



# WORLD ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA NIPFP April 2018

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# Main activities of the IMF



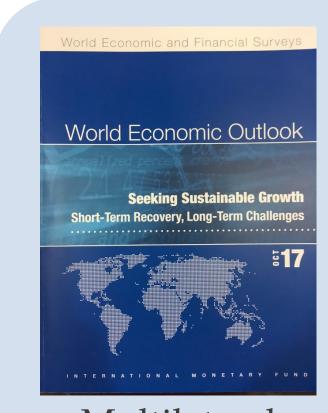
Lending



# **Capacity Building**



## Surveillance



Strategy. Action is needed to quickly restore cash in circulation and avoid payment disruptions. Looking beyond this immediate challenge, policies should aim to reduce banking and corporate vulnerabilities, durably lower stickly inflation expectations, continue fiscal consolidation, and maintain the strong reform effort. Key elements:

Safeguarding financial stability, given elevated corporate and banking sector strains by: ensuring full recognition of non-performing assets on banks' balance sheets: strengthening public banks' loss-absorbing buffers; implementing further public banking sector structural reforms; and enhancing banks' debt recovery mechanisms.

Achieving durable disinflation. Real interest rates remain consistent with achieving the inflation target of 5 percent CPI inflation by March 2017. Given medium-term upside risks to food and CPI inflation, the authorities should stand ready to raise the policy rate if inflationary pressures gather pace.

Continuing with fiscal consolidation. The FV2015/16 Union Budget achieved its deficit target of 35 percent of GDP. Further reductions in subsidies and tax reforms, including implementation of the recently-approved GST, are needed to achieve fiscal consolidation plans over the medium term.

Maintaining the strong reform effort. Significant progress has been made in passing the pan-India GST constitutional amendment, introducing a new bankruptcy code, using Aadhoar identification and bank accounts to make direct benefit transfers, and enhancing financial inclusion. Additional steps are needed to reduce supply bottlenecks, enhance the efficiency of labor and product markets, and pursue further agricultural sector reforms.

Multilateral



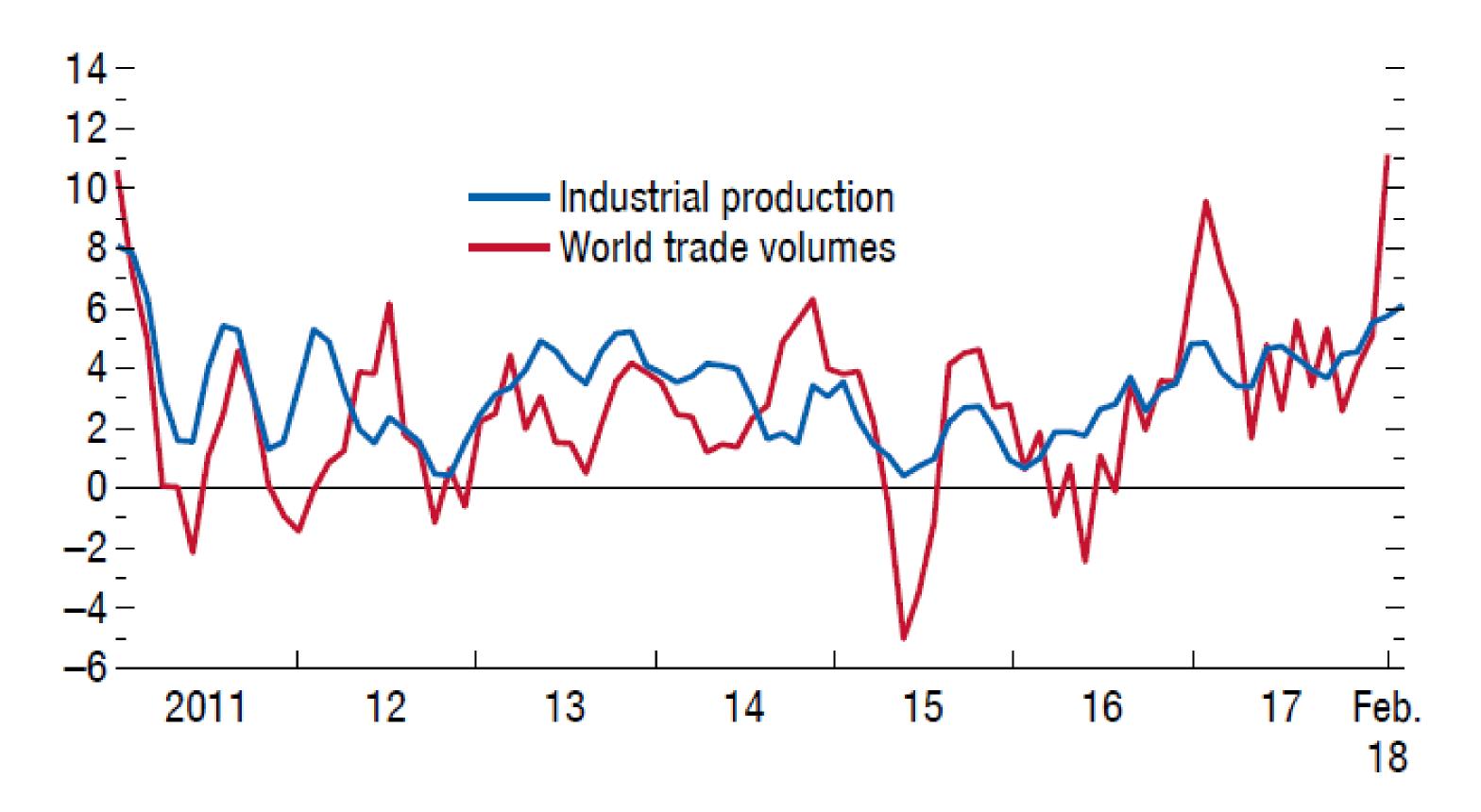
# World Economic Outlook — Big picture

- Global growth picked up further in 2017, strongest since 2011
- Outlook is for higher annual growth in 2018 and 2019
  - Advanced Economies: faster closing of output gaps than expected, but still subdued potential growth in medium term
  - Emerging Market and Developing Economies: divergence in growth rates of commodity exporters and commodity importers
- Risks to the outlook are balanced in the short term but skewed to the downside in the medium term
- Policy priorities are to address remaining vulnerabilities and advance reforms that boost the potential for higher and more inclusive growth

# Growth momentum has remained strong into early 2018

#### **World Trade and Industrial Production**

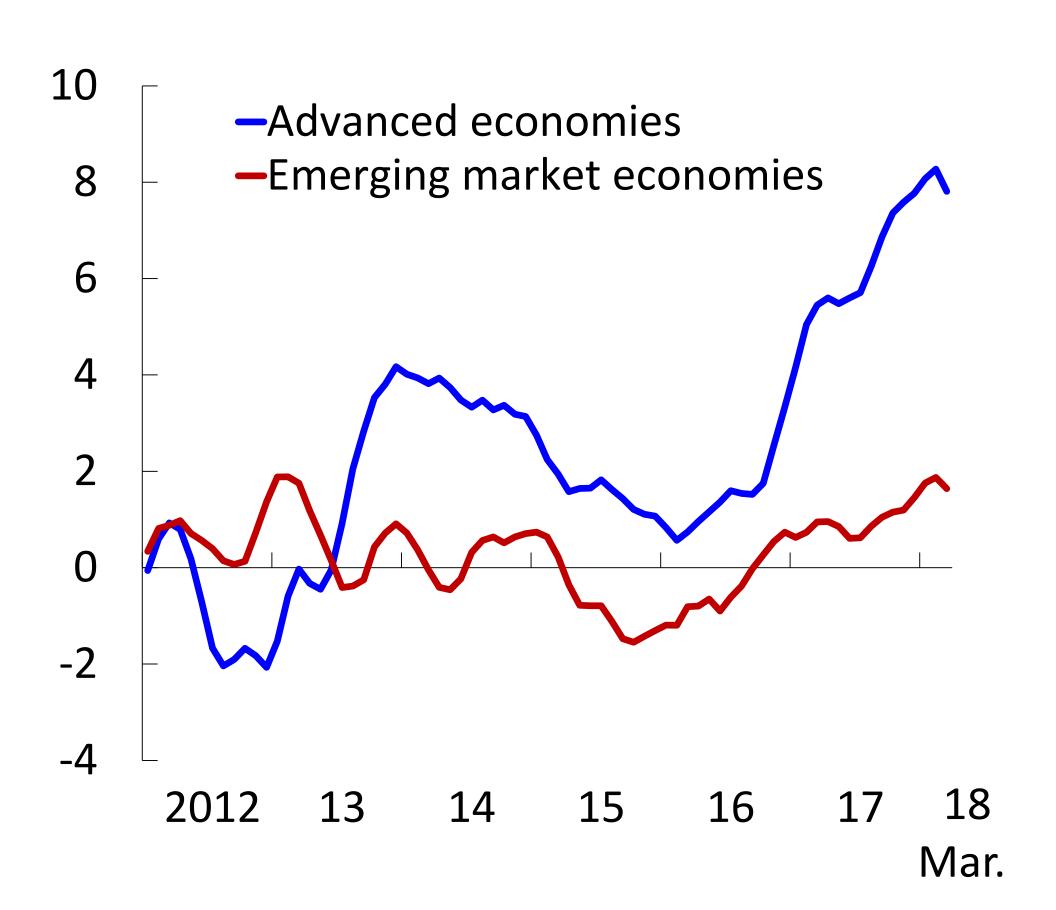
(3-month moving average; annualized percentage change)



