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# **Economic Outlook:** **World, Emerging Markets, and Latin America**

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# A more favorable global growth environment

*(Output growth rate projections)*

											
	World	Advanced economies	United States	United Kingdom	Japan	Euro Area	EMDE	China	India	Brazil	Russia
2003-07	5.1	2.7	2.9	2.8	1.7	2.2	7.7	11.7	8.8	4.0	7.5
2010	5.4	3.1	2.5	1.9	4.2	2.1	7.4	10.6	10.3	7.5	4.5
2016	3.2	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.0	1.8	4.3	6.7	7.1	-3.6	-0.2
2017	3.5	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.3	1.9	4.6	6.7	7.2	0.3	1.4
2018	3.6	1.9	2.1	1.5	0.6	1.7	4.8	6.4	7.7	1.3	1.4

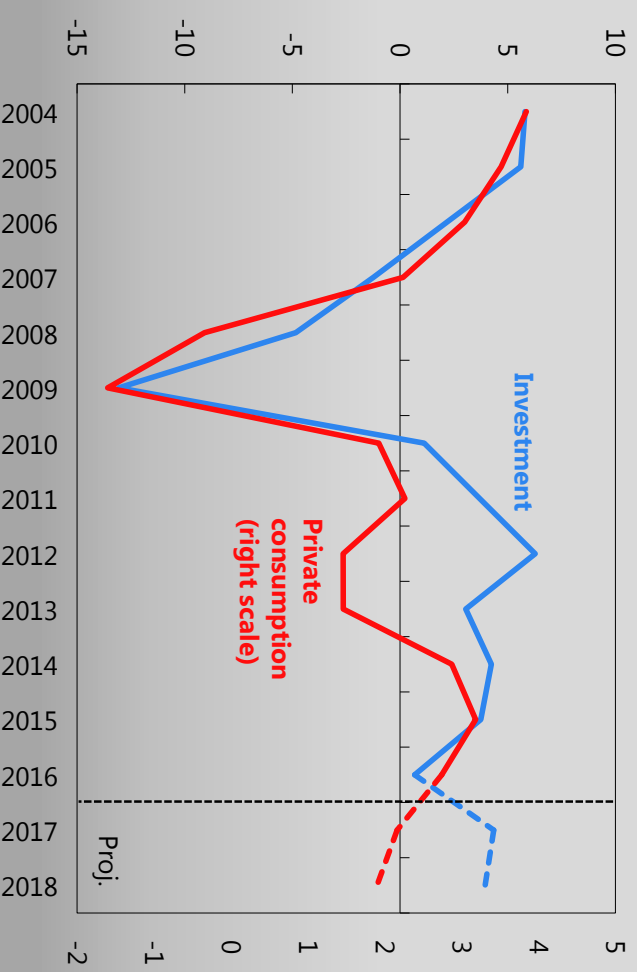
Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook (July 2017 Update) database.

# United States: Growth driven by continued consumption growth and a cyclical rebound in investment

**United States: Key Macroeconomic Aggregates**  
(Percent)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>GDP growth</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Private consumption	2.7	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0
Investment	0.7	4.3	4.0	2.9	2.4
Net exports	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
<b>PCE inflation (eop)</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Core PCE inflation (eop)	1.7	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.0
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Current account balance (% of GDP)</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-3.0</b>

**United States: Investment and Consumption**  
(Percent)

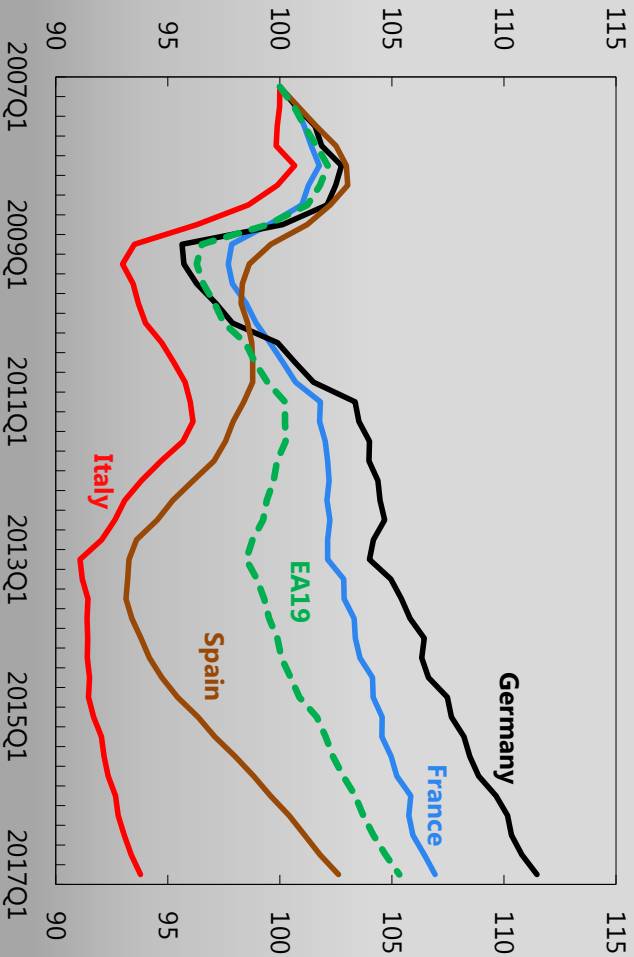


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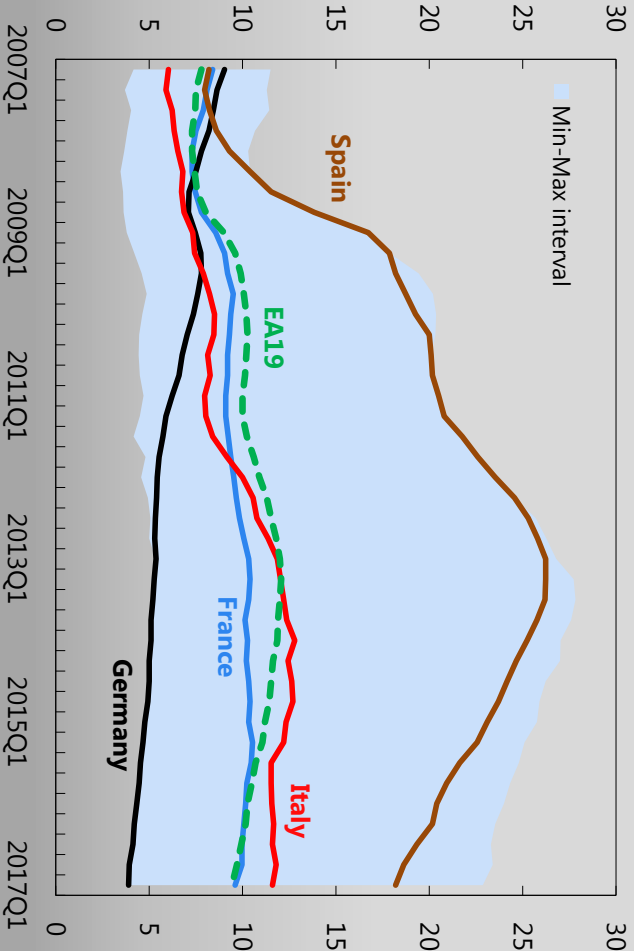
# Euro Area: Recovery strengthened but with large variation across countries

**Euro Area: Real GDP Level**  
(Index: 2007Q1 = 100)



Sources: Eurostat, and Haver Analytics.

**Euro Area: Unemployment Rate**  
(Percent)

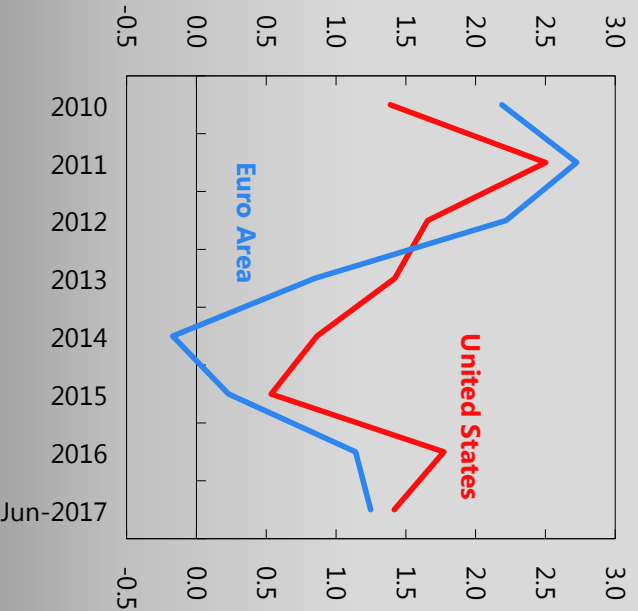


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# Inflation and wage developments in the United States and Euro Area

