

Uncertainty

Growth accelerating

Investment

Infrastructure

Manufacturing

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# #SituaciónColBBVA

Growth

Target inflation

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK  
**COLOMBIA**

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# GLOBAL SCENARIO



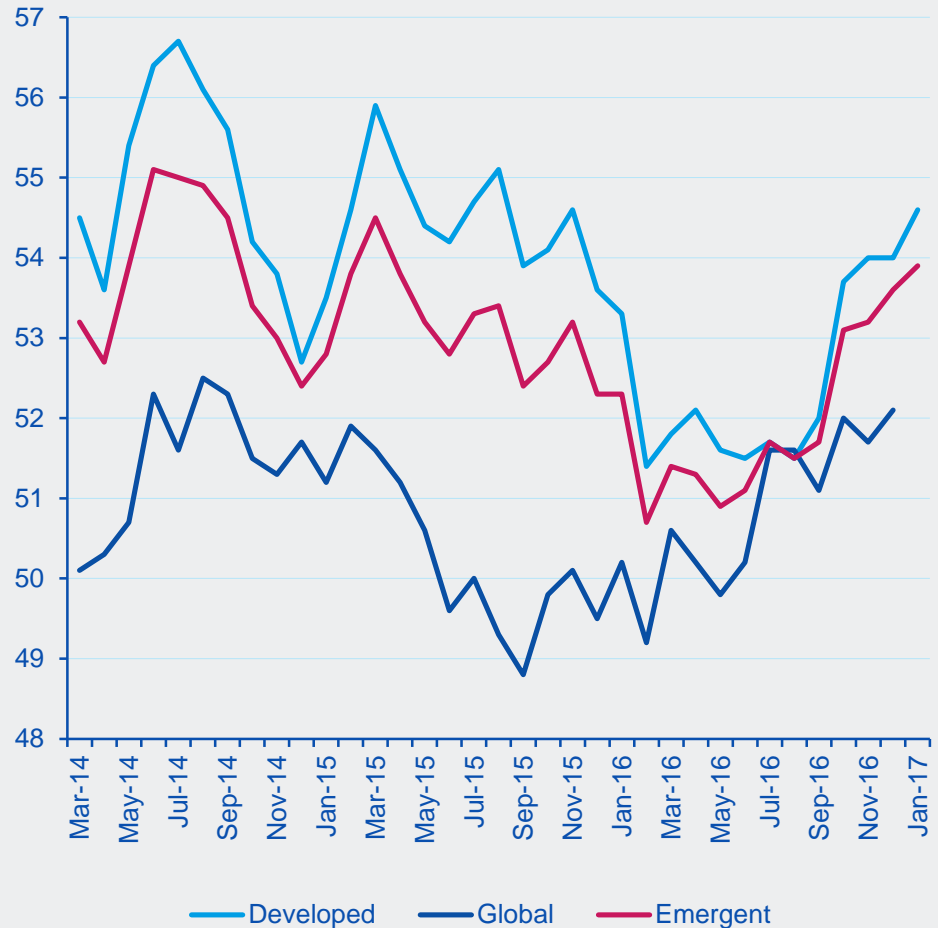
MANUFACTURING

# Industry recovering due to more global trade

- Confidence is noticeably improving, manufacturing production is rising and world trade recovering
- Improvements in trade are stronger in Asia and to a lesser extent in Europe. In Latin America exports continue to have a negative trend

Stronger recovery in developed countries. Exports from the US could be affected by the appreciation of the dollar

**MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION INDEX**  
(PMI, 50 = neutral, Level  $\pm$  50)

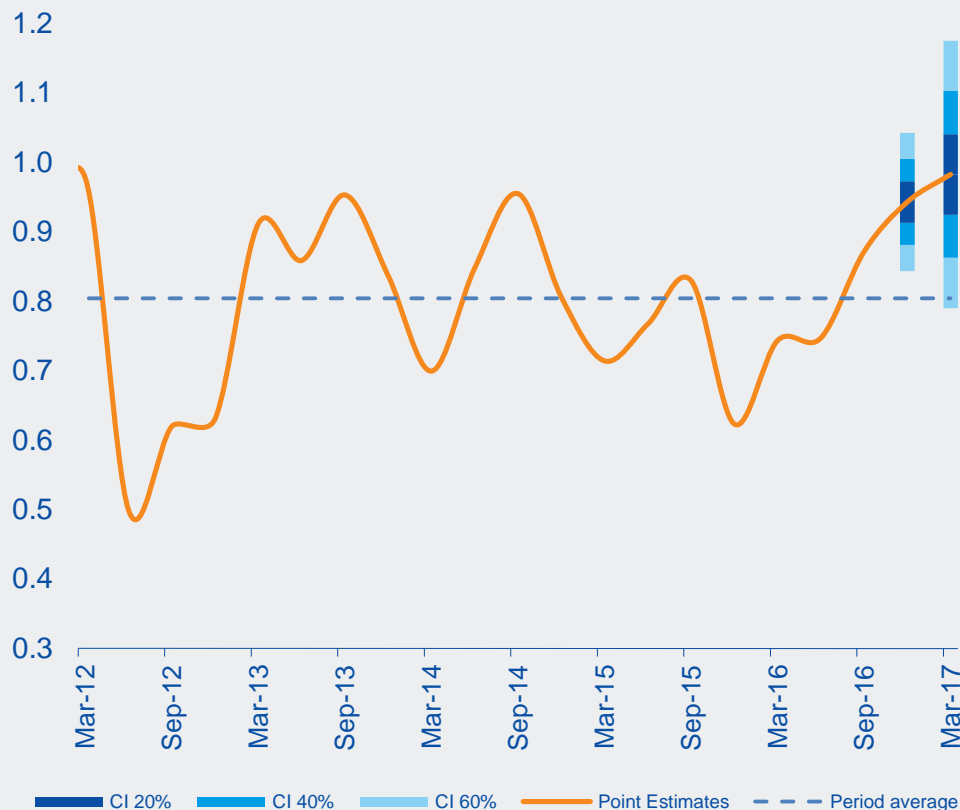


GLOBAL GROWTH

# Gradual acceleration, especially in developed countries

- **Growth worldwide accelerated** mainly due to the USA, UK, China and India, and in the industrial sector.
- Recovering growth, higher prices for commodities and possible fiscal support around the world have replaced the deflationary concerns of a few months ago with expectations of higher inflation

