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Outlook for the Global Economy

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Largely Supportive Global Environment

- Growth slowing outside U.S., but global recovery expected to remain on track
- Inflationary pressures building in some countries--central banks reluctant to ease
- U.S. slowdown and rate cuts have led to weaker dollar, stabilizing current account deficit
- Key question: Can foreign economies shake off U.S. slowdown, global credit crunch?

Foreign growth expected to slow, but not drastically

Growth Forecast, Major Foreign Economies (percent y/y)

	2007	2008F	2009F
Euro Zone	2.6	1.7	2.0
Japan	1.9	1.3	1.9
United Kingdom	3.0	1.9	2.2
Canada	2.6	1.9	2.6
China	11.3	9.8	9.4
NIEs	5.5	4.7	5.0
Brazil	4.6	4.6	4.3
Mexico	3.0	2.8	3.6
Memo: U.S.	2.2	1.5	2.3

Sources: National sources for 2007, Blue Chip economics for 2008 and 2009.

EMs now about one-third of global GDP

Percentage Distribution*

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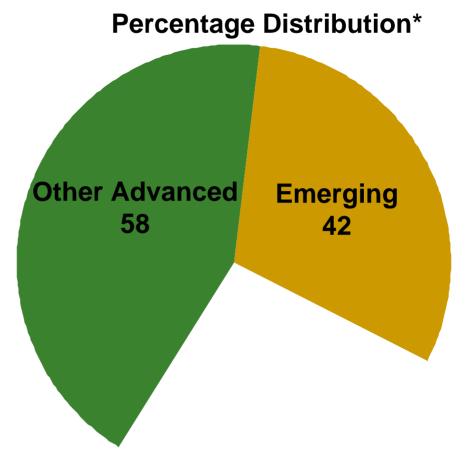
Global GDP (\$U.S. trn.) \$53.6 Other Advanced Emerging United States 13.9 43 Other Advanced 23.2 16.5 **United States** 26

Note: Figures are estimates for 2007 * At current exchange rates

Global Total

Emerging

... and more than 40 percent of non-U.S. GDP



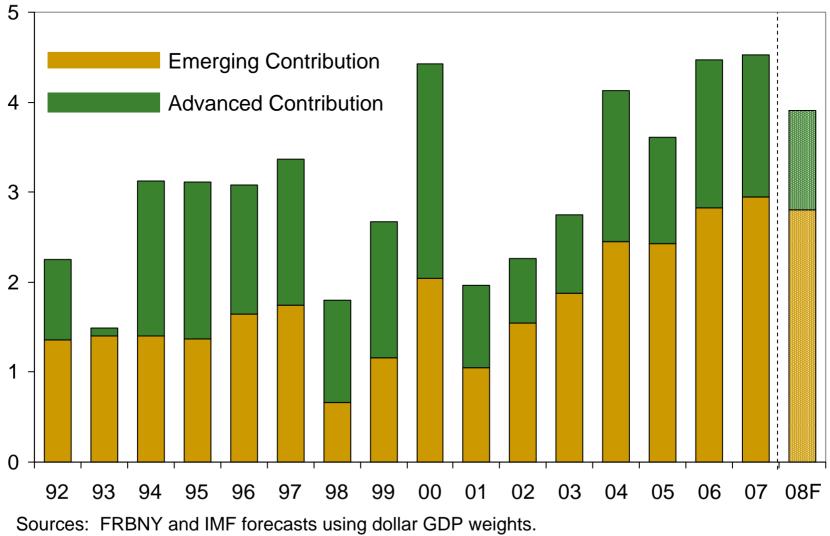
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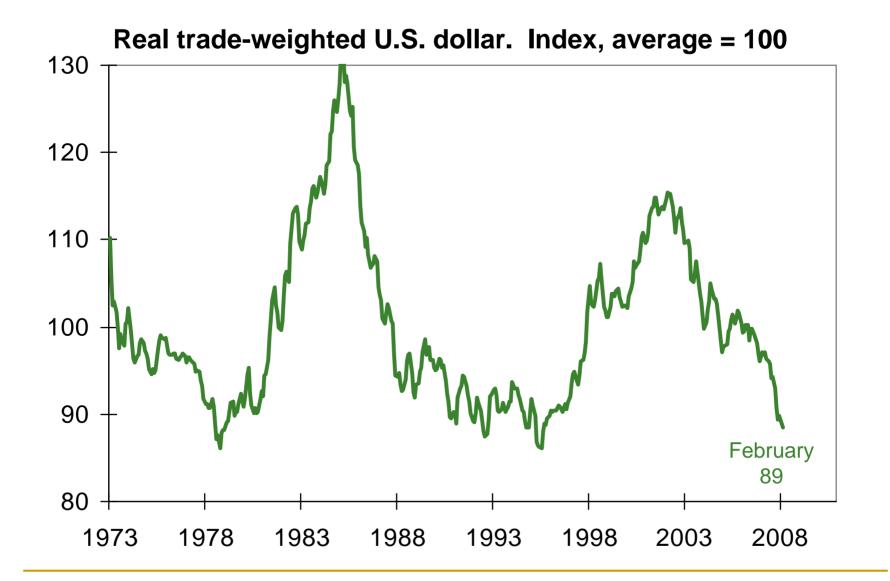
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EMs contributing two-thirds of foreign growth