## United States and Euro Area: Headline Inflation

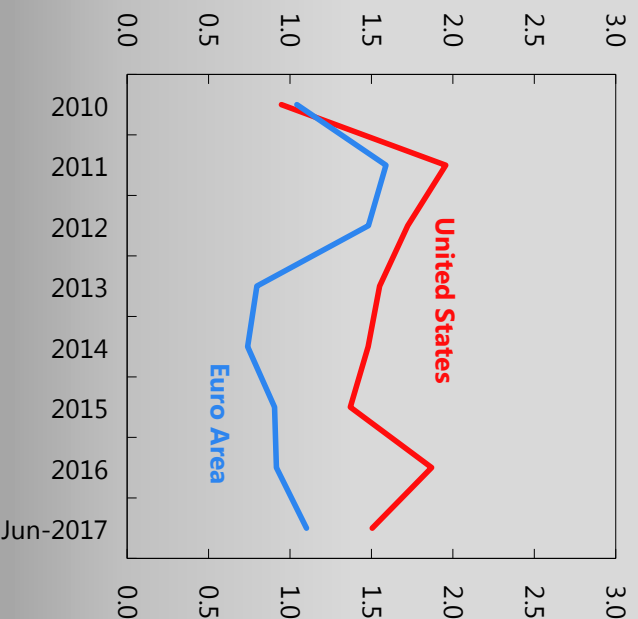
(12-month percentage change; eop)



Source: Haver Analytics.  
Note: US refers to headline personal consumption expenditure (PCE) inflation; EA refers to headline Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) inflation.

## United States and Euro Area: Core Inflation

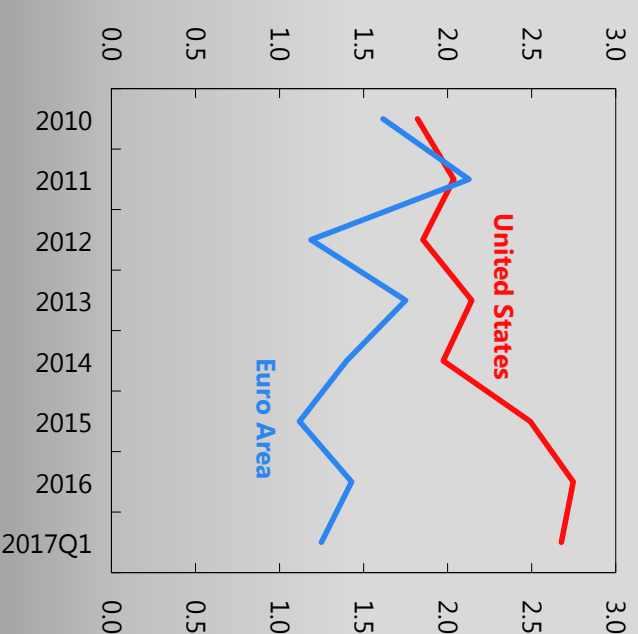
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## United States and Euro Area: Nominal Wages

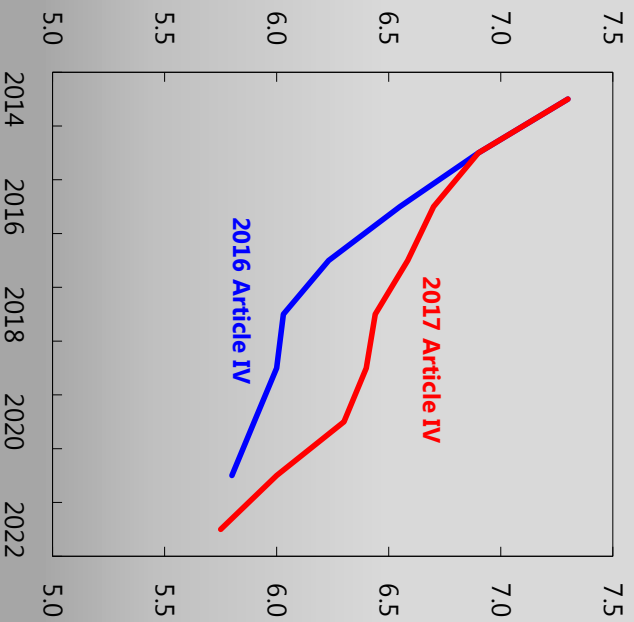
(4-quarter percentage change; eop)



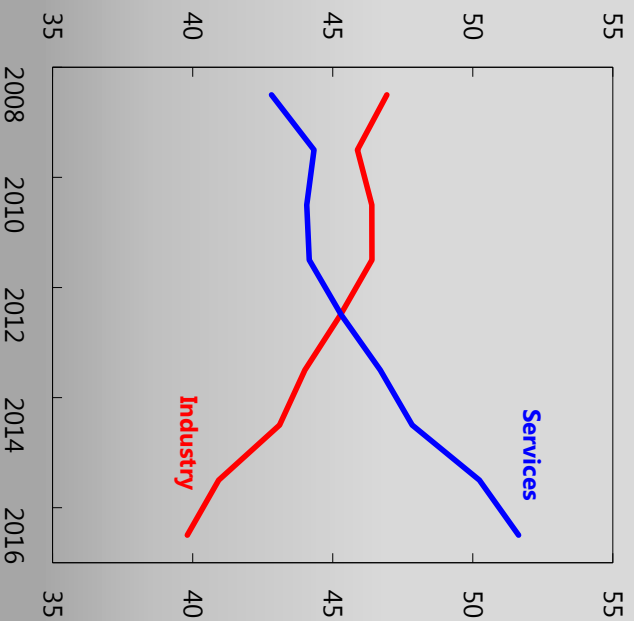
Sources: Haver Analytics; and IMF staff calculations.  
Note: Wage for the US refers to the average hourly earnings from total private industries; for EA, refers to compensation per employee.

# China: Growth outlook revised up and rebalancing continues

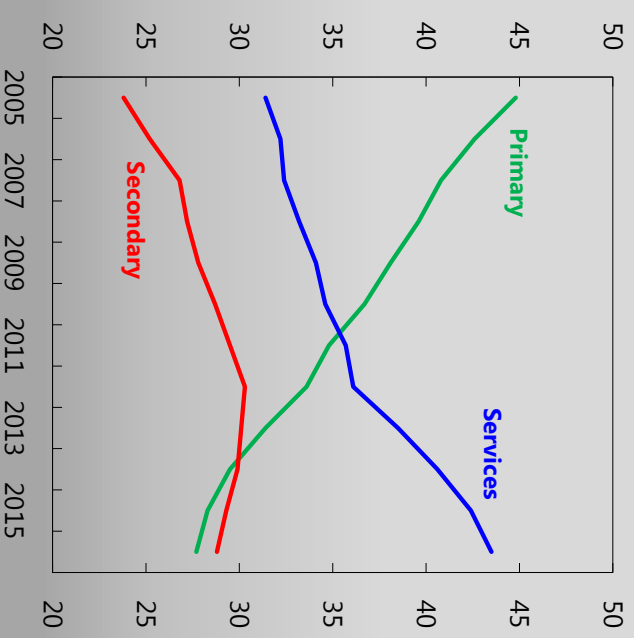
**China: Upward Revision to Path of Real GDP Growth**  
(Percent)



