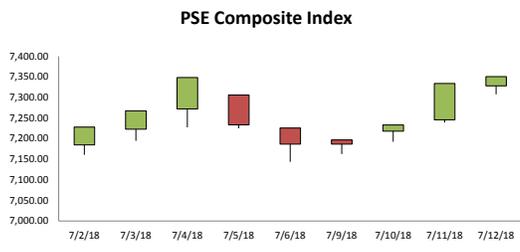




ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.8	5.2
Q1 2018 Gross Domestic Product	June 2018 Inflation Rate
1.7	6.2
Q1 2018 Consumer Confidence	Q1 2018 Auto-buying Intention
53.50	
Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate	



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



May defends Brexit policy after Trump casts doubt

British Prime Minister Theresa May told reporters at the NATO summit in Brussels that her government's Brexit strategy delivers on people's wishes, after U.S. President Trump casted doubt. Rough cut (no reporter narration).

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

PH among worst in ease of doing business, education – report

The Philippines retained the 73rd spot out of 126 economies in the 2018 Global Innovation Index (GII). The GI ranks countries according to their capacity and success in innovation. The survey looks into a country's institutions, infrastructure, business and market sophistication, knowledge and technology outputs, human and capital research, and creative outputs.

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Duterte humbled with high trust, approval ratings – Palace

President Rodrigo Duterte is humbled with his high trust and approval ratings in the latest Pulse Asia survey, Malacañang said Friday.

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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso seen testing 54-55 to \$1

The peso may weaken to 55 against the US dollar this year as foreign capital flows out of emerging markets into developed markets, the treasurer of China Bank said.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

What exactly will it take for the Nissan Leaf to be sold in PH?

Those of you who who've already dropped by this year's Philippine Electric Vehicle Summit at the SMX Convention Center will undoubtedly have been draw to the Nissan Leaf proudly on display at the Japanese carmaker's booth. While it's already been announced that the EV will be making its way to several markets in the region, the Philippines isn't one of them. Not yet at least.

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INTERNATIONAL

BMW partners with Great Wall to produce electric MINIs in China

BMW is putting out all the stops in expanding production in China it seems. After announcing the global production and sale of the iX3 via BMW Brilliance Automotive, the company has signed a joint venture agreement with Great Wall to produce electric Minis in China.

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