

IMF Raises 2026 Global Growth Outlook on Economic Resilience



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The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slightly upgraded its global economic growth forecast for 2026, citing stronger-than-expected resilience in the world economy despite ongoing trade disruptions and policy uncertainties.

In an updated edition of its World Economic Outlook released on Monday, the IMF revised its 2026 global growth projection upward to 3.3 percent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from its

October 2025 forecast. The Fund kept its global growth estimate for 2027 unchanged at 3.2 percent.

The IMF noted that while trade policy uncertainty continues to weigh on economic activity, these headwinds are expected to be offset by several supportive factors. These include rising investment linked to technological innovation, continued fiscal and monetary support in key economies, broadly accommodative financial conditions, and the demonstrated adaptability of the private sector.

According to IMF projections, advanced economies are expected to grow by 1.8 percent in 2026, before easing slightly to 1.7 percent in 2027. Growth in emerging market and developing economies is forecast at 4.2 percent in 2026 and 4.1 percent in 2027, reflecting relatively stronger momentum compared with advanced economies.

The IMF also expects global inflationary pressures to continue moderating. Global headline inflation is projected to decline from an estimated 4.1 percent in 2025 to 3.8 percent in 2026, and further to 3.4 percent in 2027, supported by easing supply constraints and tighter monetary policies.