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**East Wind, West Wind
Donald, Xi, Vladimir and the others
World Economy and commodity markets perspectives**

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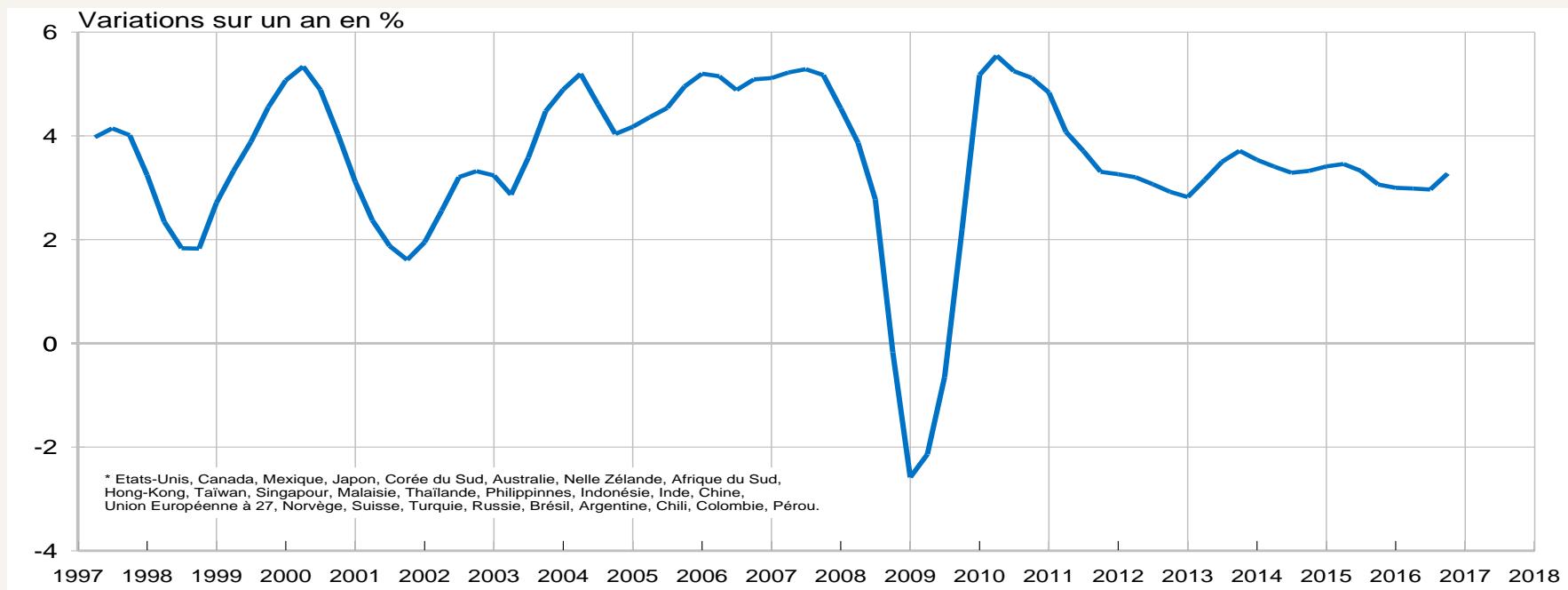
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World GDP is growing above 3 %

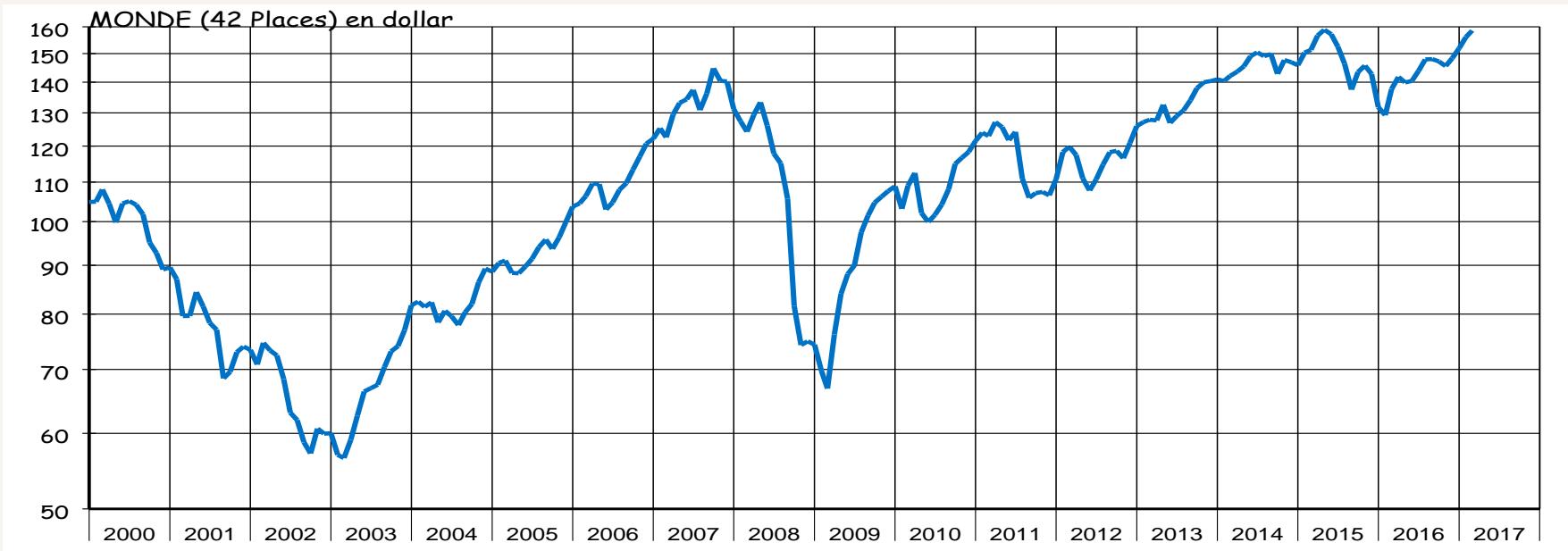
Croissance du PIB mondial * en volume



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Equity markets have almost never been so high

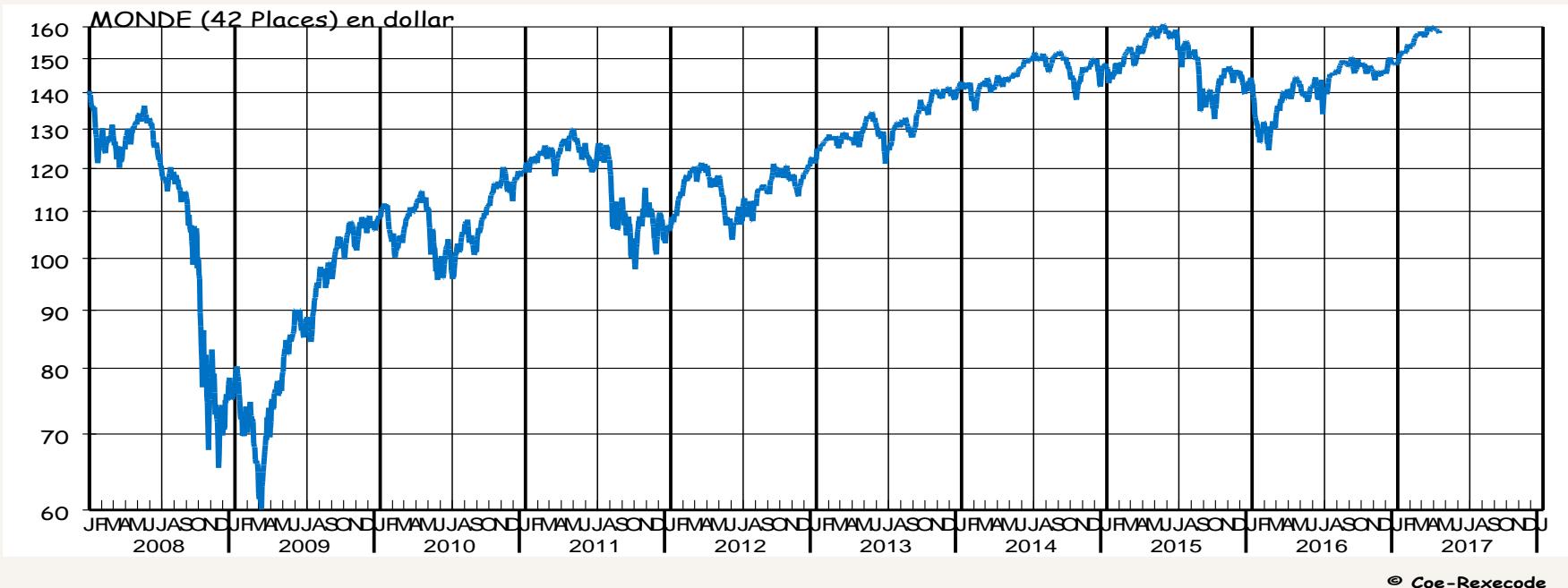
**Indice boursier mondial
(base 100 au 30.12.2005)**



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And there has been indeed a « Trump effect »

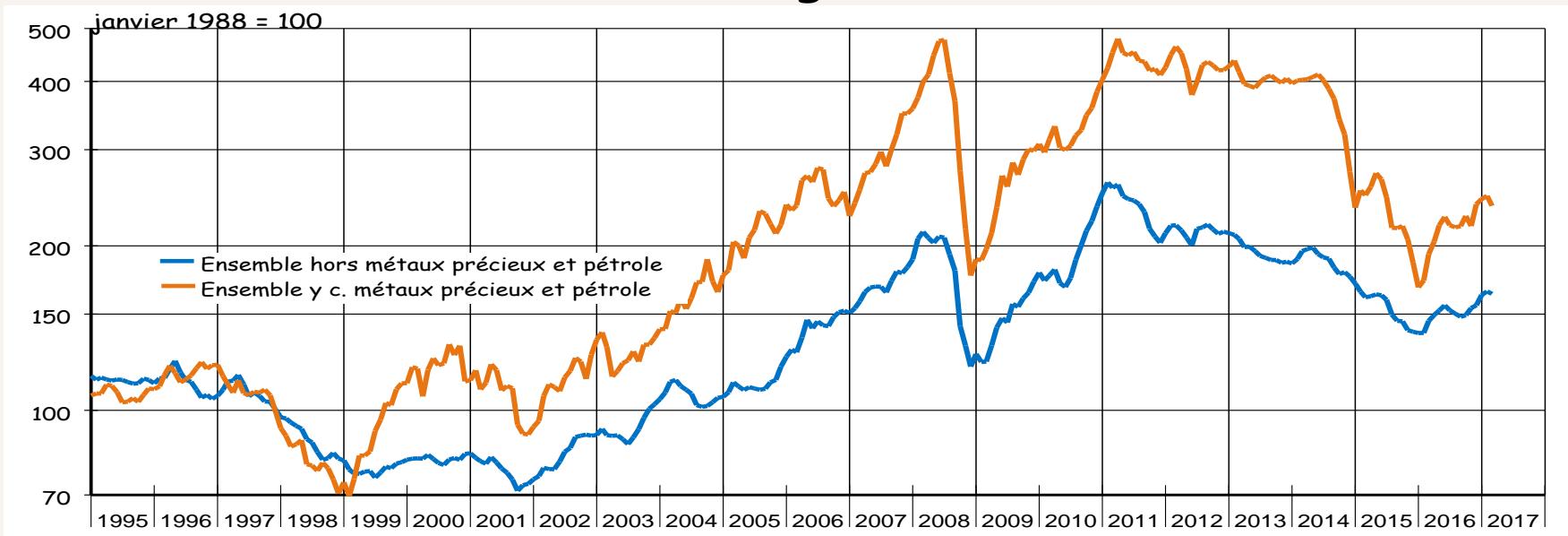
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World commodity markets have moved slightly upwards

Indices Coe-Rexecode des cours des matières premières en \$

Indices globaux

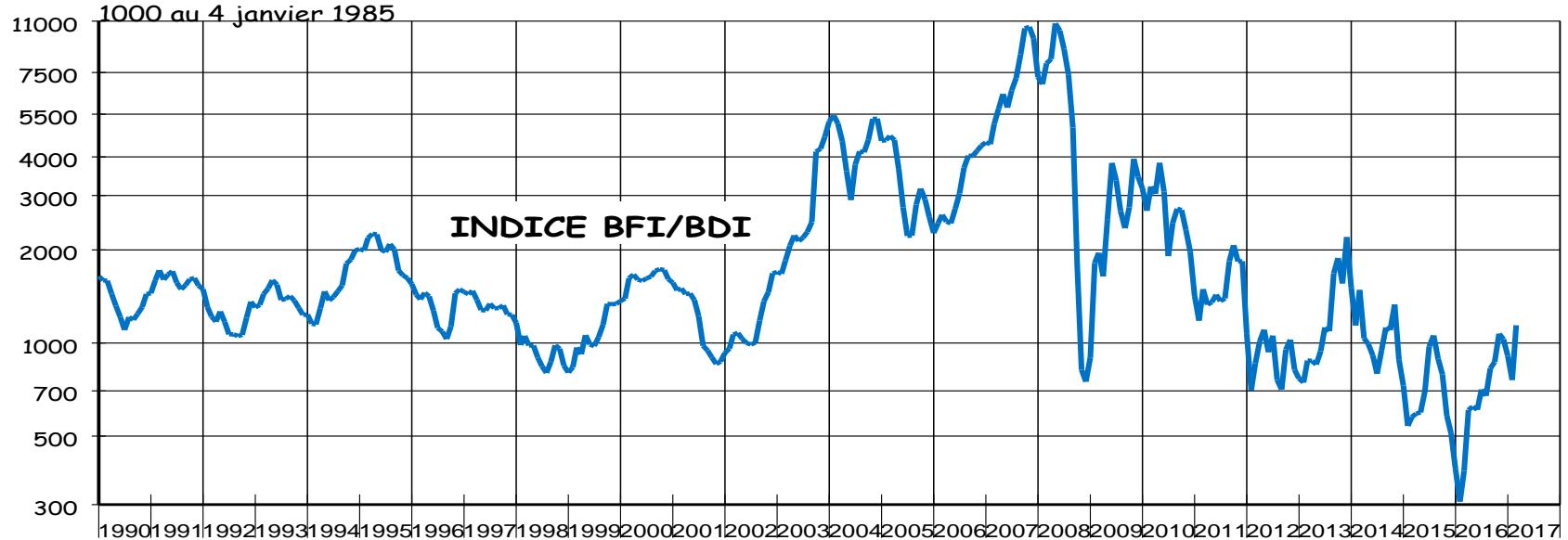


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And for maritime freight, the Baltic has
hardly recovered

Cours des matières premières

Frêts maritimes (cargaisons sèches)



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East Wind, West Wind

A novel by Pearl S. Buck (1930)

