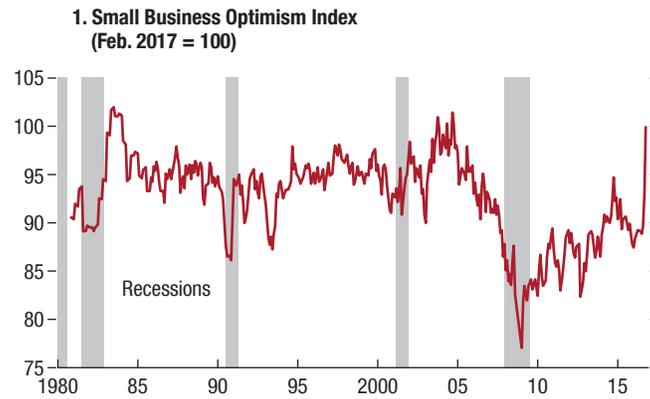
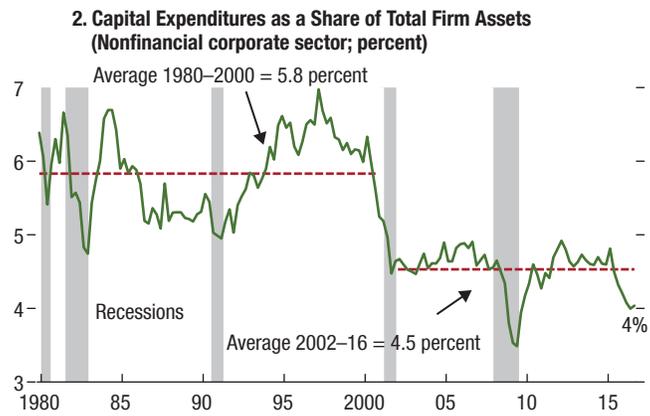


Figure 1.6. United States: Business Confidence and Economic Risk Taking

Business optimism has spiked ...



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



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