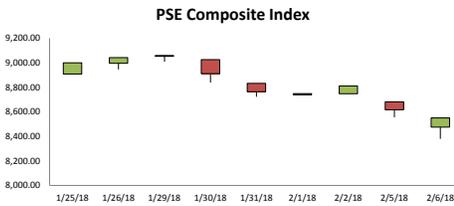




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	6.6	4.0	
▶ Q4 2017 Gross Domestic Product		▶ January 2018 Inflation Rate	
	9.5	8.6	
▶ Q4 2017 Consumer Confidence		▶ Q4 2017 Auto-buying Intention	
	51.46		
▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate			



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Israel's migrant deportation is a dilemma for Jews

Israel has started handing out notices to 20,000 male African migrants giving them two months to leave the country or risk being thrown in jail.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

January inflation hits 3-year high of 4%

As average consumer prices increased due to the new or higher excise taxes slapped on a number of products under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law, inflation rose to a 39-month high of 4 percent in January, the government reported Tuesday.



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BSP seen hiking key rates after Jan inflation hit 4%

Inflation rate in January accelerated to 4 percent, the fastest in three years, raising expectations among analysts that the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) would soon hike key policy rates.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso rebounds amid BSP rate hike bets

The peso strengthened slightly against the dollar on Tuesday as the faster inflation print last month increased the probability of a rate hike by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).



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Beyond EV charging, Meralco could be involved in producing electric vehicles

It appears that Meralco is looking to take a big leap forward in helping make electric vehicles more viable in the Philippines... and it's not just because of infrastructure.



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