The subtitle of CyclOpe report 2017 on world commodity markets

East Wind

China and Xi Jin Ping

Russia and Vladimir Putin

West Wind

US and Donald Trump

The implication of the « great game » on

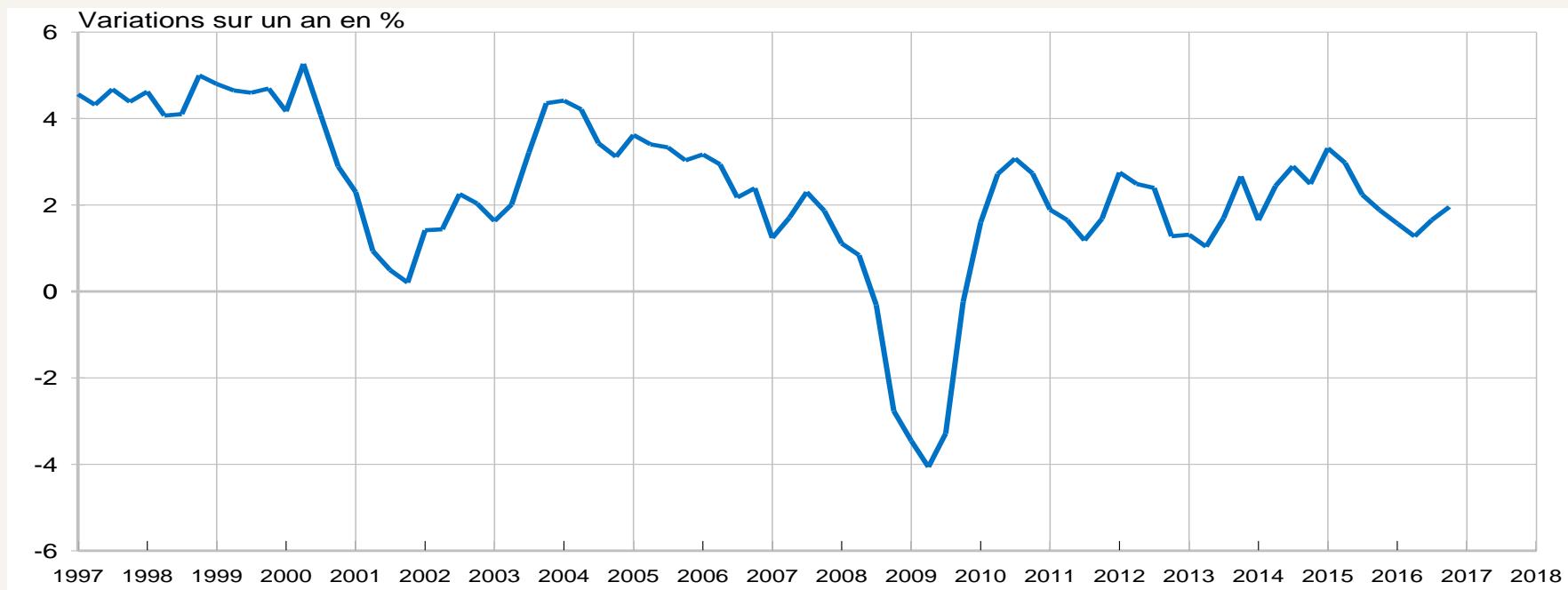
- . world economy
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Advanced economies :

- US : the Trump effect
- Europe : post Brexit and so many elections
- Japan : zero growth again

A rebounding US economy

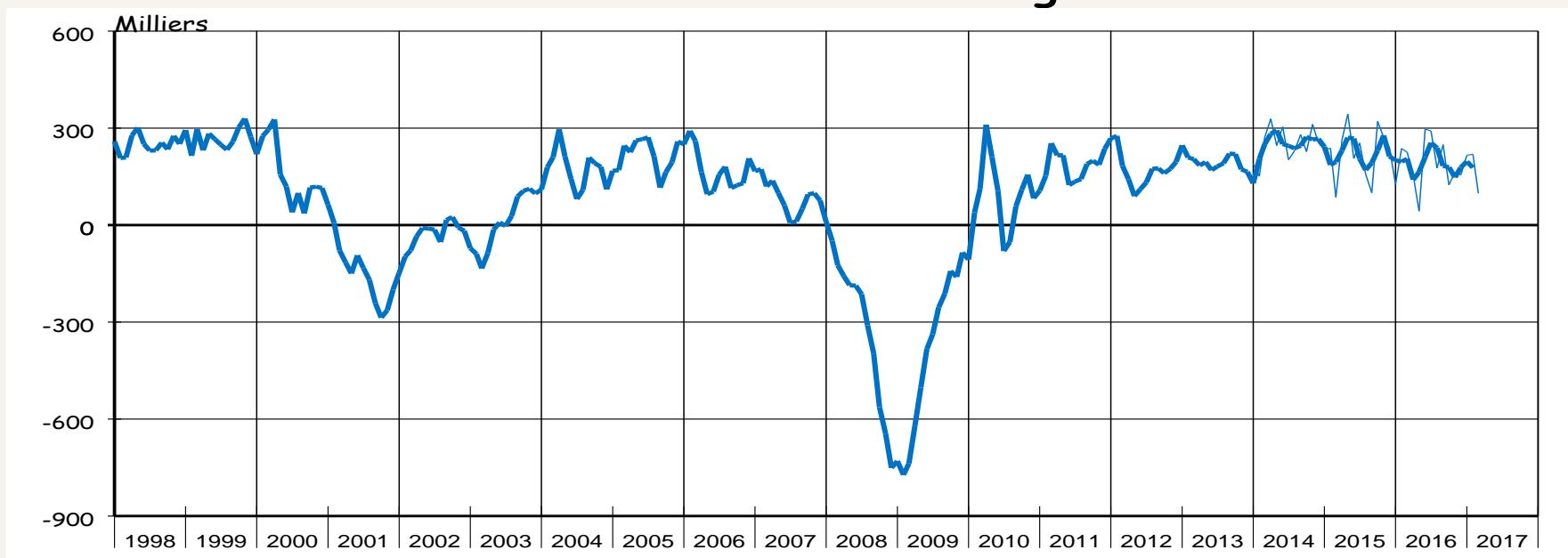
Etats-Unis : croissance du PIB en volume



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Creating jobs

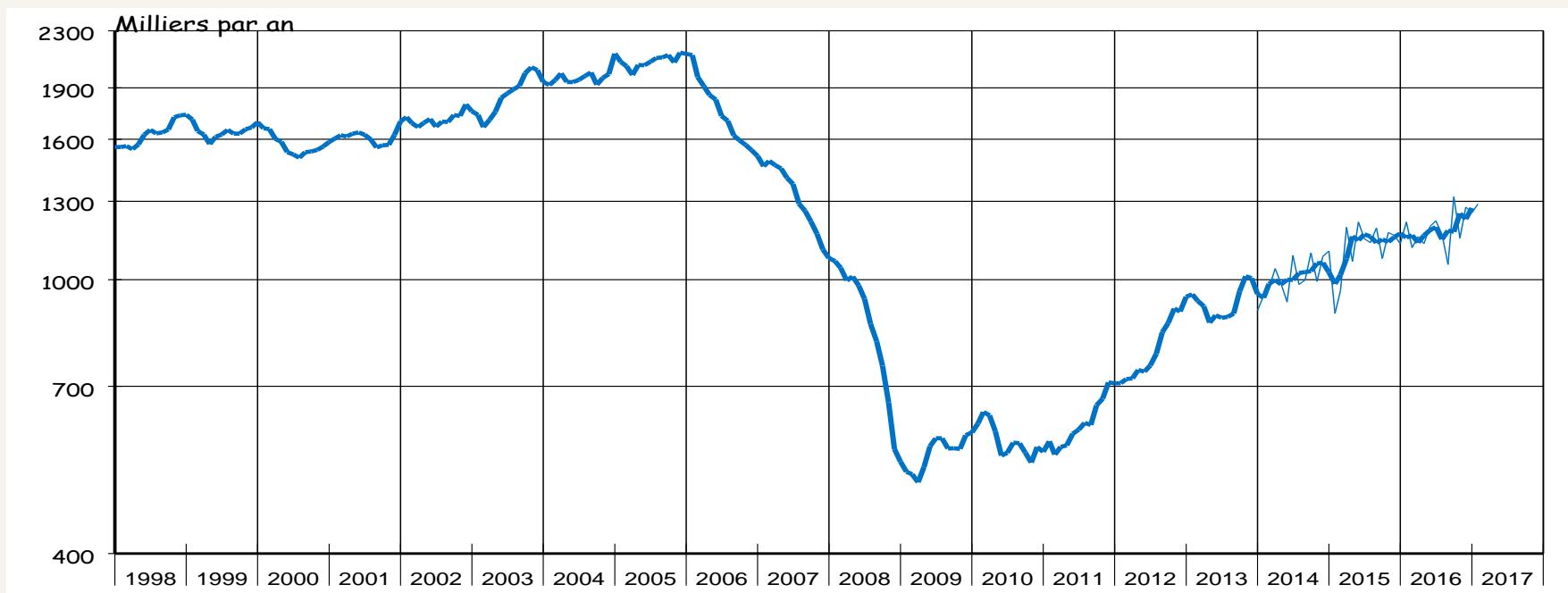
**Etats-Unis : créations d'emplois
Salariés du secteur non agricole**



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The housing market is almost back to normal

Etats-Unis : mises en chantier de logements



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And an extraordinary surge in business optimism

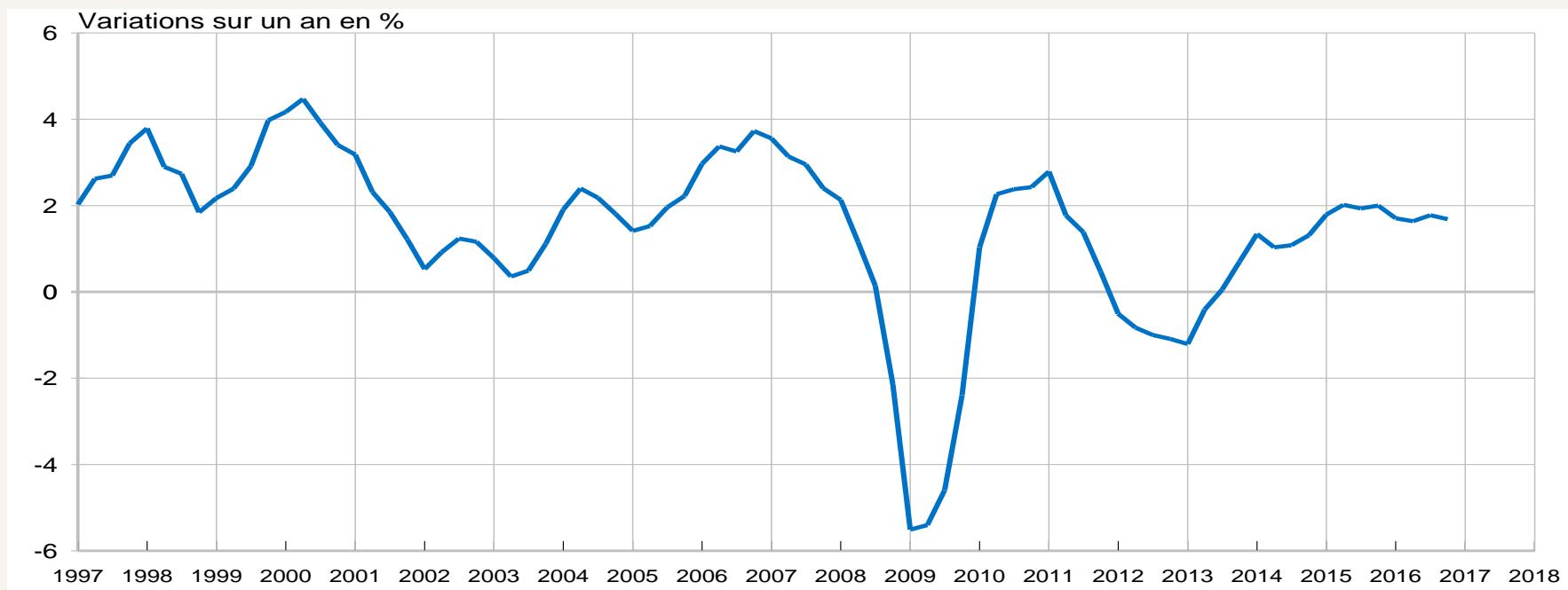
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Enquête auprès des directeurs d'achat - ISM manufacturier



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Europe : Slightly better

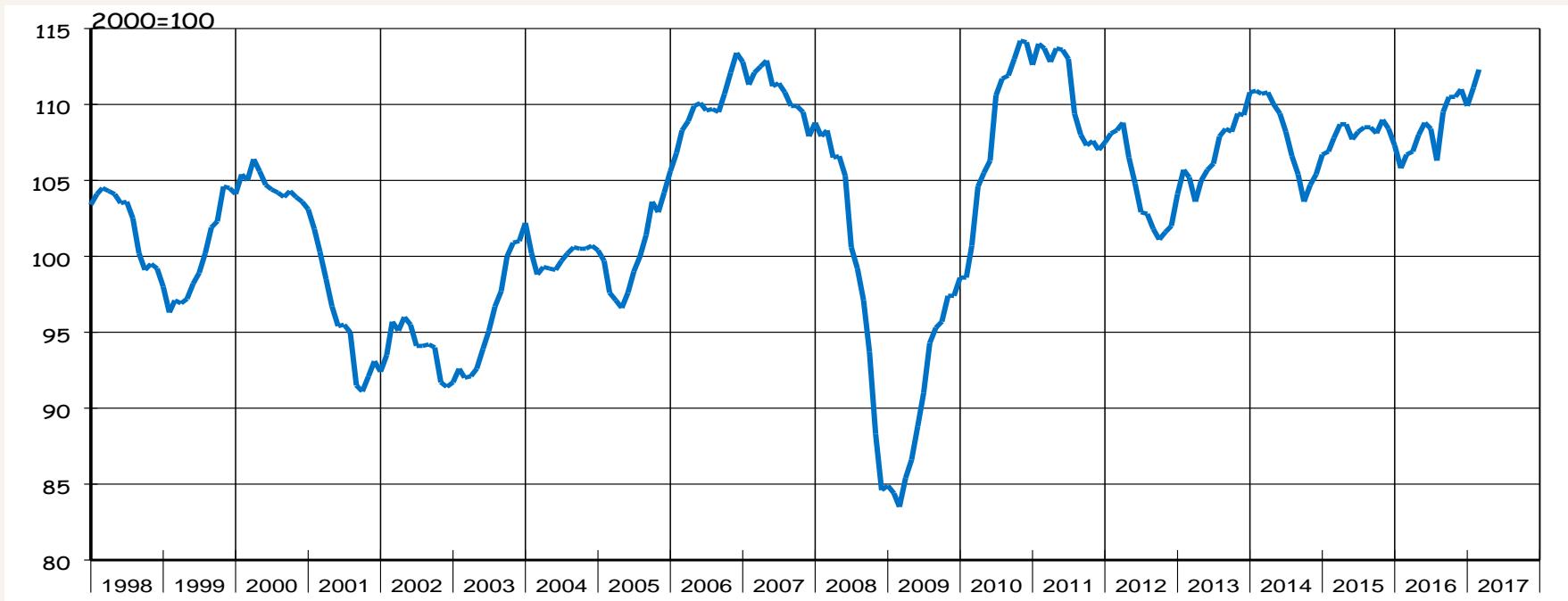
Zone euro : croissance du PIB en volume



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German business mood is fairly high