**China: GDP by Production**  
(Percent of nominal GDP)



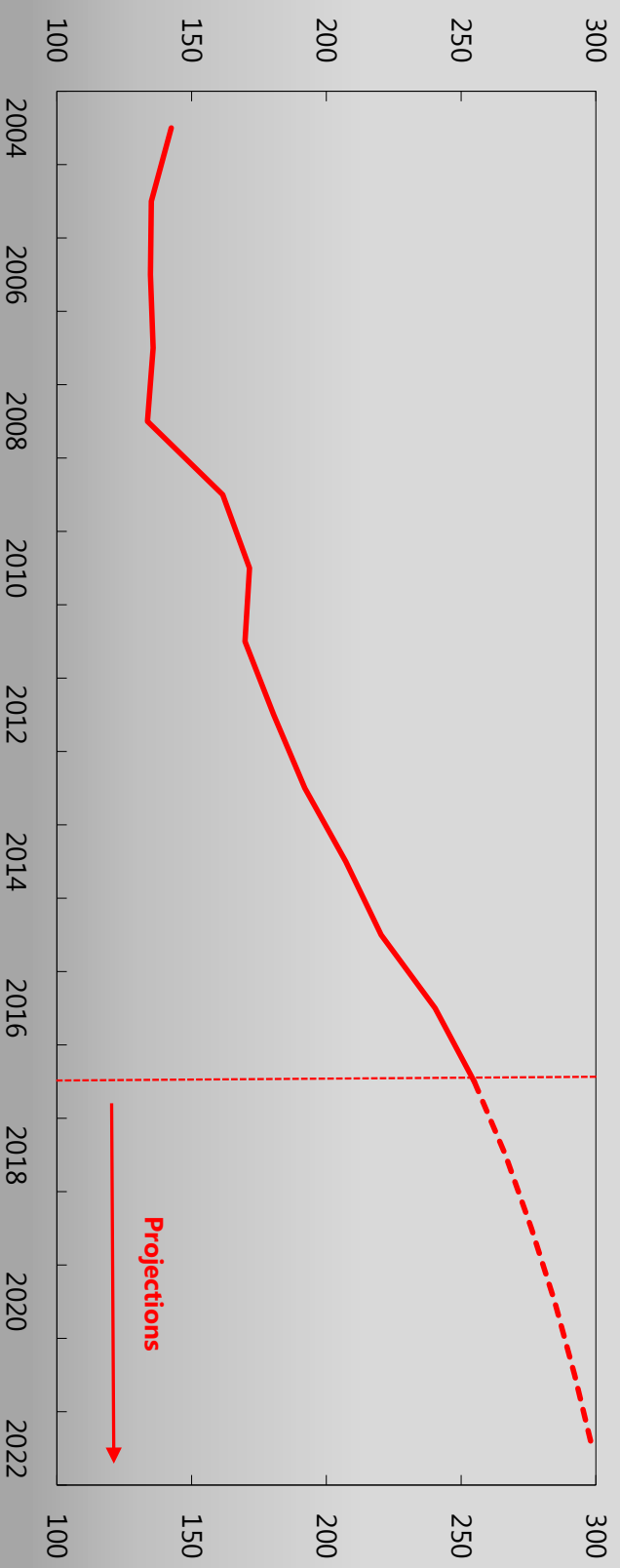
**China: Employment by Sectors**  
(Percent of total employment)



Sources: CEIC Data Company Ltd.; and IMF staff estimates.

# China: Increasing downside risks with rapid build-up of public and private debt

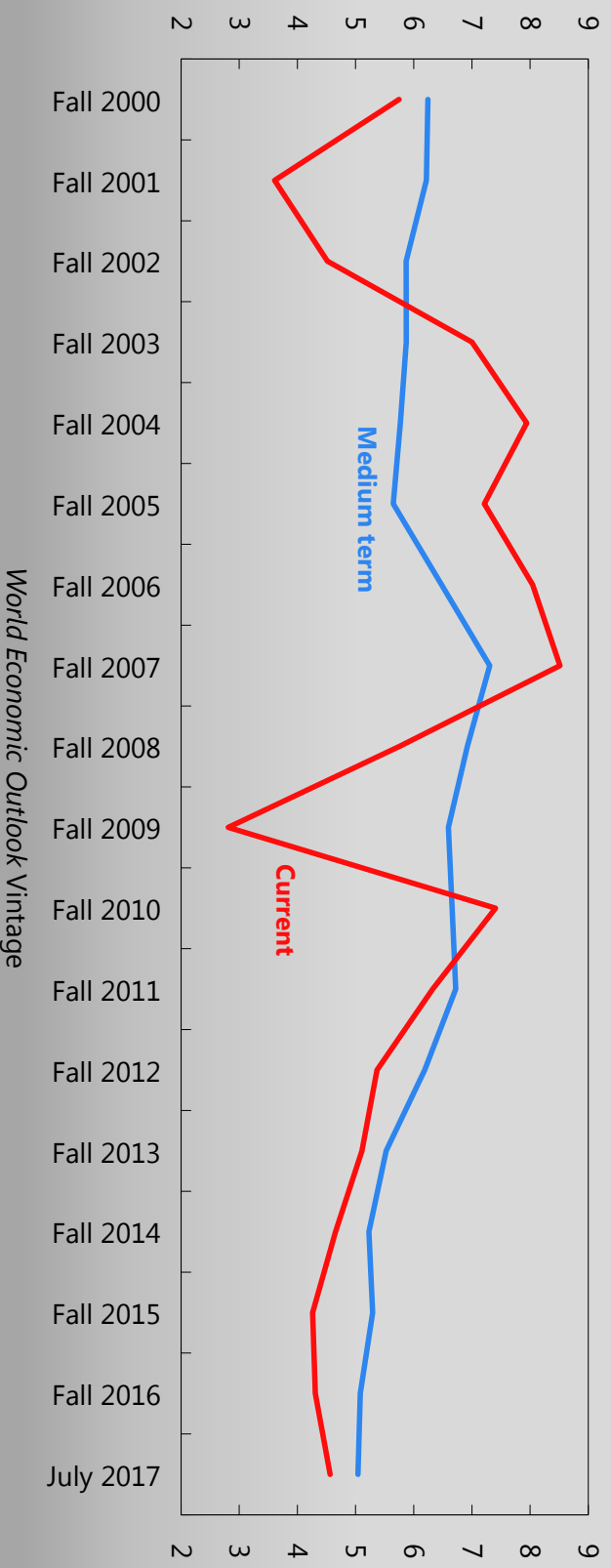
## Nonfinancial Sector Debt: High and Rising (Percent of GDP)



Sources: Haver Analytics, and IMF staff estimates.

# Medium Term Growth Prospects for EMDs

**Estimates of Medium-Term and Current Growth**  
*(Year-over-year percent change)*

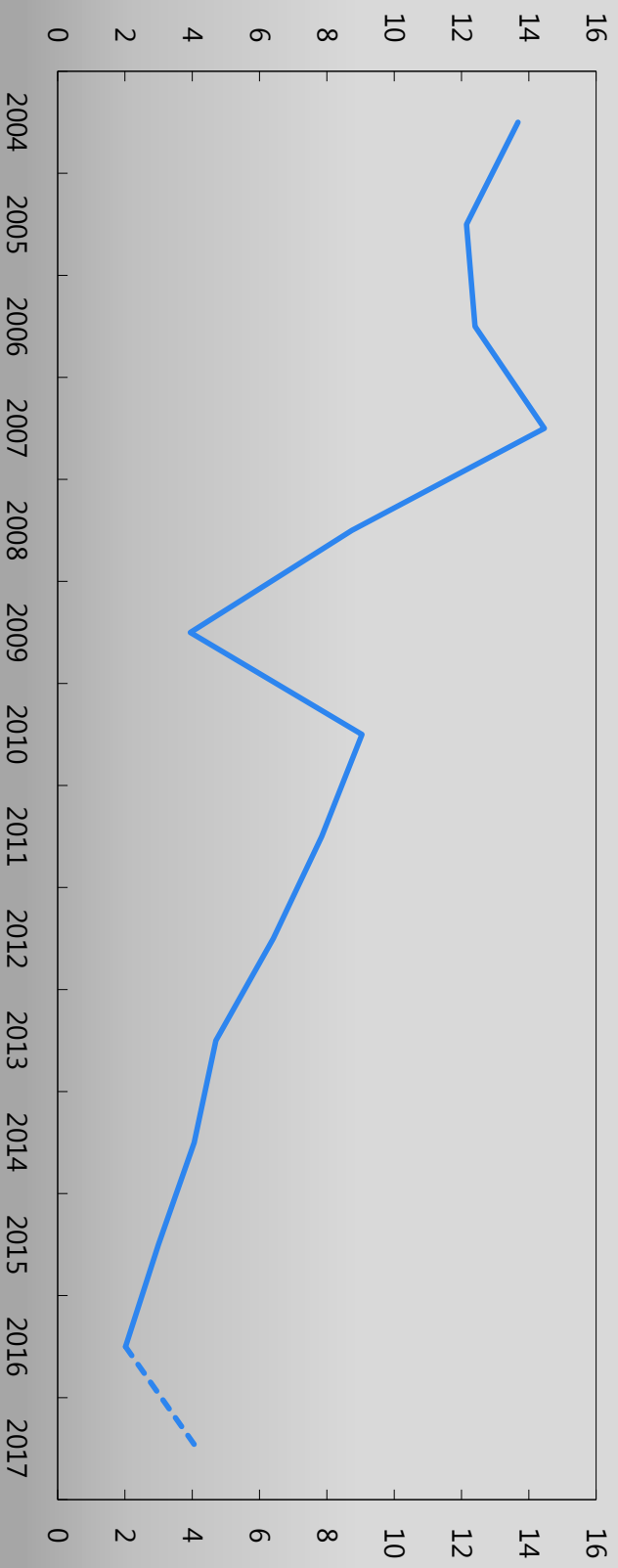


Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook database.  
Note: Medium-term growth reflects projected real GDP growth for the last year ( $t+5$ ) of the forecast horizon. Current refers to annual growth rates based on July 2017 WEO Update.



