



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

6.6

▶ **Q4 2017 Gross Domestic Product**

4.5

▶ **February 2018 Inflation Rate**

1.7

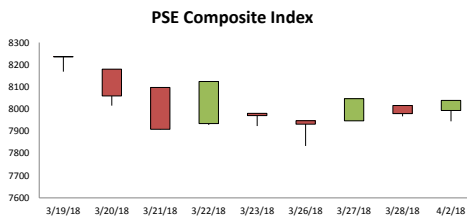
▶ **Q1 2018 Consumer Confidence**

6.2

▶ **Q1 2018 Auto-buying Intention**

52.04

▶ **Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate**



GLOBAL WATCHLIST



SUV overflow threatens to flood auto market

Demand for sport utility vehicles in the United States is booming, but the number of new models sharing the spotlight at the New York Auto show suggests the industry is building towards a glut, which could end up undermining profits.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Moody's says overheating farfetched; FMIC, UA&P see Q1 growth past 7%

The Philippine economy is far from overheating, with growth poised to clock faster even as inflation quickens further, according to a global debt watcher and a monthly analysis released on Monday.



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Revenue loss feared under 2nd tax reform

The House of Representatives' version of the second tax reform package could yield a net revenue loss for at least two years, a senior Finance official has warned.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso strengthens on China tariff response

The peso strengthened against the dollar on Monday, April 2, as inflows continue to support the local currency.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

PUV prototypes on display at DOTr's Transport Modernization Expo

In line the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) goal of providing commuters with an adequate, comfortable, safe, and environment-friendly public transportation, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) has launched the Public Transport Modernization Expo: Modernong Sasakyang, Progresibong Bayan.



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INTERNATIONAL

EPA to relax fuel efficiency standards for autos

The Trump administration on Monday rejected an Obama-era plan to make automobiles more fuel efficient, opening up a long process to weaken current standards and putting California and the federal government on a collision course over vehicle emissions.



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