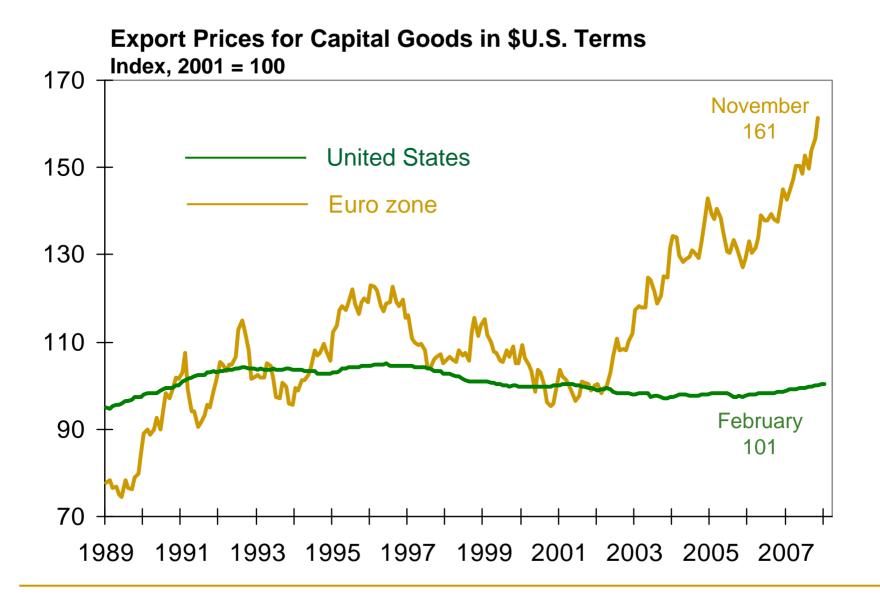
Foreign real GDP: percent growth and contributions



Dollar near bottom of historical range



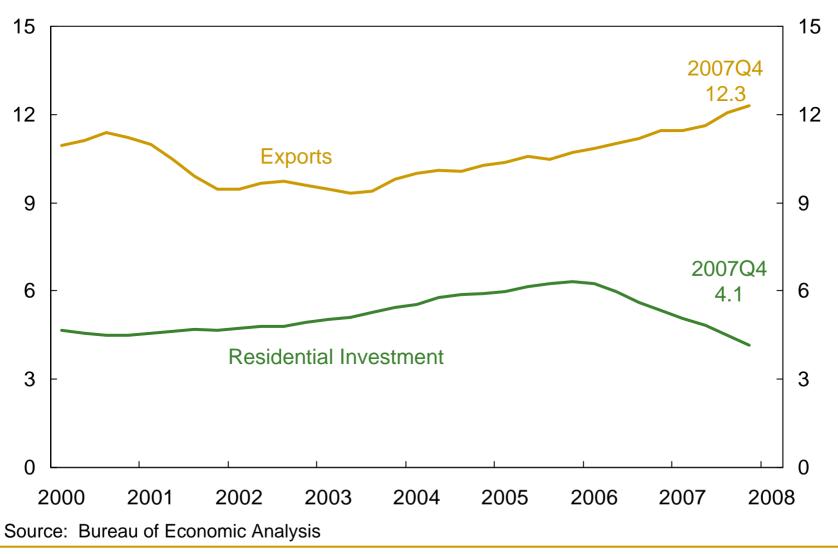
\$U.S. weakness = big gain in U.S. competitiveness