# High frequency indicators point to continued near-term momentum

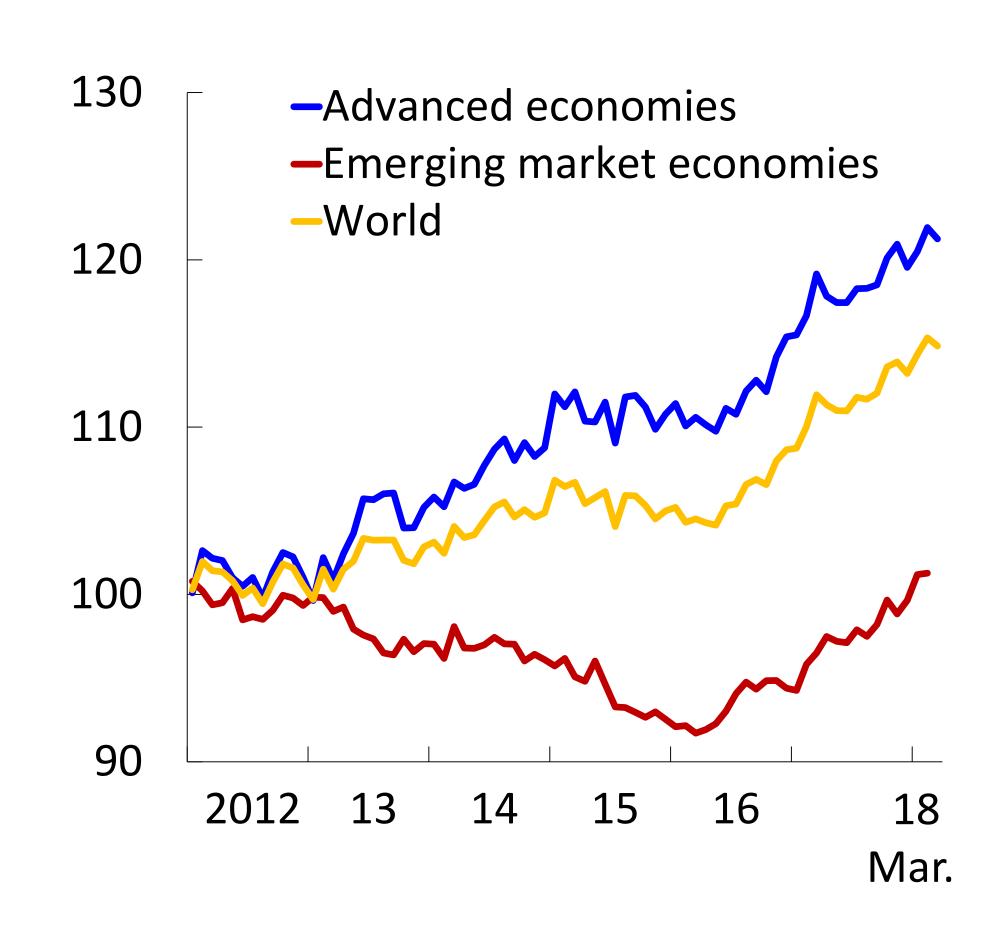
#### **Manufacturing PMI**

(three-month moving average; deviations from 50)



#### **Consumer Confidence**

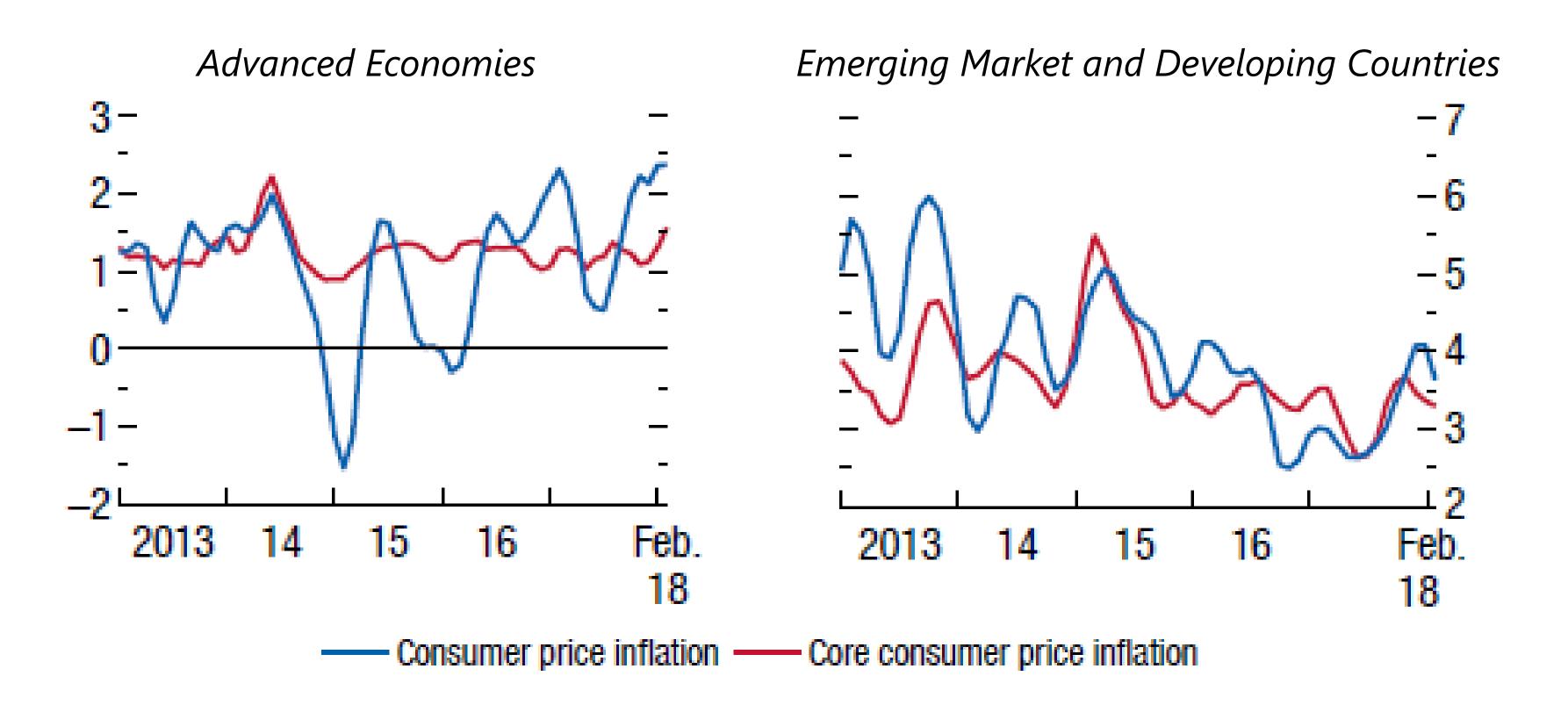
(index; 2010 = 100)