Allemagne : Enquêtes IFO - climat des affaires

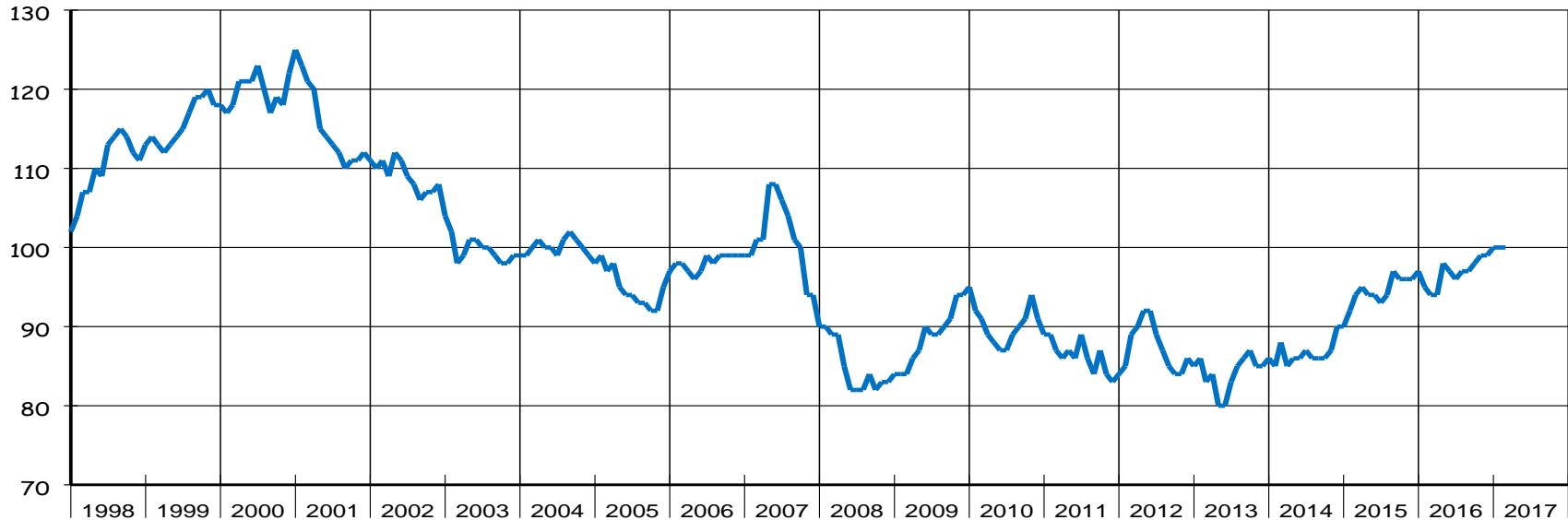


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French households are surprising

France : indicateur synthétique de confiance des ménages

Indicateur synthétique de confiance des ménages avec une moyenne de 100 et un écart type de 10 pour la période 1987-2010



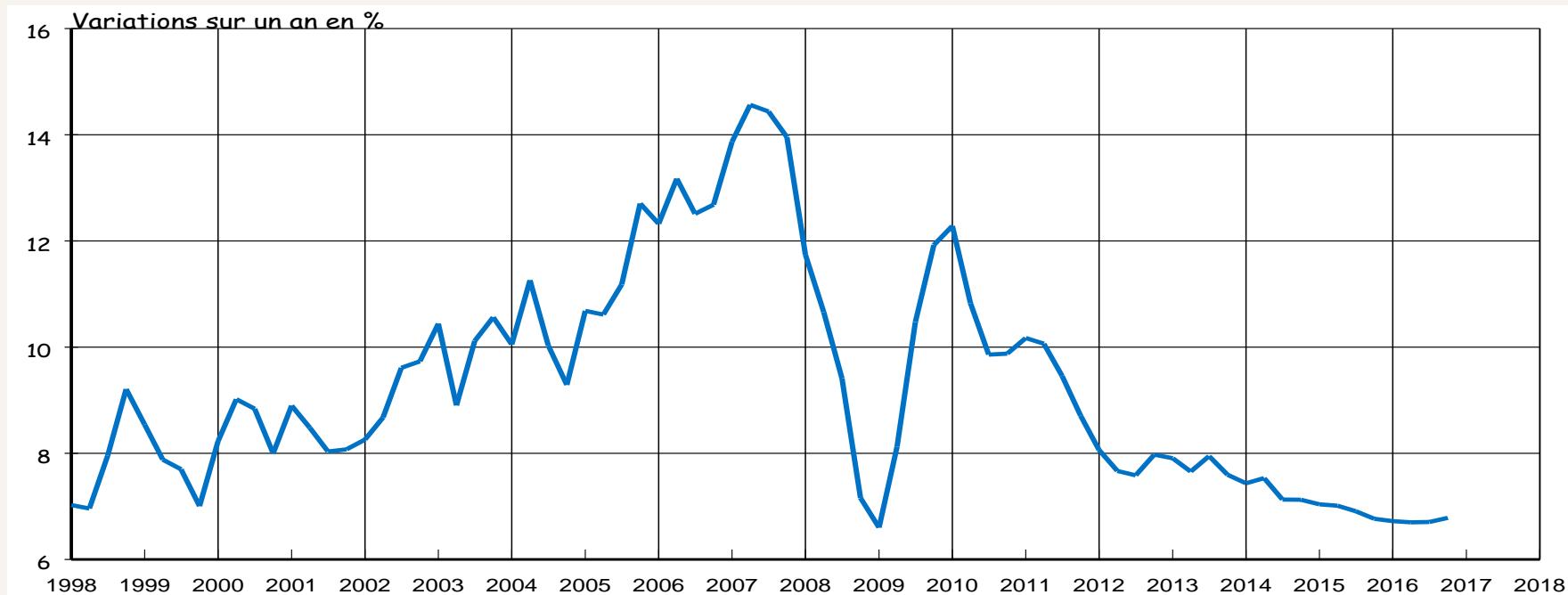
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Among emerging economies

- China : mid-term for Xi Jin Ping
- India : first of the class
- Brazil : from crisis to crisis
- Russia : mostly a commodity producer

The party has decided that Chinese growth would be 6,5 %. It will be ! (and 6,9% for Q1 2017)

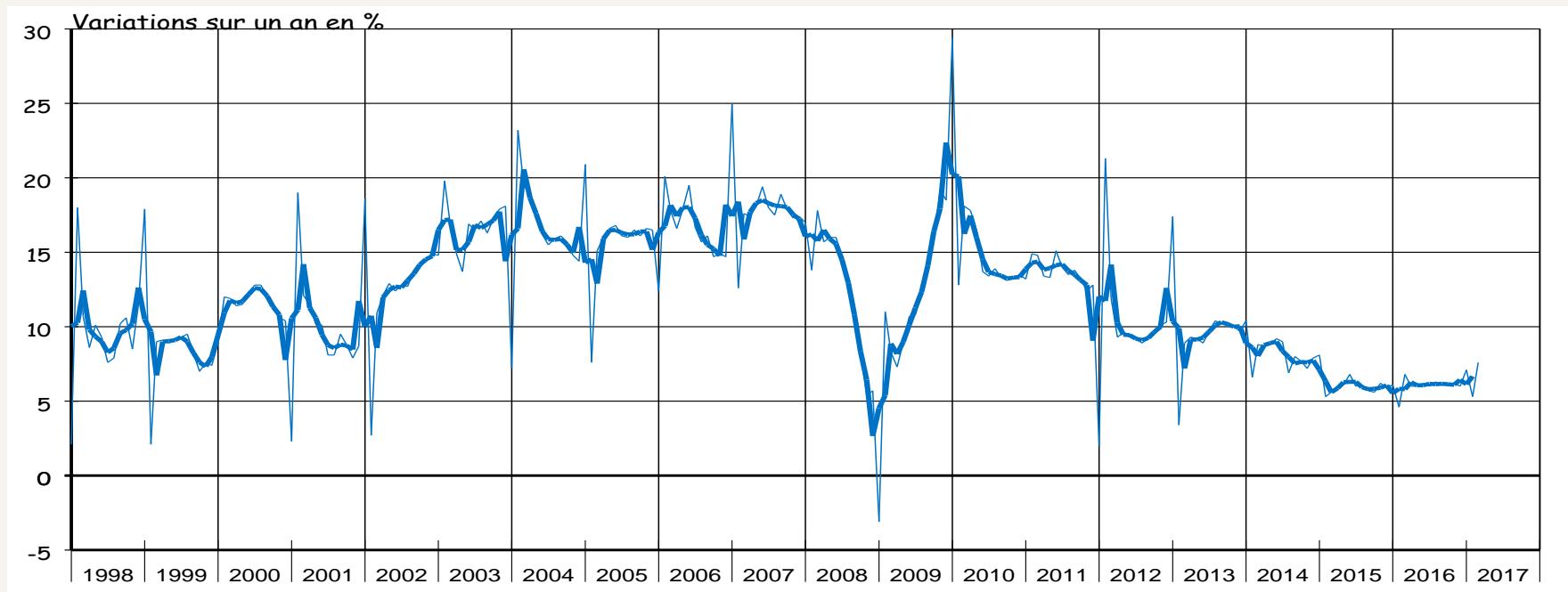
Chine : croissance du PIB en volume



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And industrial production growth above 6 %, with much infrastructure spending

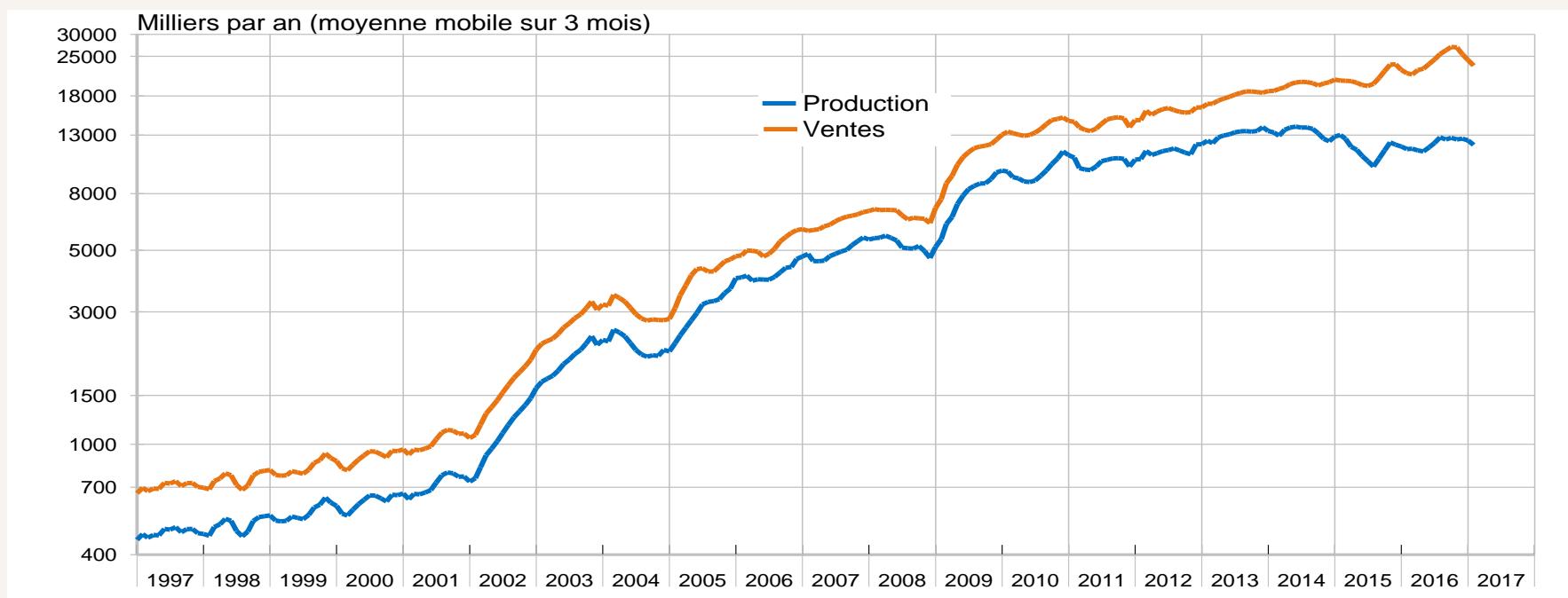
Chine : croissance de la production industrielle



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And the biggest car market in the world

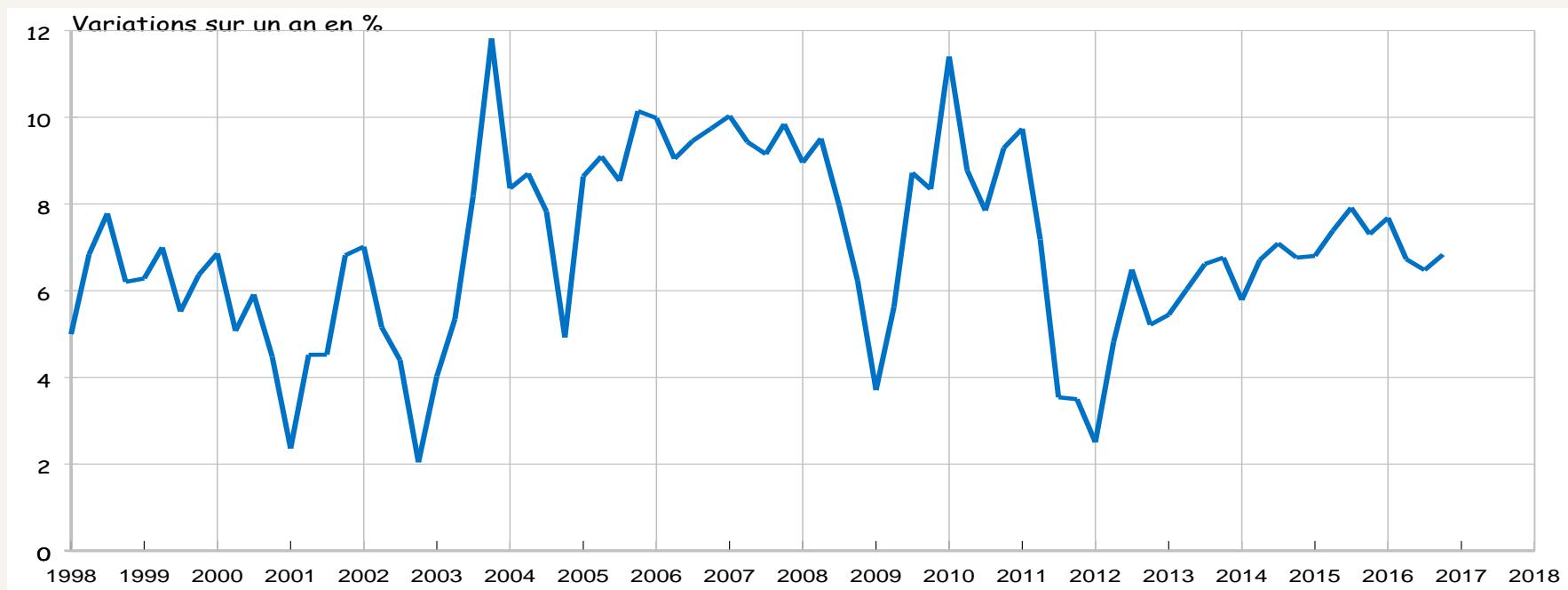
Chine
Production et ventes de voitures particulières



