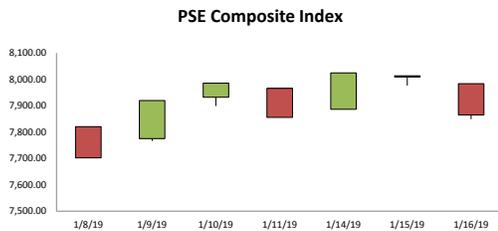
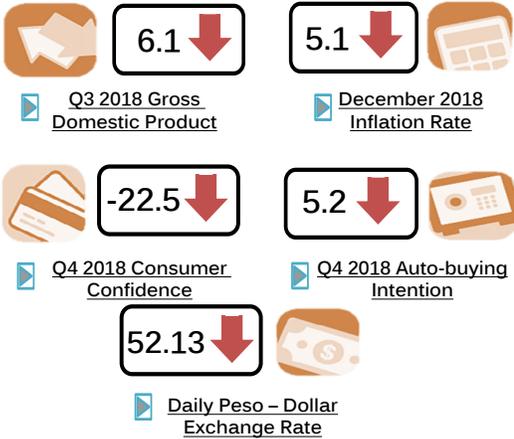




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GLOBAL WATCHLIST



Auto execs fret about political uncertainty
Auto executives attending the auto show in Detroit say political uncertainty around trade disputes and a government shutdown is costing the industry. Chris Dignam reports.

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MACROECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Five agreements signed during Sri Lankan President's first state visit to PH

Several agreements were signed between the Philippines and Sri Lanka Wednesday as President Rodrigo Duterte welcomed the leader of the Asian country on a state visit.



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Budget chief sees 7% economic growth in Q4 2018

Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno on Wednesday said the economy could have grown by 7 percent in October to December last year, resulting in a full-year growth within the lower end of the revised target.



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FINANCIAL TRENDS

Peso down on risk-off sentiment as Britain's EU exit stays in limbo

The peso weakened on Wednesday after a plan for the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union was thumbed down, adding more uncertainty to the market.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

This China-Made Kia is One of the Cars Ayala's Unboxing in 2 Weeks

After Kia Philippines revealed a rather peculiar art installation at BGC, we just had to dig more on what possible cars new distributors AC Industrials could possibly bring in. Checking out Kia Philippines's new official website (it was down last December), it revealed a couple of clues on what vehicle they could be unboxing at the end of this month.



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INTERNATIONAL

U.S. automakers push for deal on fuel efficiency rules

Executives at the major U.S. automakers are pressing the Trump administration and California to agree on standards for fuel efficiency and carbon emissions through 2025, as risks increase that a deadline for setting national standards will pass without a deal.



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