# Headline inflation has picked up but core remains soft

#### **Global Inflation**

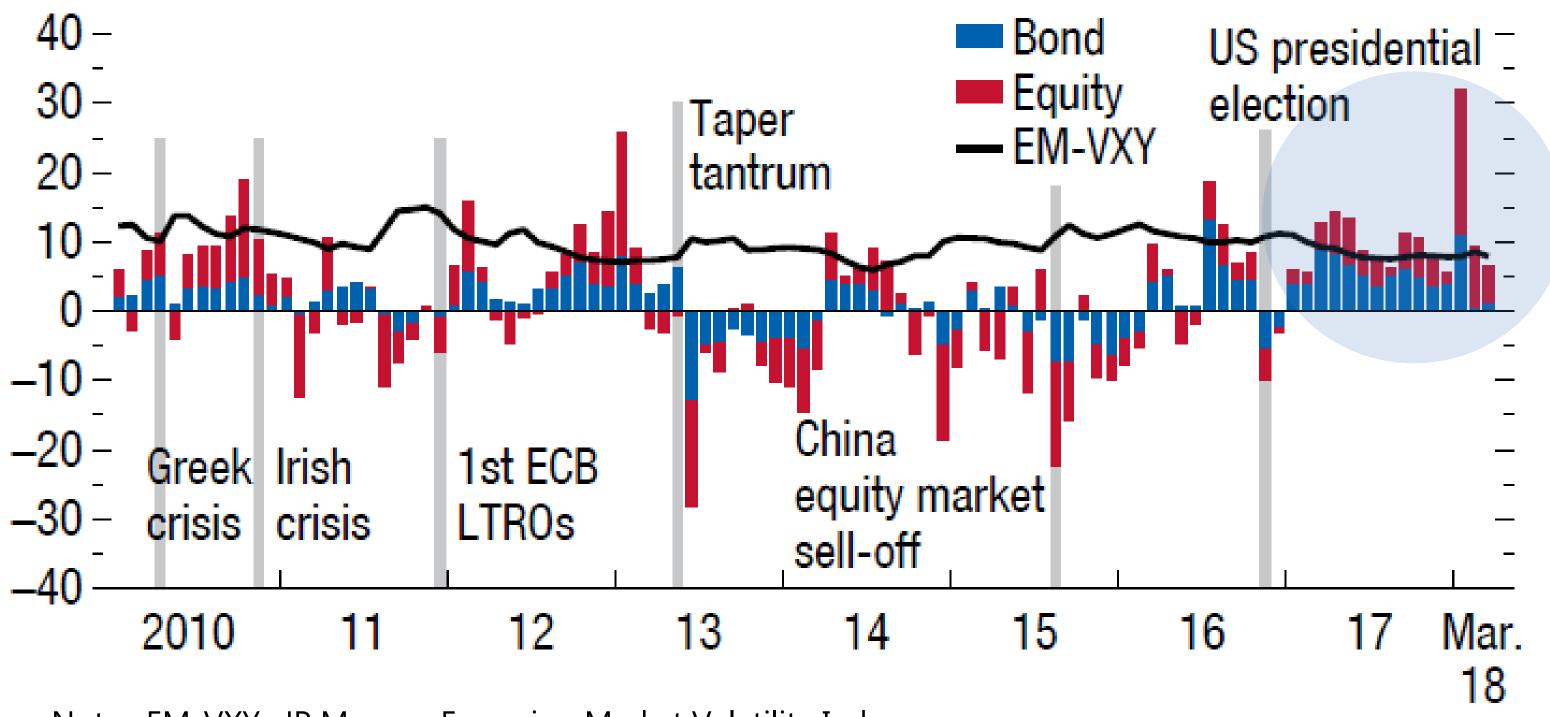
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## Global financial conditions have remained loose

### **Net Flows into Emerging Market Funds**

(Billions of US\$)



Note: EM-VXY=JP Morgan Emerging Market Volatility Index

# Growth projections: Advanced economies

(percent change from a year earlier)

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	World	Advanced Economies	U.S.	U.K.	Japan	Euro Area	Germany	Canada
2016	3.2	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.5
2017e	3.8	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.5	3.0
2018f	3.9	2.5	2.9	1.6	1.2	2.4	2.5	2.1
2019f	3.9	2.2	2.7	1.5	0.9	2.0	2.0	2.0

# Growth projections: Emerging markets and LIDCs

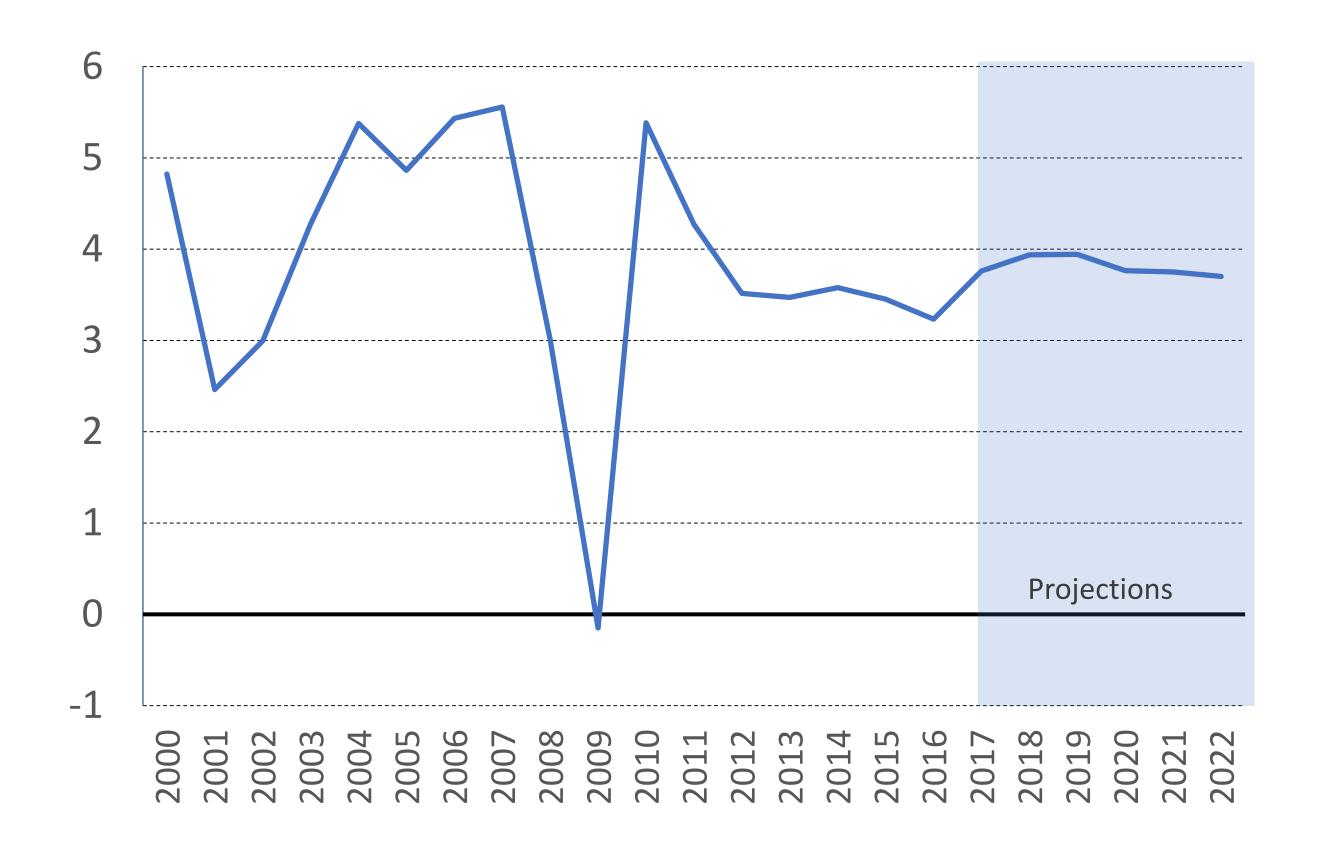
(percent change from a year earlier)

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	World	Emerging Market and Developing Economies	China	India	Brazil	Russia	Low Income Developing Countries
2016	3.2	4.3	6.7	7.1	-3.6	-0.2	3.6
2017e	3.8	4.8	6.9	6.7	1.0	1.5	4.7
2018f	3.9	4.9	6.6	7.4	2.3	1.7	5.0
2019f	3.9	5.1	6.4	7.8	2.5	1.5	5.3

# Medium term outlook less buoyant

#### **World Real GDP Growth**

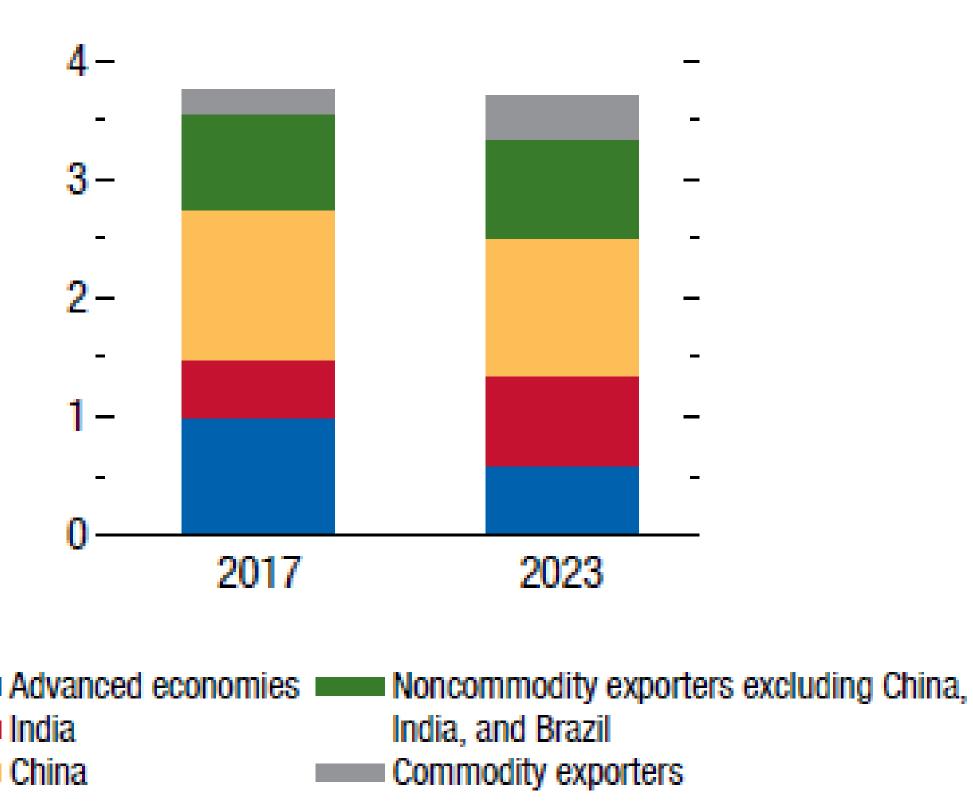
(in percent)



