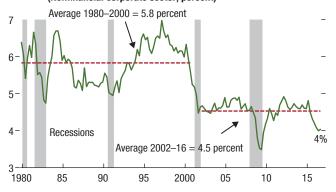
Figure 1.6. United States: Business Confidence and Economic **Risk Taking** 

Business optimism has spiked ...



... as policy signals favor a boost to capital expenditure.

## 2. Capital Expenditures as a Share of Total Firm Assets (Nonfinancial corporate sector; percent)



Sources: Federal Reserve; National Bureau of Economic Research; National Federation of Independent Business; and IMF staff estimates. Note: Shaded areas indicate economic recessions.