



ECONOMIC INDICATORS



6.1 ↓



▶ **Q3 2018 Gross Domestic Product**



6.0 ↓



▶ **November 2018 Inflation Rate**



-22.5 ↓



▶ **Q4 2018 Consumer Confidence**



5.2 ↓



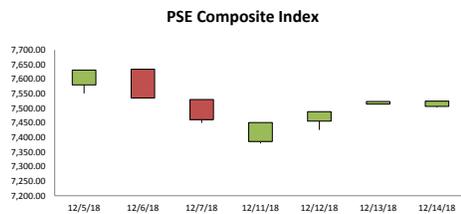
▶ **Q4 2018 Auto-buying Intention**



52.88 ↓



▶ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Still possible to get Brexit reassurances from EU, says UK PM May

British Prime Minister Theresa May said on Friday it was still possible to get further clarification from the European Union on the Brexit deal to help her win parliamentary approval for it.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

'Hot money' returns in November

More foreign portfolio investments — also known as “hot money” for the ease by which these funds enter and leave financial markets — came into the Philippines in November, according to data the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas released on Friday that bared a reversal from two straight months of net outflows.



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PH external debt rises 5.6% as of end-September

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Nestor A. Espenilla Jr. said the country's outstanding external debt went up by 5.6 percent or \$4 billion to \$76.4 billion as of end-September this year from \$72.4 billion in the same period in 2017 with new borrowings during the quarter period



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso to drop ahead of Fed meet

The peso is expected to weaken this week as the dollar will likely strengthen amid safe-haven buying, propelled by expectations of another rate hike from the US Federal Reserve.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

Philippine auto sales down 5.7% in November 2018

Philippine auto sales slowed down by 5.7% in November 2018, month-on-month, bucking the positive Q4 mood opened by the previous month. The latest consolidated report from the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMPI) and the Truck Manufacturers Association (TMA) showed a 31,258 unit sales total for the month.



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INTERNATIONAL

China to halt added tariffs on U.S.-made cars in easing of trade tensions

China will temporarily suspend additional 25 percent tariffs on U.S.-made vehicles and auto parts starting Jan. 1, 2019, the finance ministry said on Friday, following a truce in a trade war between the world's two largest economies.



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