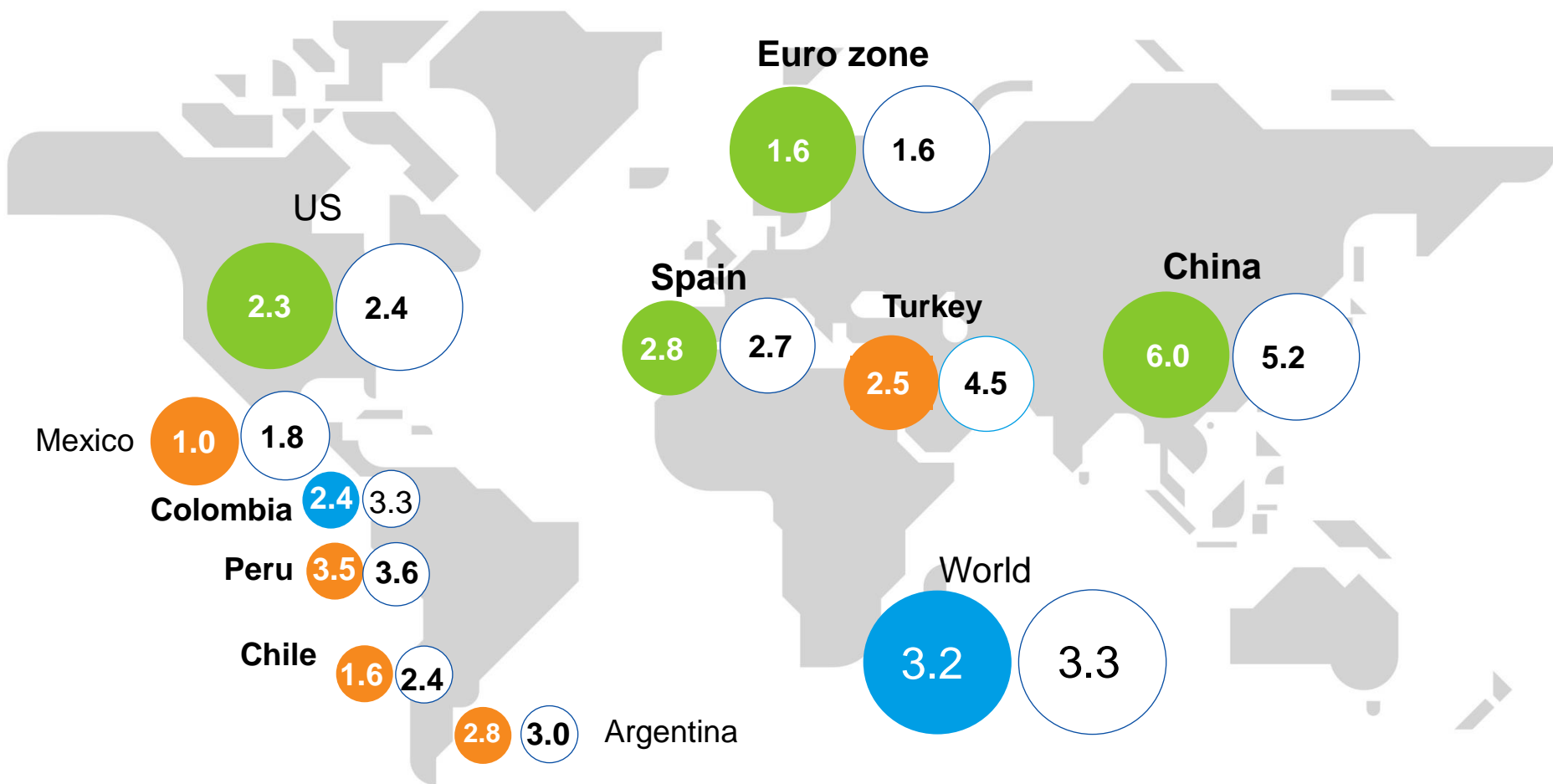
GLOBAL GROWTH  
(Quarterly variation, %)



At the close of 2016, global growth was higher than the average for 2011-2016

GLOBAL GROWTH

# Global GDP is gradually accelerating (2017-18)



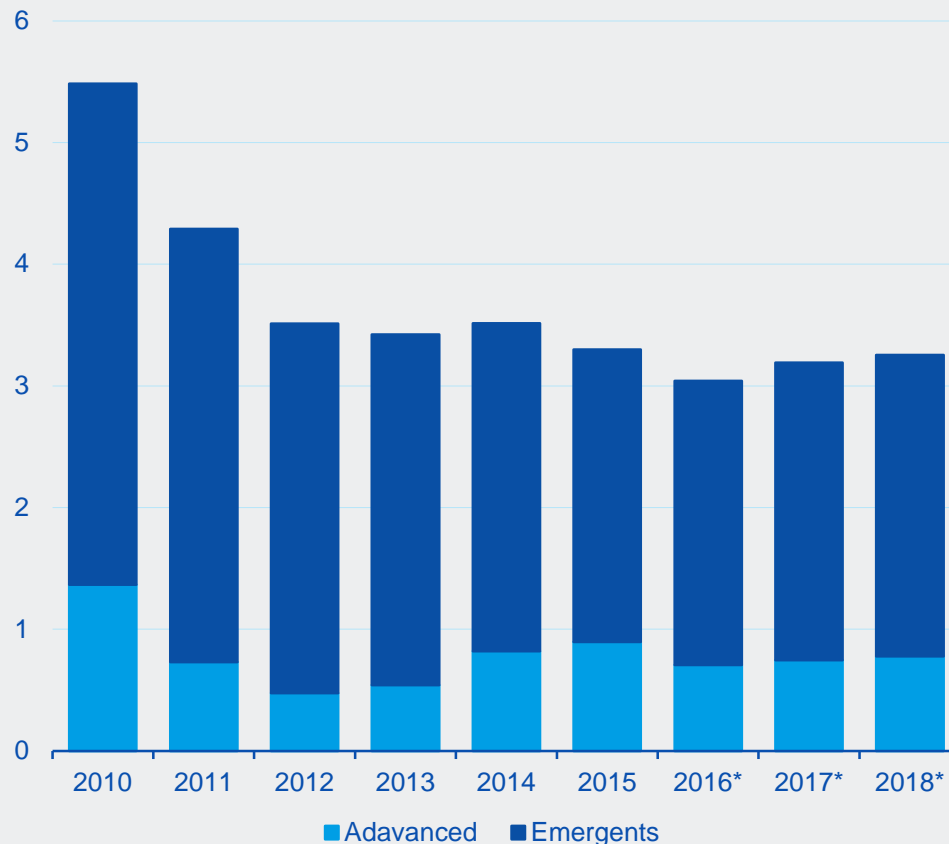
GLOBAL GROWTH

# Emerging countries will continue to gain weight in global GDP

- **Gradual increases in global interest rates are better beneficial** for the future growth of emerging countries
- **Recovering prices for raw materials** are helping the external balance of emerging exporting countries

The convergence of global economic growth is led by Asia, as it will continue to grow by more than 5% (with and without China)

GLOBAL GROWTH  
(Quarterly variation, \*Forecasts)

