

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Forecasts for 2016

6% share in global GDP

Long term growth sustained by digitalization



KEY FACTORS

- Digitalization processes
- Increasing importance of connectivity
- Development of interconnected systems and objects: "Internet of Things"

GLOBAL POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOR THE SECTOR



63/72

country industries worldwide exhibit low or medium risk



Software & services

Consolidated turnover

\$ 3.8 tn

Firms require more data management solutions and security services



now → 2018
Big Data market
x 3

Hardware & components

Consolidated turnover

\$ 1.3 tn



New material equipment increasingly challenged by fierce price pressures weighing on margins

2000 → now
Price of electronic components / 2 despite higher sophistication

Pressures on the sector: 4 things to watch

1 **INNOVATION**
Need to constantly renew the goods and services offered

2 **TECH BUBBLE**
The current phase of digitalization could increase the risk of a tech bubble

3 **M&A**
Frequent mergers and acquisitions weakening medium sized companies

4 **PRICES**
Retailers and manufacturers having unequal purchasing powers

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