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I. Executive summary

Private consumption underpinned GDP growth in the third quarter, offsetting the negative performance of foreign trade, while job creation remained dynamic and pushed employment to a new all-time high of 21.3 million people. In August, housing sales picked up slightly, but mortgages on dwellings remained contractionary. In September, retail sales continued to increase and overnight stays by residents were positive in September. The Airef maintains its growth forecast for 2023 at 2.3%, while the OECD revises it to 2.5%. US GDP accelerated in the third quarter of the year. Euro zone PMI remains in contractionary territory in October.

The Spanish economy grew by 0.3% in the third quarter of 2023, following the 0.4% increase in the second quarter, driven by domestic demand, particularly private consumption. In the same quarter, according to the Labour Force Survey, employment reached an all-time high of 21.3 million, after posting quarter-on-quarter growth of 209,000 people, in line with its usual behaviour.

As for the August indicators, housing sales rose slightly on a month-on-month basis, while mortgages continued their contractionary trend. Likewise, the non performing loans ratio rose slightly and public debt grew slightly more than usual for August.

With regard to September's data, hotel overnight stays evolved favourably, supported by the resident segment; the retail trade index slowed slightly and industrial prices continued to pick up due to the rise in energy prices. Vehicle production added fewer units than usual for September and price competitiveness vis-à-vis developed countries evolved normally.

In terms of forecasts, the Airef maintained its growth estimate for 2023 at 2.3% and revised downwards by -0.3 points to 1.7% for 2024.

Regarding international indicators, it is worth noting US GDP growth, which stood at +1.2% quarter-on-quarter, a notable advance compared to the previous quarter (+0.5%).

As for the most recent qualitative indicators, the euro zone's composite PMI for October was again in contractionary territory for the fifth consecutive month, weighed down by both the services sector and the manufacturing production component, while that of the United States improved in October, signalling a modest advance in economic activity. On the other hand, world trade in goods volume rebounded in August, month-on-month, following the previous month's decline.

Finally, the OECD revised upwards by +0.3 points the growth of the Spanish economy for 2023 to 2.5% and downwards by -0.4 points for 2024 to 1.5%.



II. Summary of Indicators

annual % change and balances in Confidence Surveys, except as indicated

Activity								
<i>Q-on-Q percentage change</i>	2022	2023	23Q1	23Q2	23Q3	23Q4	Latest data	next
GDP chain-linked volume	5.8	-	0.6	0.4	0.3	-	23Q3	22-Dec
- National demand contribution	2.9	-	0.1	1	0.7	-	23Q3	22-Dec
- External demand contribution	2.9	-	0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-	23Q3	22-Dec
Business confidence Indicator	4.9	4.6	1.4	2.7	2.6	-2	23Q4	-
<i>Monthly</i>	2021	2022	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Latest data	next
Industrial production index	7.3	2.9	-3.3	-2.2	-3.6	-	Aug.23	7-Nov
Electricity consumption	2.2	-3.8	-6.9	-2.4	-2.1	-2.6	Sep.23	2-Nov
Vehicles production	-7.4	5.2	1.4	34	-17.9	4.8	Sep.23	22-Nov
Trading companies	27.8	-2.1	14.5	15.4	11.8	-	Aug.23	8-Nov
Industry turnover index	16.3	21.4	-8.7	-5.1	-6.2	-	Aug.23	21-Nov
Services turnover index	16	20.3	-1.4	1.1	-0.5	-	Aug.23	21-Nov
Retail sales index	3.5	0.9	6.5	7.4	6.9	6.2	Sep.23	29-Nov
Large firms Sales	6.2	5.9	2.8	2.6	-0.7	-	Aug.23	8-Sep
Car registrations	1	-5.4	13.3	10.7	7.8	2.3	Sep.23	2-Nov
Consumer confidence CIS	83.7	-	92.4	94.4	-	77.2	Sep.23	-
Economic sentiment (2000-22=100)	105.1	101.3	99.5	100.8	102.2	99	Sep.23	30-Oct
Composite PMI	55.3	51.8	52.6	51.7	48.6	50.1	Sep.23	6-Nov
Manufacturing PMI	57	51	48	47.8	46.5	47.7	Sep.23	2-Nov
Services PMI	55	52.5	53.4	52.8	49.3	50.5	Sep.23	6-Nov
CLI composite leading indicator	101.1	99.1	99.7	99.8	99.8	99.8	Sep.23	8-Nov
Hotel overnight stays	87.4	85.4	3.3	2.5	1.1	5.8	Sep.23	23-Nov
Tourists arrivals	64.7	129.8	10.9	11.4	13.9	-	Aug.23	2-Nov
International Tourists spending	76.4	149.7	17.5	16.4	19.9	-	Aug.23	2-Nov
Foreign tourists by air	65.5	136.2	10	11.5	12.3	13.2	Sep.23	17-Nov
Housing sales	34.8	14.8	-6.4	-10.5	-14.4	-	Aug.23	17-Nov
Cement consumption	11.8	-0.8	-4.9	-1.2	-7.7	-9	Sep.23	20-Sep
Non performing loans	-5.4	-10.2	-12	-11.9	-10.9	-	Aug.23	24-Nov
New loans	-9.5	16.5	-3.1	-12.8	-16.6	-	Aug.23	2-Nov
External demand								
<i>Quarterly(% GDP)</i>	2021	2022	22Q3	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	Latest data	next
Net lending(+)/net borrowing(-)(BP)	1.6	1.5	1.9	3.4	3.7	3.1	23Q2	31-Oct
Trade balance (goods)	-2.1	-5.1	-6.4	-4.1	-1.9	-2.7	23Q2	17-Nov
<i>Monthly</i>	2021	2022	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Latest data	next
Export of goods	11.6	3.9	-7.6	-4.5	-4.3	-13.3	Aug.23	17-Nov
Import of goods	11.5	7.4	-7	-7.3	-5.9	-9.7	Aug.23	17-Nov
Labour								
<i>Quarterly</i>	2021	2022	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	23Q3	Latest data	next
Employment	3	3.1	1.4	1.8	2.9	3.5	23Q3	-
Unemployment	-2.9	-11.8	-2.6	-1.5	-5.4	-4.2	23Q3	-
Labour force	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.5	23Q3	-
Unemployment rate	14.8	12.9	12.9	13.3	11.6	11.8	23Q3	-
<i>Monthly</i>	2021	2022	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Latest data	next
Social security affiliated employment	2.5	3.9	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	Sep.23	3-Nov
Workers in job-retention schemes (Thousands)	448	47	14	12.6	12	12.9	Sep.23	3-Nov
Affiliations net of job-retention schemes	7.1	6.1	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8	Sep.23	3-Nov
Registered unemployed	-3.9	-16.9	-6.7	-7.1	-7.6	-7.5	Sep.23	3-Nov