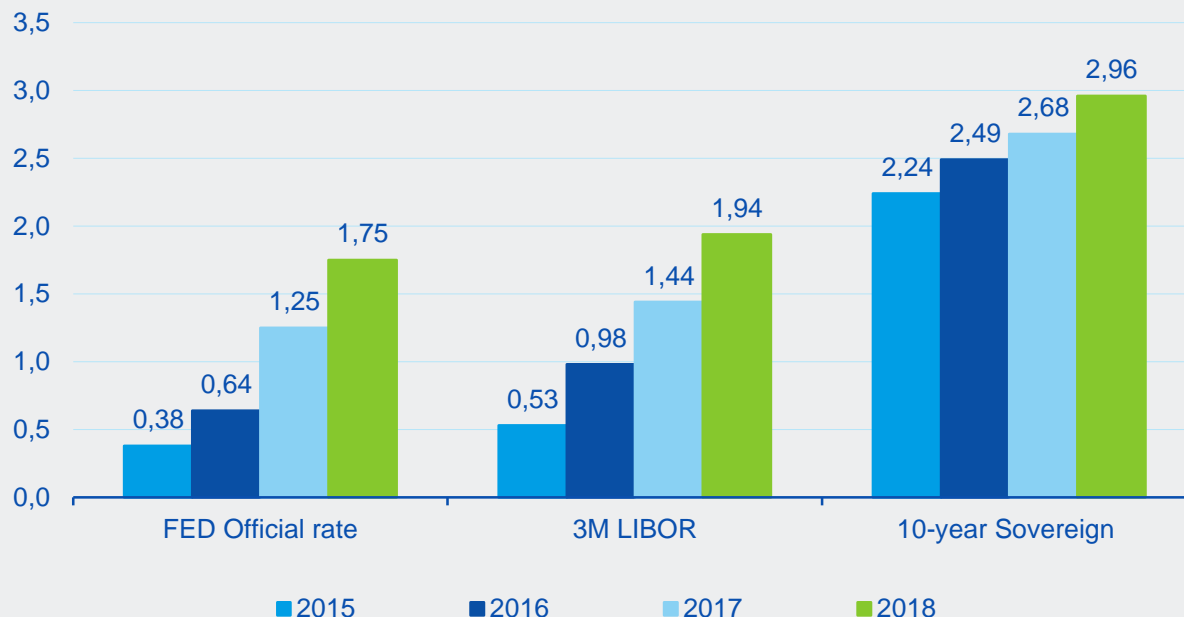


US INTEREST RATES

# Gradual increase in interest rates

**US INTEREST RATES**

(End of period, percentage, \*Forecasts, %)



- **Two increases in the FED rate, each year, are expected in 2017 and 2018**
- **Gradual increases will be beneficial for adjustments in emerging markets**
- **Also, the FED balance will not start to drop before 2018**



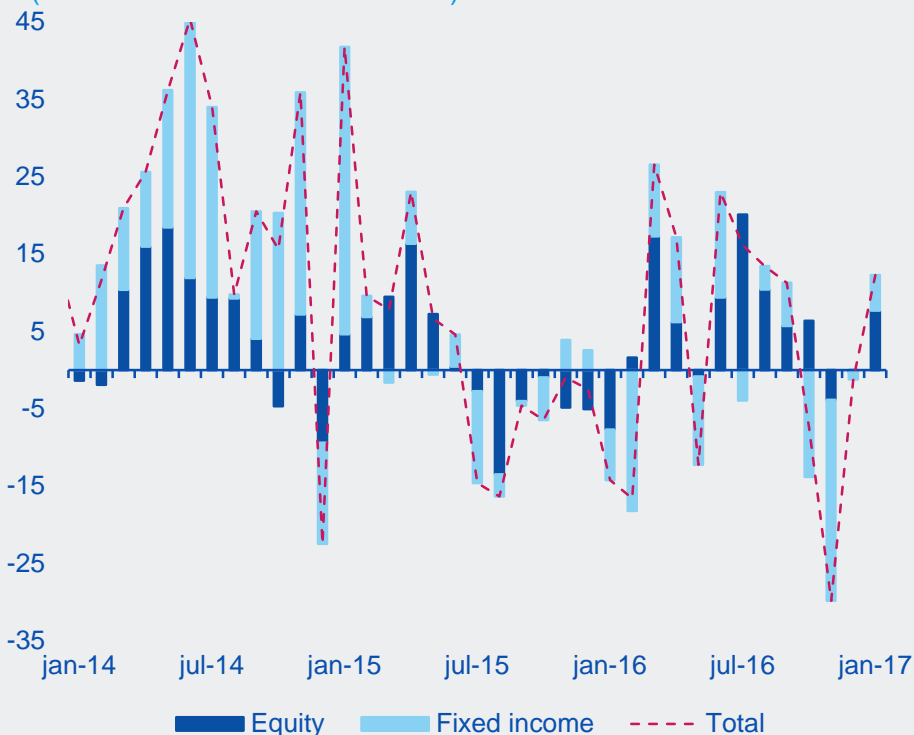
CAPITAL FLOWS

# Entry of capital to emerging countries reactivated

- But uncertainty remains about the future. This year we expect less inflow than in 2016

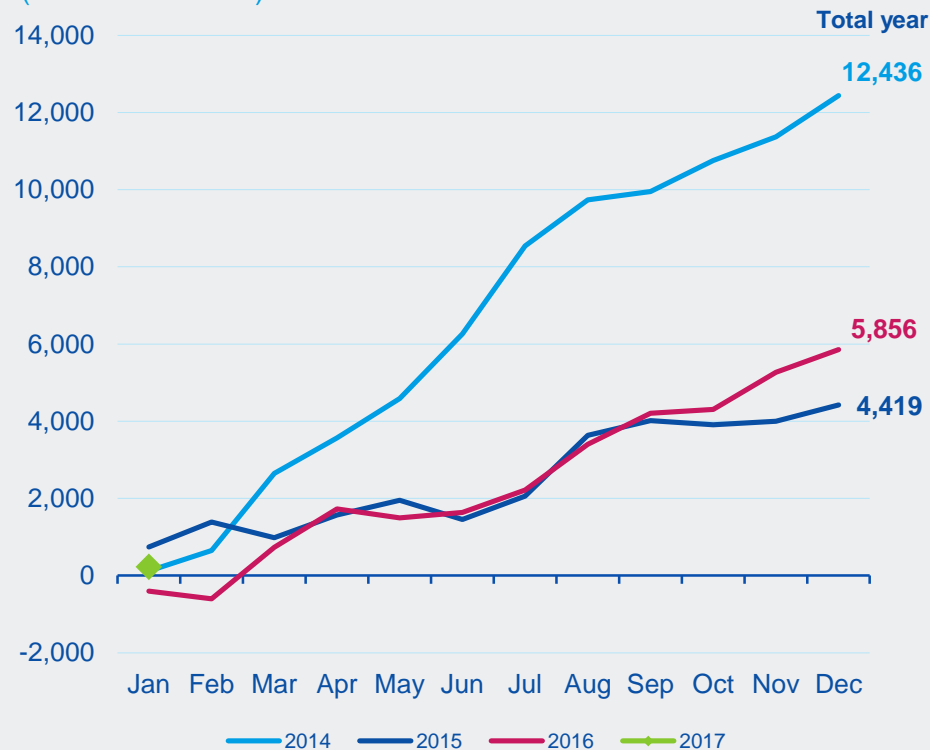
## CAPITAL FLOWS TO EMERGING COUNTRIES

(Thousands of millions of dollars)