# Investment Slowdown for EMDs

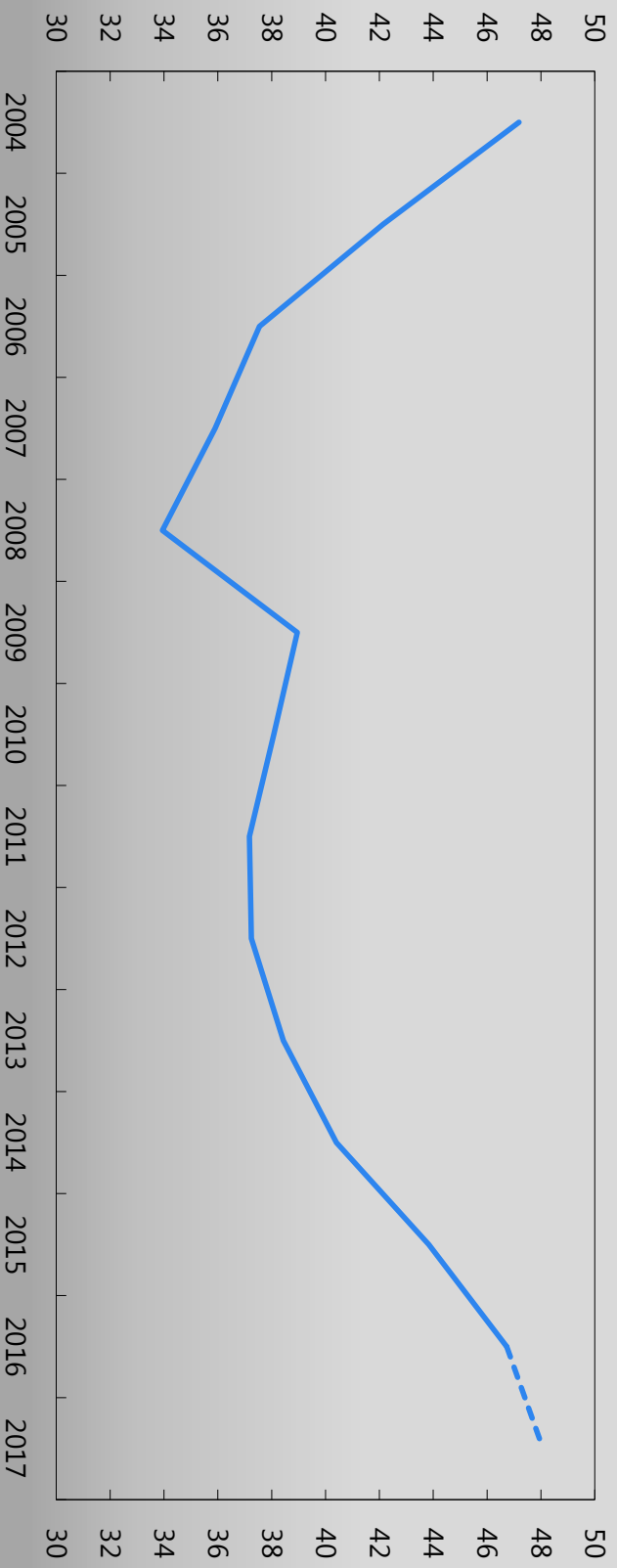
**Gross Fixed Capital Formation**  
*(Year-over-year percent change)*



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook (July 2017 Update) database.

# Rising Public Debt in EMDs

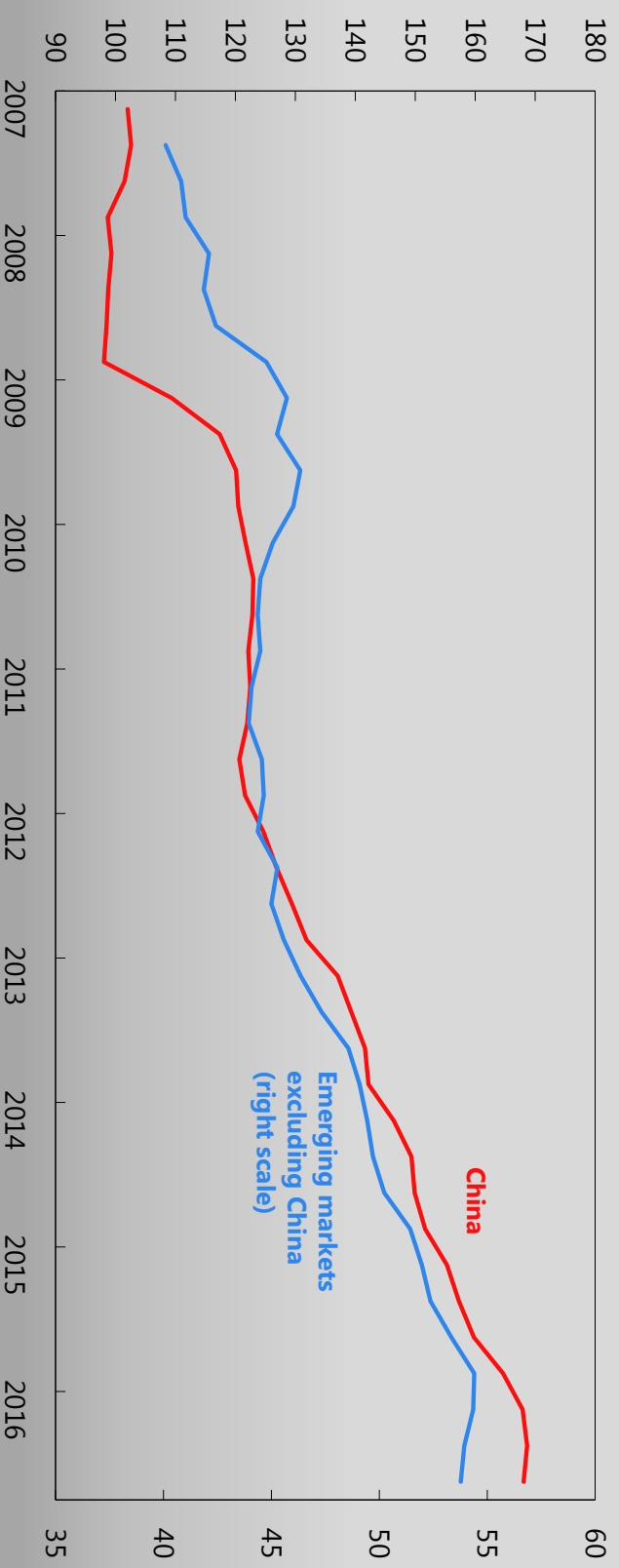
## Public Debt in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (Percent of fiscal year GDP)



Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook (July 2017 Update) database.

# Corporate Nonfinancial Debt in Emerging Markets

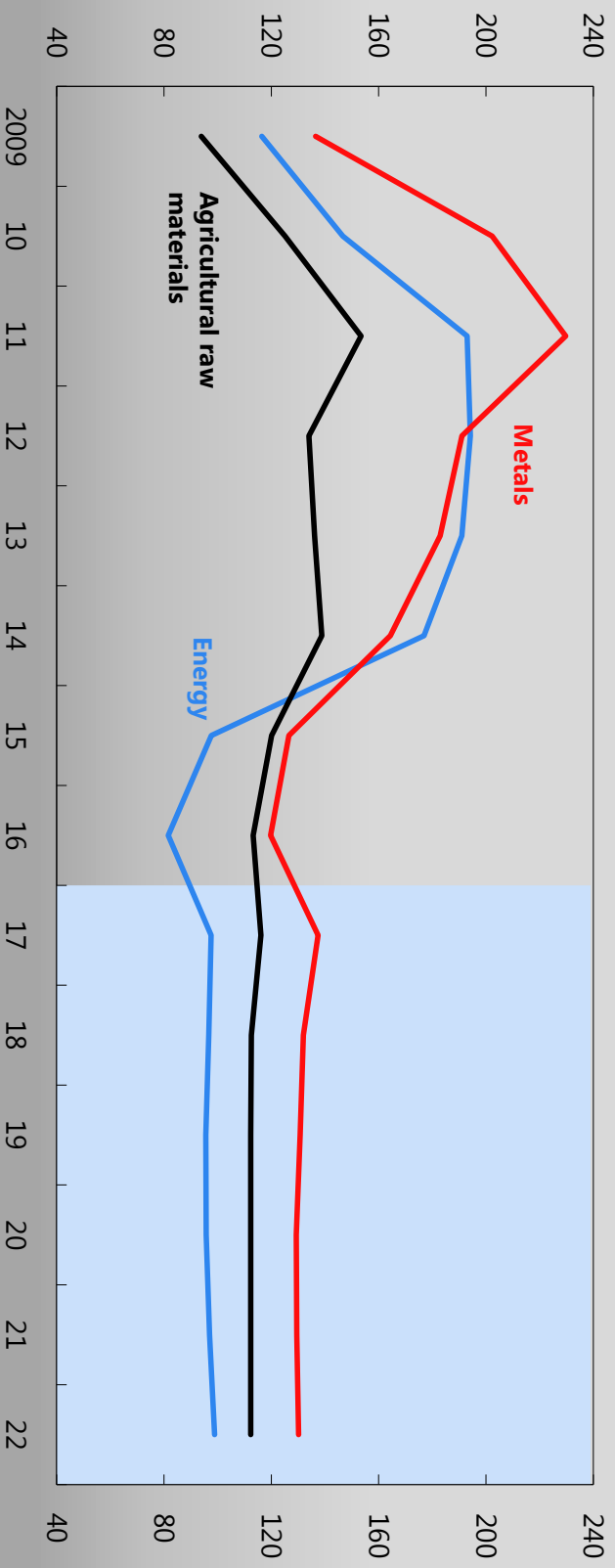
**Corporate Nonfinancial Debt in Emerging Markets**  
(Percent of GDP)



Source: Bank of International Settlements.

