



Economic Profile in ITC Group Countries

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Countries:

USA
Canada
France
Belgium
Italy
Spain
Greece
Bulgaria
Egypt
Morocco
Turkey
Thailand
India
Kazakhstan

Update – April, 24th 2007

Key to Abbreviations

ar	annual rate
bn	billion
ch	change
d	day
lhs	left hand side
m	month
ma	moving average
mn	million
mom	month-on-month
nsa	not seasonally adjusted
o/n	overnight
pa	per annum
Q	quarter
rhs	right hand side
sa	seasonally adjusted
saar	seasonally adjusted at annual rate
tn	trillion
wda	working days adjusted
y	year
yoy	year-on-year

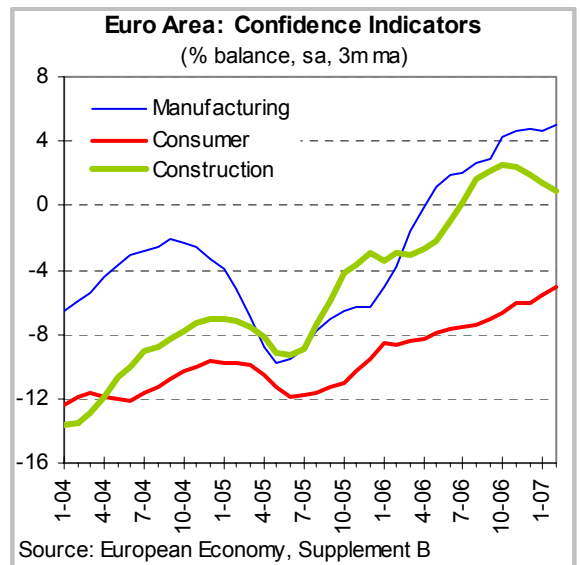
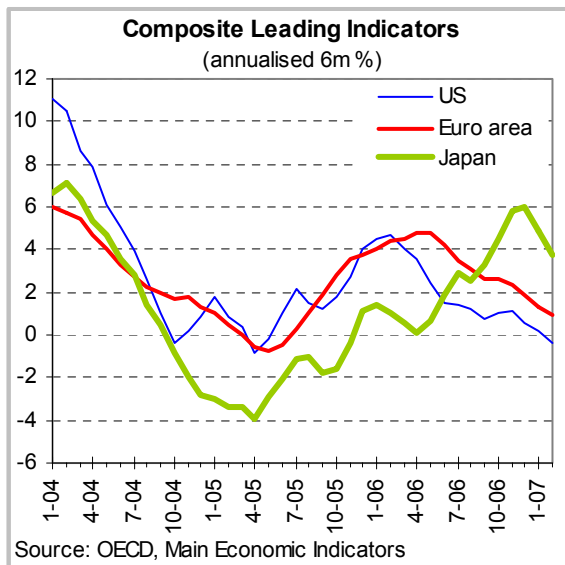
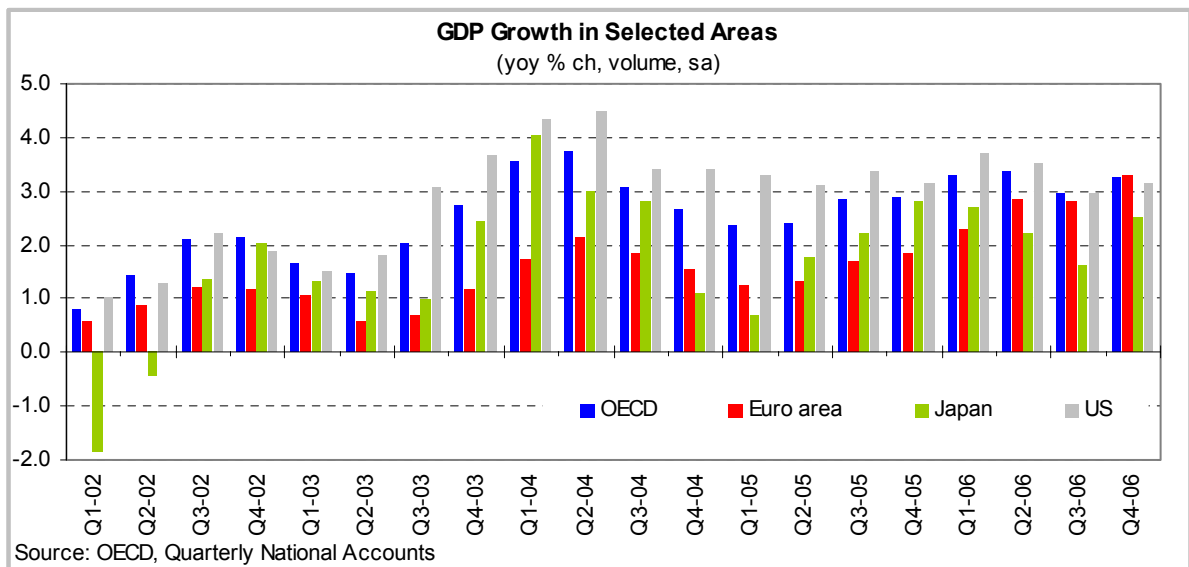
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GLOBAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Real Indicators