## CAPITAL INFLOW FROM NON-RESIDENTS

(Millions of dollars)

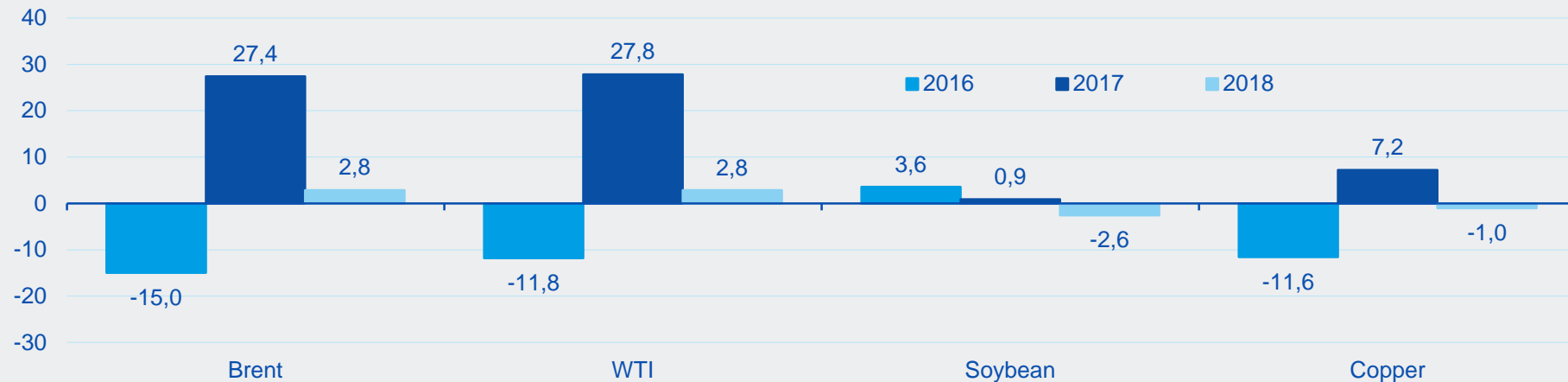


COMMODITIES

# Recovery of oil prices continues

## COMMODITIES PRICES

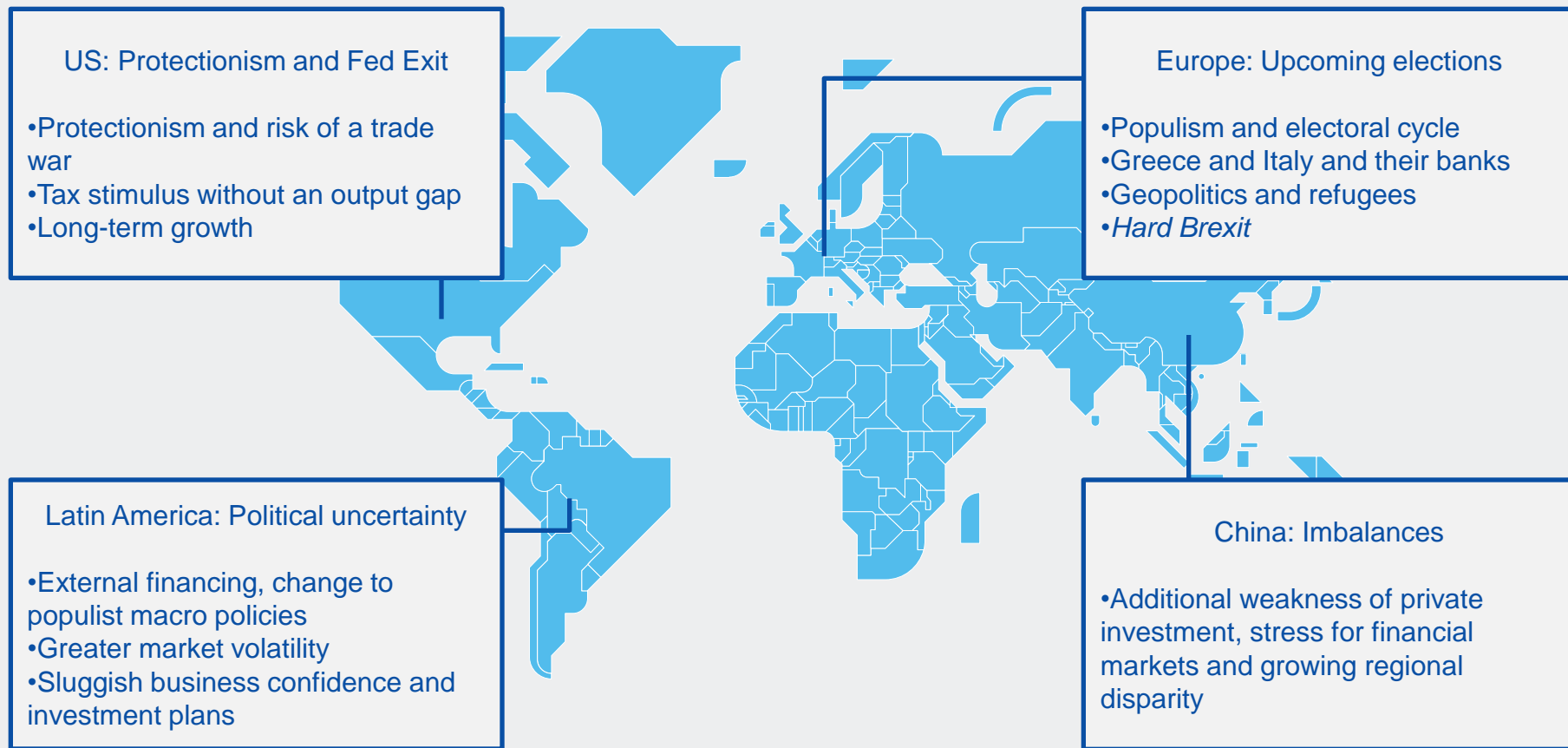
(Annual price variation, %,\*Forecasts)



- Signs of a **more balanced market** as global inventories start to fall
- **Growth in demand for oil is stronger** than growth in supply
- US production will continue to grow. So, this year the **price of Brent crude will be \$57** a barrel on average and, in the long term, \$60