Exports Supporting Growth

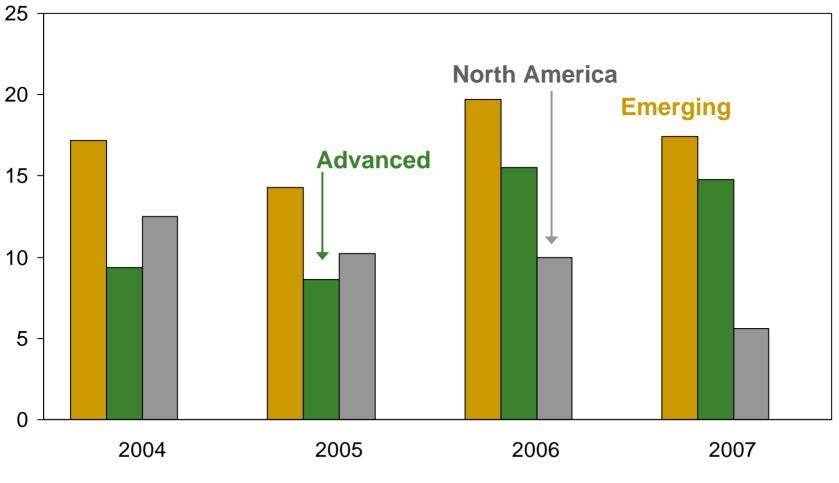
Percent of GDP

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U.S. export growth strongest to EMs

Percent change from year ago



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

U.S. core import prices still close to flat

Oil Industrial Feb **Supplies Core Goods**

Index, 2000=100

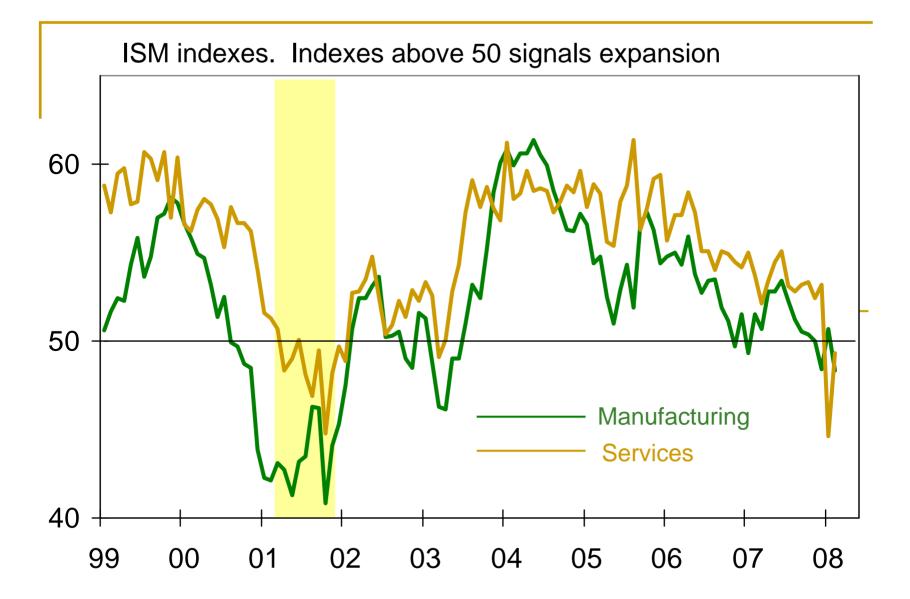
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Core goods includes capital goods, autos, and consumer goods