Public sector (% GDP)

<i>Quarterly</i>	2021	2022	22Q3	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	Latest data	next
General government balance	-6.7	-4.7	-2	-4.7	-0.1	-2.3	23Q2	22-Dec
Public debt	116.8	111.6	114	111.6	111.2	111.2	23Q2	15-Dec
Private sector debt	137.7	123.5	127.1	123.5	119.3	116.5	23Q2	10-Jan
Net household financial wealth	160.9	145.1	143.2	145.1	144.2	145.5	23Q2	10-Jan
<i>Monthly</i>	2021	2022	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Latest data	next
State balance	-6.08	-3.3	-0.88	-1.7	-2.66	-2.54	Aug.23	30-Oct
Social Security balance	-0.96	-0.44	-0.07	0.22	0.3	-	Jul.23	30-Oct
Government balance excluding local government	-7.01	-4.62	-1.24	-2.14	-2.21	-	Jul.23	30-Oct

Prices and Wages

<i>Quarterly</i>	2021	2022	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	23Q3	Latest data	next
GDP deflator	2.6	4.2	4.5	6.3	6.5	6.1	23Q3	22-Dec
Harmonised labour cost index per hour	0	2.8	3.7	4.3	5.6	-	23Q2	11-Dec
Labour cost per worker	5.9	4.2	4.2	6.2	5.8	-	23Q2	18-Dec
Housing price index	3.7	7.4	5.5	3.5	3.6	-	23Q2	5-Dec
Housing assessed value	2.1	5	3.3	3.1	3	-	23Q2	23-Nov
<i>Monthly</i>	2021	2022	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Latest data	next
CPI (consumer price index)	3.1	8.4	1.9	2.3	2.6	3.5	Sep.23	30-Oct
Core CPI	0.8	5.2	5.9	6.2	6.1	5.8	Sep.23	30-Oct
CPI differential Spain-EA	0.4	-0.1	-3.9	-3.2	-2.8	-1	Sep.23	31-Oct
Competitiveness index	0.4	-0.8	-3	-1.5	-1	0.2	Sep.23	21-Nov

Interest rates and Exchanges

<i>Daily data</i>	2021	2022	Sep-23	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct	26-Oct	next
Eurozone intervention rate	0	2.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	30-Oct
3M Interbank rate.Euribor	-0.55	0.34	3.88	3.96	3.94	3.94	4	30-Oct
1Y Interbank rate. Euribor	-0.49	1.09	4.15	4.15	4.15	4.12	4.18	30-Oct
Differential Spain - Germany	0.36	2.23	3.76	3.96	3.95	4	3.96	30-Oct
10Y Gov.Bond yield Spain	67	104	106	110	111	112	111	30-Oct
Exchange rate (\$/€)	1.18	1.05	1.07	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.05	30-Oct
Stock exchange Madrid IBEX-35 (%)	7.93	-5.56	14.57	9.31	9.07	9.18	8.92	30-Oct
EE.UU Intervention rate	0.25	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	30-Oct
Brent oil (future ICE, \$)	70.77	98.93	92.59	89.83	88.07	90.13	87.93	30-Oct