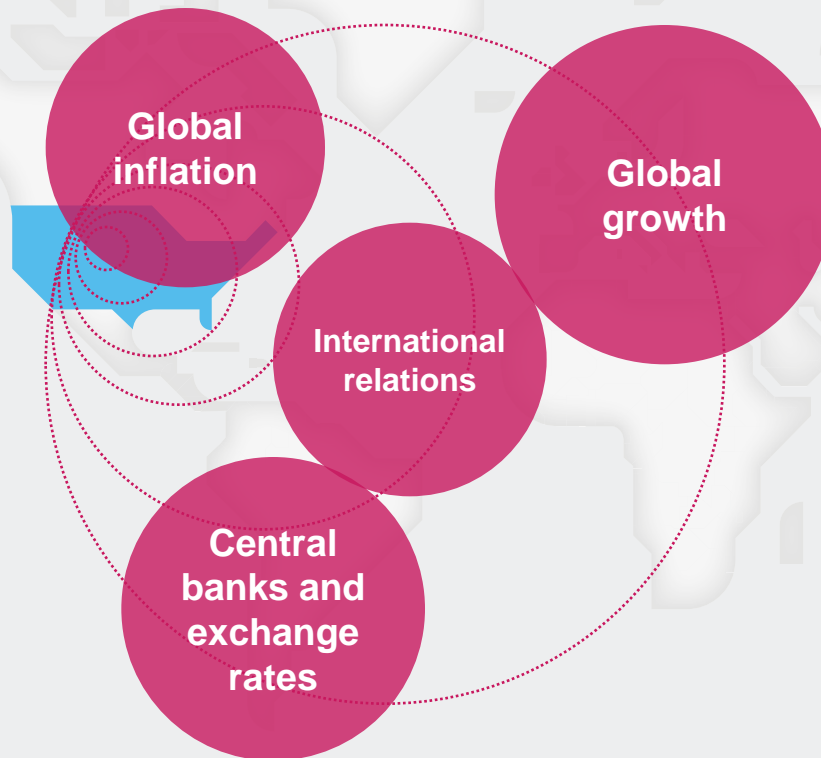
GLOBAL RISKS

# With an impact on all regions



## GLOBAL RISKS

# US politics and their global effect



- **Priorities of fiscal policy?** Tax cuts in the face of higher spending
- **Impact on growth and inflation of fiscal stimulus?** Physical expansion with a reduced growth margin
- **What will the protectionist measures be?** When will they be applied? What will their impact be?
- **What will be the reaction of other countries** (such as China)?
- **Which sectors will be deregulated** and how?
- What impact will Trump have on **potential growth**?

# COLOMBIA

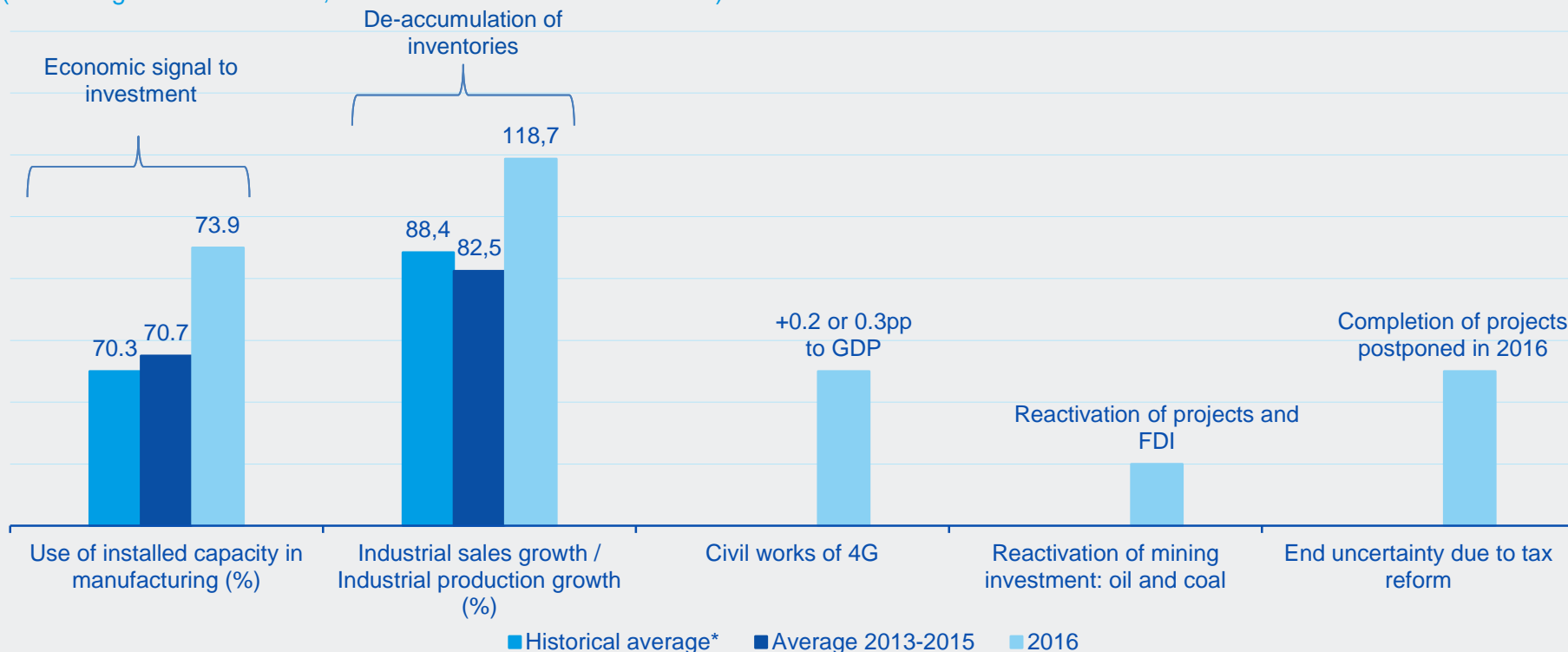
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LEADING INDICATORS

# Signs of investment recovering

## FIXED INVESTMENT ACCELERATION FACTORS IN COLOMBIA

(Percentages and valuations, \*Historical calculations since 1990)



LEADING INDICATORS

# Low growth in private consumption will continue this year

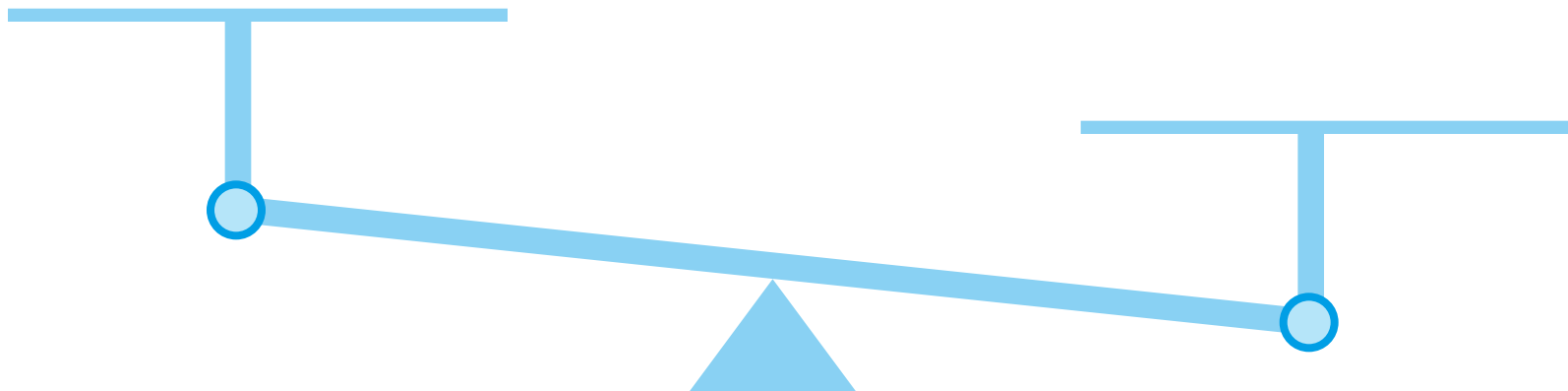
Low growth in consumption helps internal adjustment: more savings, smaller current-account deficit, deleveraging of homes and less pressure on inflation

