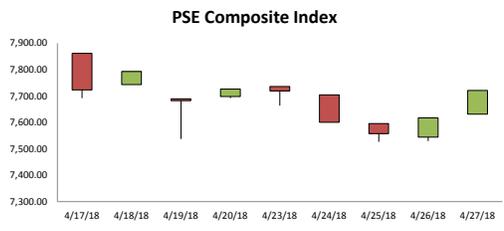




## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q4 2017 Gross Domestic Product</a>		<a href="#">▶ March 2018 Inflation Rate</a>	
	<b>1.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>	
<a href="#">▶ Q1 2018 Consumer Confidence</a>		<a href="#">▶ Q1 2018 Auto-buying Intention</a>	
	<b>51.97</b>		
<a href="#">▶ Daily Peso – Dollar Exchange Rate</a>			



### GLOBAL WATCHLIST



#### Trump, Macron face differences as French visit begins

U.S. President Donald Trump welcomes French President Emmanuel Macron to the White House on Monday to kick off a three-day state visit expected to be dominated by U.S.-European differences on the Iran nuclear deal and trade.

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### MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

#### Gov't infrastructure push to attract more investments into the country

The Philippines could see bigger investment flows over the coming months as the government's infrastructure push may attract more players to bet on local prospects, a central bank official said.



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#### April inflation seen further rising

Inflation likely accelerated further in April amid rising food and oil prices, with the impact of higher taxes and a weaker peso adding upward pressures to the cost of basic goods, according to a BusinessWorld poll.



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### FINANCIAL TRENDS

#### DOF urges rethinking of development banking in PH

Finance Secretary Carlos G. Dominguez III has called for a serious rethinking of development banking strategies amid the challenge of making economies more inclusive in today's world of ever-changing and disruptive digital technologies.



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### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### TRAIN derails auto industry Q1 sales momentum

Philippine automotive industry players knew that the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law would have an impact on sales this year, especially in the first quarter.



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### INTERNATIONAL

#### China considering cutting duty on imported cars by about half: Bloomberg

China is considering cutting the import duty on passenger cars by about half as part of the country's plan to further open up the automobile market, Bloomberg News reported on Thursday, citing people familiar with the matter.



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