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During the third quarter of 2017 (3Q17), international financial markets were mainly influenced by: i) a favorable macroeconomic context; ii) the change in expectations regarding monetary policy in developed economies; iii) the uncertainty caused by geopolitical events; and iv) the favorable dynamics of some industrial and energy commodities. In this context, the US dollar weakened and the public debt market depreciated, while its stock markets continued to record favorable dynamics. The markets in the region performed heterogeneously, influenced by the dynamics in the price of some commodities and idiosyncratic political events. In Colombia, depreciations were observed in the fixed-income markets, while the stock market lost the dynamism observed in the previous quarter.

The document is divided into nine sections, with this introduction being the first. Section two presents an executive summary of the document. Section three describes the most significant developments in the international economic environment. Subsequently, section four presents the performance of the main local risk perception indicators. Section five describes the global and local foreign exchange market. Section six presents an analysis of the money and fixed-income global and local markets. In addition, section seven describes the performance of the local primary private debt market. Section eight analyzes the performance of regional and local stock markets. Finally, a study of companies with currency mismatches, their use of derivatives, their financial health, and the credit risk they faced in 2014, 2015, and 2016 is presented.

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