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India : the « Modi effect »

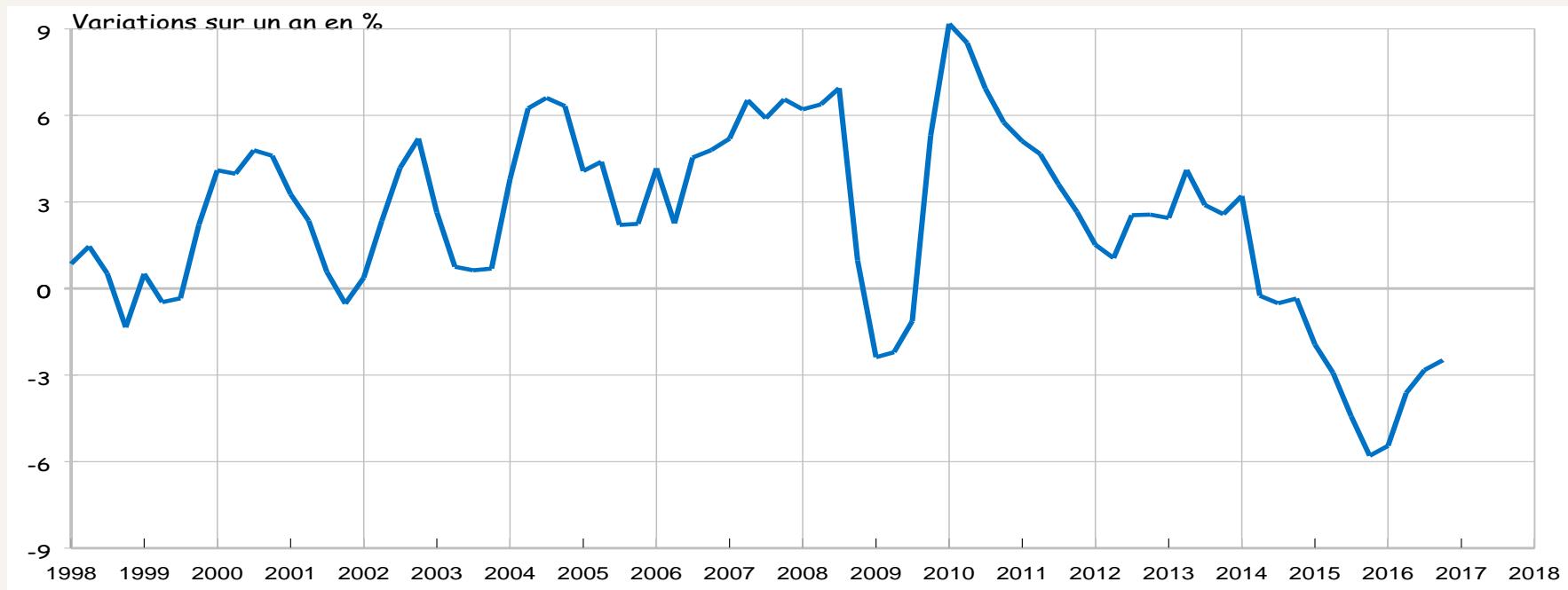
Inde : croissance du PIB en volume



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Brazil : still suffering

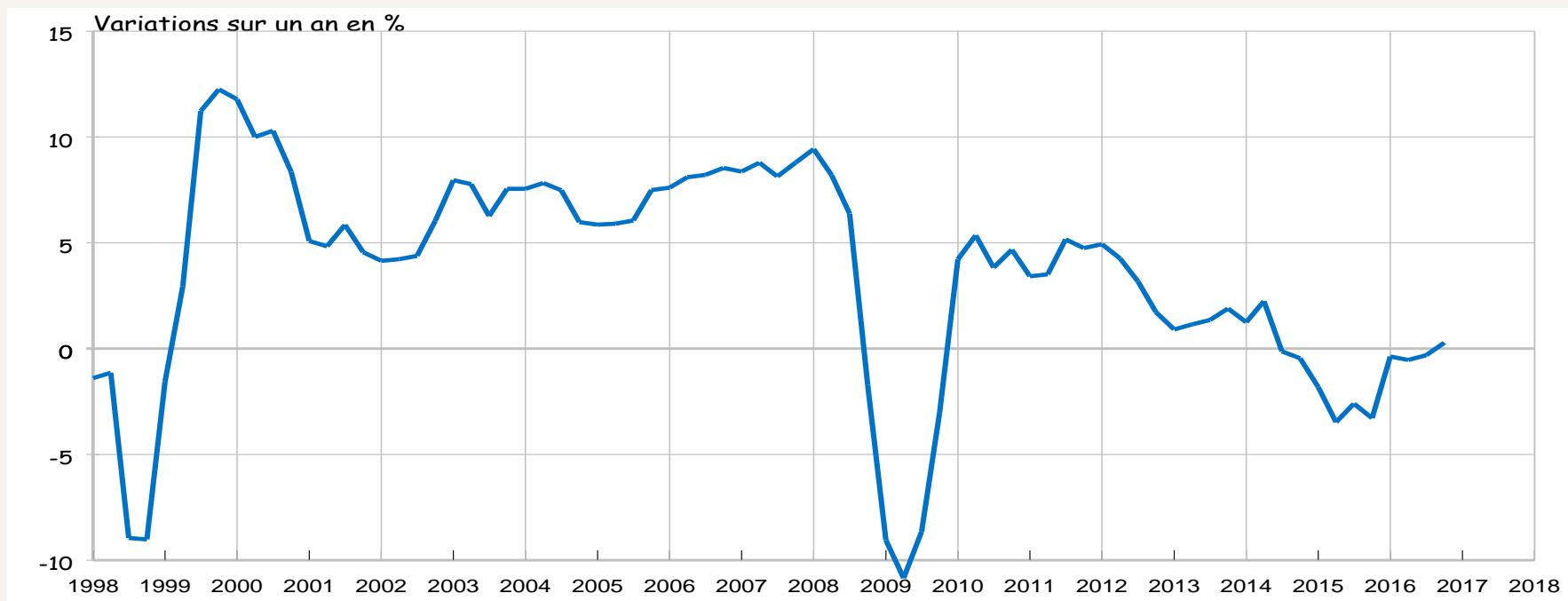
Brésil : croissance du PIB en volume



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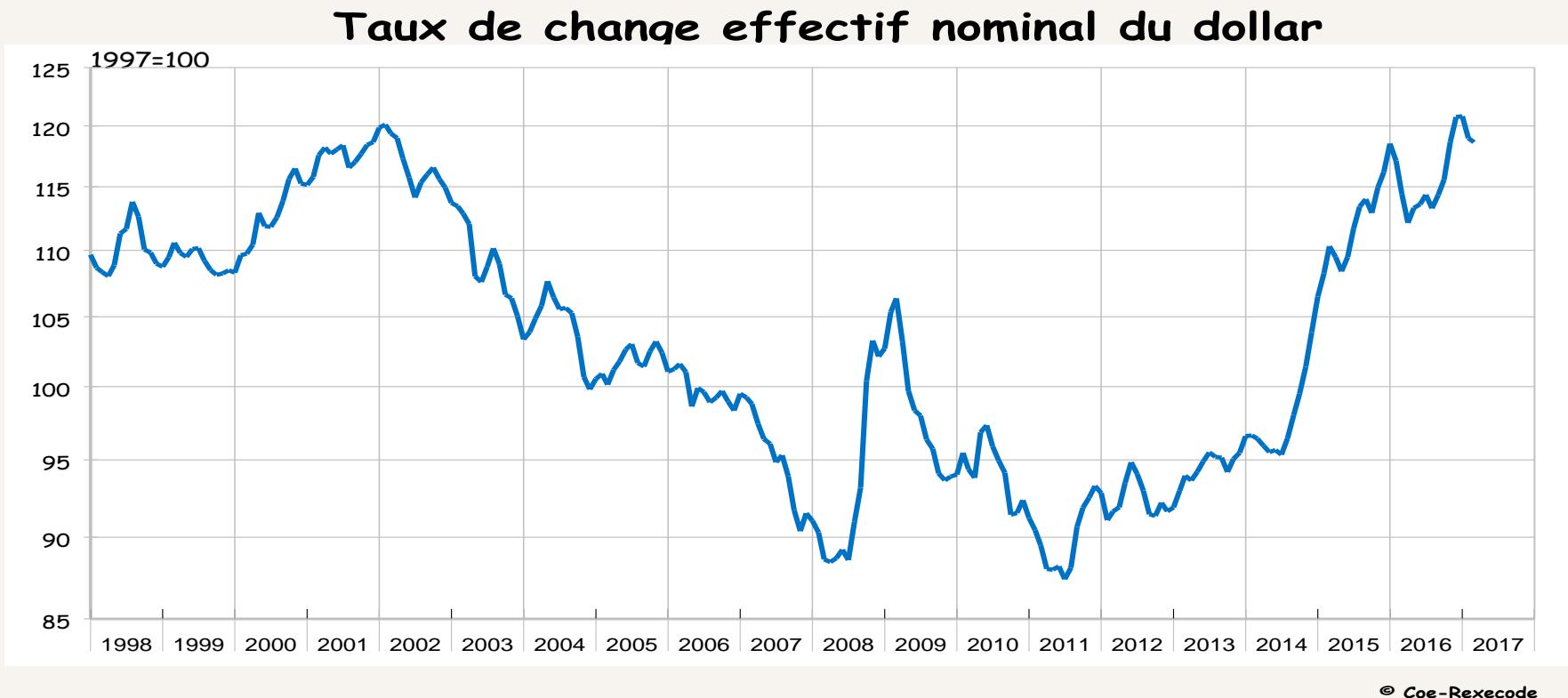
Russia : the oil and commodity impact

Russie : croissance du PIB en volume



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All this, translated in a strong dollar



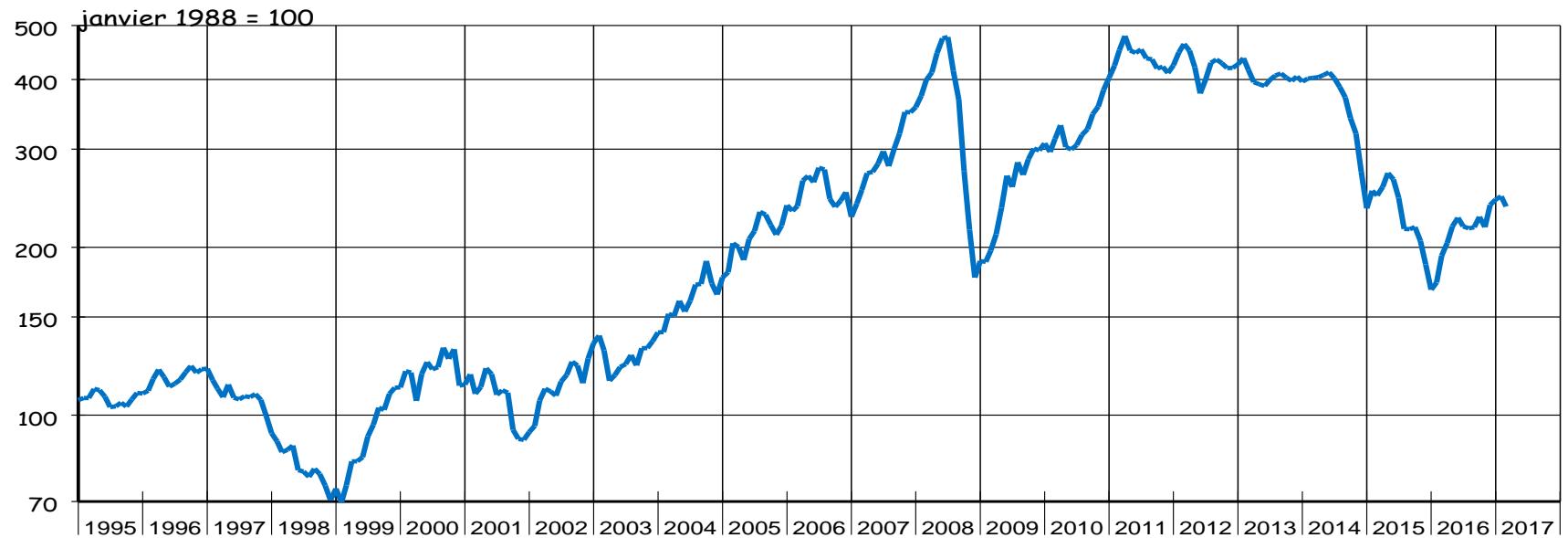
CyclOpe's 2017 economic forecasts

The world	3,2
Advanced economics	1,8 / 2
US	2,5
EU	1,7
. Germany	1,5
. France	1,1
UK	1
Japan	1
Emerging economies	4,5 / 5
China	6,5
India	7,4
Brazil	0
Russia	1
Rest of Asia	4 / 6

Commodities : the end of the 2006/2014 « super cycle »

