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## Research Department

### Economic outlook

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Forecast.

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		2006		2007					
		2006	2007	2008	II	I	II	III	IV
<b>INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY</b>									
<b>Gross domestic product</b>									
	United States	2.9	1.7	2.0	2.6	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.7
	Japan	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.5	2.6	1.7	2.0	1.7
	United Kingdom	2.8	2.7	2.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.1
	Euro Zone	2.9	2.5	2.3	3.3	3.2	2.5	2.4	2.1
	<i>Germany</i>	3.1	2.3	2.1	3.9	3.6	2.5	2.0	1.2
	<i>France</i>	2.2	1.6	1.6	2.1	1.9	1.3	1.6	1.6
<b>Consumer prices</b>									
	United States	3.3	2.6	2.1	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.8
	Japan	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
	United Kingdom	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.7	2.9	2.6	1.9	2.2
	Euro Zone	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.3
	<i>Germany</i>	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0
	<i>France</i>	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.8
<b>SPANISH ECONOMY</b>									
<b>Macroeconomic figures</b>									
	Household consumption	3.7	3.2	2.7	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1
	General government consumption	4.8	5.3	4.7	4.9	5.7	5.5	5.2	4.9
	Gross fixed capital formation	6.8	6.2	3.7	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.1	5.5
	<i>Capital goods</i>	10.4	12.6	8.9	11.4	13.3	13.0	12.5	11.7
	<i>Construction</i>	6.0	4.3	1.7	5.7	5.2	4.6	4.0	3.4

Domestic demand	5.1	4.7	3.6	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.4
Exports of goods and services	5.1	4.5	3.3	7.3	3.7	4.8	4.9	4.6
Imports of goods and services	8.3	6.6	4.8	8.8	5.9	6.7	6.7	6.9
Gross domestic product	3.9	3.8	2.9	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.8	3.4
<b>Balances</b>								
Employment	3.2	3.0	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.7
Unemployment rate (% labour force)	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.0	7.9	7.8
Consumer price index	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	3.1
Unit labour costs	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.1		
Current account balance (%GDP)	-8.8	-9.4	-9.7	-8.6	-10.2	-9.0		
Net lending or net borrowing rest of the world (% GDP)	-8.1	-8.9	-9.3	-7.4	-9.6	-8.8		
General government financial balance (% GDP)	1.8	1.2	0.9					
<b>FINANCIAL MARKETS</b>								
<b>International interest rates</b>								
Fed Funds	5.3	5.0	4.5	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.1	4.6
Repo ECB	3.5	3.9	4.3	3.5	3.6	3.8	4.0	4.2
10-year bonds. USA	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.6
10-year bonds. Germany	3.9	4.3	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.5
10-year bonds. Spain	4.0	4.4	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.6
<b>Exchange rates</b>								
\$/Euro	1.32	1.37	1.39	1.32	1.32	1.35	1.39	1.42

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