Three Key Questions

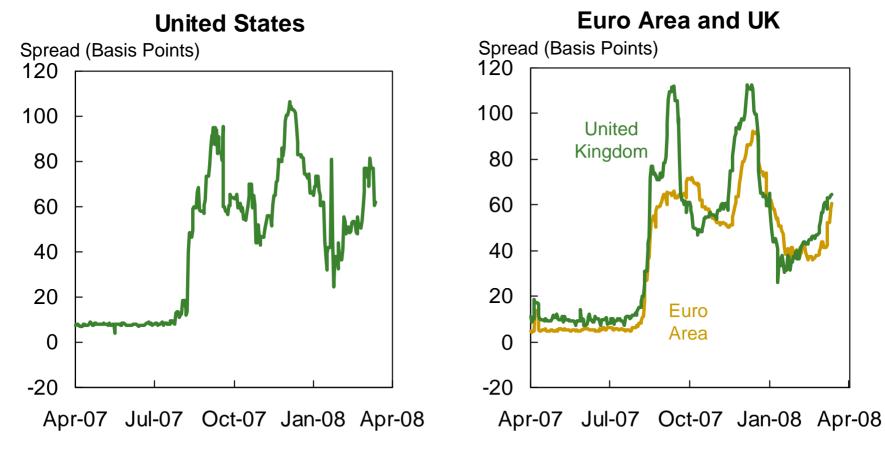
- Can foreign economies shake off U.S. slowdown, global credit market tightening?
- Could China see a hard landing?
 - Stalls adjustment of global imbalances
- Might foreign investors shift away from dollar assets?
 - Weaker dollar, higher interest rates

New U.S. recession may be underway



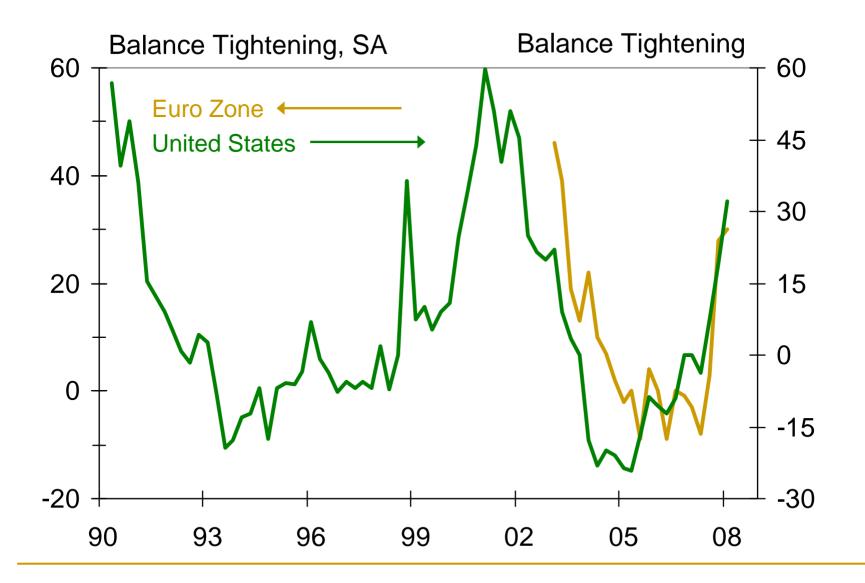
Global stress in the inter-bank market

Spread of LIBOR Rate over expected average overnight rates (3 Month)