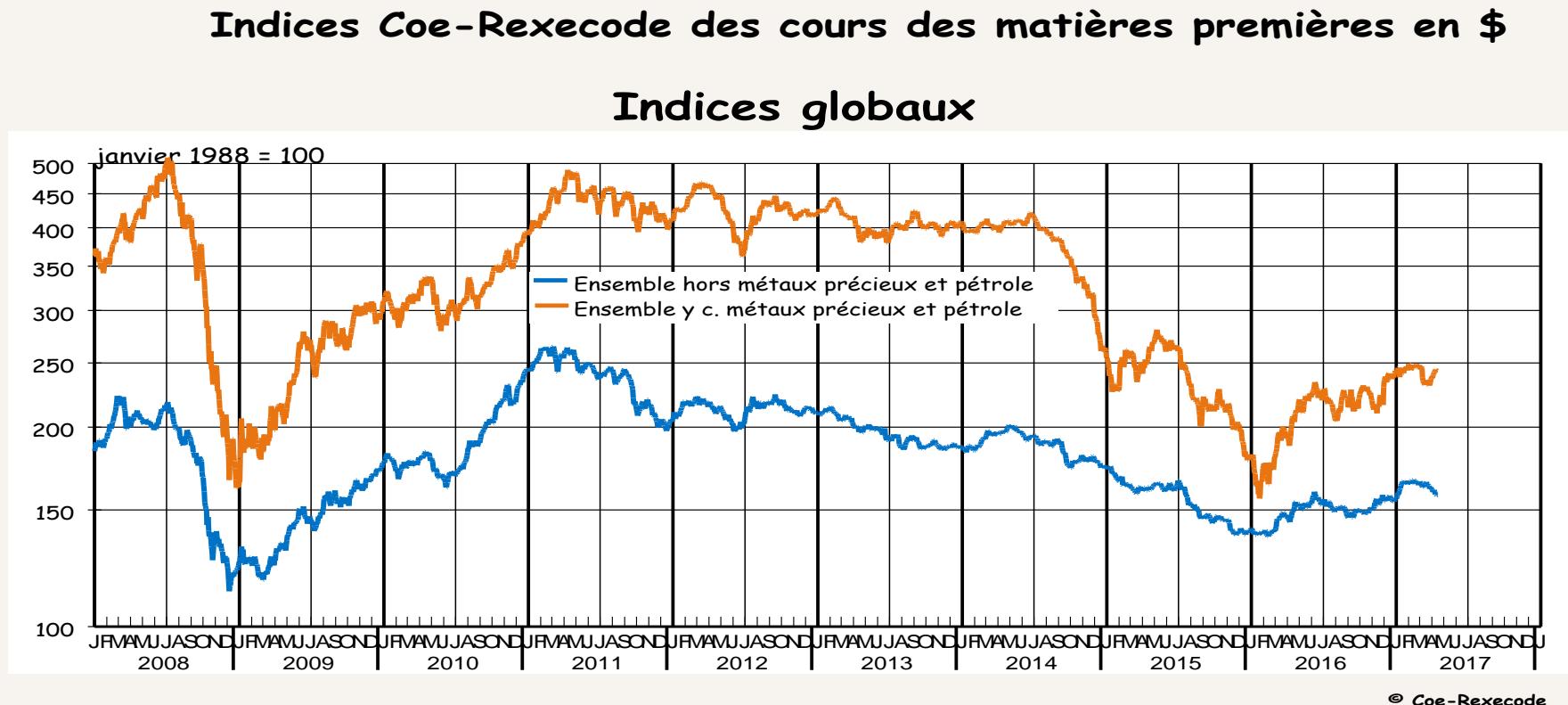
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Ensemble y c. métaux précieux et pétrole



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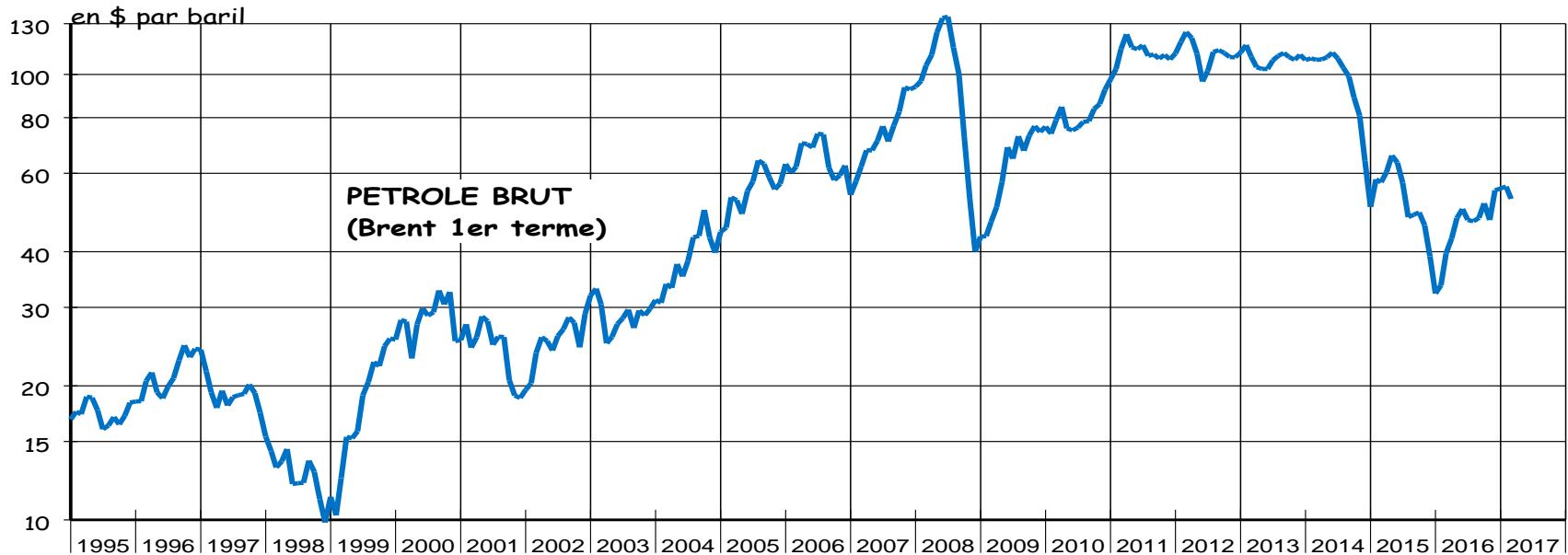
And a slight upturn since 2016



Oil of course

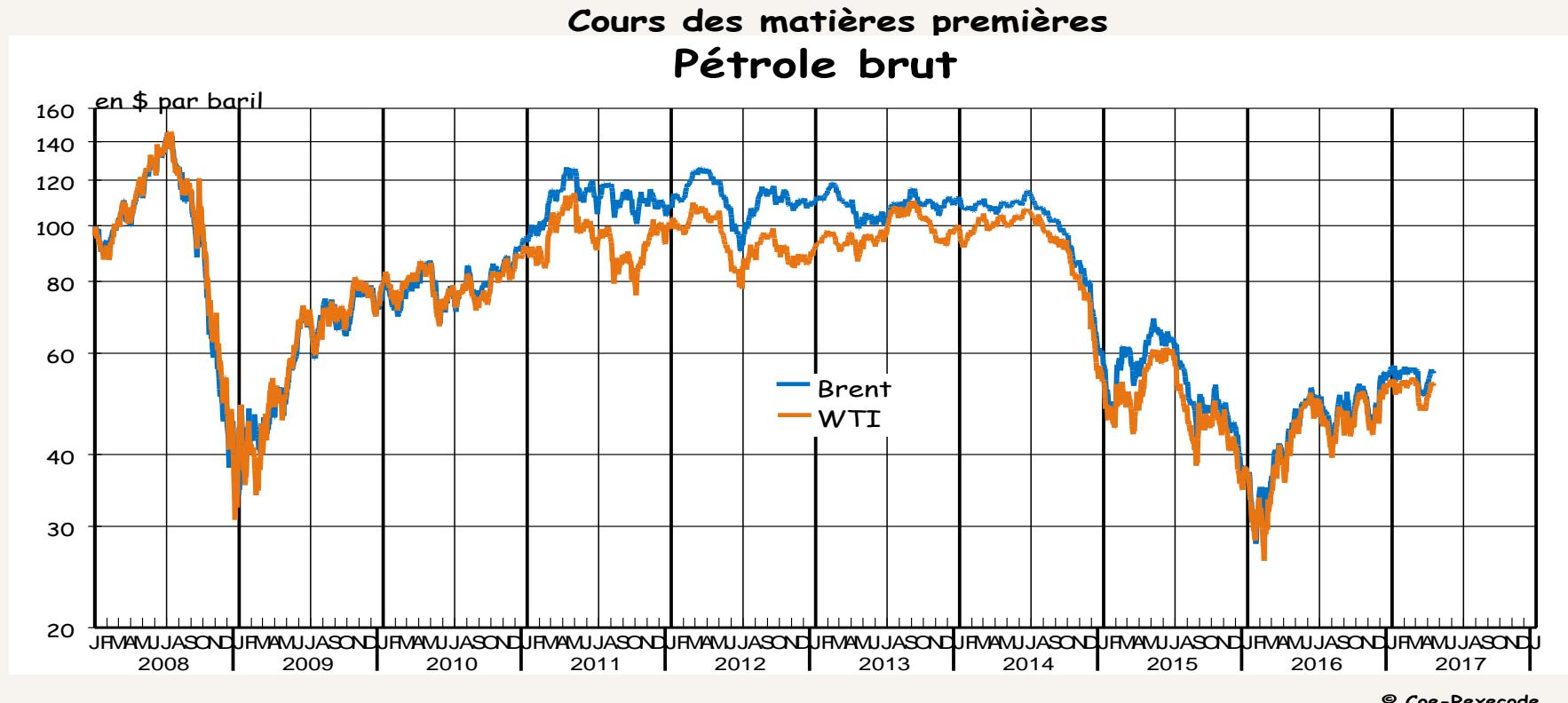
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Pétrole brut

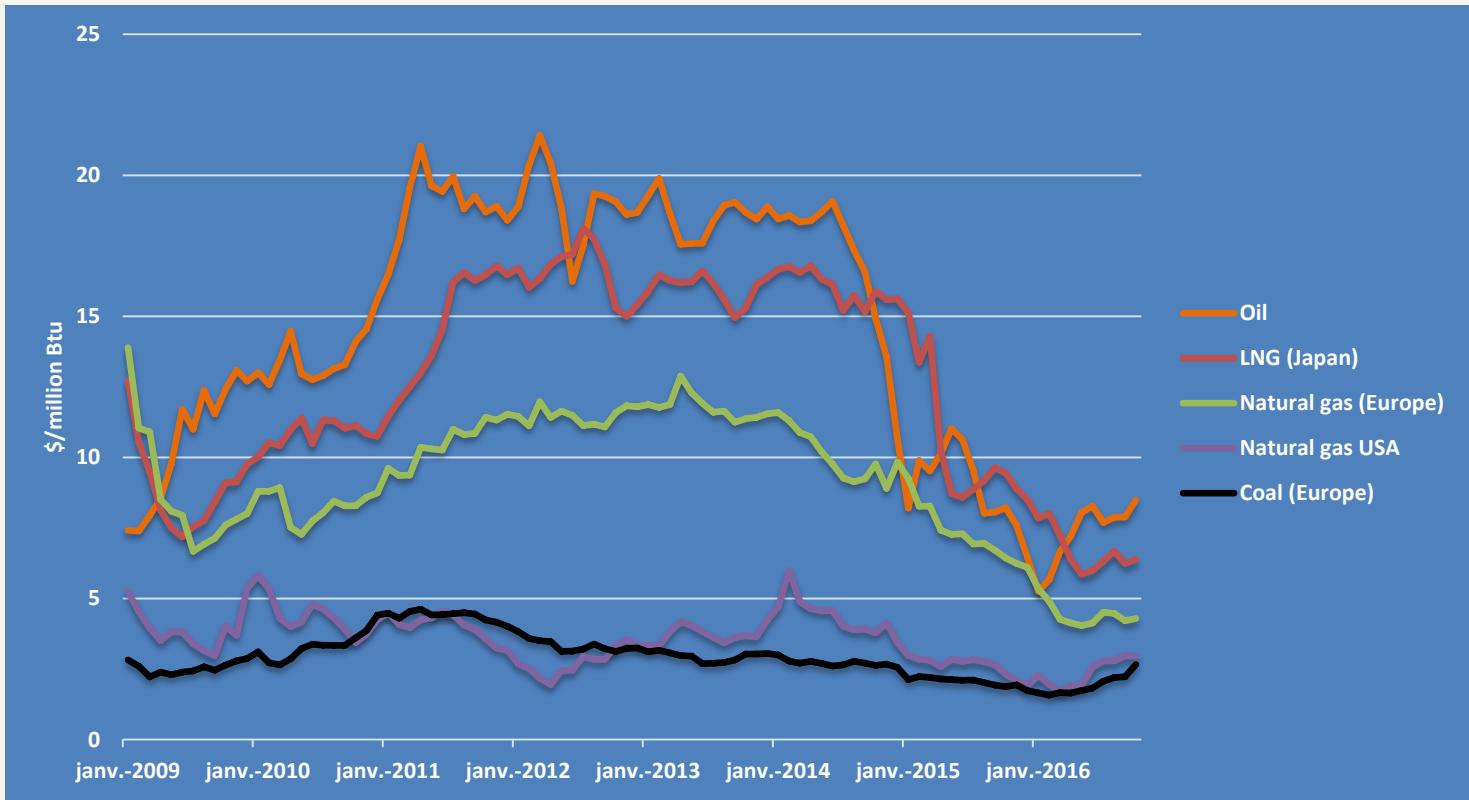


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But a very cautious market after Vienna's OPEC agreements

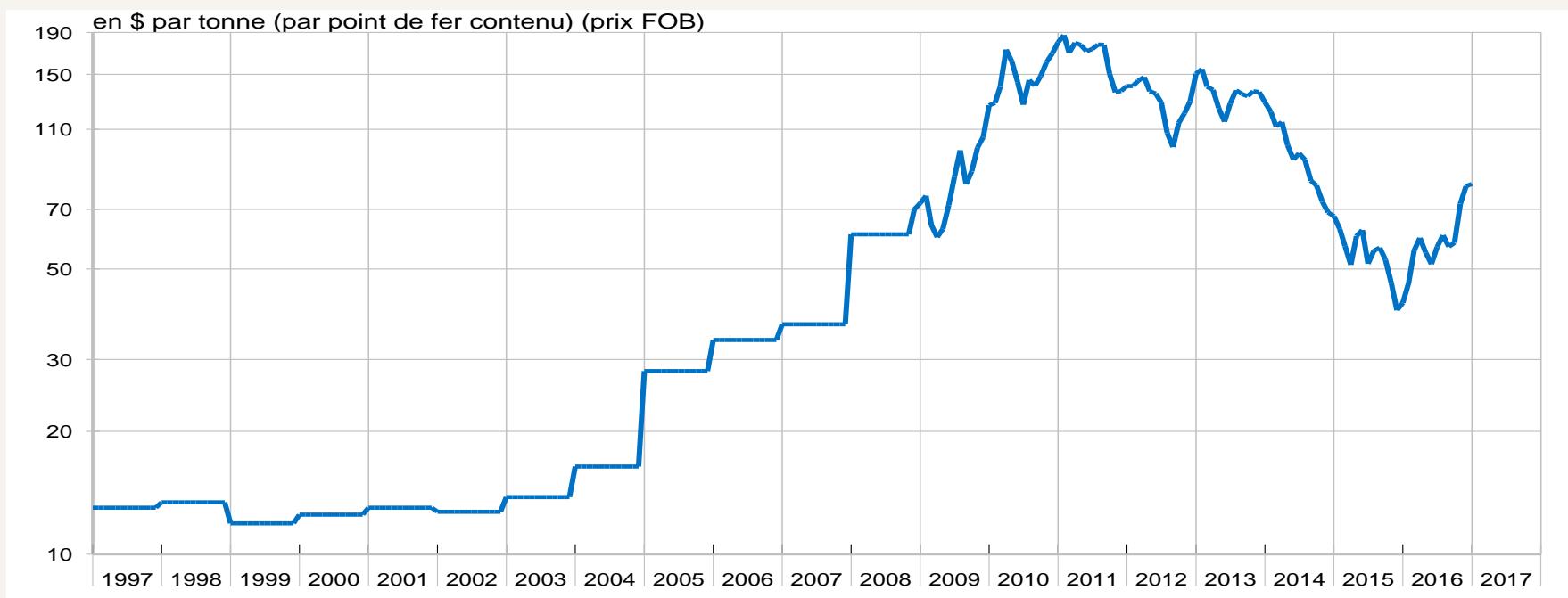


Contrasting situations for natural gas and coal



A rebound in iron ore prices but ... perhaps shorlived !