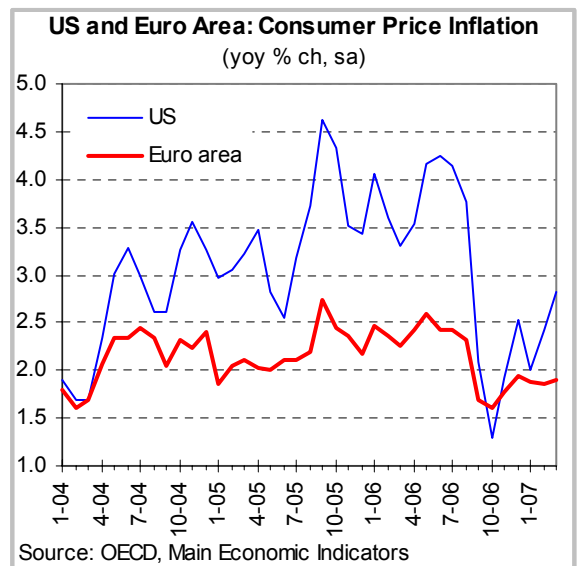
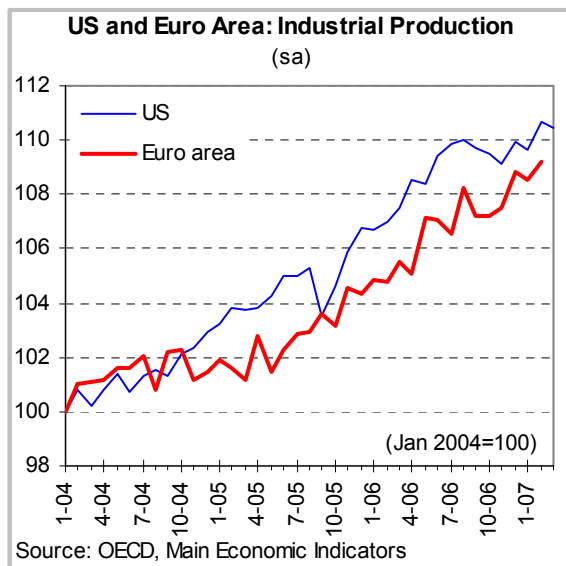
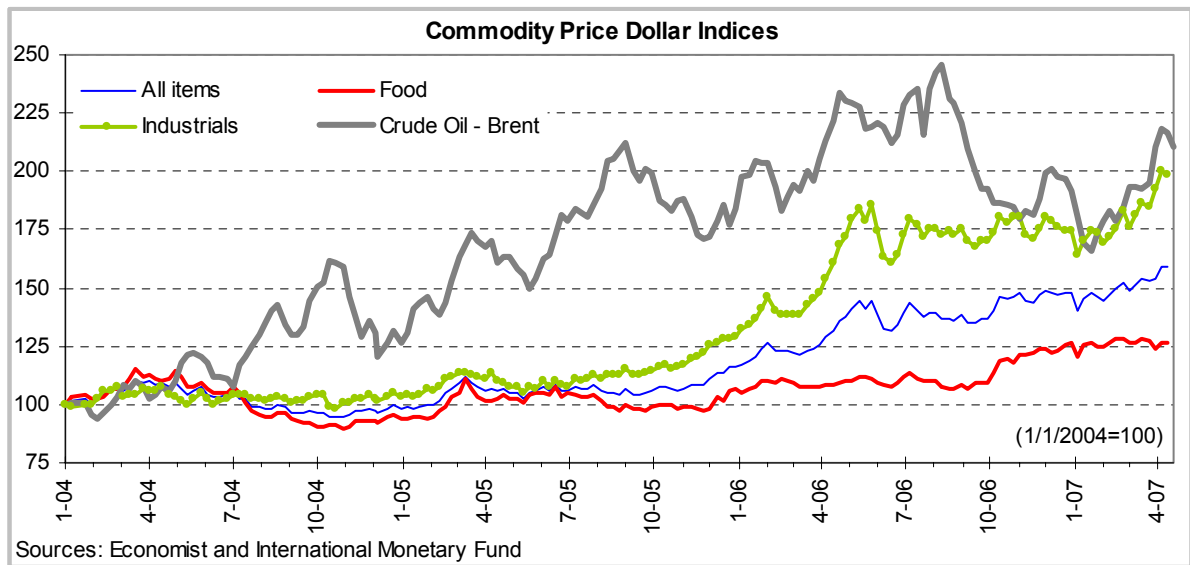
yoy % ch (unless otherwise indicated)	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP: OECD	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.2 Q4
Euro Area	2.0	1.4	2.7	3.3 Q4
US	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.1 Q4
Japan	2.7	1.9	2.2	2.5 Q4
Inflation: US	2.7	3.4	3.3	2.8 Mar
Euro Area	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.9 Mar
Oil Price Level (Brent, \$/barrel)	38.3	54.4	65.4	62.1 Mar
(yoy % ch)	32.5	42.0	20.2	-0.2