# Changing global growth engines over the medium term

#### **Contributions to World Real GDP Growth**

(in percentage points, PPP weights)

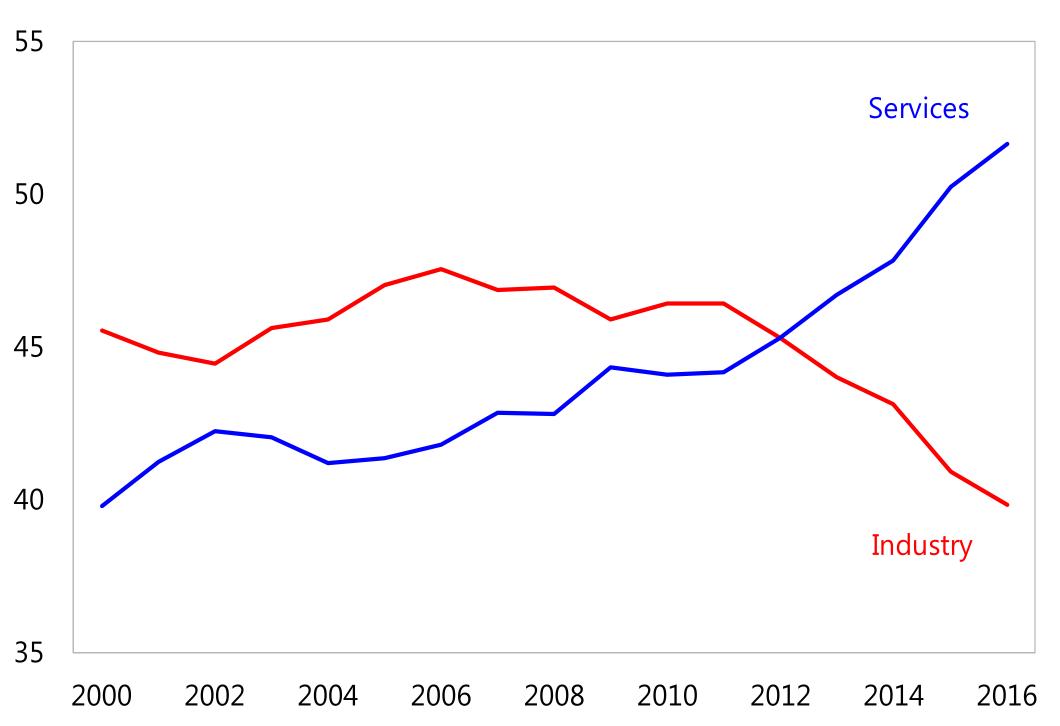


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# China is making progress in rebalancing economy but rising non-financial debt weighs on the medium-term outlook

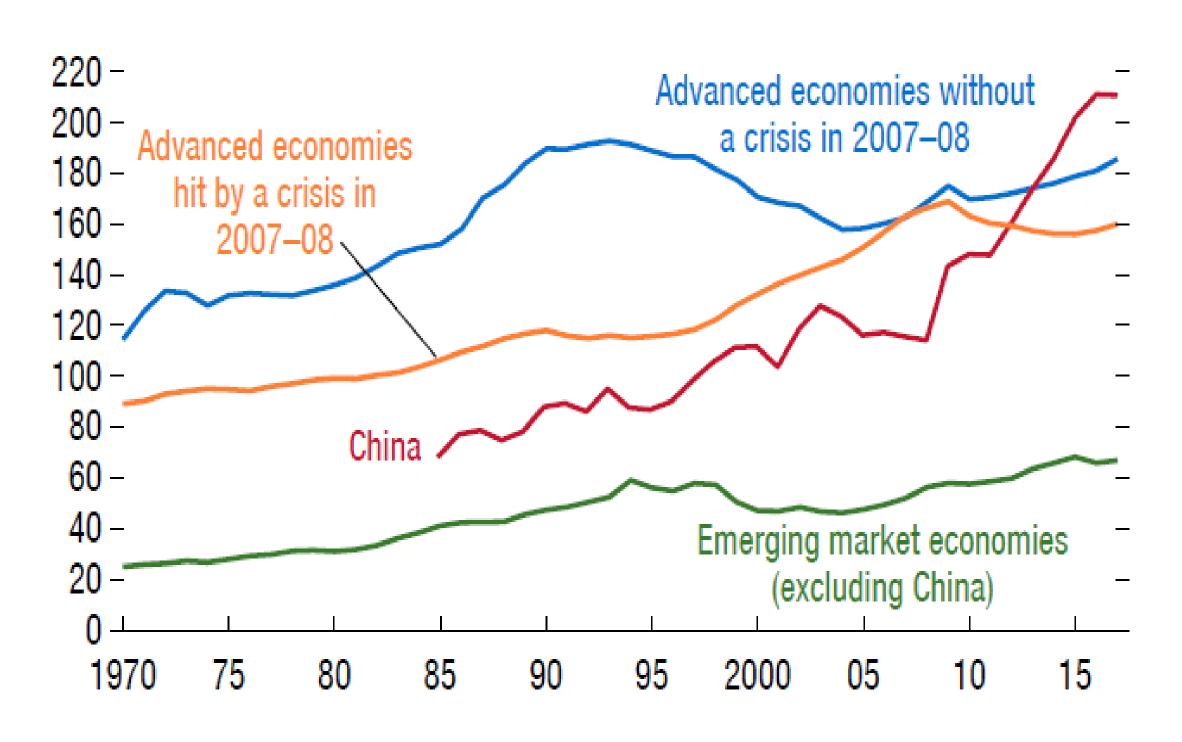
#### **China: Sectoral Production Shares**

(percent of nominal GDP)



#### **Nonfinancial Private Sector Debt**

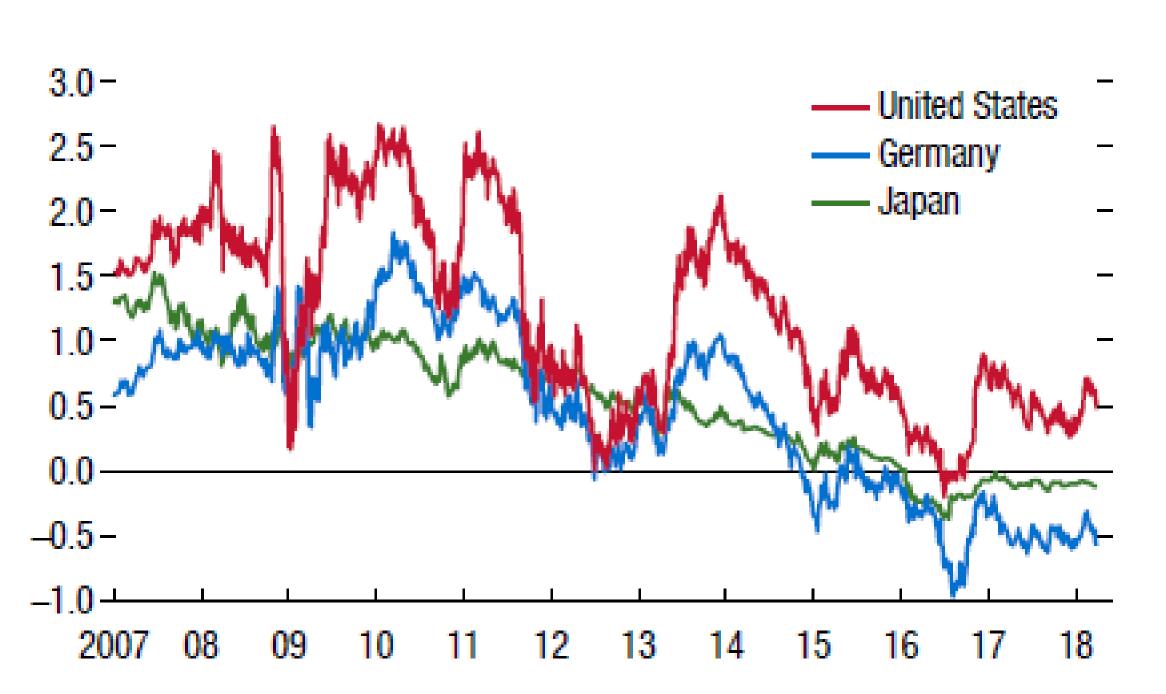
(percent of GDP)



