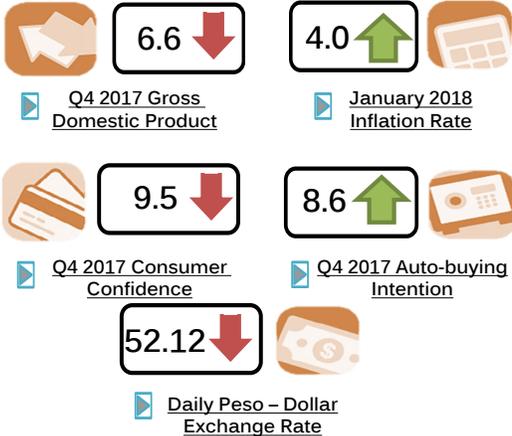




ECONOMIC INDICATORS



MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PHL on track to hit \$122-billion exports target by 2022—DTI
Electronics exports skyrocketed to a record-high \$32.7 billion last year, pumping more than half of the country’s merchandise exports that increased to \$62.87 billion for a growth rate of 9.53 percent.



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FDIs top 2017 target as of November

Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) to the Philippines surged anew in November amid strong interest in debt instruments and equities, taking year-to-date inflows beyond the \$8 billion expected by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP).



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso exchange rate breaches P52:\$1

Companies seeking to tap the stock market for funding may stay on the sidelines until the dust from the global equity sell-off settles, as investors grapple with rate hike fears.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Congress unanimously votes to require child seats in vehicles

On February 7, 2018, members of the Congress have unanimously voted to approve House Bill 6938, which will be known as the Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act. There were no objections in congress as they signed off the Bill with a 225-0 vote. This bill ‘seeks to provide special protection of child passengers in motor vehicles.’



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INTERNATIONAL

Hyundai Says Dealers Central to New Online Shopping Initiative

Some critics squawked a few years ago when General Motors introduced its Shop-Click-Drive online shopping program. Detractors feared GM was trying to elbow its way between customers and dealers, something GM adamantly (and credibly) denied. But it took some explaining and clarifying for the automaker to allay fears.



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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Germany boosts EU growth to fastest in a decade

Strong exports helped the German economy continue its solid upswing at the end of last year, and gross domestic product in Italy rose a quarterly 0.3 percent at the end of the year. Silvia Antonioli asks on whether political changes in both countries could impact the growth story in 2018.

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