International Economy

<i>Q-on-Q percentage change</i>	2021	2022	22Q3	22Q4	23Q1	23Q2	Latest data	next
GDP Euro Area	5.6	3.4	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	23Q2	31-Oct
GDP Germany	3.1	1.9	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	0	23Q2	30-Oct
GDP France	6.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0	0.5	23Q2	31-Oct
GDP Italy	8.3	3.9	0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.4	23Q2	31-Oct
<i>Monthly</i>	2021	2022	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Latest data	next
Industrial production index EA	8.9	2.2	-2.2	-5	-	-	Aug.23	15-Nov
Production in construction index EA	6.2	2.3	1.2	-0.1	-	-	Aug.23	20-Nov
Car registrations EA	-3	-4.3	16.6	23.7	8.8	-	Sep.23	21-Nov
World trade in goods	10.4	3.2	-3.3	-3.8	-	-	Aug.23	24-Nov
Imports EA	22	38	0.7	-23.7	-	-	Aug.23	15-Nov
Exports EA	14	18.2	-1.8	-3.8	-	-	Aug.23	15-Nov
Consumer confidence indicator EA	-7.5	-21.9	-15.1	-16	-17.8	-	Sep.23	30-Oct
Composite PMI Euro Area	54.9	51.4	48.6	46.7	47.2	46.5	Oct.23	6-Nov
Composite PMI Germany	55.3	50.4	48.5	44.6	46.4	45.8	Oct.23	6-Nov
Composite PMI France	53.8	52.7	46.6	46	44.1	45.3	Oct.23	6-Nov
Composite PMI Italy	54.7	50.3	48.9	48.2	49.2	-	Sep.23	6-Nov
Composite PMI USA	59.7	50.7	52	50.2	50.2	51	Oct.23	3-Nov
Composite PMI China	52	48.2	51.9	51.7	50.9	-	Sep.23	3-Nov
Services PMI Euro Area	53.6	52.1	50.9	47.9	48.7	47.8	Oct.23	6-Nov
Services PMI Germany	53.1	51.1	52.3	47.3	50.3	48	Oct.23	6-Nov
Services PMI France	53.8	53.7	47.1	46	44.4	46.1	Oct.23	6-Nov
Services PMI Italy	52.7	50.7	51.5	49.8	49.9	-	Sep.23	6-Nov
Services PMI USA	60.2	50.5	52.3	50.5	50.1	50.9	Oct.23	3-Nov
Services PMI China	52.8	48.2	54.1	51.8	50.2	-	Sep.23	3-Nov
Manufacturing PMI EA	60.2	52.1	42.7	43.5	43.4	43	Oct.23	2-Nov
Manufacturing PMI Germany	61.6	51.8	38.8	39.1	39.6	40.7	Oct.23	2-Nov
Manufacturing PMI France	56.7	51.8	45.1	46	44.2	42.6	Oct.23	2-Nov
Manufacturing PMI Italy	60.3	51.5	44.5	45.4	46.8	-	Sep.23	2-Nov
Manufacturing PMI USA	60.1	53.4	49	47.9	49.8	50	Oct.23	1-Nov
Manufacturing PMI China	50.8	49.1	49.2	51	50.6	-	Sep.23	1-Nov
CLI France	100.8	99.8	98.6	98.6	98.6	-	Sep.23	8-Nov
CLI Germany	102	100.2	99.2	99	98.9	-	Sep.23	8-Nov
CLI Italy	102.6	99.3	98.9	98.9	98.9	-	Sep.23	8-Nov
CLI USA	101	99.8	99.2	99.3	99.4	-	Sep.23	8-Nov
Economic Sentiment Indicator Euro Area	110.7	101.9	94.6	93.6	93.3	-	Sep.23	30-Oct
Economic Sentiment Indicator Germany	110	101.6	91.1	88.7	89	-	Sep.23	30-Oct
Economic Sentiment Indicator France	107.7	101.7	94.4	93.2	95.9	-	Sep.23	30-Oct
Economic Sentiment Indicator Italy	110.7	102.7	101.1	100.1	97.9	-	Sep.23	30-Oct
Unemployment insurance weekly claims(thous.)	457.3	213.9	228.3	237.8	210.8	-	Sep.23	2-Nov
HICP Euro Area	2.6	8.4	5.3	5.2	4.3	-	Sep.23	31-Oct
CPI USA	4.7	8	3.2	3.7	3.7	-	Sep.23	14-Nov

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