# Financing conditions expected to remain generally accommodative but there are volatility risks

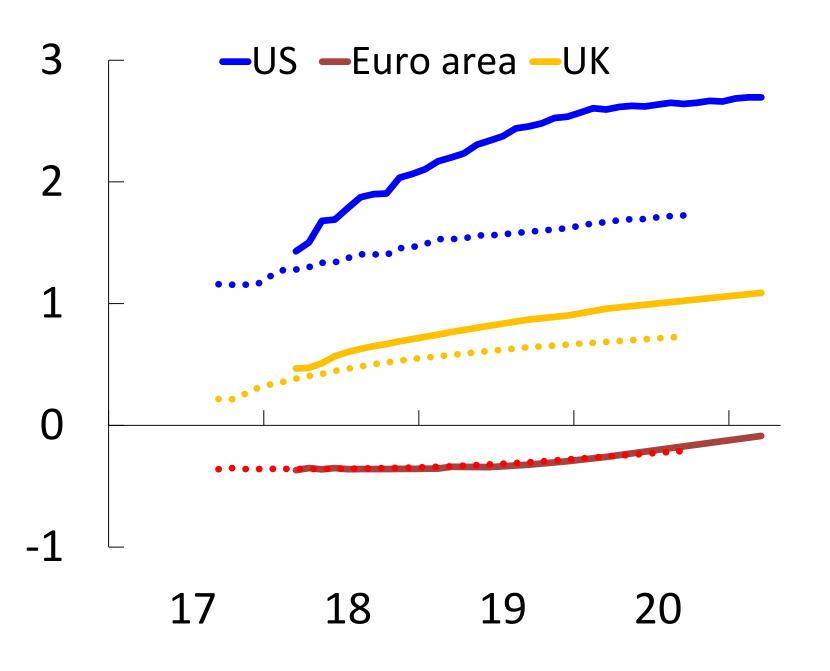
#### **Estimated 10-Year Term Premiums**

(in percent)



#### **Policy Rate Expectations**

(In percent, dashed lines are Oct 2017 WEO)

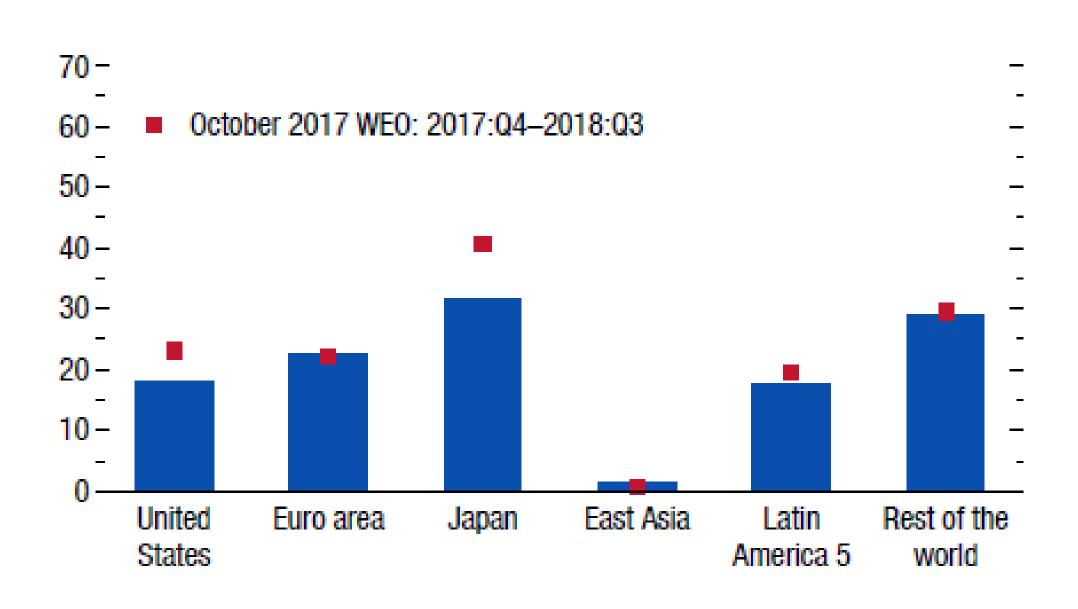


# Risks: Balanced in near term; skewed to downside in medium term

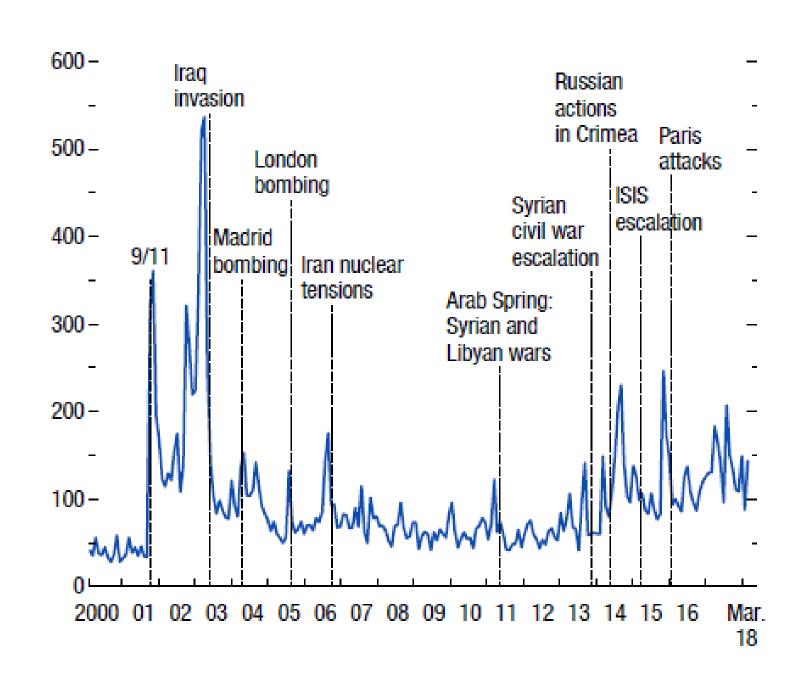
- Upside: more slack than registered in unemployment rates; recovery could run longer without triggering price pressures
- Downside: financial conditions, which have remained easy despite onset of monetary policy normalization in some AEs, could tighten sharply and expose financial vulnerabilities accumulated over the years
- Tariff actions: market sentiment and business confidence could be adversely affected, with a rapid impact on real activity
- Further downside risks related to
  - Geopolitical strains
  - Political discord
  - Climate shocks
- Interlinked risks could exacerbate effects: materialization of one could trigger realization of others

# Risks: balanced in near term; skewed to downside in medium term

#### Probability of Recession 2018:Q2-2019:Q1



#### **Geopolitical Risk Index**



Source: Caldara and Iacoviello (2017).

Note: ISIS = Islamic State.

# Window of opportunity to undertake structural reforms in order to bolster potential growth and reduce risks

#### **Advanced economies**

- Monetary policy: support closing of output gaps where needed; gradually normalize where inflation is rising toward target
- Orient fiscal policy more toward medium-term goals
  - Start rebuilding buffers where needed
  - Shift budget composition to lifting potential growth and enhancing inclusiveness (infrastructure, workforce skills, participation rates)
- Structural reform policies to boost potential and ensure benefits shared widely

## **Emerging market and developing economies**

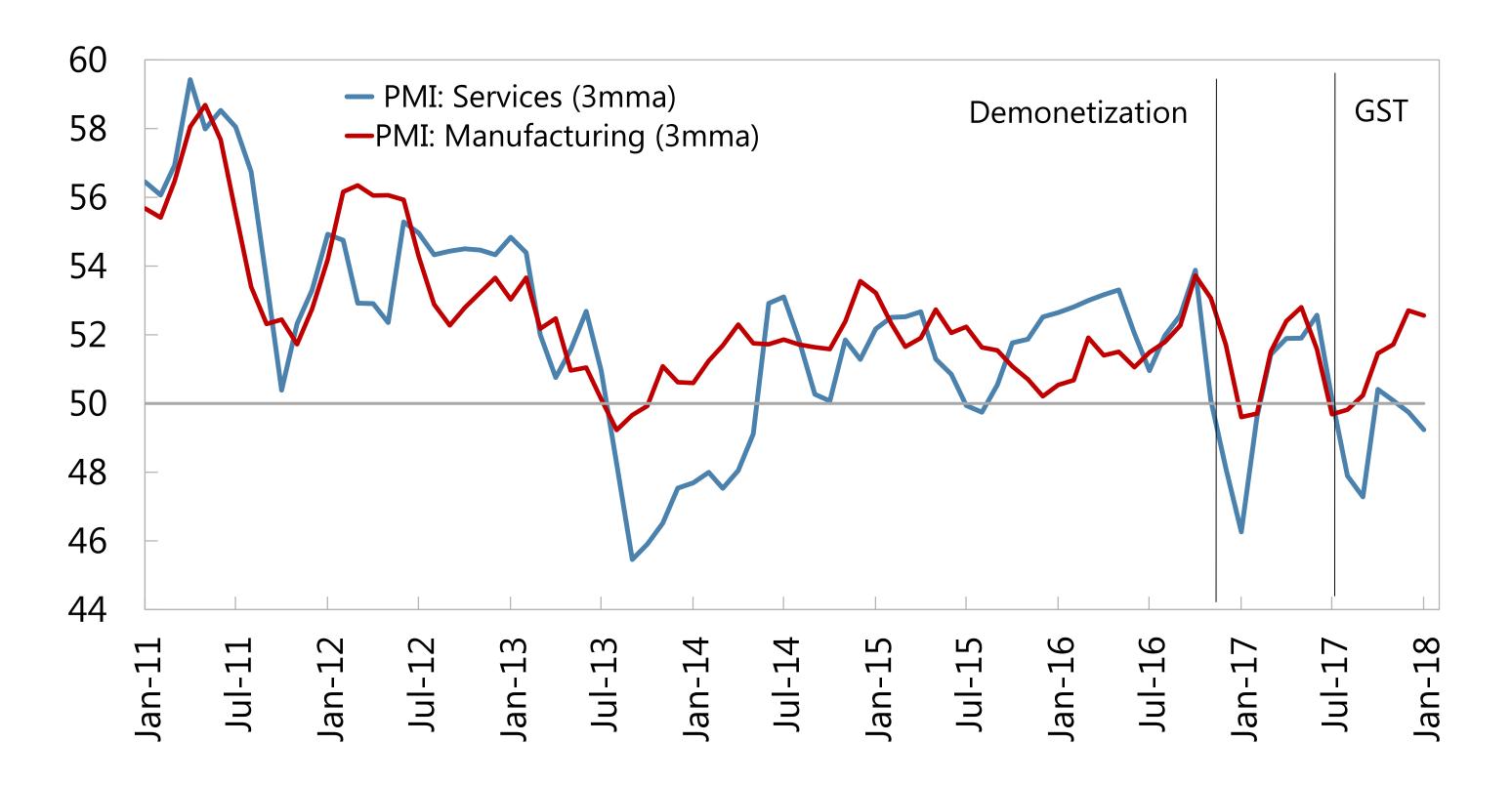
- Priorities differ based on diverse cyclical positions and country-specific vulnerabilities
- Common objectives: boost potential growth and enhance inclusiveness, bolster financial resilience
- Strengthen fiscal positions where needed (particularly LIDCs, commodity-dependent economies), focusing on revenue mobilization, limiting recurrent expenditure, and curbing poorly-targeted subsidies
- Promote economic diversification (commodity exporters, countries particularly vulnerable to climate events) judicious macro management, improving access to credit, investing in infrastructure and workforce skills