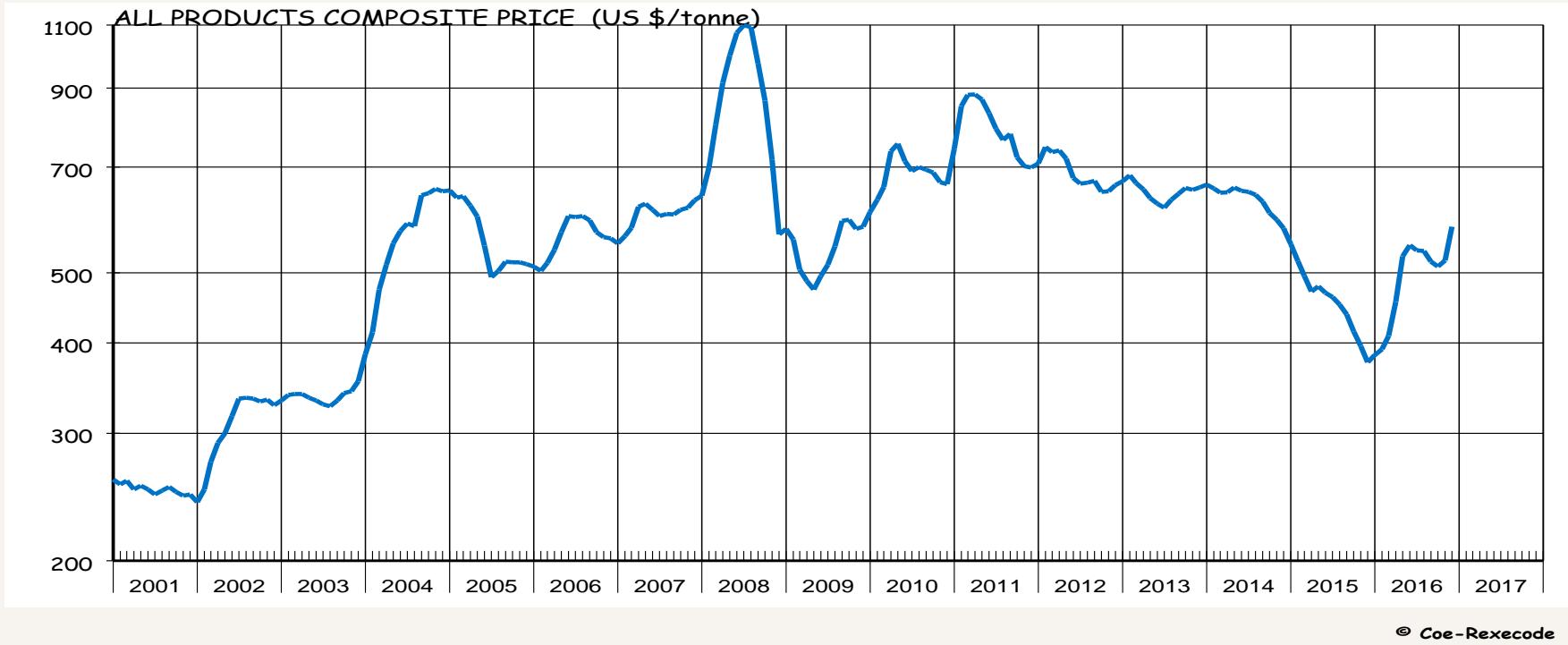
Minerai de fer



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Steel thanks to Chinese speculation and production (a record 72 mt in March 2017)

Marchés mondiaux : prix de l'acier

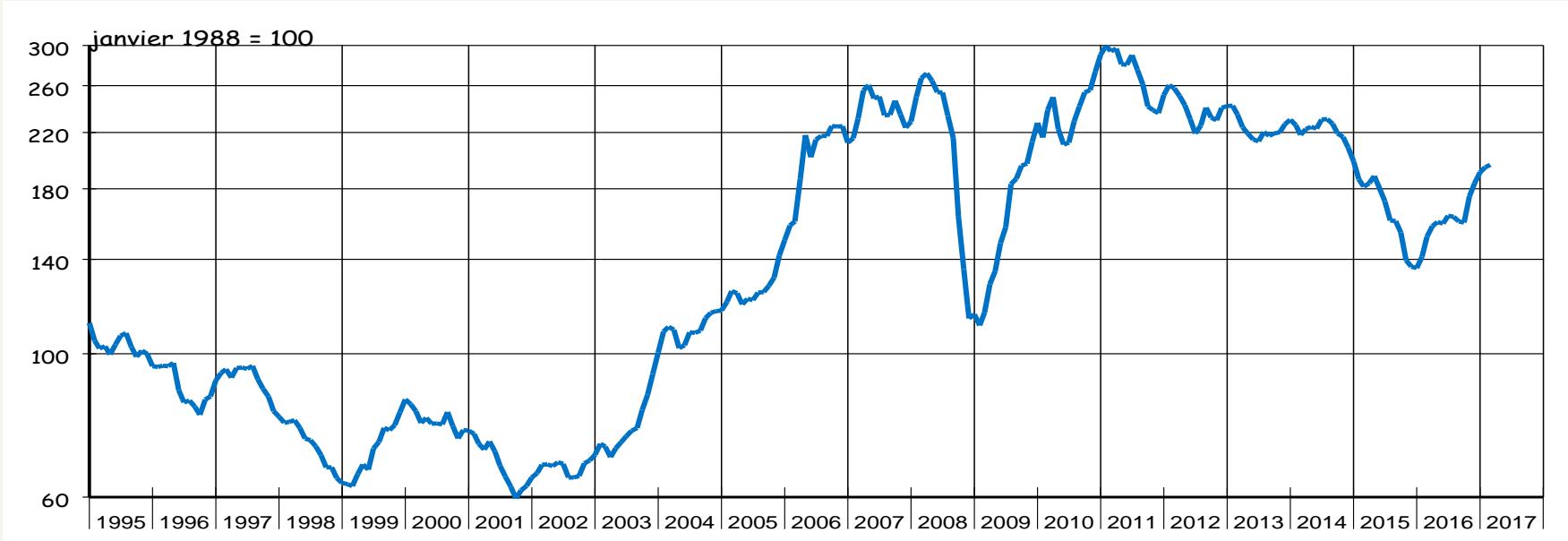


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Rebound too far for non ferrous metals

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Métaux communs

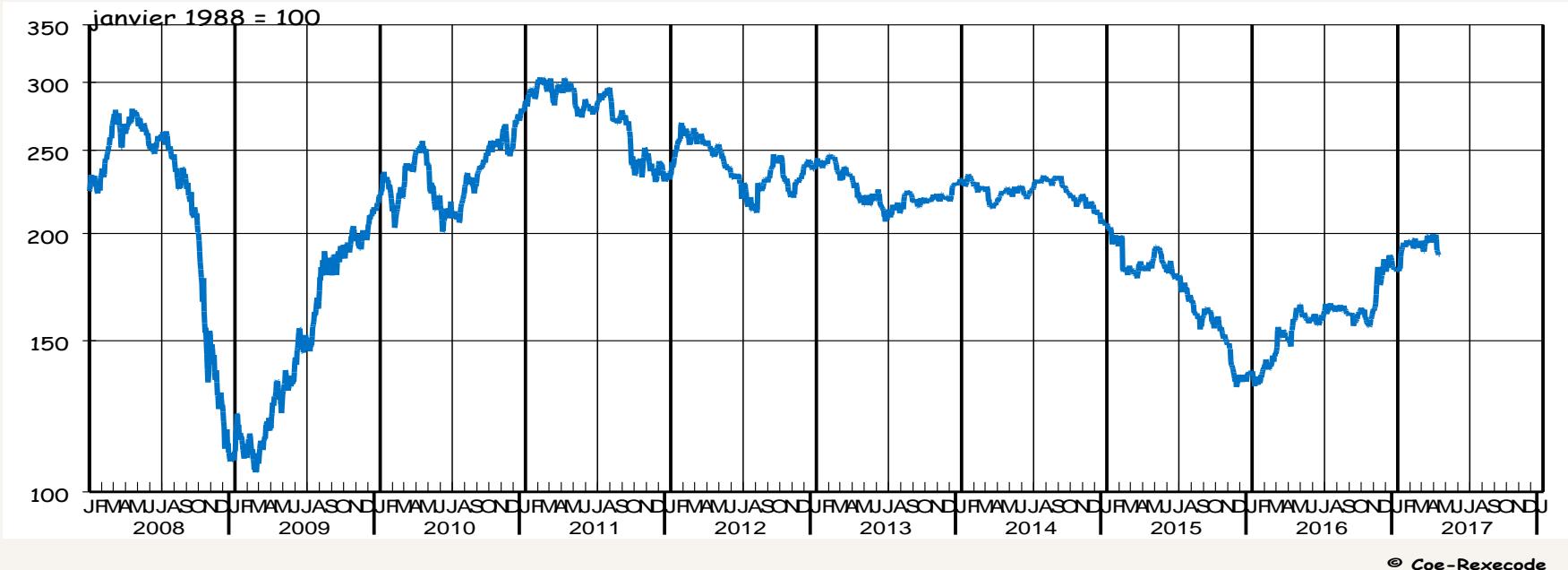


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But recently with a slight drop

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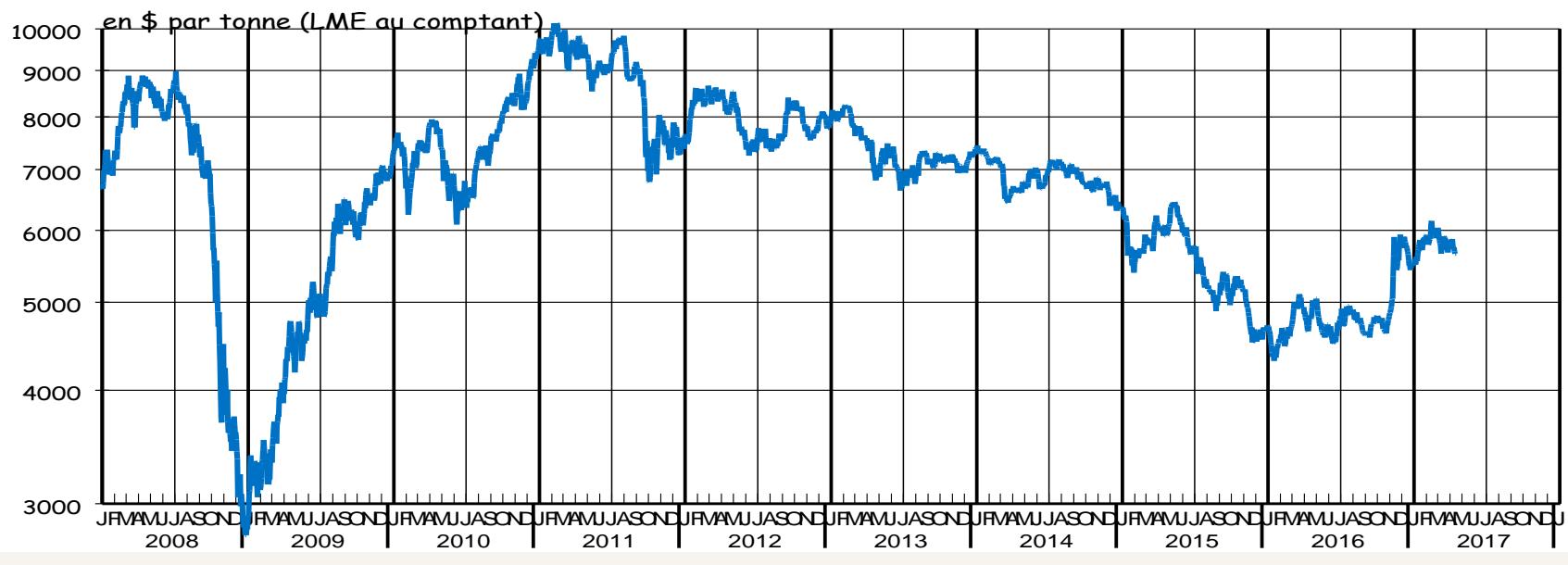
Métaux communs



Copper : the « Trump » effect

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Métaux communs : cuivre

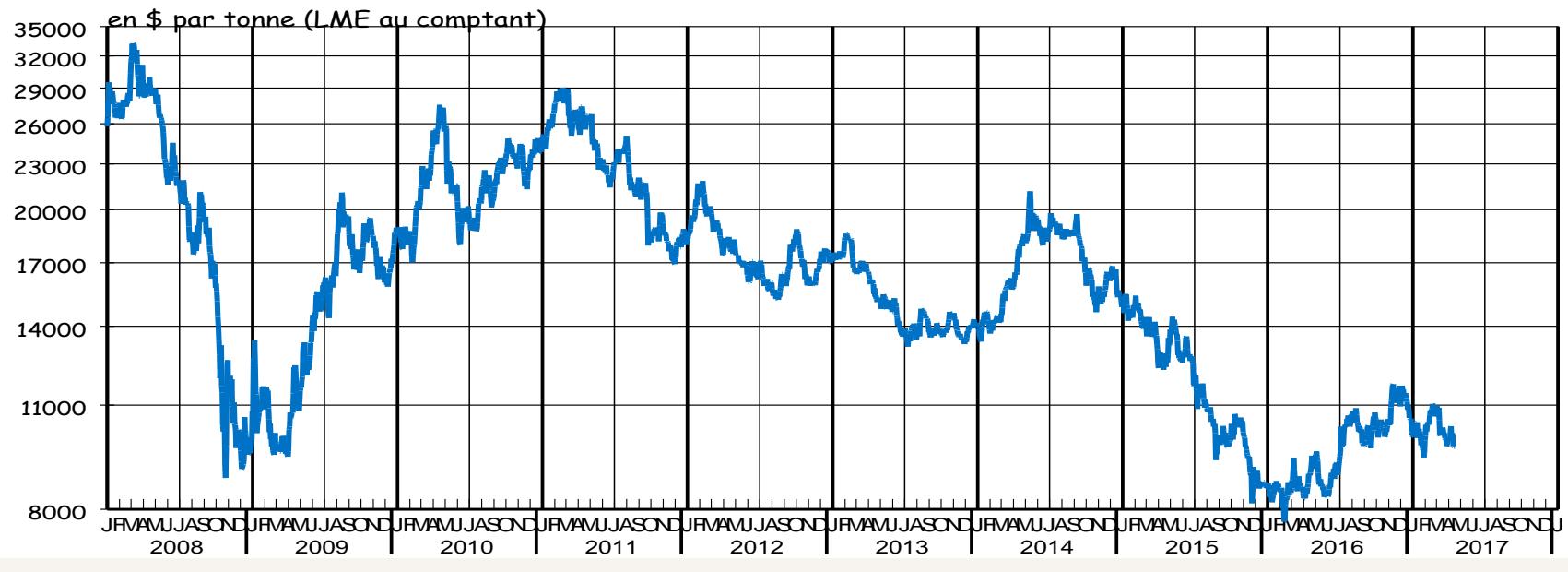


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Nickel : the Duterte » effect

