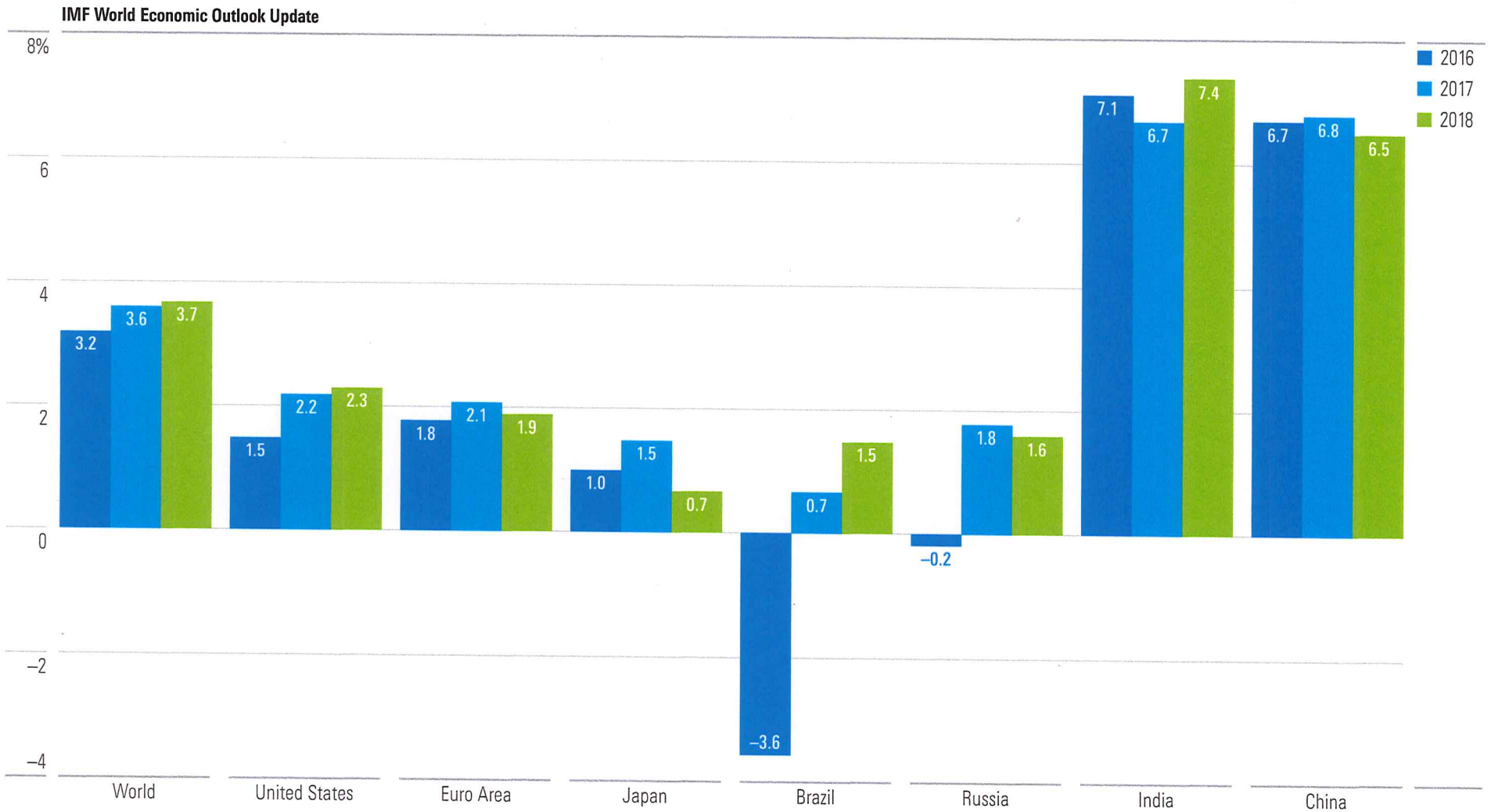


## IMF Continues to Believe World Growth Will Accelerate from 3.2% in 2016 to 3.6% in 2017

The IMF world growth rate forecast of 3.6% made in October 2017 was 0.1% higher than their April forecast. However, the mix of individual country growth rates looked quite different than earlier forecasts. Since last quarter's projections, forecasts for all countries displayed, except India, increased. While, in general, the outlook remains optimistic, there are still lingering concerns about weak growth in some countries and below-target inflation.



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