

# Economic Overview

## Ireland

### Investment



Construction activity



House completions **29.1%** YoY 2017

Majority expect house prices and rents to increase in 2018

Steady flow of **FDI**



Businesses plan to expand in next 1-3 years

Brexit related uncertainty a concern

### Consumer

Retail sales **4.3%** YoY 2017

New & imported cars **1.1%** YoY January 2018

Households' Income Debt ratio



Over half expect the economy to improve in next 12 months

### Labour Market

Jobs

Unemployment rate **6.1%** January 2018

Net inward migration

**48%** of workers expect a pay rise in 2018

### Exports

Exports **5.1%** YoY Q1-Q3 2017

Trading partners growing

Strong **€** a headwind

### Outlook

	GDP	Consumer Spending	Investment	Exports	Employment	Unemployment Rate	Inflation
2017e	7.0%	2.2%	-18.0%	5.0%	2.6%	6.8%	0.4%
2018f	4.7%	3.0%	2.5%	5.2%	2.4%	5.8%	0.8%
2019f	3.8%	3.0%	5.0%	4.5%	2.0%	5.2%	1.2%

### Risks

Stronger domestic / global activity

Relocating FDI

External policy environment

Brexit