# Key Implications for India

# India: Impact of transitory shocks is gradually receding

#### Purchasing Managers Indices: Manufacturing and Services

(50 + = expansion)

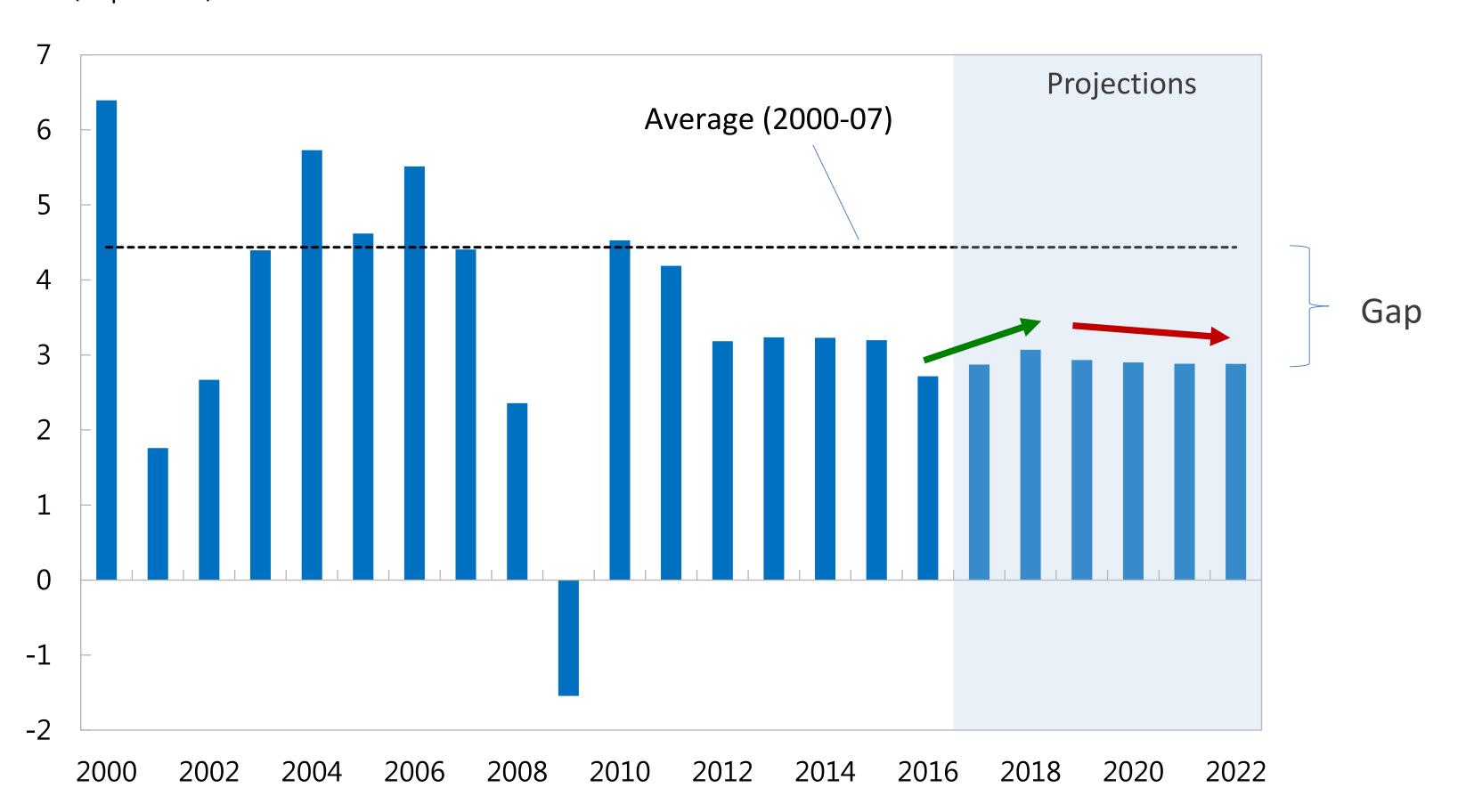


Sources: Haver Analytics; and IMF staff calculations 18

# Export demand: Better in short term but lackluster in medium term

#### Real GDP Growth of India's Export Partners

(in percent)