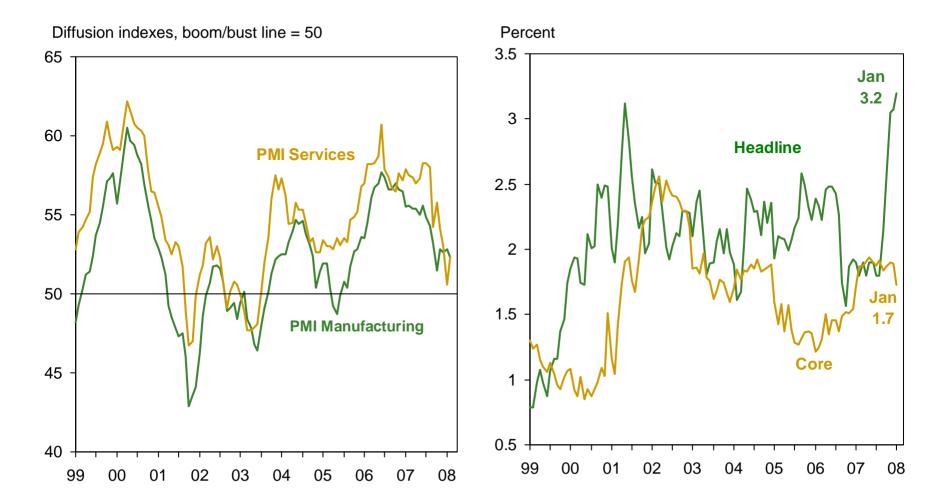


Source: Bloomberg

Banks tightening business lending standards

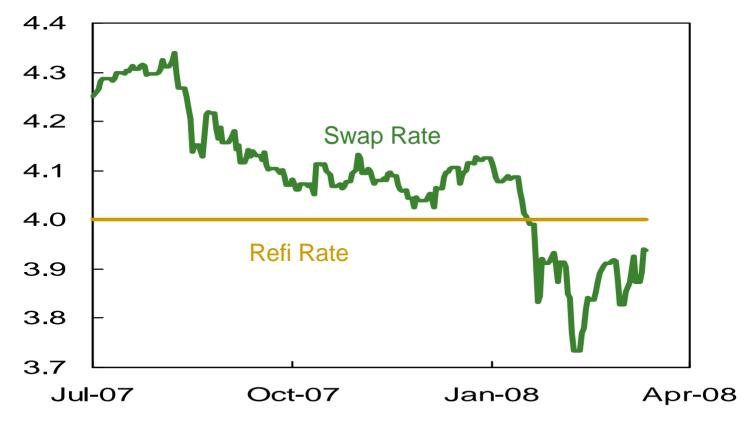


Euro Zone: Slowing growth, rising inflation



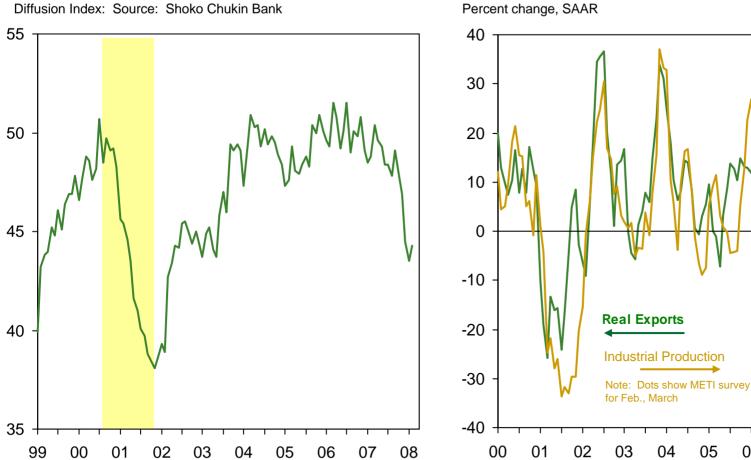
EMU monetary policy on hold for now

Expected Average Overnight Rate Over the Next Six Months (Swap Rate)



Source: Bloomberg

Japan: Falling confidence, mixed data—slowdown ahead?



