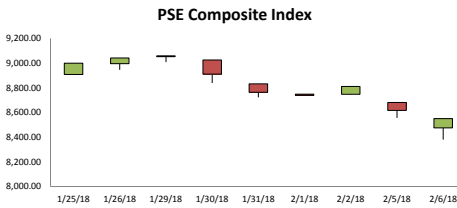




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q4 2017 Gross Domestic Product</a>		<a href="#">▶ January 2018 Inflation Rate</a>	
	<b>9.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q4 2017 Consumer Confidence</a>		<a href="#">▶ Q4 2017 Auto-buying Intention</a>	
	<b>51.46</b>		
<a href="#">▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</a>			



## 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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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### 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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## INTERNATIONAL

### Ford Research Gives New Meaning to 'Rush Hour'

Ford researchers in Germany say their research finds driving a sports car daily is among the best ways to boost a sense of well-being and emotional fulfillment.



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