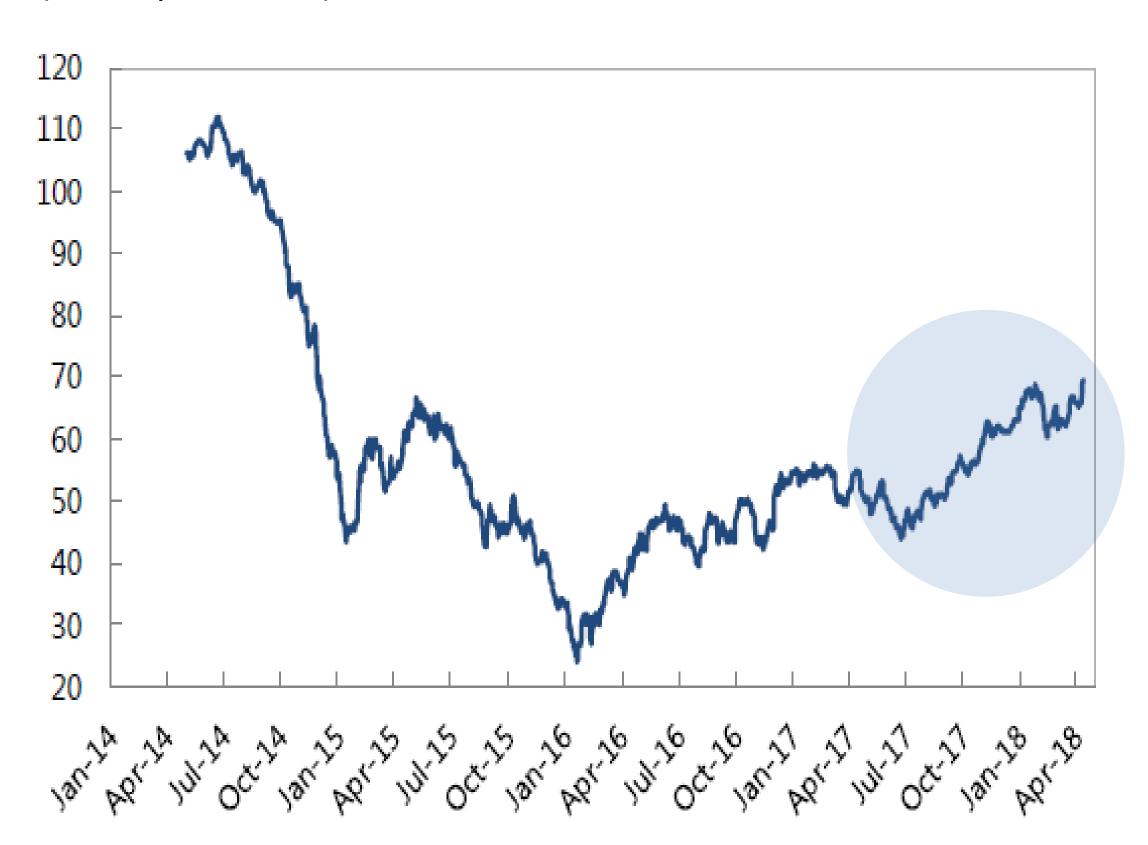


Sources: IMF WEO database

# Commodities outlook broadly stable but .... recent oil price spike a reminder of risks

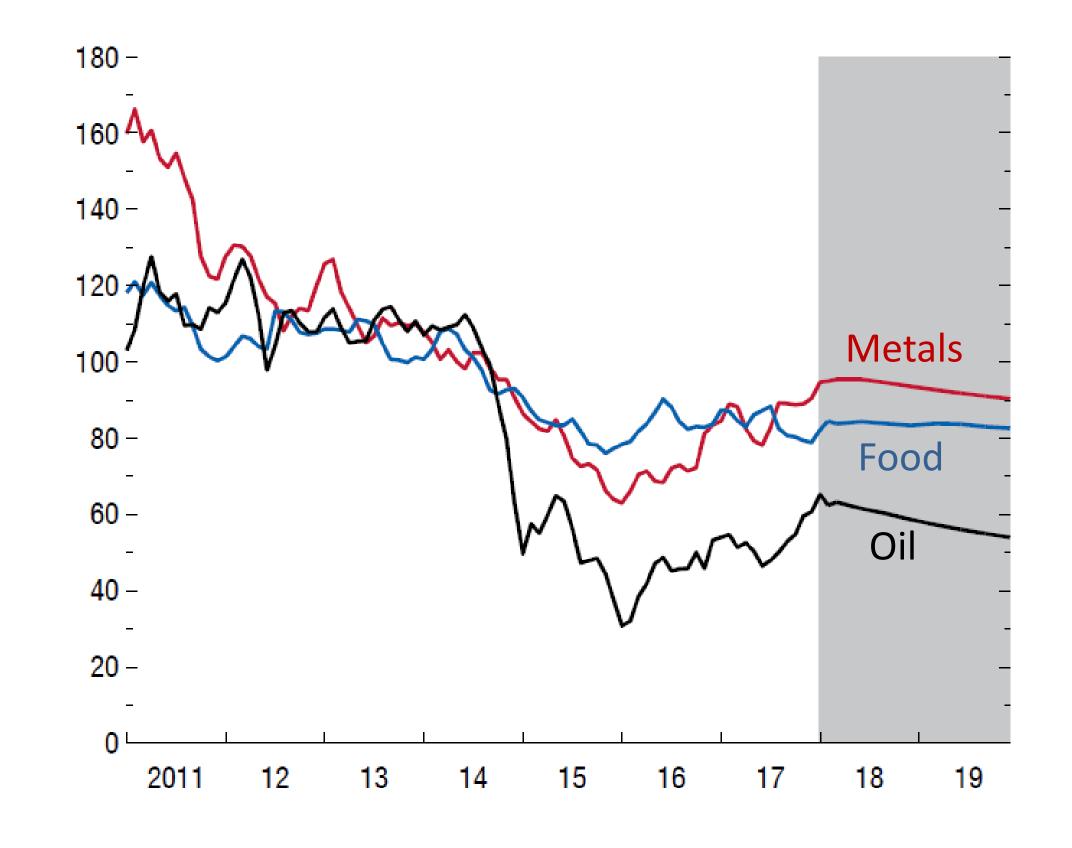
#### **Crude Oil Prices for Indian Basket**

(U.S. \$ per barrel)



#### **Real Commodity Price Indices**

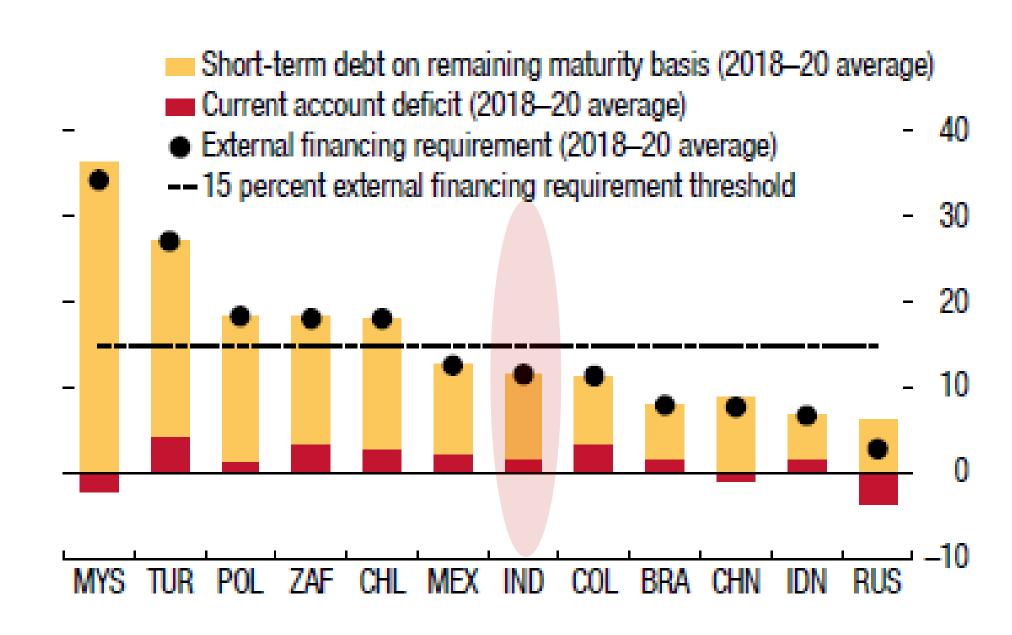
(Deflated using U.S. consumer price index; Index, 2014 = 100)



# How prepared is India to deal with global financial volatility?

#### **External Financial Requirements**

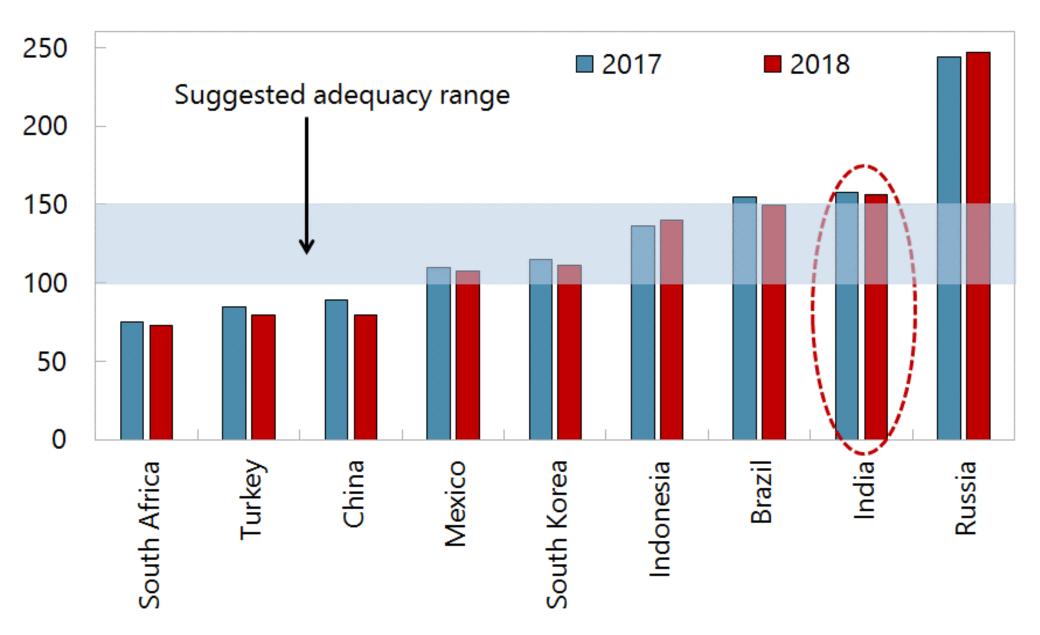
(in percent of GDP)



Source: IMF, Global Financial Stability Report, October 2017

#### **Estimated Reserve Adequacy**

(Official reserves in percent of IMF country-specific metric)