Notes:

Sources: OECD, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Eurostat, International Monetary Fund, Energy International Agency



REAL INDICATORS



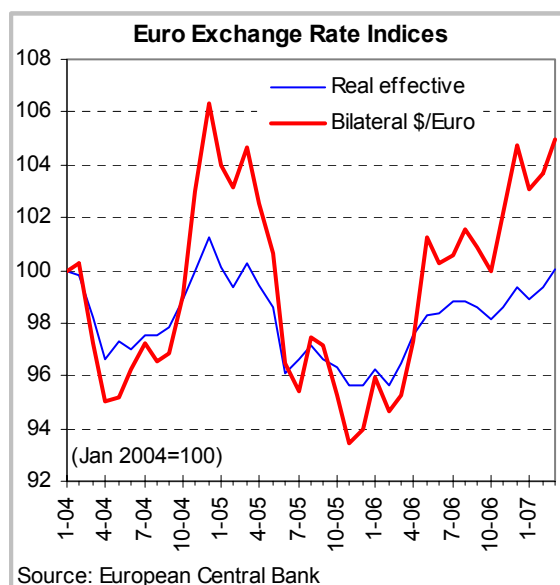
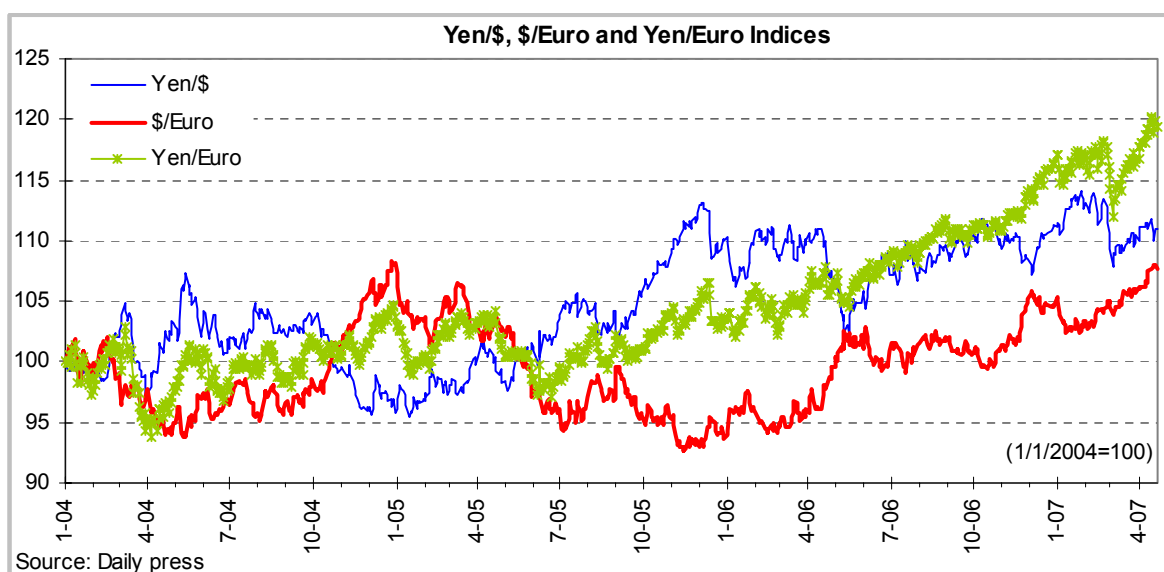
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	2004	2005	2006	Latest
Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate	1.244	1.244	1.256	1.317 *
Policy Rates (end of period):				
- US (target for federal funds)	2.25	4.25	5.25	5.25 29/06/06
- Euro Area (repo rate)	2.00	2.25	3.50	3.75 14/03/07
Long Term Interest Rate (10y government bonds, year average):				
- US	4.27	4.29	4.79	4.56 Mar
- Euro Area	4.14	3.44	3.86	4.02 Mar

