>	
	<b>50.48</b>		
<a href="#">▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</a>			



## GLOBAL WATCHLIST



### Fed lifts interest rates

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point, as anticipated, but left its rate outlook for the coming years unchanged. Roselle Chen reports.

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## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

### ADB raises PH growth forecasts for 2017, 2018

The Asian Development Bank has raised its growth forecasts for the Philippines for this year and next on expectations that the Duterte administration's massive infrastructure program will sustain robust economic expansion.



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### 1st package of tax reform bill now up for Duterte's signature

The Senate and the House of Representatives on Wednesday, December 13, ratified the bicameral conference committee report on the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) bill, seeking to cut income taxes but adding levy on fuel, cars, mining, coal, and tobacco.



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## FINANCIAL TRENDS

### Consumer loan rates steady in face of looming central bank tightening

Homebuyers with jumbo mortgages have less to fear about the end of ultra-low borrowing costs, while consumers contemplating personal loans or car financing have time to lock in affordable fixed-rate deals, bankers said.



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Buy or Do Not Buy: The Possible Effect of the New Vehicle Excise Tax on 42 Vehicles

With the finalization of the bicameral version of the TRAIN or Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Bill, it's now heading to the Malacañan Palace for the President's approval. Once signed into law, this sets into motion a comprehensive change to the country's taxation structure, including one that governs new vehicles.



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## INTERNATIONAL

### Hyundai Sees EV Battery Prices Leveling Off By 2020

Hyundai Motor Co believes electric vehicle battery prices will level off by 2020 due to supply constraints of key ingredients, ending years of sharp declines that have helped stimulate activity in the booming sector.



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