



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

**6.6** ↓

Q4 2017 Gross Domestic Product

**4.3** ↑

March 2018 Inflation Rate

**1.7** ↓

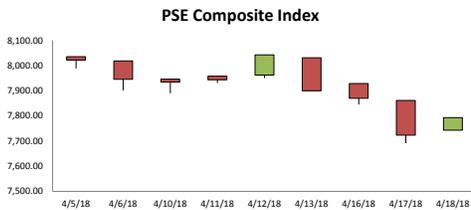
Q1 2018 Consumer Confidence

**6.2** ↓

Q1 2018 Auto-buying Intention

**52.05** ↑

Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate



## GLOBAL WATCHLIST



### Trump puts the brakes on new Russia sanctions: official

The White House has pushed back fresh measures against Moscow, in a move that appears to walk back comments made by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley over the weekend. Dhruv Tikekar reports.

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## MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

### Remittance growth slowest in 3 months

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) sent more money home in February than a year ago even as it was the smallest increase in three months, the central bank reported on Monday.



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### Firms see robust sales despite TRAIN

Filipinos did not hold back on spending despite higher prices of goods in the first quarter of the year, but elevated input costs would continue to put pressure on the profitability of consumer companies.



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## FINANCIAL TRENDS

### Peso climbs on data

The peso strengthened slightly against the dollar on Tuesday as the pair traded sideways on the back of strong data from the US and China.



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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Grab: Riders not informed of P2-per-minute travel charge

Grab Philippines said on Wednesday, April 18, that its riders were not informed about the company's P2-per-minute travel charge when it was first added to their fare in June last year.



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## INTERNATIONAL

### This Mitsubishi dealership in Japan can power the grid, charge EVs

Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) is currently creating a vast dealership network which offers electric vehicle charging, and can also help stabilize the local electricity supply of the grid.



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