AIB Treasury Economic Research Unit



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Annual Average (Unless stated)	2016	2017 (f)	2018(f)	2019(f)
Economic Growth (% Change)				
World	3.1	3.6	3.8	3.6
US	1.5	2.3	2.6	2.1
Euro	1.8	2.4	2.3	1.9
UK	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.6
Japan	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1
Inflation - CPI (% Change)				
US	1.3	2.1	2.0	2.0
Euro	0.2	1.5	1.5	1.5
UK	0.7	2.7	2.7	2.2
Japan	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.5
Official Interest Rates (% End Period)				
US (Fed Funds)	0.625	1.375	2.125	2.62
Euro (Refi Rate)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25
Euro (Deposit Rate)	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
UK (Bank Rate)	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
Japan (Overnight Call Rate)	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Exchange Rates (Period Average)				
US Dollar-Euro	1.11	1.13	1.20	1.25
Sterling-Euro	0.82	0.88	0.88	0.88
US Dollar-Sterling	1.36	1.28	1.37	1.47
Crude Oil Prices (Brent \$/b)	43	54	62	64

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