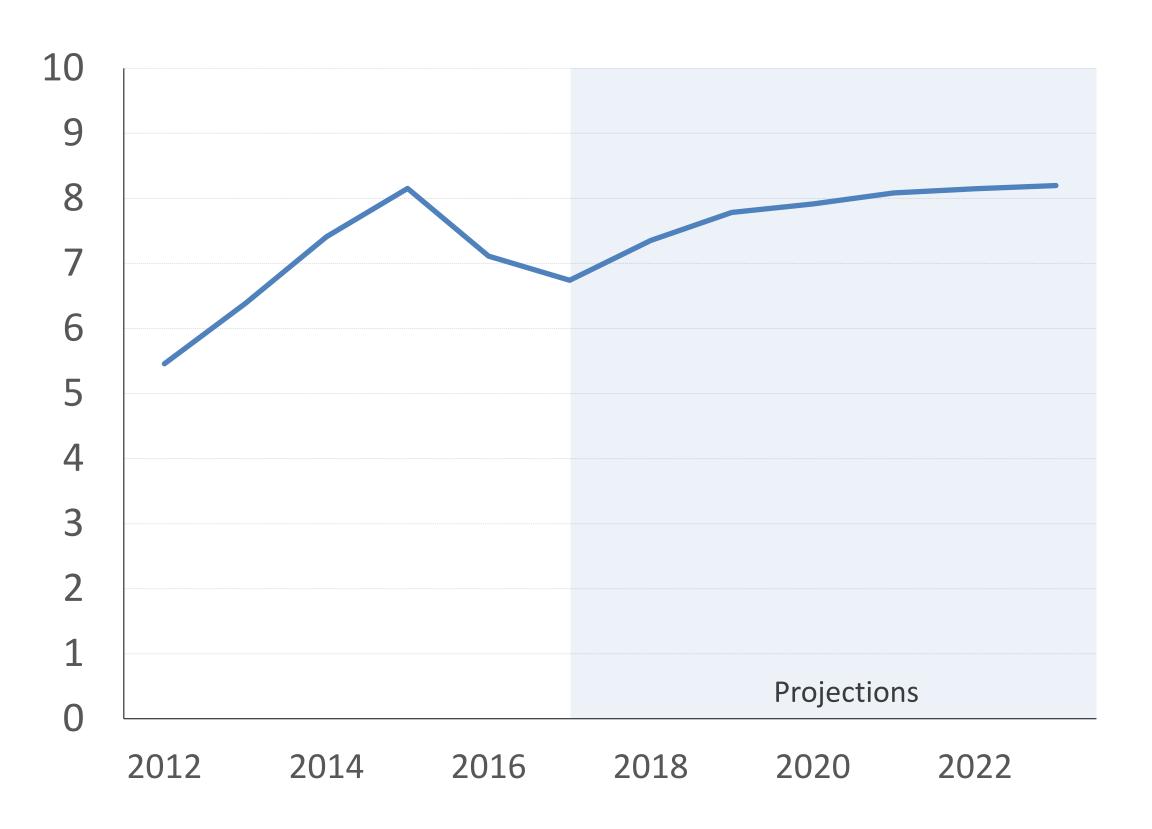


Sources: IMF, International Financial Statistics; and IMF staff calculations.

# India: Growth expected to rebound gradually from FY2017/18

#### **Real GDP growth**

(percent, market prices)



# Summary: Domestic reforms will be key

- Export demand to strengthen in 2018, but subsequently expected to lose steam
- Commodity prices will provide some drag on growth in the short term but should be broadly stable thereafter
- External financing conditions somewhat less buoyant going forward but generally supportive, although with high volatility risks

Implication: With external demand, terms of trade, and financing conditions only providing limited support.... domestic policies and reforms will be key for India's medium-term growth outlook!

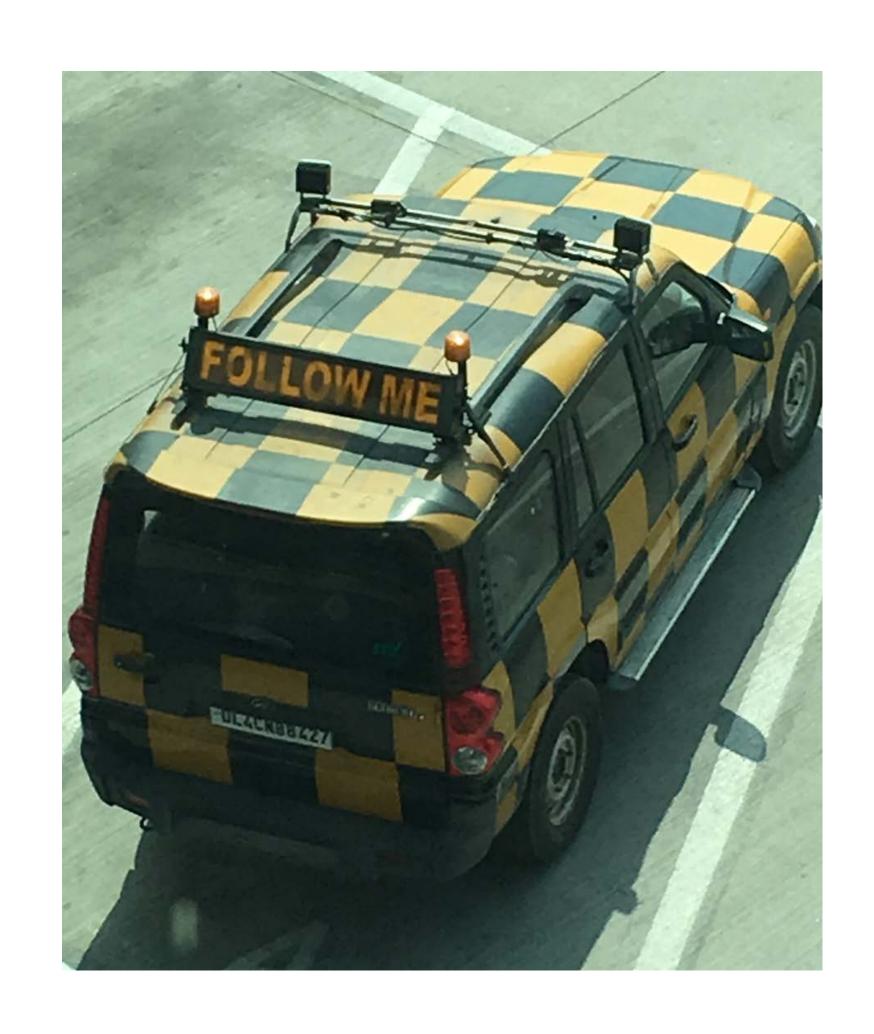


## Information sources

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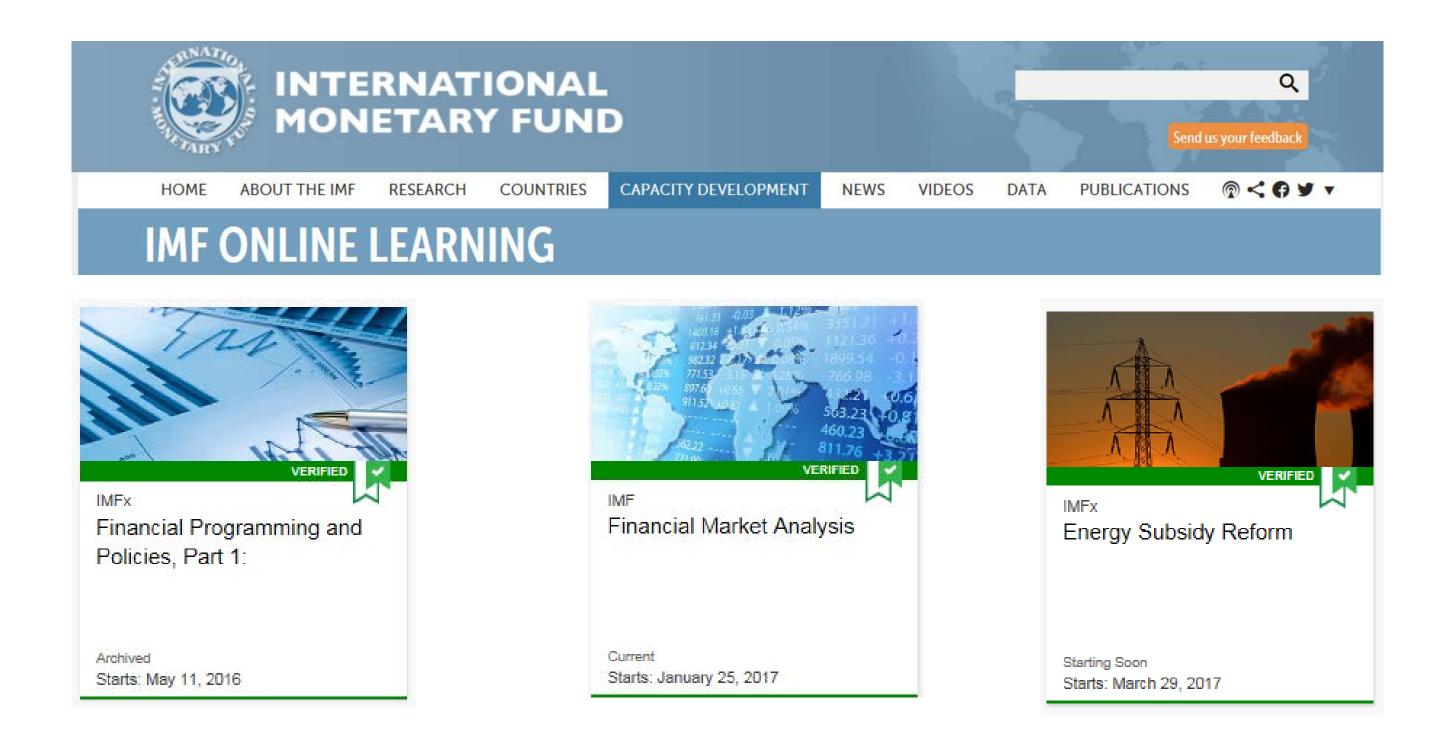
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