Percent change, SAAR

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+ 10

- 5

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-5

-10

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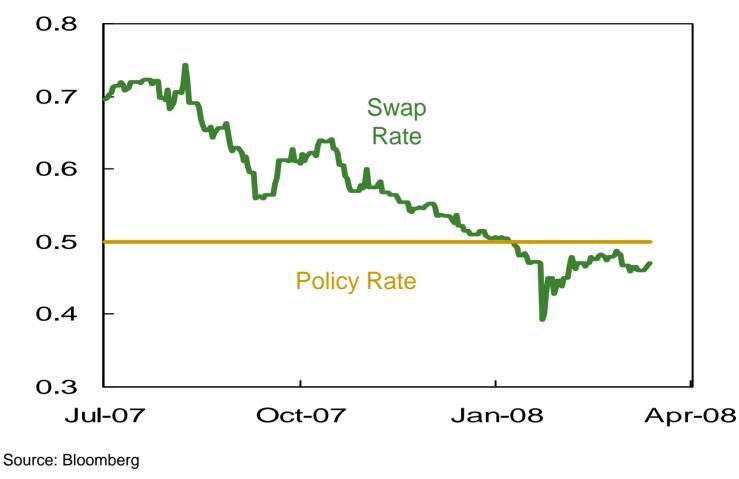
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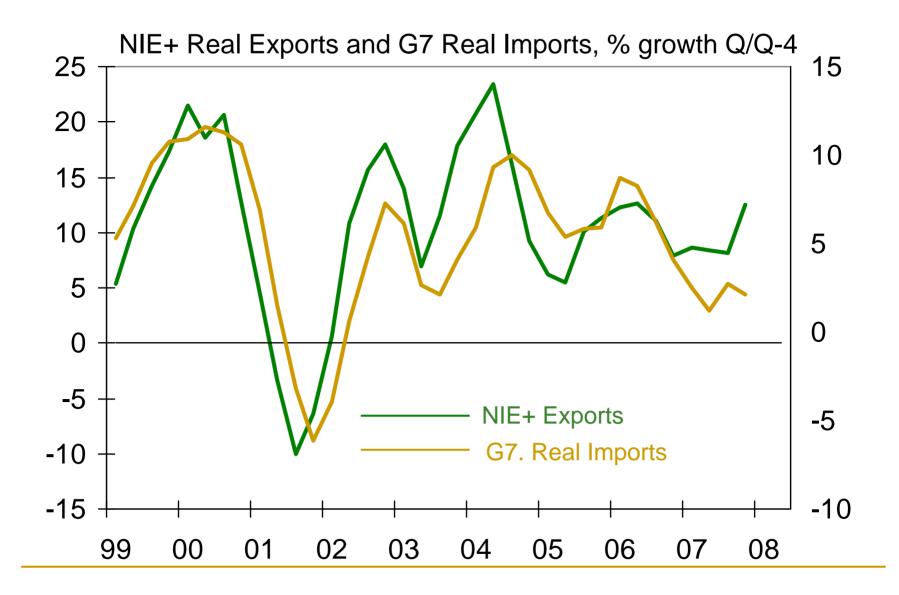
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Japanese monetary policy also on hold

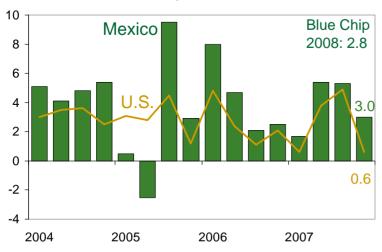
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EM Asia export growth tied to advanced cycle

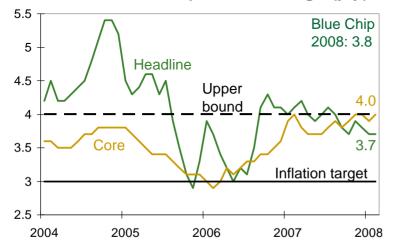


Mexico: Outlook tied to U.S. growth, oil prices

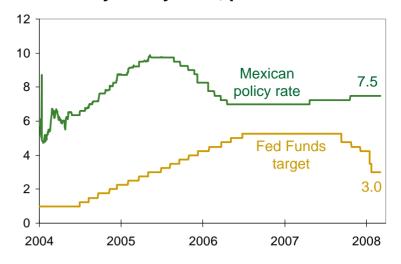


Real GDP Growth, SA

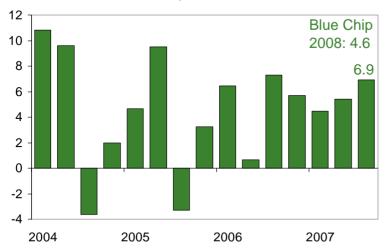
Consumer Prices, percent change (y/y)