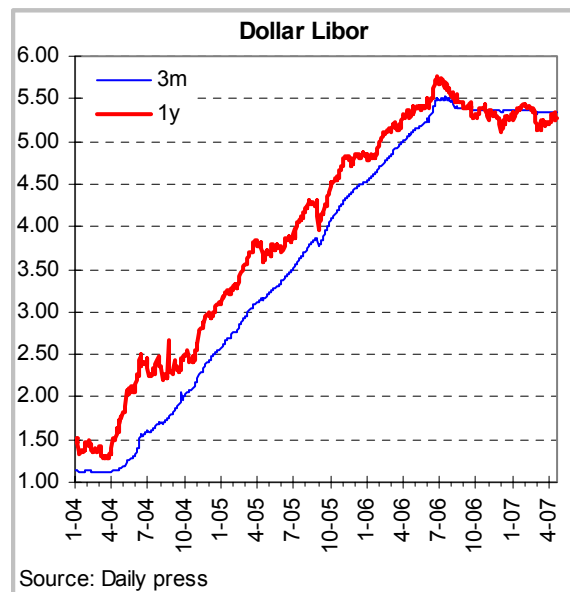
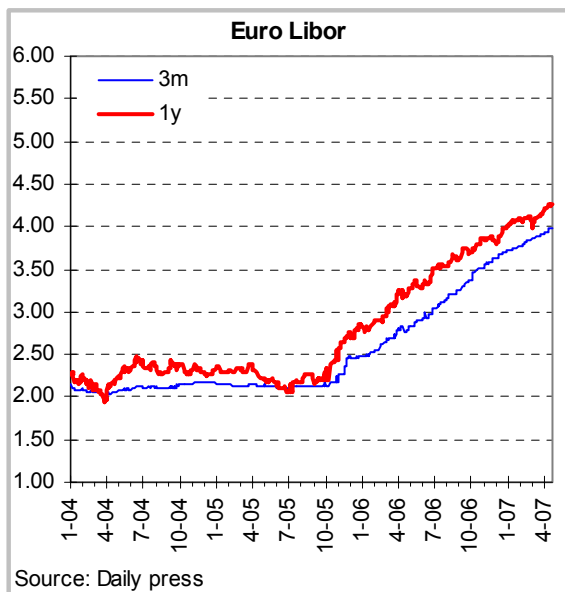
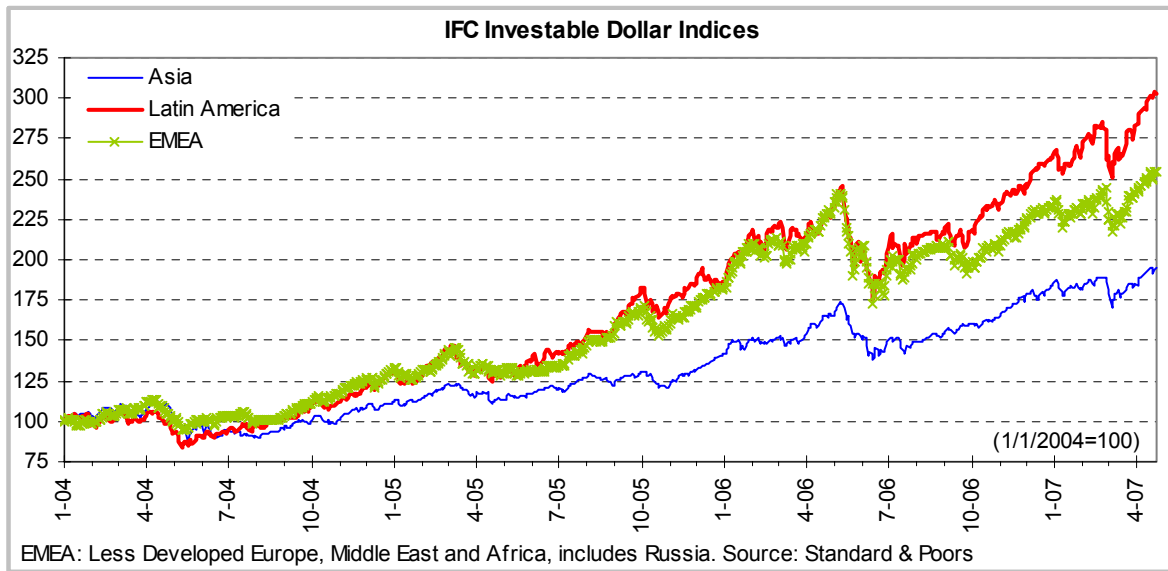
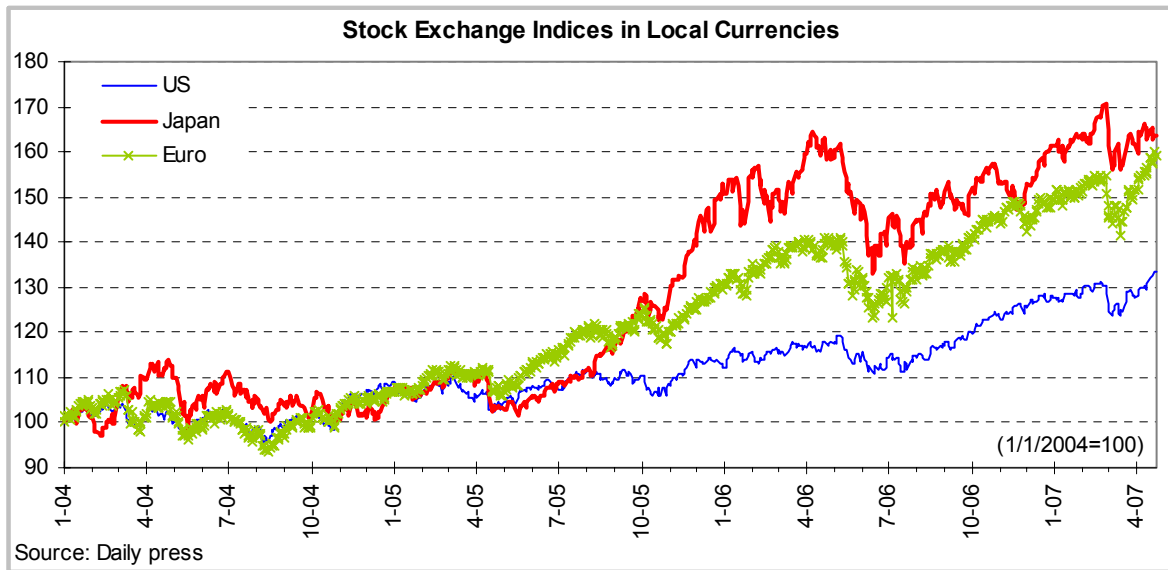