## Upward-trending factors

- Financial burden down from 22.2% in 2015 to 19.0% in 2016.
- Reduction in inflation and gradual reduction in interest rates
- Exchange rate stable

## Downward-trending factors

- Tax effect in 1H (mainly higher VAT)
- Labour market deteriorating
- Low consumer confidence continues

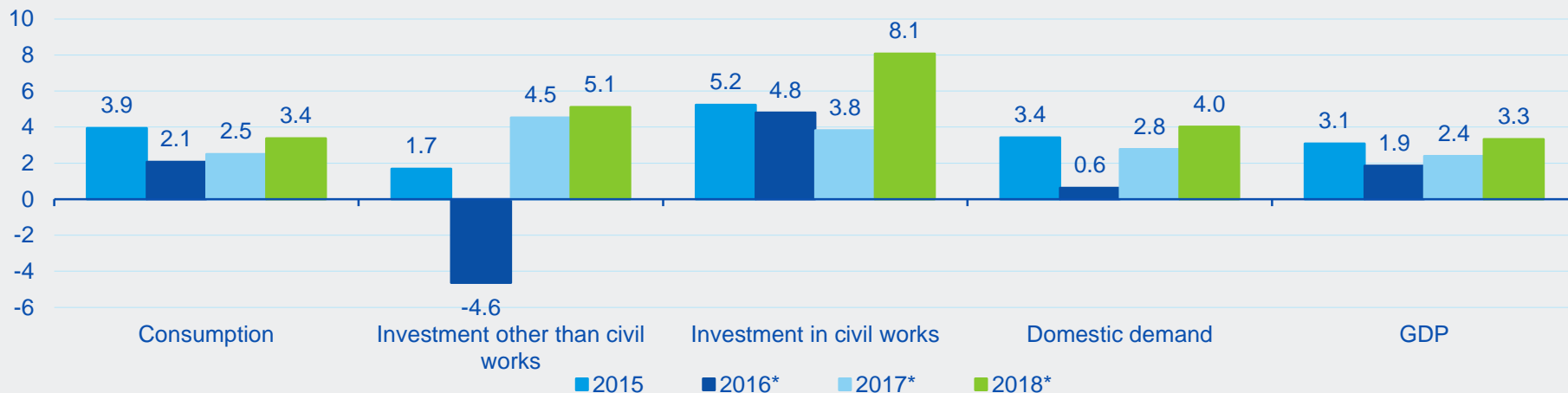


FORECASTS FOR INTERNAL DEMAND

# Investment boosting internal demand and GDP

## ECONOMIC GROWTH: CONSUMPTION, INVESTMENT AND INTERNAL DEMAND

(Annual variations, %, \*Forecasts)



- **Exports will not make a considerable positive contribution to GDP before 2018**
- **Households will have 2 different rates:** very moderate spending in 1H and gradual acceleration starting in 2H
- **Internal demand will grow more than GDP in 2017** due to investment. It will accelerate considerably in 2018 if infrastructure investment projects materialize



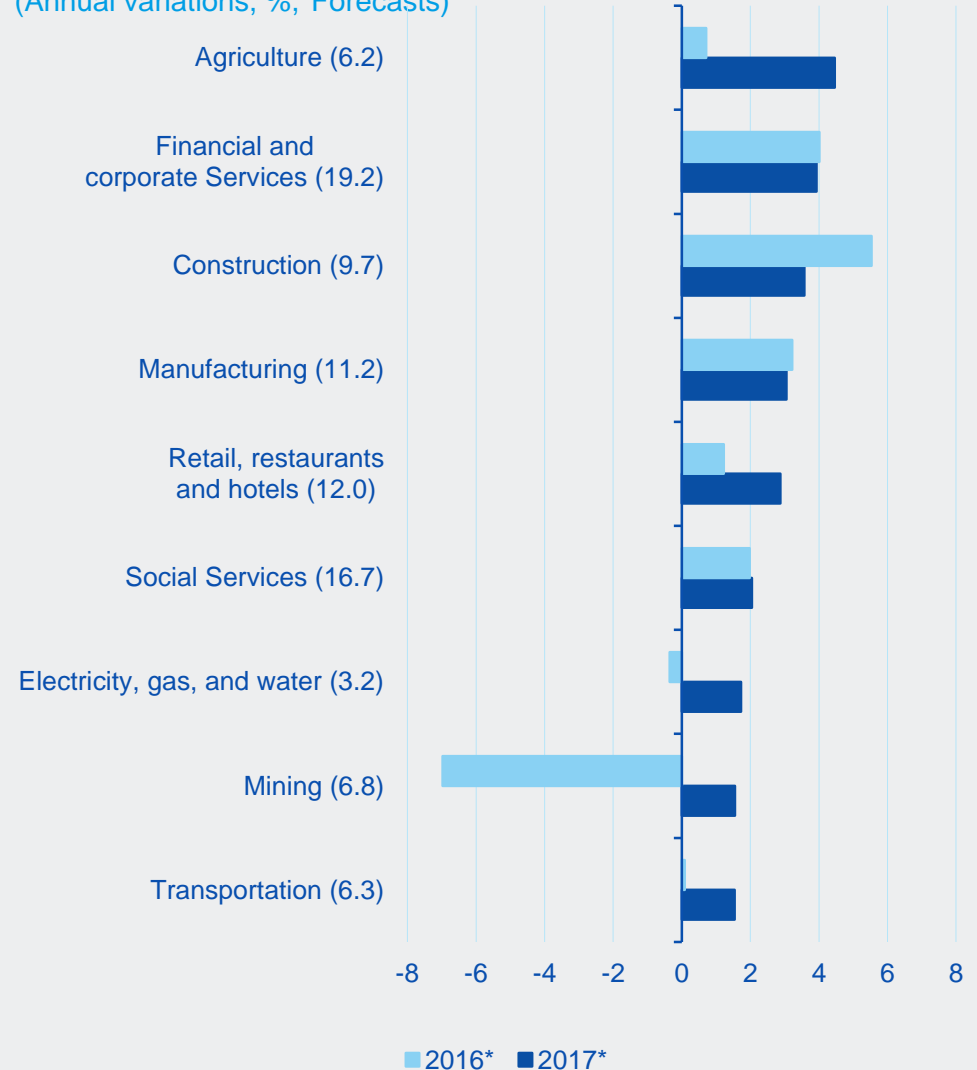
SUPPLY SIDE

# Favourable dynamic for the tradable sectors in 2017

- In 2017, industry and agriculture together will grow by 3.6%, more than the 2.9% growth of the non-tradable goods sectors
- In 2018, growth will be more balanced among all the groups of sectors, with a significant rebound by the sectors supplying internal demand, such as retail and construction

