

## Overview

<b>Selected forecasts, Swiss economy</b>					
Comparison of forecasts of December 17 and September 17					
Year-to-year variation in %, quotas					
forecasts for:	2017		2018		2019
date of forecasts:	Dec. 17	Sept. 17	Dec. 17	Sept. 17	Dec. 17
GDP	<b>1.0%</b>	0.9%	<b>2.3%</b>	2.0%	<b>1.9%</b>
Consumption expenditure:					
Personal Consumption	<b>1.2%</b>	1.3%	<b>1.4%</b>	1.4%	<b>1.5%</b>
Government Consumption	<b>1.3%</b>	1.3%	<b>0.7%</b>	1.2%	<b>0.5%</b>
Construction Investment	<b>1.2%</b>	1.4%	<b>1.1%</b>	1.2%	<b>0.3%</b>
Investment in Equipment and software	<b>2.8%</b>	2.3%	<b>3.7%</b>	2.3%	<b>3.2%</b>
Exports	<b>3.4%</b>	3.0%	<b>4.5%</b>	4.2%	<b>4.1%</b>
Imports	<b>2.6%</b>	3.4%	<b>3.9%</b>	4.1%	<b>3.8%</b>
Employment (full time equivalents)	<b>0.4%</b>	0.3%	<b>1.2%</b>	0.8%	<b>1.0%</b>
Rate of unemployment	<b>3.2%</b>	3.2%	<b>2.9%</b>	3.0%	<b>2.8%</b>
Consumer price index	<b>0.5%</b>	0.5%	<b>0.3%</b>	0.2%	<b>0.7%</b>

Source: Business Cycles Experts Group, Swiss Confederation

## Exogenous assumptions

	2017	2018	2019
GDP			
USA	2.3%	2.3%	2.0%
Euro area	2.3%	2.1%	1.8%
Germany	2.5%	2.2%	1.7%
Japan	1.6%	1.2%	0.8%
BRIC-Countries <sup>1</sup>	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%
China	6.8%	6.4%	6.1%
Price of crude oil (\$/barrel Brent)	53.8	60.0	60.0

<sup>1</sup> Weighted average of Brazil, Russia, India and China (GDP at PPP, according to IMF)

Sources: Business Cycles Experts Group, Swiss Confederation

## Monetary assumptions

	2017	2018	2019
Three month LIBOR interest rate	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.4%
Return on swiss federal bonds (10 years)	-0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Real exchange rate index, trade weighted	-1.9%	-4.5%	-1.4%
Consumer price index	0.5%	0.3%	0.7%

Sources: Business Cycles Experts Group, Swiss Confederation

## Labor market forecasts

	2017	2018	2019
Employment (without sector 1) <sup>2</sup>	0.4%	1.2%	1.0%
Rate of unemployment	3.2%	2.9%	2.8%

<sup>2</sup> In full time equivalents

Source: Business Cycles Experts Group, Swiss Confederation

**Evolution of Gross Domestic Product, expenditure approach (ESA 2010)**

	Real values, in Mio CHF (at prices of preceding year) <sup>1</sup>								Nominal values, in Mio CHF (at current prices) <sup>1</sup>								Evolution of prices <sup>1</sup>			
	Growth rates				Levels				Growth rates				Levels				Growth rates			
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total consumption	1.5%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	433'892	438'002	444'779	452'477	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%	1.9%	432'737	439'198	446'599	455'068	-0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%
Personal consumption <sup>2</sup>	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	354'527	358'068	363'807	370'372	1.3%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	353'822	358'784	364'898	372'224	-0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Government consumption <sup>2</sup>	1.6%	1.3%	0.7%	0.5%	79'365	79'935	80'972	82'106	1.1%	1.9%	1.6%	1.4%	78'915	80'414	81'701	82'845	-0.6%	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%
Fixed investment	3.1%	2.2%	2.7%	2.1%	160'304	161'999	166'524	170'862	1.9%	2.3%	3.2%	2.1%	158'540	162'127	167'316	170'816	-1.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%
Construction	0.9%	1.2%	1.1%	0.3%	61'585	61'983	62'288	62'538	0.3%	0.6%	1.2%	0.4%	61'248	61'611	62'351	62'600	-0.5%	-0.6%	0.1%	0.1%
Equipment and Software	4.5%	2.8%	3.7%	3.2%	98'719	100'016	104'235	108'324	3.0%	3.3%	4.4%	3.1%	97'292	100'516	104'965	108'216	-1.4%	0.5%	0.7%	-0.1%
Final domestic demand	1.9%	1.5%	1.7%	1.5%	594'196	600'001	611'303	623'339	1.4%	1.7%	2.1%	1.9%	591'276	601'325	613'915	625'884	-0.5%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%
inter alia: changes in inventories <sup>3</sup>	-1.9%	-1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-15'425	-15'275	-7'721	-5'494					-8'026	-7'721	-5'494	-3'512				
Domestic demand <sup>4</sup>	-0.2%	0.3%	1.7%	1.5%	578'771	584'726	603'581	617'845	0.5%	1.8%	2.5%	2.3%	583'250	593'604	608'421	622'372	0.8%	1.5%	0.8%	0.7%
Exports <sup>4</sup>	6.8%	3.4%	4.5%	4.1%	354'854	359'802	376'970	394'054	4.7%	3.7%	5.0%	4.6%	347'832	360'696	378'625	396'105	-2.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%
Exports of goods <sup>4</sup>	6.2%	4.9%	5.0%	4.6%	231'468	236'312	247'754	259'898	3.4%	4.7%	5.3%	5.1%	225'322	235'970	248'376	261'144	-2.7%	-0.1%	0.3%	0.5%
Exports of services	7.9%	0.8%	3.6%	3.0%	123'386	123'490	129'215	134'157	7.2%	1.8%	4.4%	3.6%	122'510	124'725	130'249	134'962	-0.7%	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%
Imports <sup>4</sup>	4.7%	2.6%	3.9%	3.8%	270'895	279'082	297'937	313'941	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%	4.8%	272'105	286'856	302'383	317'030	0.4%	2.8%	1.5%	1.0%
Imports of goods <sup>4</sup>	4.4%	2.6%	3.4%	3.5%	175'295	179'377	191'040	200'890	4.1%	5.7%	5.1%	4.7%	174'831	184'758	194'097	203'301	-0.3%	3.0%	1.6%	1.2%
Imports of services	5.4%	2.5%	4.7%	4.4%	95'600	99'705	106'897	113'051	7.3%	5.0%	6.1%	5.0%	97'273	102'098	108'287	113'729	1.8%	2.4%	1.3%	0.6%
<b>GDP</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>662'730</b>	<b>665'446</b>	<b>682'614</b>	<b>697'958</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>658'978</b>	<b>667'443</b>	<b>684'662</b>	<b>701'448</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2016: SFSO; 2017-2019: Forecasts (Business Cycles Experts Group, Swiss Confederation)<sup>2</sup> National concept<sup>3</sup> Changes in inventories and statistical discrepancies; contributions to GDP-growth<sup>4</sup> Without non-monetary gold and valuables