# Global Commodity Prices: Expected to remain subdued

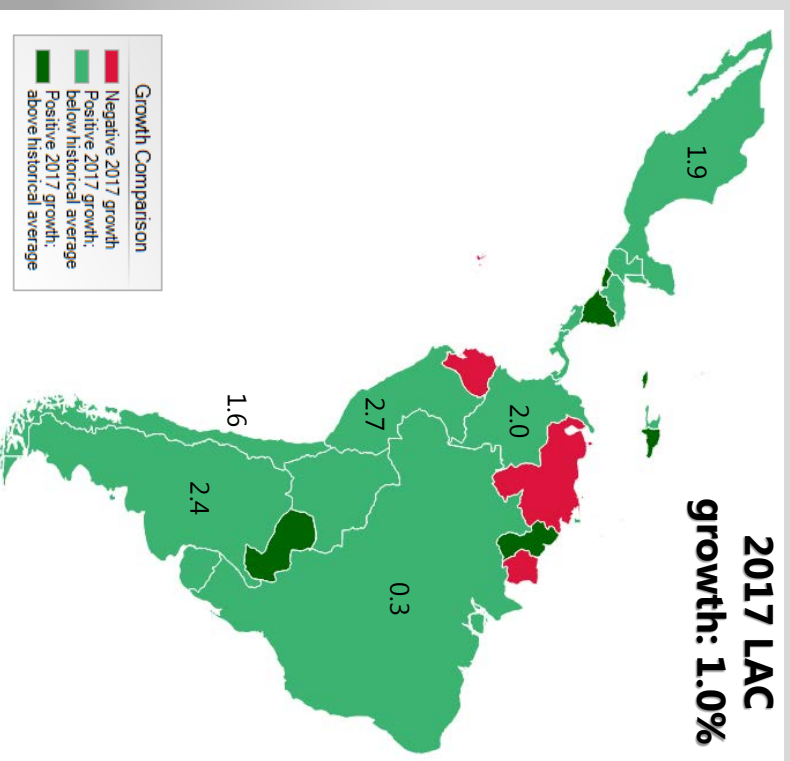
**Global Commodity Prices**  
(Index: 2005 = 100)



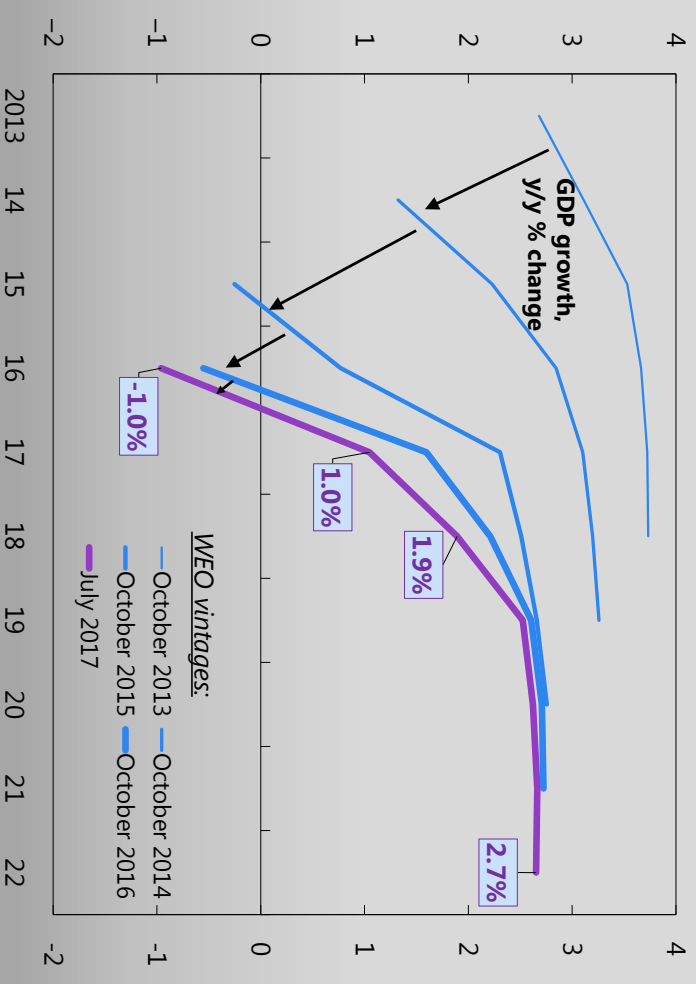
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# LAC is slowly emerging from recession

*Growth is positive in most countries...*



*... but is weaker than previously projected.*

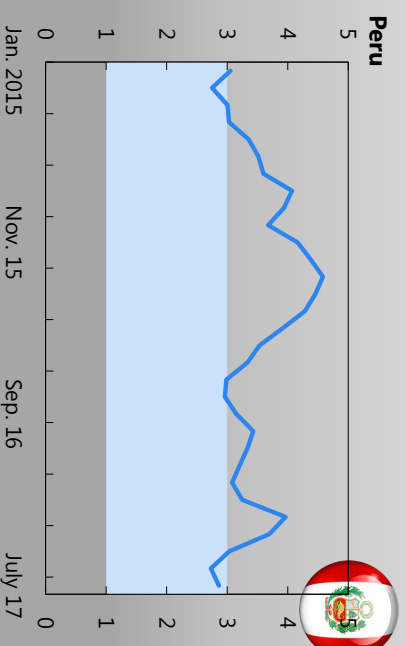
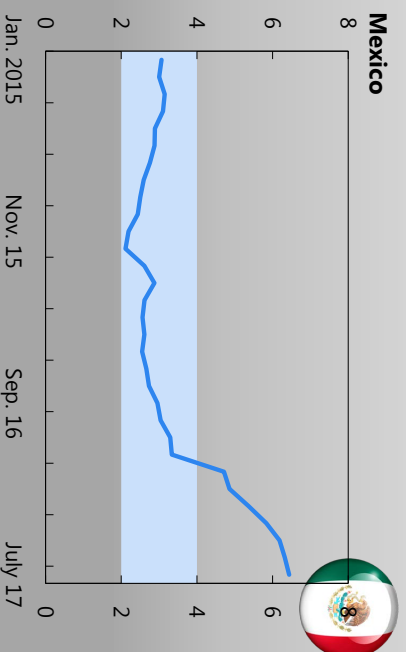
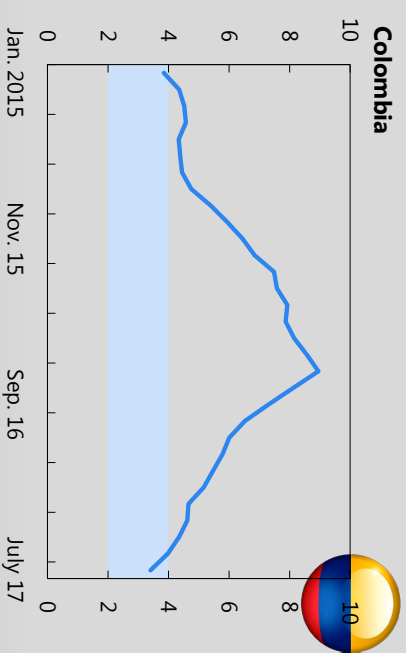
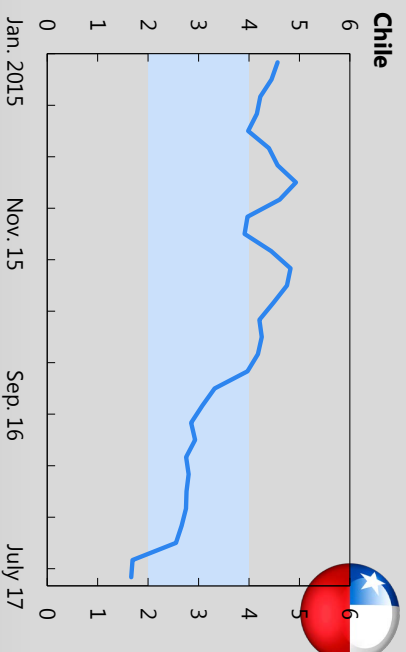
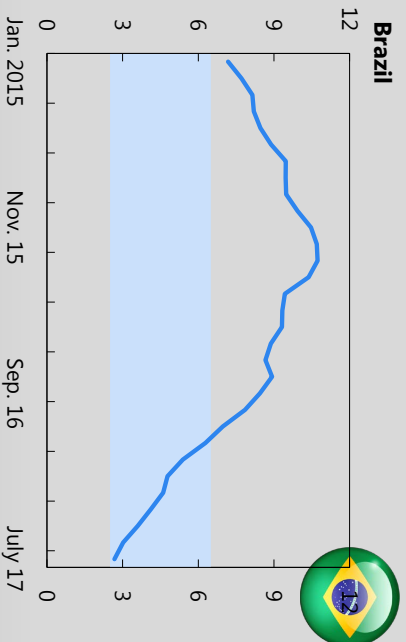


Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook database.

Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook (July 2017 Update) database; and IMF staff calculations.  
Note: Historical average refers to the average growth from 2000–13.

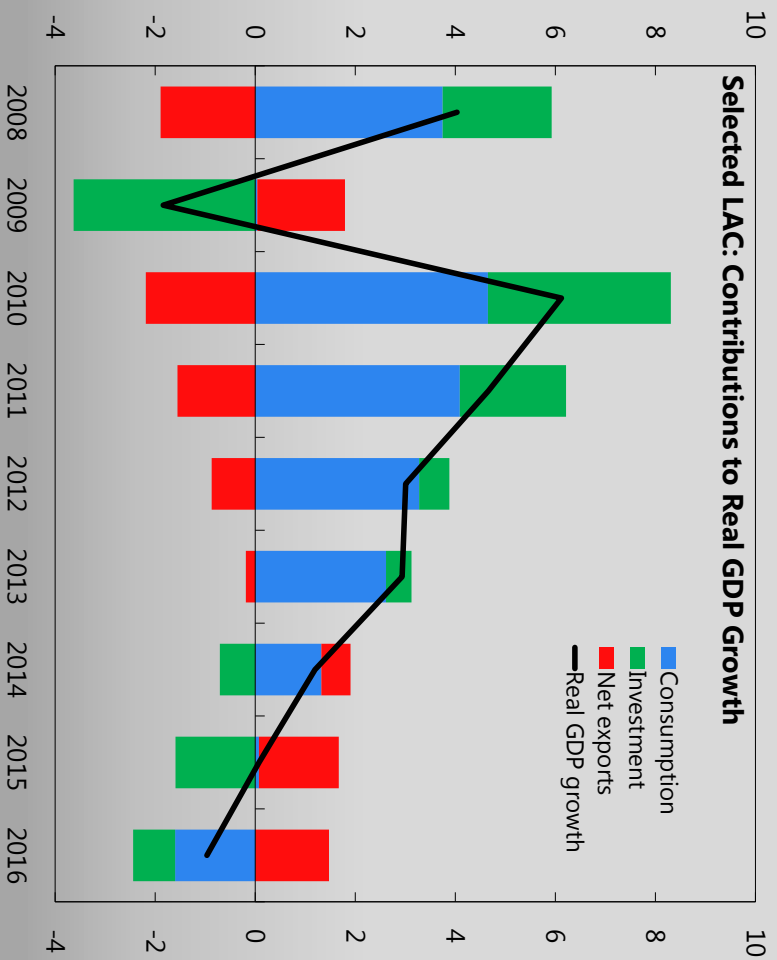
# As inflation declines, more space for cuts in policy rates

## Inflation (Percent)

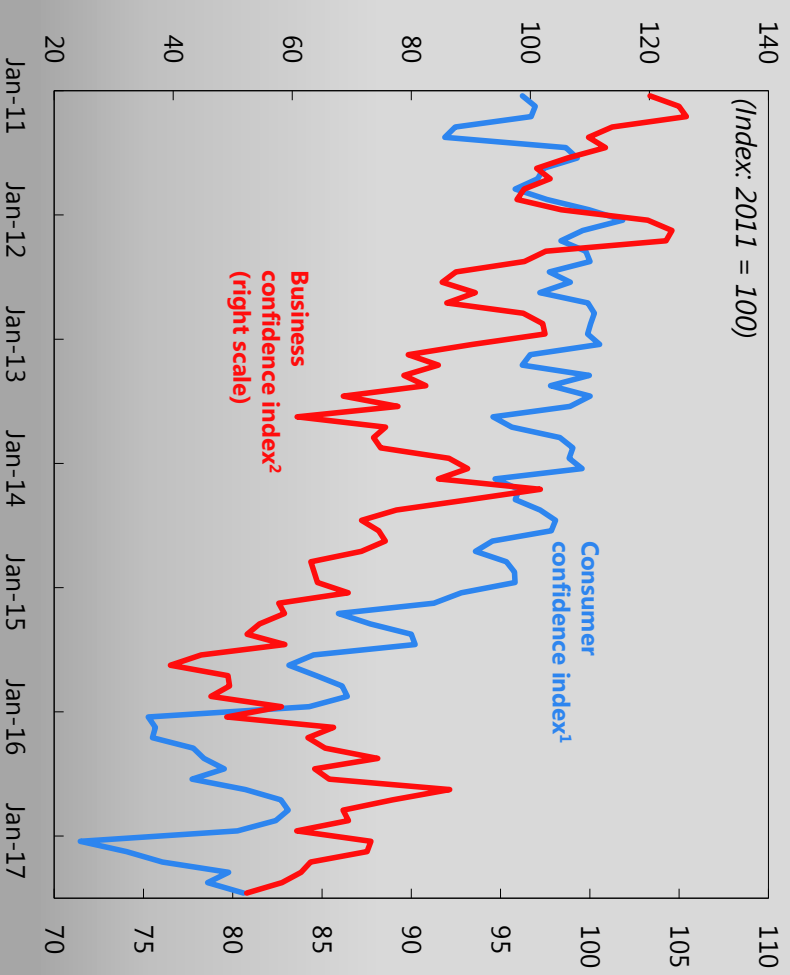


Sources: Global Data Source; Haver Analytics; national authorities; and IMF staff calculations.  
Note: Shaded area refers to the target range.

# Headwinds: Weak domestic demand and confidence



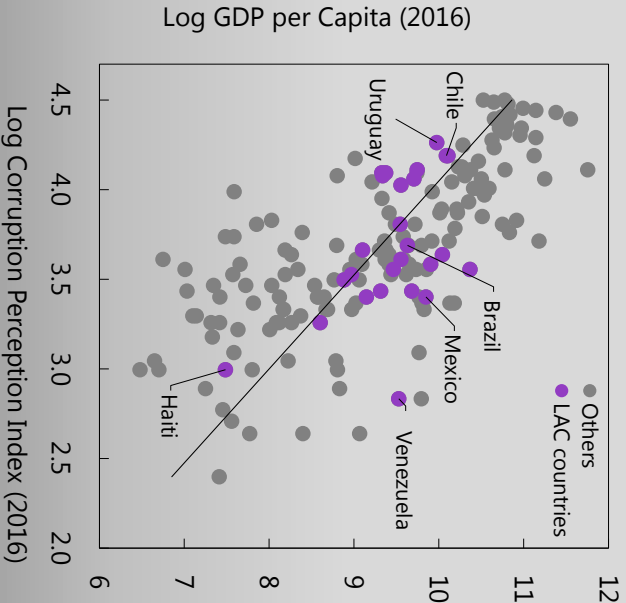
Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook (July 2017 Update) database; and IMF staff calculations.  
 Note: LAC excludes Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines due to data limitations. Inventories include statistical discrepancies. PPP GDP-weighted average, year-over-year percent change.



Sources: Haver Analytics; national authorities; and IMF staff calculations.  
<sup>1</sup>Simple average of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Mexico.  
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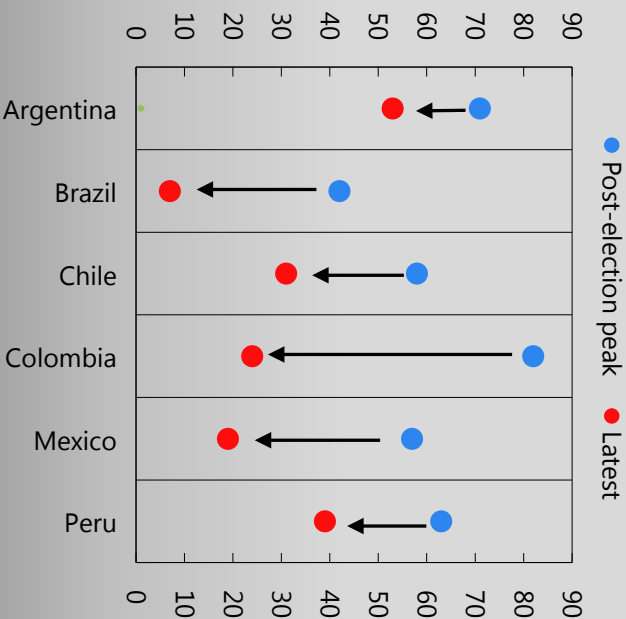
# Corruption and electoral uncertainty among other factors are dampening investment in some cases

Corruption affects LAC economies to varying degrees, and is linked to level of development



Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook database; Transparency International, Global Corruption Barometer database; and IMF staff calculations.  
Note: Higher values of the Corruption Perception Index represent less corruption. The horizontal axis is in reverse order.