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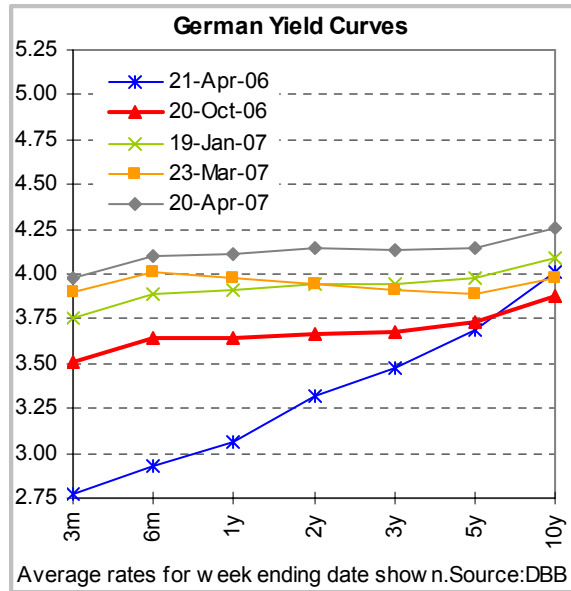
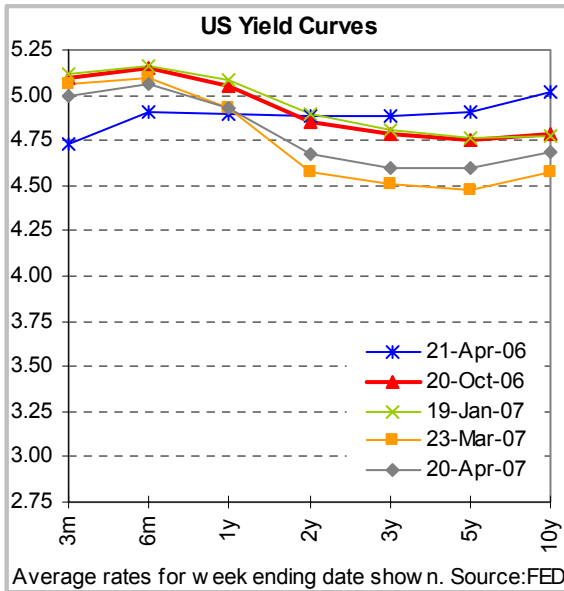