Monetary Policy Rate, percent

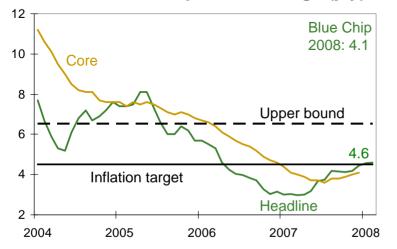


Brazil: Outlook tied to commodity prices

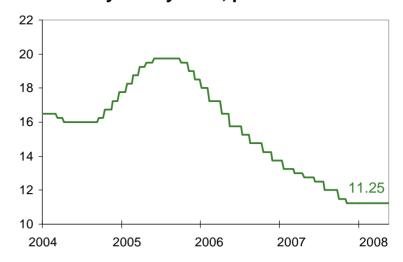


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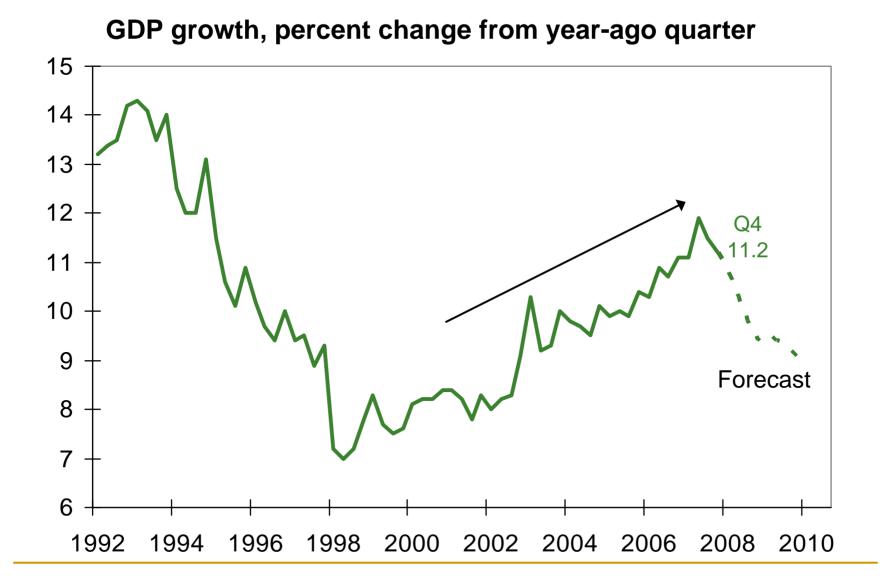
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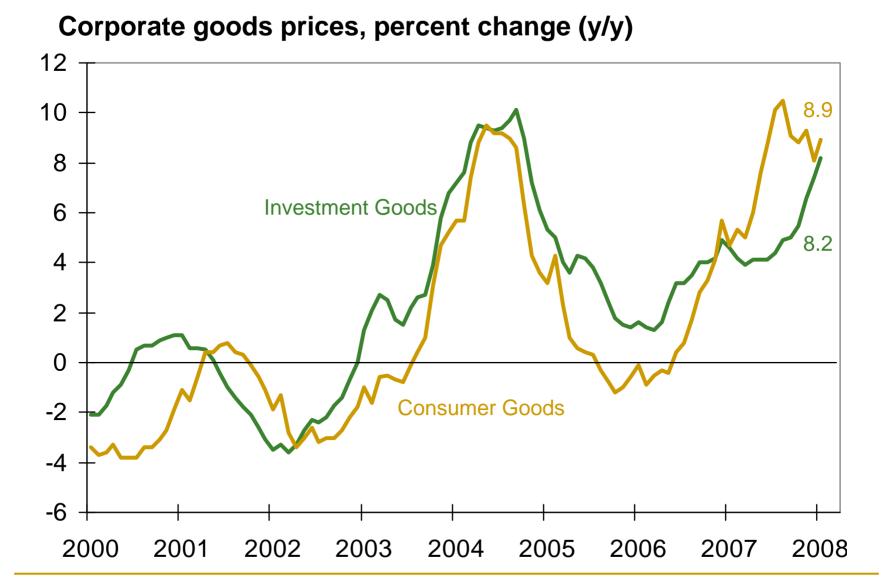
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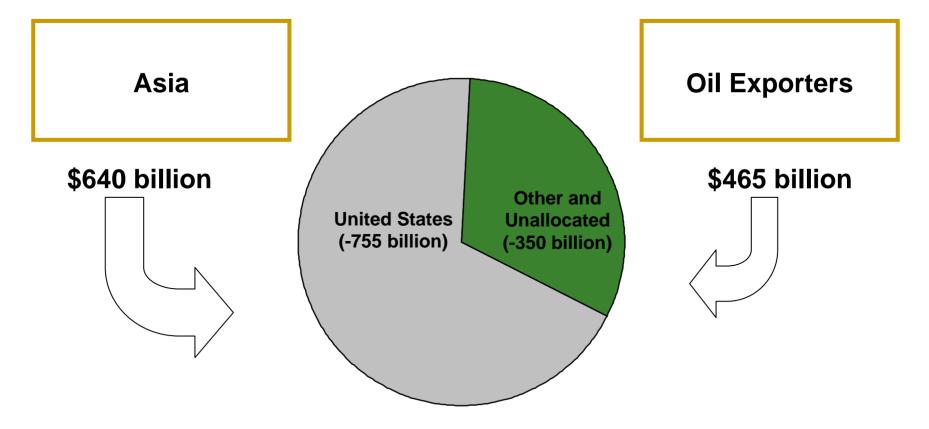
Chinese growth: beginning to moderate?



