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ABOUT THIS ISSUE

BusinessWorld's special end-of-2021 issue harnesses the collective firepower of the newspaper's columnists and reporters to answer a few essential questions, at both the big picture and micro levels, about the road ahead. These questions include: How has the economy changed? How are businesses plowing on in the face of nearly two years of pandemic fatigue? How will our established ways of doing things transform while under pressure from disruptors like climate change?

And while it is unwise to make forecasts for government policy in an election year, we also try to address the one thing looming over all these issues: how the identity of the next President might influence – or upend – everyone's best-laid plans.

BusinessWorld's year-ender issue touches on some of the industries being forced to undertake radical transformations during a time of unprecedented business pressures, such as air travel, education, and energy. It also tries to answer whether the growth industry of the last six years — infrastructure — has been played out or will have legs when the new government steps in. And while everything seems to be in flux as we ring in 2022, the newspaper's editors, opinion writers, and staff are confident that even with an outlook this clouded, valuable clues can be gleaned from how the smart money has chosen to proceed.

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