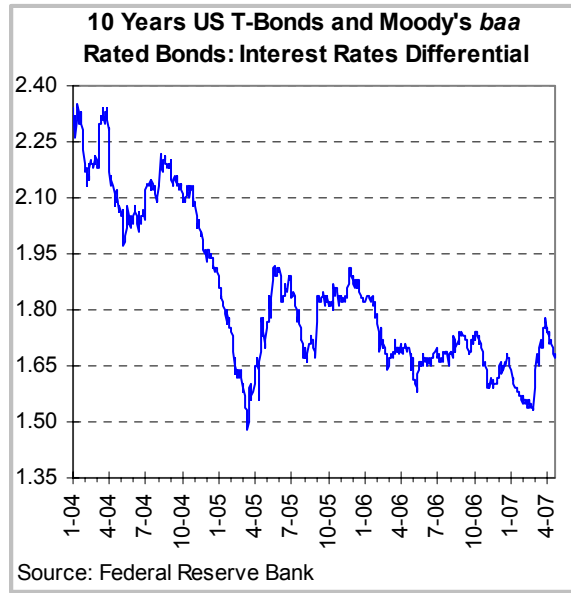
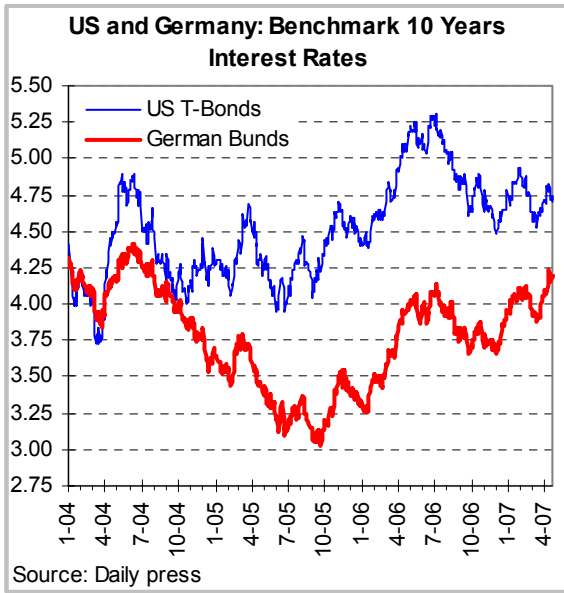
Sources: European Central Bank and Federal Reserve Bank