More balanced sectoral growth makes the country's dynamic more sustainable in the long-term. Devaluation is key for booting a favourable trend in industry

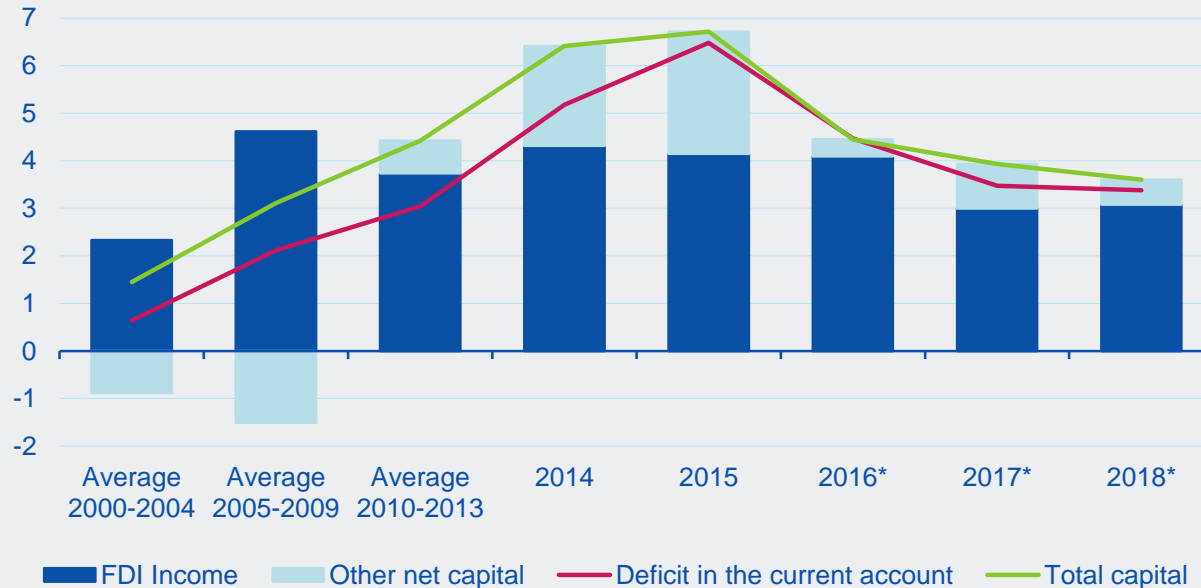
## SECTORAL GDP (Annual variations, %,\*Forecasts)



CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT

# A lower deficit reduces external vulnerability

**CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT AND FINANCING**  
(% of GDP, \*Forecasts)



- During 2016-2018 the economy will have less pressing external financing needs, beneficially reducing its vulnerability to external shocks
- The current account deficit will fall, more than the expected lower income from direct foreign investment

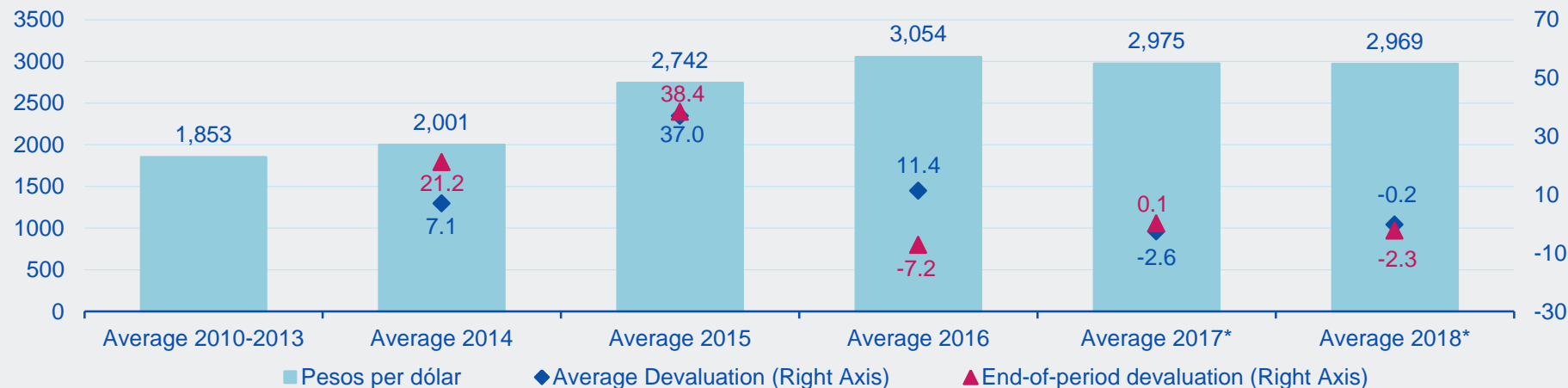
**In dollar terms, the reduction in the current account deficit is more noticeable** It will go from around \$19 billion in 2014-2015 to below \$11.5 billion in 2017-2018

EXCHANGE RATE

# In the long term the trend is toward appreciation

EXCHANGE RATE

(Pesos for 1 USD and average annual variation, %, \*Forecasts)



- Very moderate and gradual appreciation:** Higher oil prices, end of the current account deficit, and an appetite for keeping foreign capital in country
- It will be moderated by:** higher external rates of interest (FED exit), together with some lower internal rates. **This will lead to high levels of volatility**
- In 2018, levels will be similar to 2017.** Then the rate of exchange will continue to gradually converge to a level close to equilibrium

