



2017 GLOBAL INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

10 TRENDS TO WATCH

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GLOBALIZATION & ITS DISCONTENTS

The backlash against globalization caught the world by surprise – but policy-makers should have seen it coming

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MAN VS. MACHINE

Advances in digitalization, and especially “smart” robotics, could lead to a reversal of positive employment trends

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UNITED STATES

The ongoing expansion of the American economy will continue in 2017, with GDP growth anticipated to reach 2.4%

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EUROPE

European GDP growth of 1.5% met expectations in 2016, and a similar rate of expansion is expected in the next 12 months

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JAPAN

Despite being weighed down by unfavorable demographic trends, Japanese expansion should approach 1.2% in 2017

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EQUITIES

Worldwide equity markets are likely to remain volatile but should nevertheless rise, on balance, by mid-single digits in 2017

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EMERGING MARKETS

The outlook for emerging markets has finally turned the corner, supported by positive commodity-price trends

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FIXED INCOME

Bondholders should brace themselves for a challenging 2017, when Trumponomics will almost surely lead to rising yields

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CURRENCIES

The EUR/USD outlook is neutral, sterling will face strong headwinds and commodity-linked currencies should recover

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COMMODITIES

Following five years of steady declines, the market has achieved greater supply-demand equilibrium, supporting positive trends