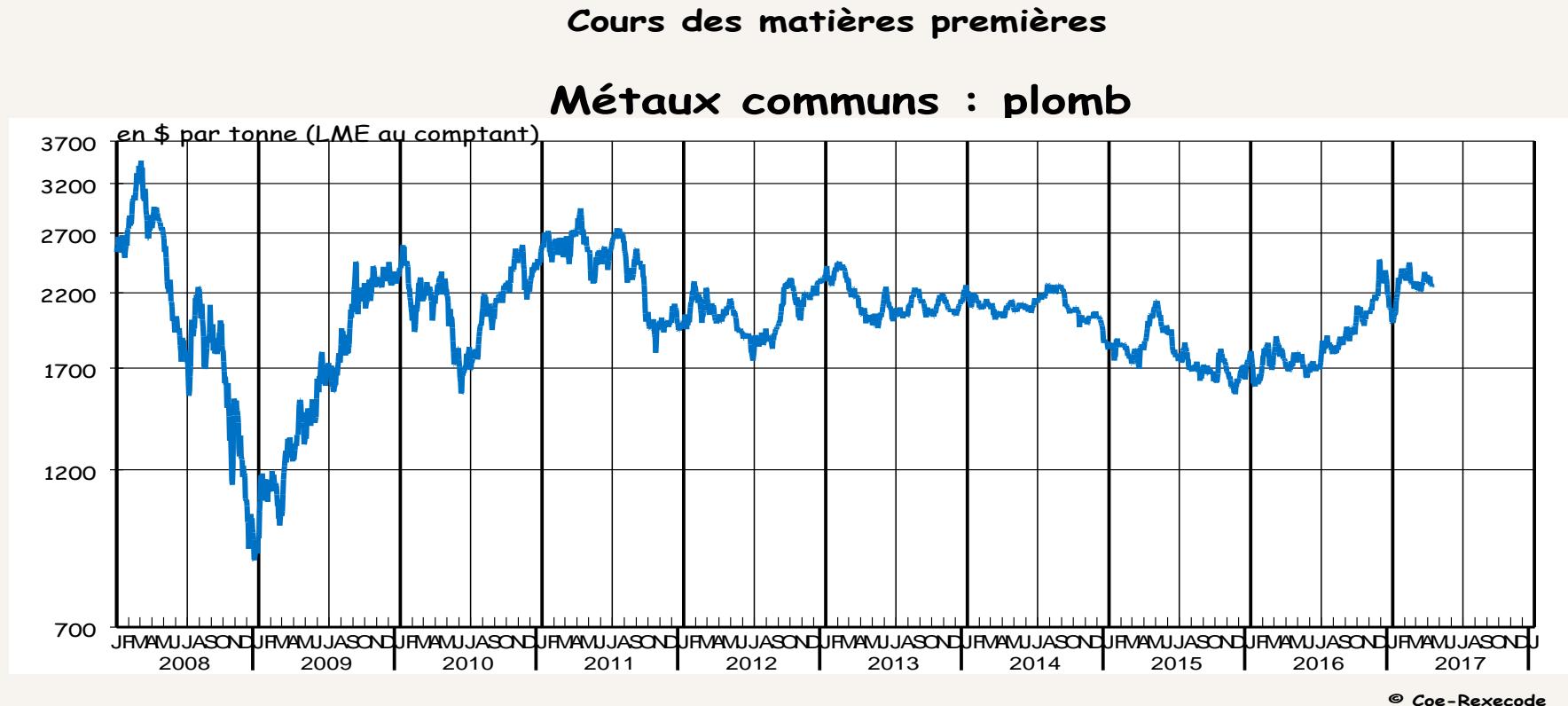
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Métaux communs : nickel



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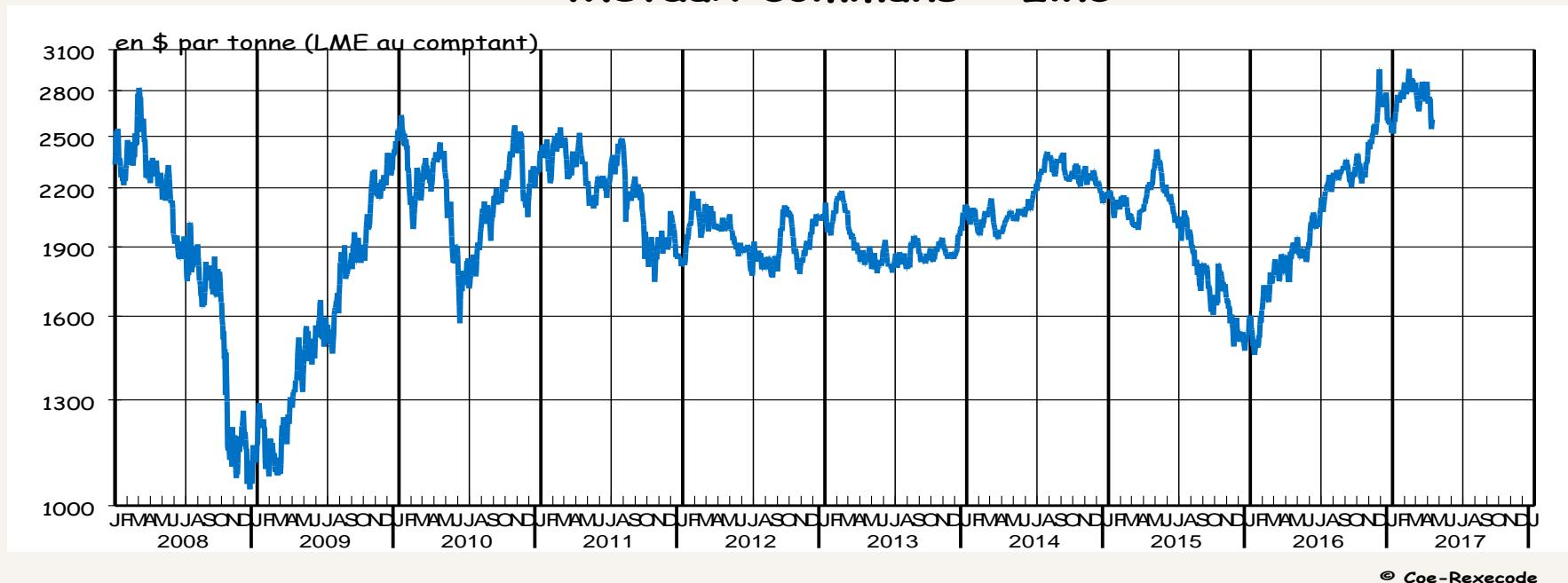
Lead : the « stop-start » effect



Zinc : the « Glencore » effect

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Métaux communs : zinc

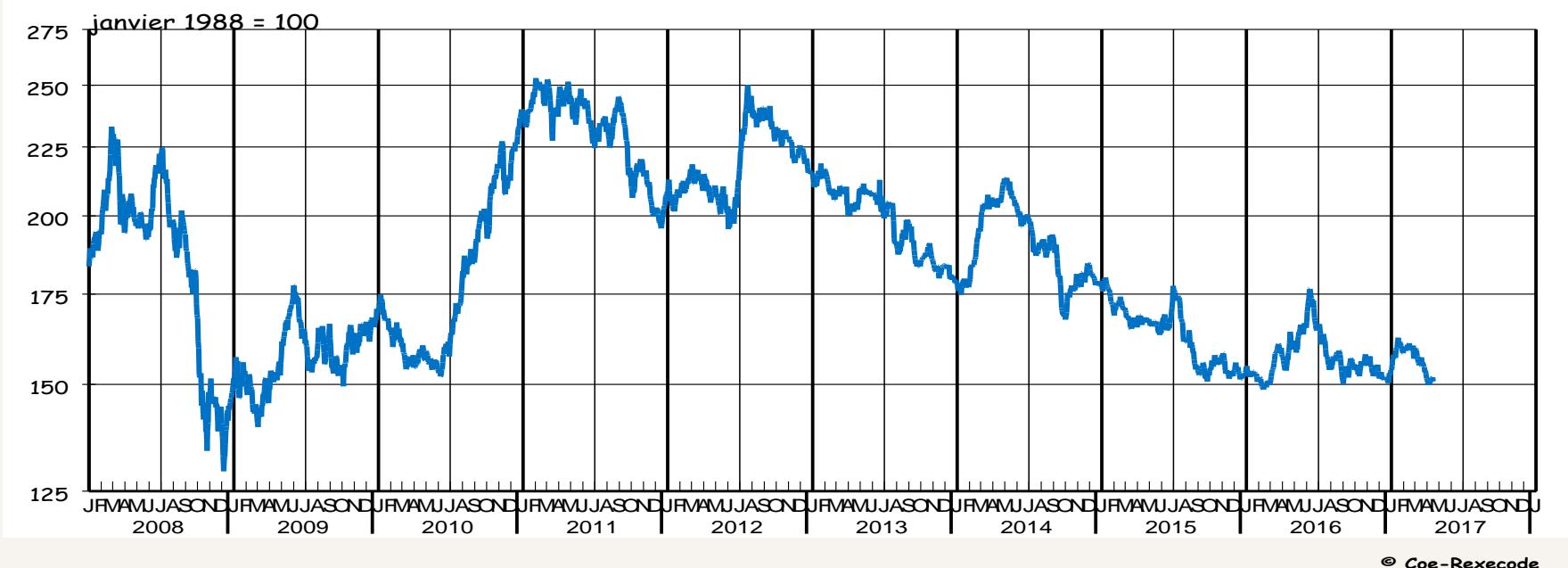


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No such rebound for food products (except pigmeat and butter)

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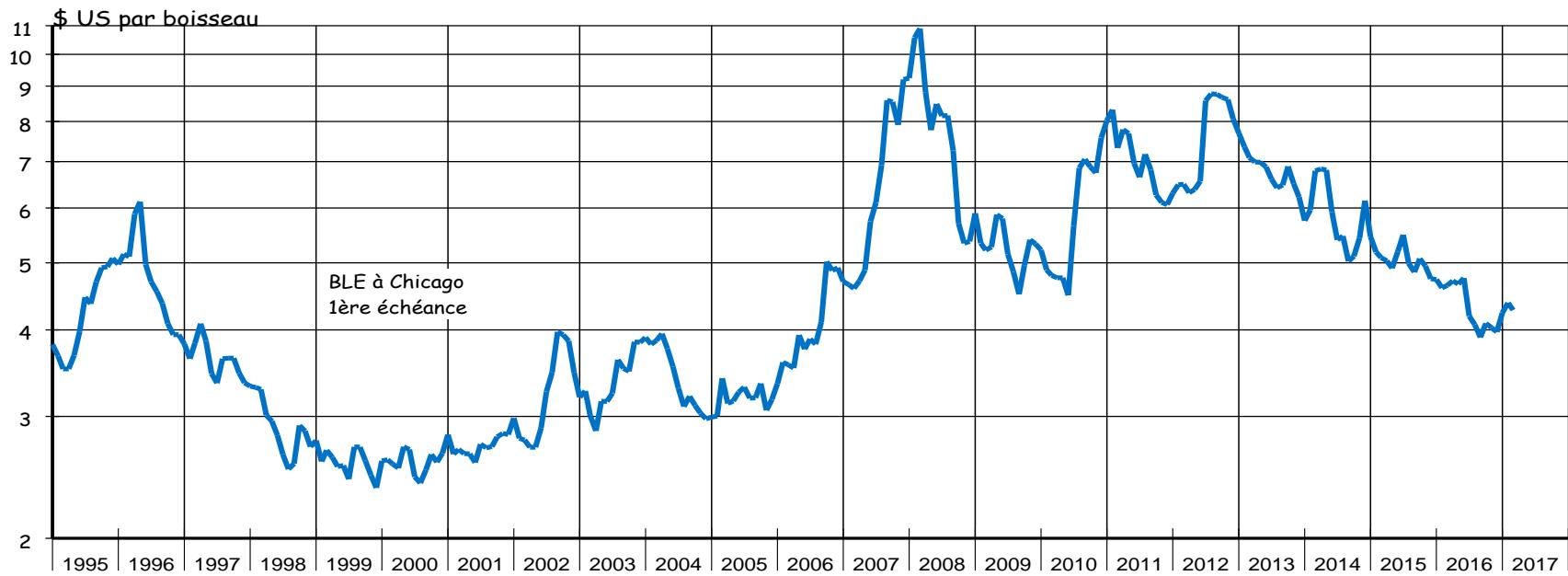
Produits alimentaires



The fall of wheat with a record grain production)

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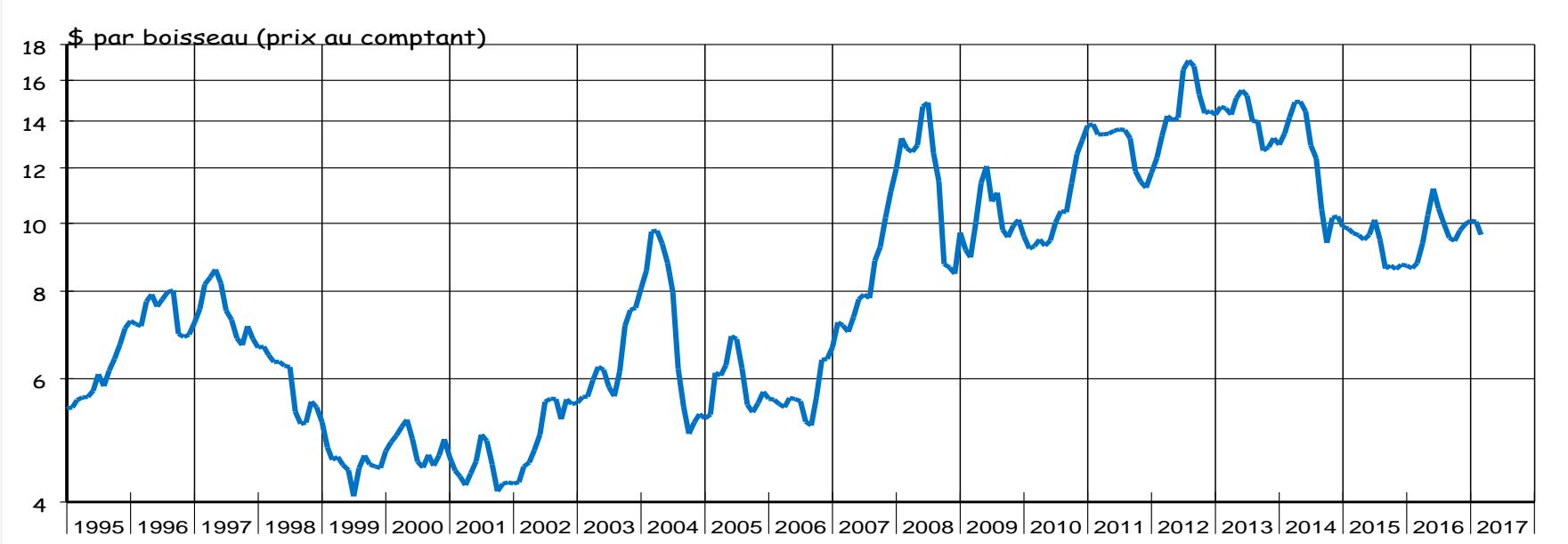
Blé



