November 2017

#### Financial conditions

The fall in the interest rates on new bank loans since mid-2014, a higher demand from companies and households, the reorganization of the balance sheets in the banking sector and a lower perception of risk have been the key drivers in the recovery of new financing operations in businesses.

Lending interest rates on loans to nonfinancial corporations (%)



### Collective investment

In 2016, the assets under management in mutual funds in Spain reached 239,9 billion € (21% of national GDP), representing 13% of the total financial assets of households.

Likewise, the total number of investors stood at 8.3 million.

## Catalonia

As for the second of October, more than 2,682 companies have moved their headquarters from Catalonia to the rest of Spain due to political instability. Moreover, according to the Tax Agency 1,000 companies have also moved their tax residence.

# Industrial activity

The General Services Sector Turnover Index registered a year-on-year change of 10.8% (3 points higher than in August).

Additionally, October's manufacturing PMI reached its highest level since May 2015 (55.8)

From January to September 2017 the new credit volume to businesses in Spain increased by 2.6% year-on-year (and by 2.5% in the Eurozone).



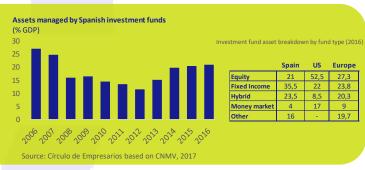
For its part, the NPL's rate of the Spanish banking sector continues to develop positively.

Spains's banks non perfoming loans (%)

Source: Círculo de Empresarios based on Bank of Spain, 2017



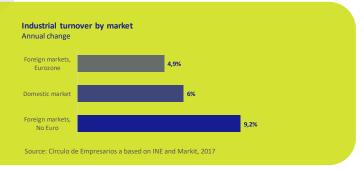
Source: Circulo de Empresarios based on Bank of Spain, 2017



Number of companies which have moved their headquarters and tax residence (2 Oct-17 Nov)



Source: Circulo de Empresarios based on Registro Mercantil and Tax Agency, 2017



### Crisis in Venezuela

After a \$200m default on bond coupons, S&P downgraded the credit rating of Venezuelan debt in foreign currency to selective default (SD).

The evolution of oil production (at the lowest level since 1989) and the Central Bank's foreign exchange reserves (at the lowest level in 15 years) are conditioning factors for the economic stability in Venezuela.

#### Venezuela foreign exchange reserves Million \$ 45.000 Maduro 40 000 **Average inflation** 35.000 projection 2017: +653% 30.000 25.000 20 000 15 000 10.000 5.000 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 sep-17 Source: Círculo de Empresarios based on BCV, 2017

#### US tax reform

The US Congress has approved the proposed tax reform which includes a reduction of Corporation Tax from the current 35% to 20%, and a simplification of the income tax thresholds, going from 7 to 4 (12%, 25%, 35%, 39.6%). In the event that

it is approved by the Senate (with a minimum Republican majority) it is estimated that it will cost \$1.4 trillion over 10 years



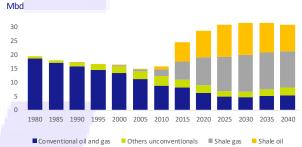
Source: Círculo de Empresarios based on Joint Committe on Taxation, 2017

#### US Oil

The revolution brought about by new oil extraction techniques will allow the US to be a net exporter of oil by the end of the next decade.

The International Energy Agency estimates that between 2010 and 2025 the production of shale oil in the US will increase by 8 million barrels per day (mbd), thus consolidating itself, in historical terms, as the country with the greatest prolonged growth in oil production.

#### Oil and gas production in the US



Source : Círculo de Empresarios based on AIE, 2017

# **Emerging markets**

Until 2019, India will inject 2.1 trillion rupees (\$32 billion) or 1.2% of its annual GDP, in its public banking system, which accounts for 70% of the banking system.

This measure will serve to increase the capital ratio in the provision of credit in the sector. This decision has led Moody's to upgrade its credit rating from stable Baa3 to positive Baa2.

# Baa3 Stable Moody's upgraded India's government bond rating Baa2 Positive

% Non performing loans
July – September 2017

Bank of India

Union Bank

Bank of Baroba

11,2%

Punjab National Bank

State Bank of India

9,8%

Source: Círculo de Empresarios based on Quartz, 2017