Inflationary pressure building in China?



U.S. current account deficit absorbs bulk of foreign current account surpluses



Official investors direct bulk of global surpluses

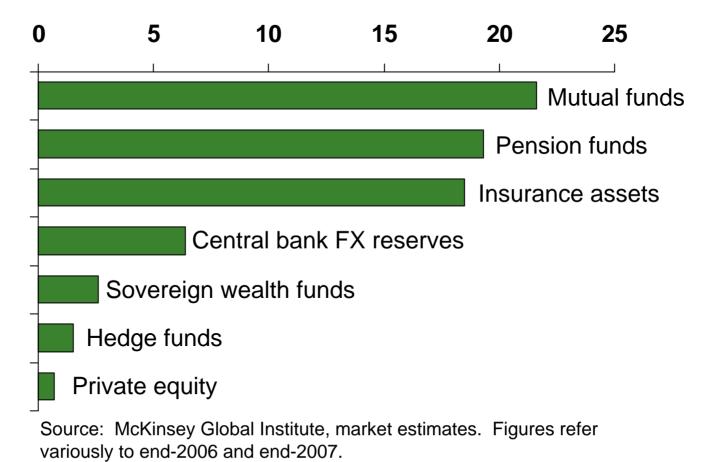
Reserves and Other Official Investments

(\$U.S. billions)

	2005	2006	2007E
EM Oil Exporters	329	429	430
China	215	260	420
Other Emerging Asia	87	103	185
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Total	734	908	1,225
Memo:	766	044	750
U.S. Current Acount Deficit	755	811	756

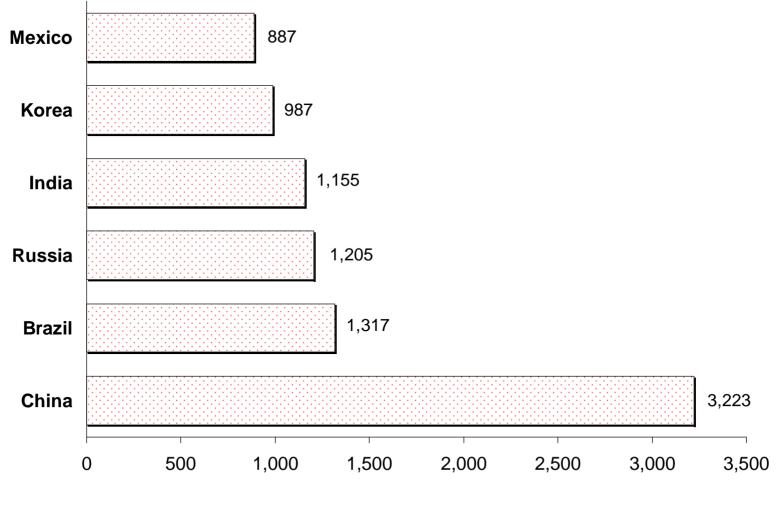
Sources: October 2007 IMF WEO, staff and market estimates

Major Global Investment Pools, by Type \$U.S. trillions



Reference Slides

There are four trillion dollar EM economies



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Dollar near bottom of historical range