Presidential approval ratings have fallen to low levels



Sources: La Nación-Poliarquia (Argentina), Datafolha (Brazil), Adimark (Chile), Gallup (Colombia), Consulta Mitofsky (Mexico), and El Comercio-Ipsos (Peru).

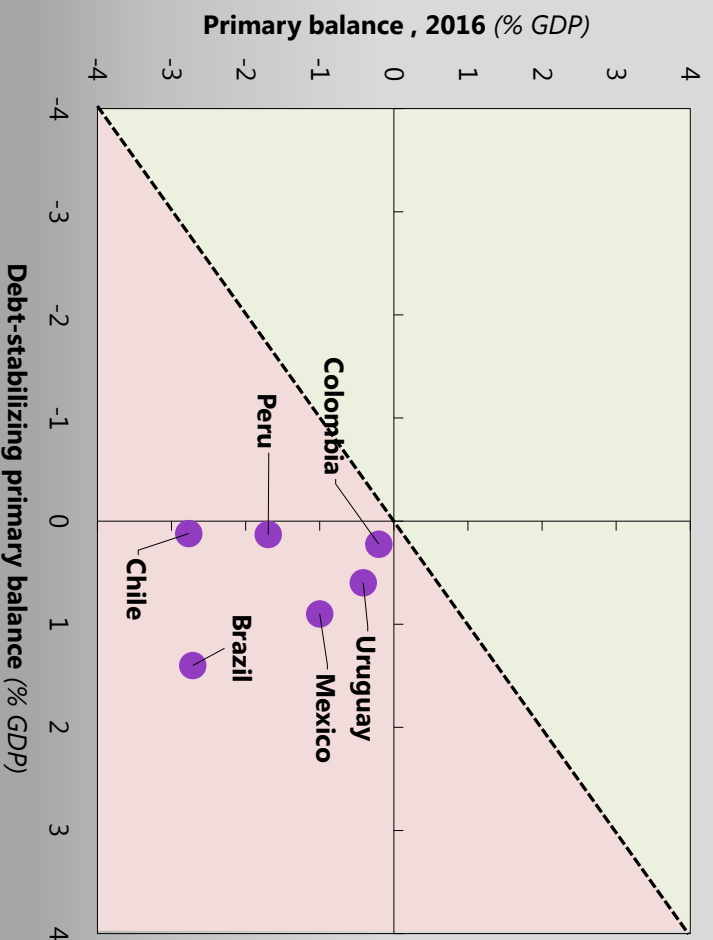
Elections are scheduled to take place in many countries during 2017-18

October 2017	Argentina	Mid-term legislative
November 2017	Chile	Presidential and parliamentary
April 2018	Paraguay	General
May 2018	Colombia	Presidential and parliamentary
July 2018	Mexico	General
October 2018	Brazil	General
2018-H2	Venezuela	Presidential (?)

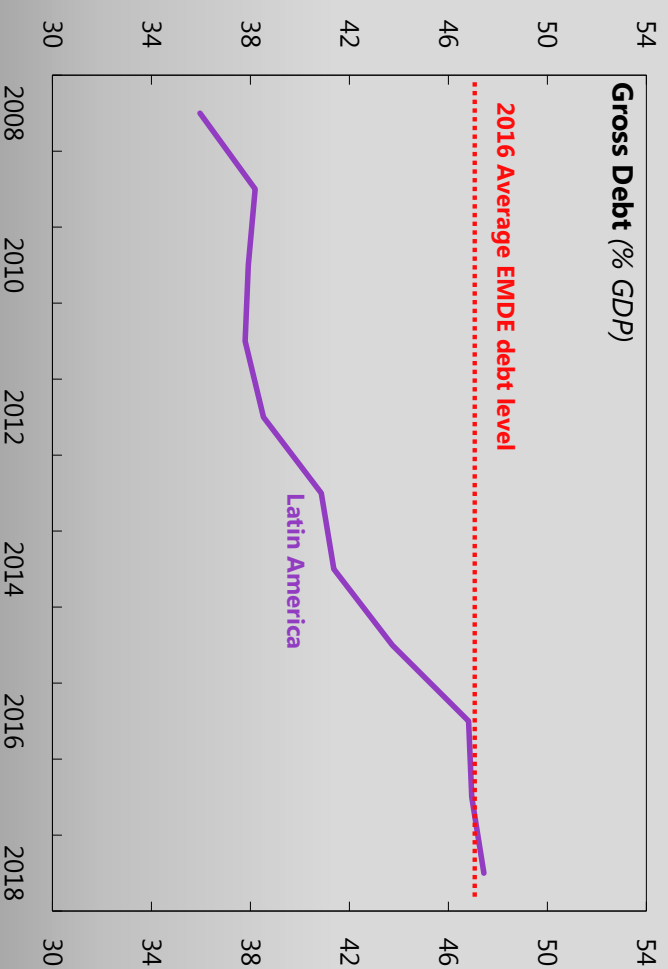


# Further fiscal adjustment required to stabilize debt

Primary deficits currently exceed debt-stabilizing levels...



... causing rising public debt and eroding fiscal space.

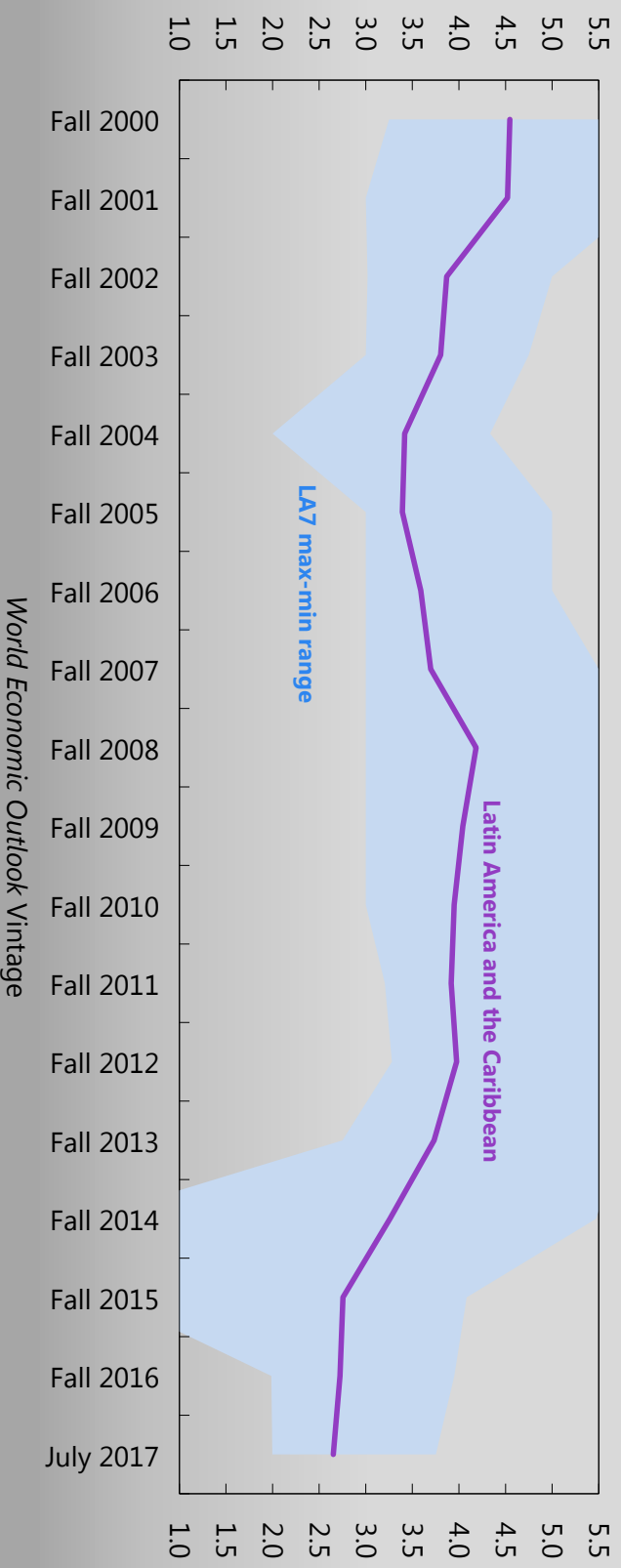


Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook database; national authorities; and IMF staff calculations.  
 Note: Data for Mexico is from the May 2017 staff report. Primary balance for Mexico excludes one-off revenues from the oil hedge program and transfers from the central bank, amounting to 1.5 percent of GDP.

Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook (July 2017 Update) database; and IMF staff calculations.

# Subdued Medium-Term Growth for LAC

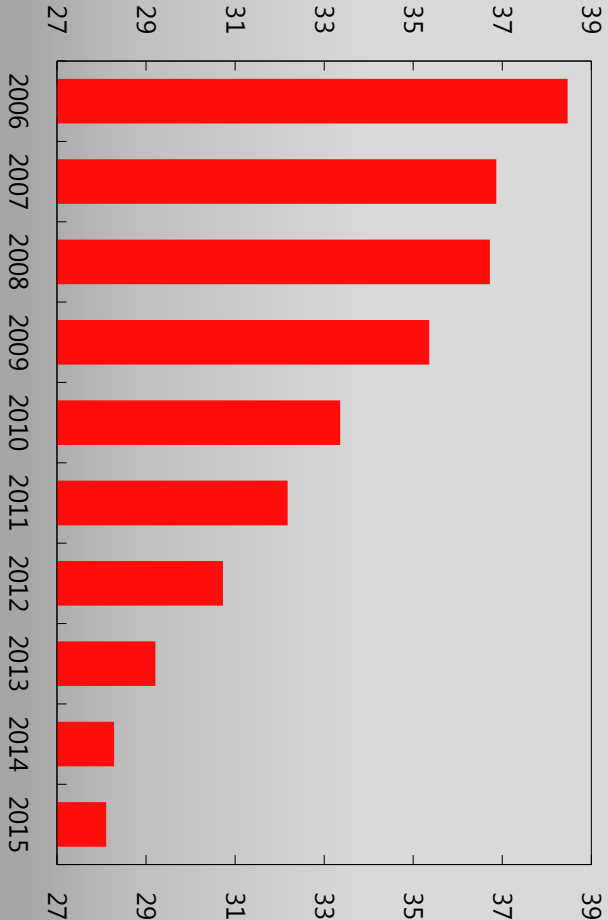
**Estimates of Medium-Term Growth by WEO Vintage**  
*(Year-over-year percent change)*



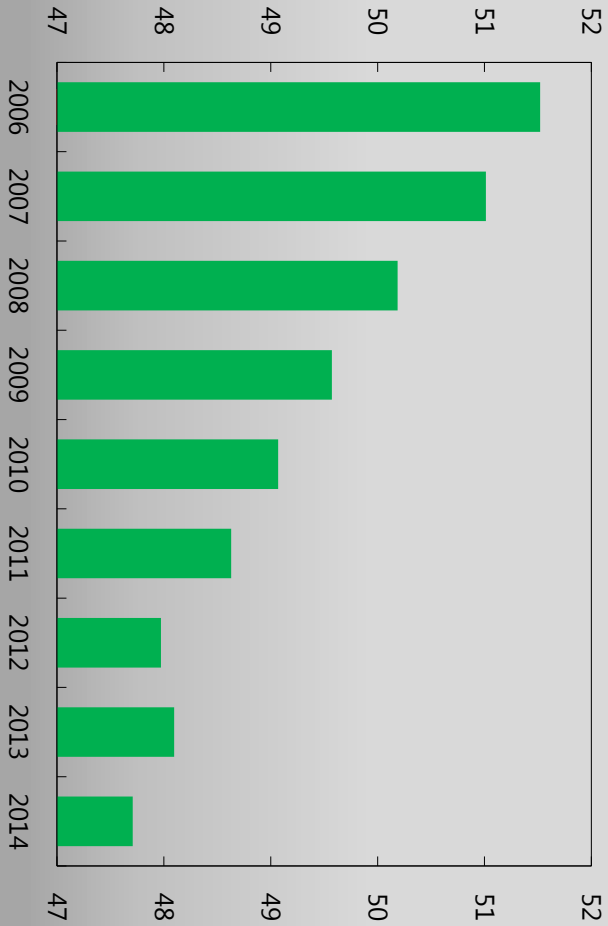
Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook database.  
Note: Reflects projected real GDP growth for the last year (t+5) of the forecast horizon. Shaded area refers to the max-min range of LA7 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay).

# Social Progress in LAC

**Poverty Headcount Ratio at National Poverty Lines**  
*(Percent of population)*



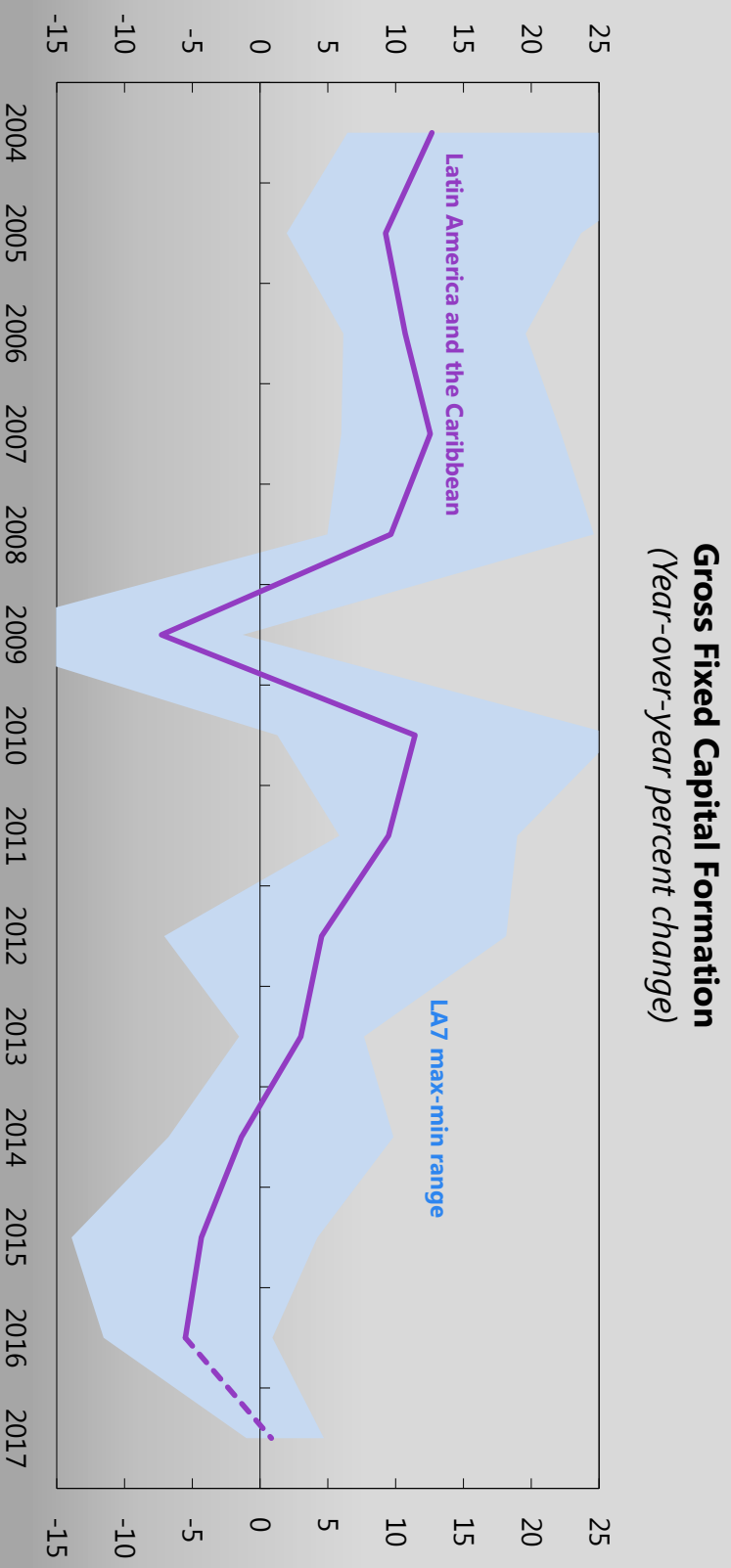
**Gini Index**  
*(World Bank estimate)*



Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators database; and IMF staff calculations.  
Note: Simple average of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica (from 2010), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico (from 2008), Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Sources: World Bank, World Development Indicators database; and IMF staff calculations.  
Note: Simple average of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

# Investment Growth in Latin America and the Caribbean



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# Bottlenecks to Long-term Growth