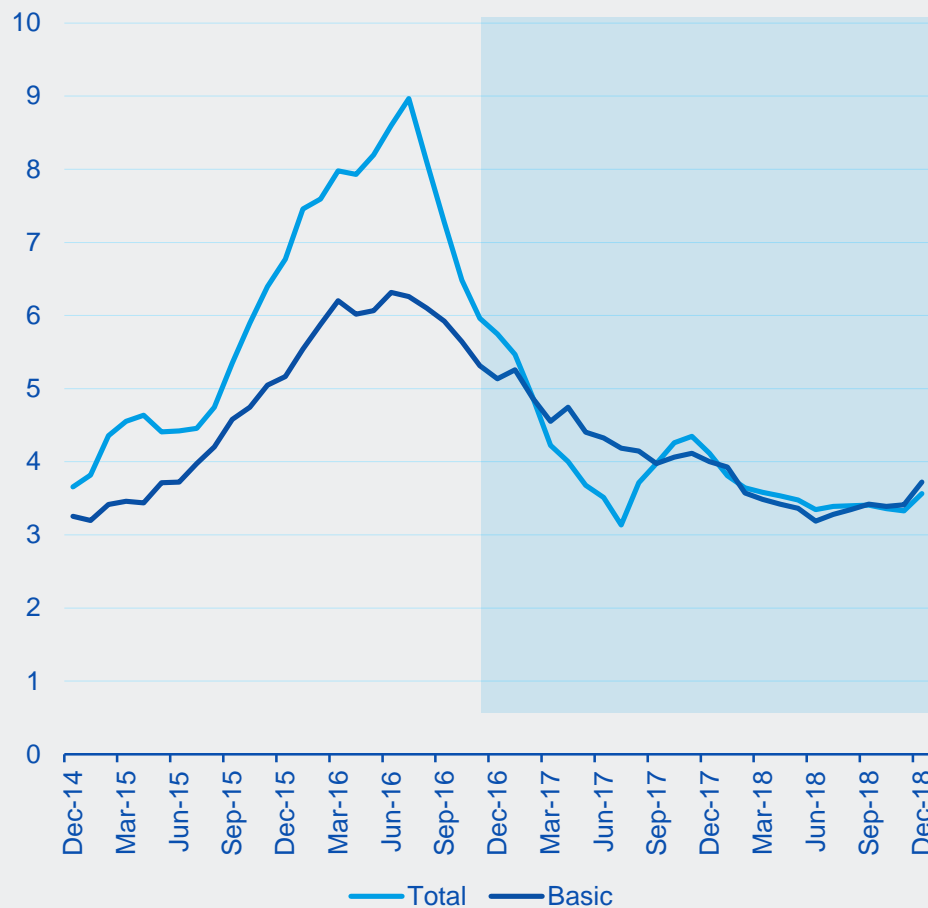
INFLATION

# On the right track, but cautiously during 2017-2019

- The exchange rate, better climate and weak demand will take inflation to the target range in mid-2017, although it will end the year on an upward path
- In December inflation will be 4.1%. The 24-month expectations for market inflation are around 4%.

In 2018, price inertia linked to previous inflation will continue to weigh on the lowering of inflation. It will reach BanRep’s target point of 3.0% in 2019.

**RATE OF INFLATION**  
(Annual variation, %,\*Forecasts)

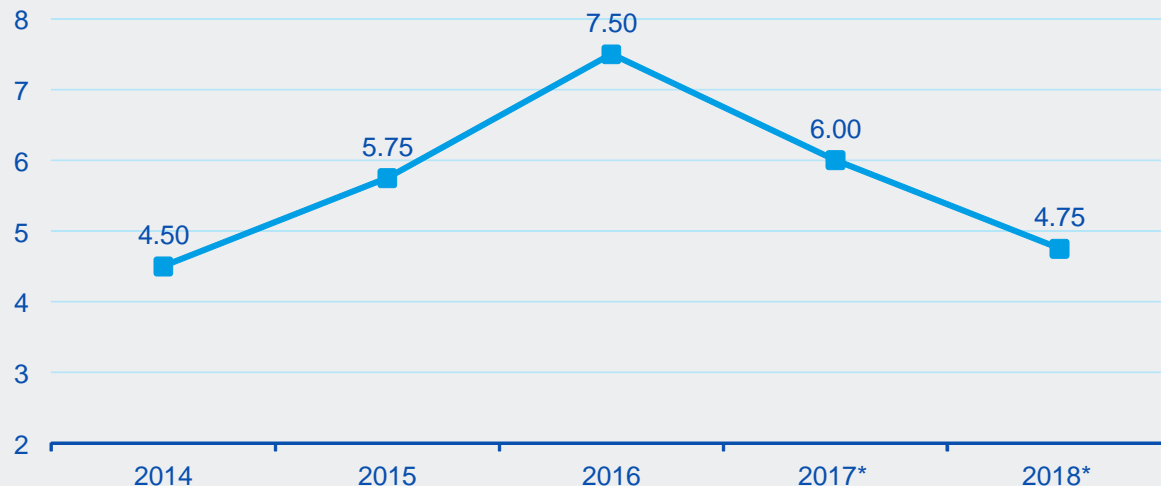


MONETARY POLICY RATE

# There is room for BanRep to cut rates

MONETARY POLICY RATE

(Effective annual interest rate, %, end of period, \*Forecasts)



- The Central Bank has room to cut the interest rate by 150 basic points in 2017 and 125 basic points in 2018.
- These cuts will take the real intervention rate (nominal rate discounting inflation) to neutral levels that will neither stimulate nor contract economic activity

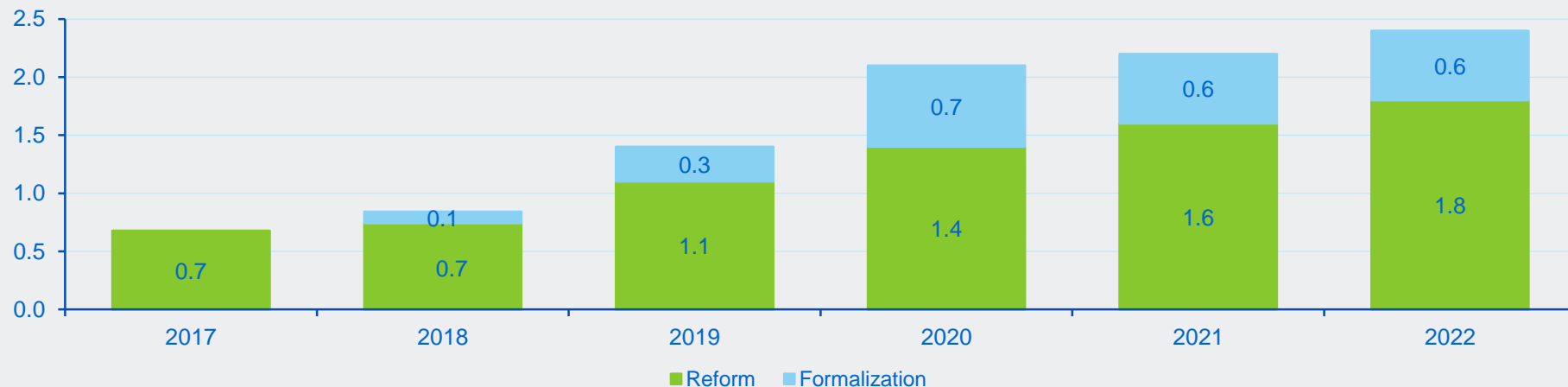
**Central Bank will be watching the trend of inflationary prospects** The first few months of 2017 will be more uncertain due to the impact of tax reform and inflationary inertia

FISCAL POLICY AND TAX REFORM

# Reform will increase taxes gradually

## GROSS REVENUE WITH TAX REFORM

(% of GDP, Government forecasts)



- Government estimates collection due to the reform at 0.7% of GDP in 2017, increasing in subsequent years
- It marginally rebalances the tax burden of individuals and companies, simplifies systems, increases the bases and changes the tax/income reference for companies
- It replaces transitory taxes with permanent ones, fights tax evasion and promotes formalisation. It increases rates for indirect taxes

THANK YOU