Soybeans are slightly better thanks to Chinese imports

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Fèves de soja



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Sugar : the most bullish of all agricultural commodities

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Sucre

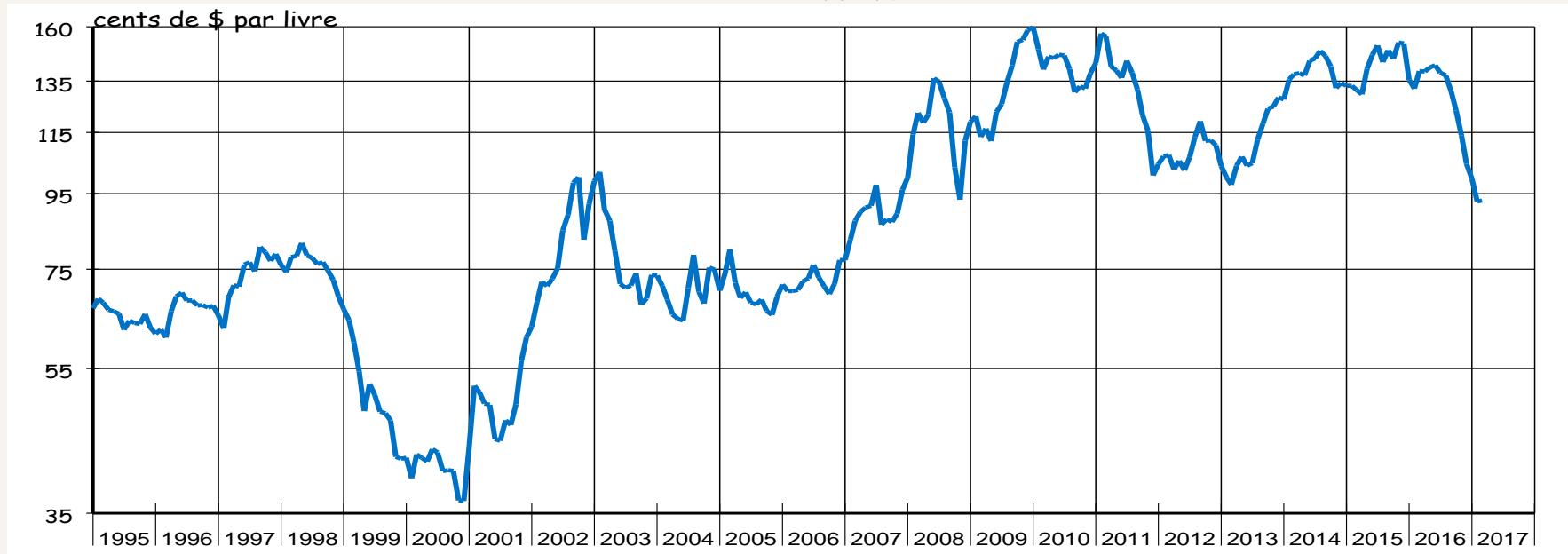


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The fall of cocoa

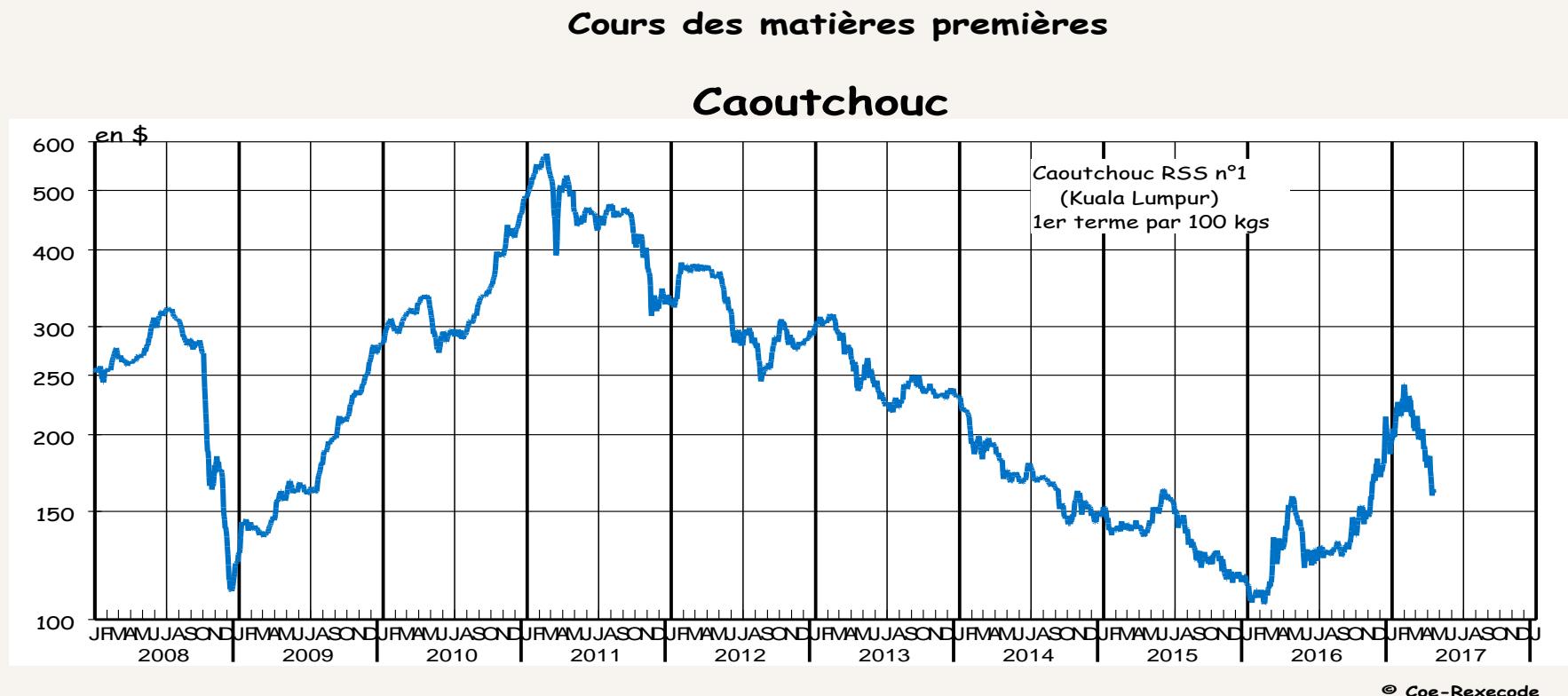
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Cacao

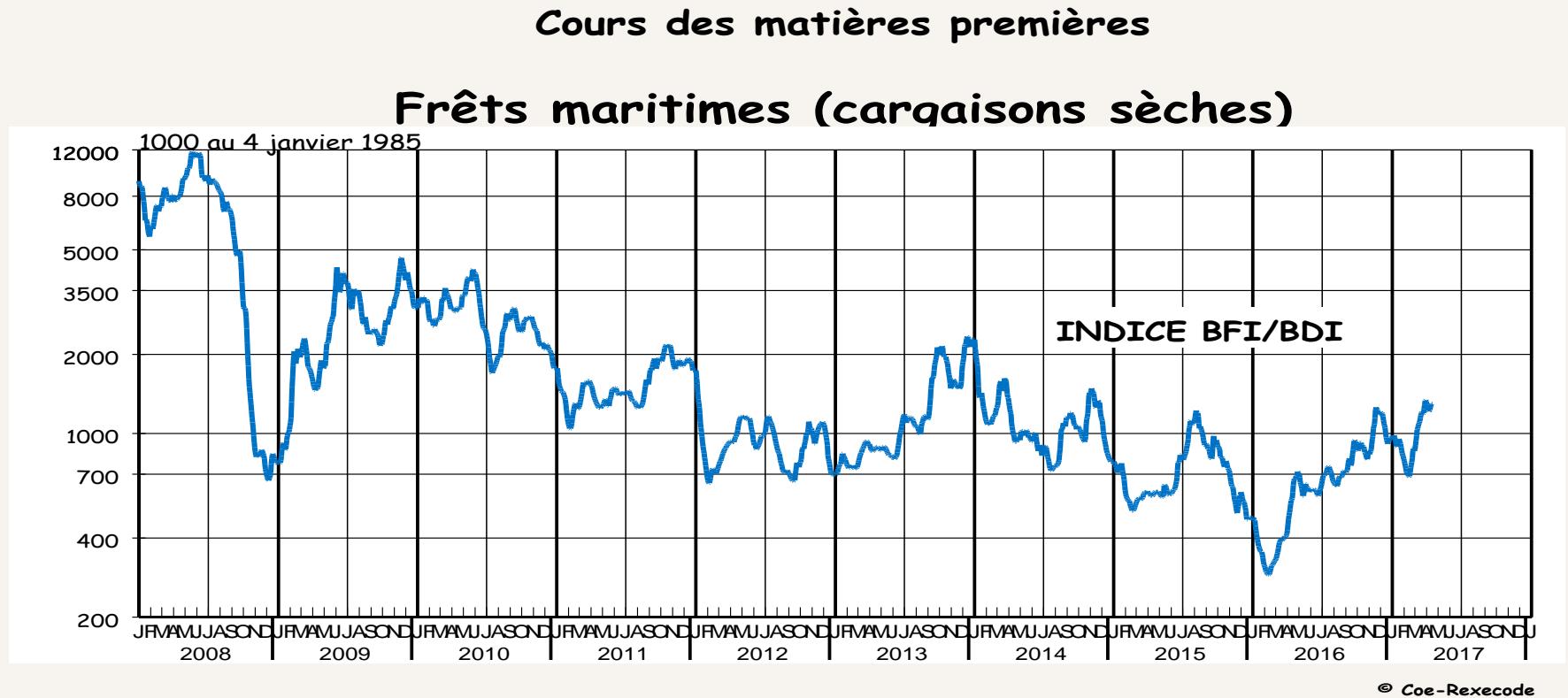


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And the extreme elasticity of rubber !



Dry freight, slightly up but still very cheap

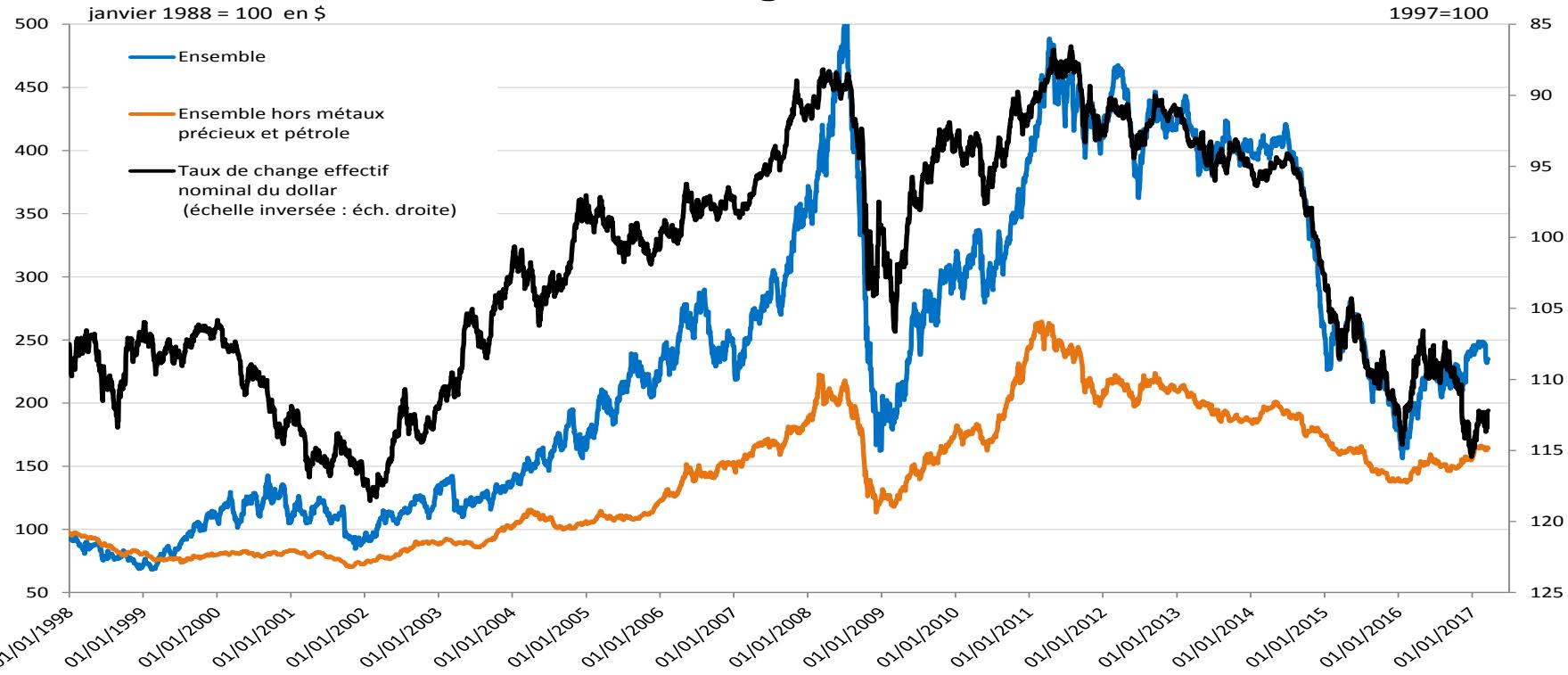


Commodities : a tale of supply and demand

- demand
 - . world economic growth
 - . China
 - . Public spending : US and China
- supply
 - . climate
 - . investments
 - . new technologies
 - . producer's stratégies, farm and trade policies
 - . the commodity curse
- dollar and exchange rates
- speculation
 - . derivatives markets
 - . China

The correlation between dollar and commodities

Indices Rexecode des cours des matières premières et taux de change effectif du dollar



Some Cyclope's forecasts : (percentage change average 2017 versus average 2016)

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■ Coking coal	+63	cocoa	-25
■ Dry freight	+48	soybeans	-12
■ Brent oil	+20	platinum	-8
■ Zinc	+15	wheat	-8
■ Copper	+13	palm oil	-7
■ Coffee	+6	corn	-2
■ Aluminium	+6	iron ore	-1
■ Nickel	+4	sugar	-1
■ Rubber	+1		
■ Cotton	0		

To sum up:

1. The 2006/2014 « super cycle » is over
2. History of commodity cycles pushes for a long period of low prices
3. Next boom perhaps at the end of the twenties linked to Indian and/or African demand
4. Meanwhile unstable markets
5. Risks linked to geopolitics, climate, new technologies, exchange rates
6. No world governance : watch Donald and Xi !
7. Watch the strategies of the big players : traders, mining and oil companies, finance houses ...

But beware of the winds !