FINANCIAL INDICATORS



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UNITED STATES

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.1 Q4
Industrial Production	2.5	3.2	4.0	-0.2 Mar**
Construction Materials Production	2.0	4.8	3.5	1.2 Mar**
Construction Investment	5.1	4.6	0.2	-4.1 Q4
Housing Starts - Private	5.9	5.8	-12.9	-23.0 Mar
Consumer Prices***	2.7	3.4	3.3	2.8 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	3.7	4.8	3.0	3.2 Mar
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing***	2.5	2.6	1.4	2.2 Mar
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.4 Mar
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-665.3	-791.5	-856.7	
- as a percentage of GDP	-5.7	-6.3	-6.5	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	94.7	93.3	92.6	91.1 Mar

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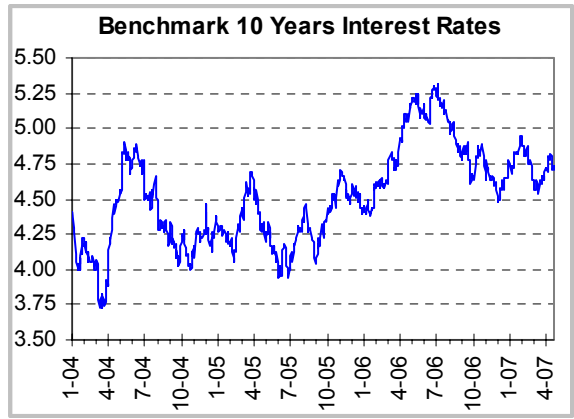
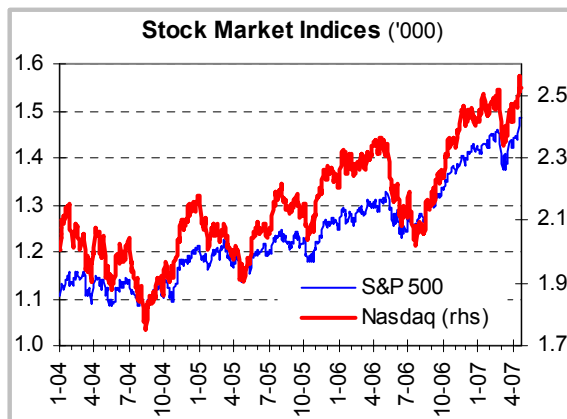
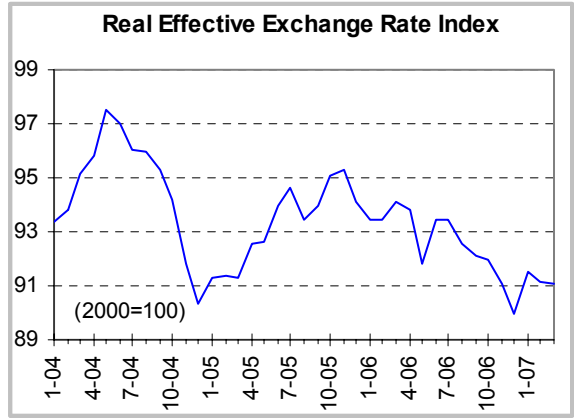
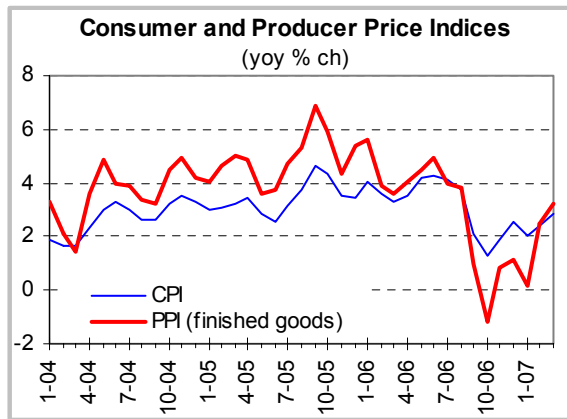
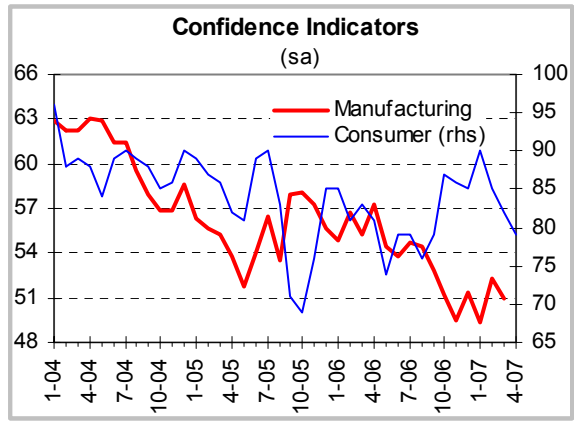
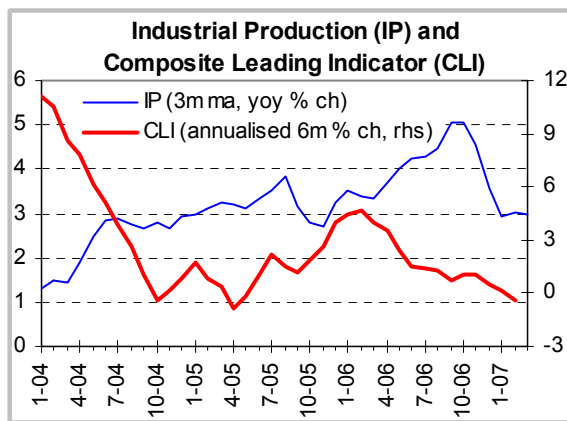
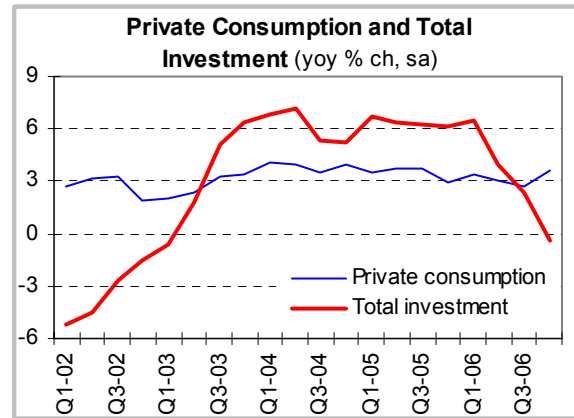
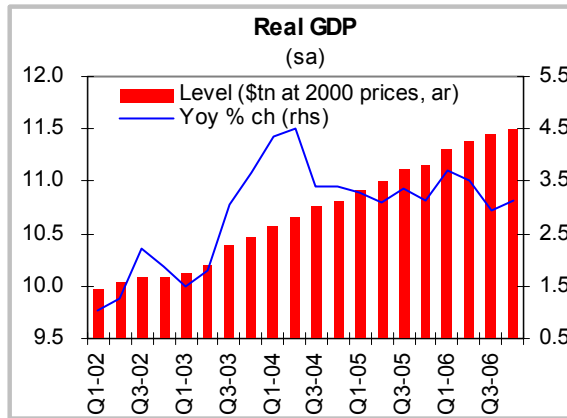
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (3m CD)	1.56	3.51	5.15	5.30 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.27	4.29	4.79	4.56 Mar
Stock Exchange (S&P 500) Index (% ch)*	17.2	6.8	8.5	4.6 23/4/07**

Notes:

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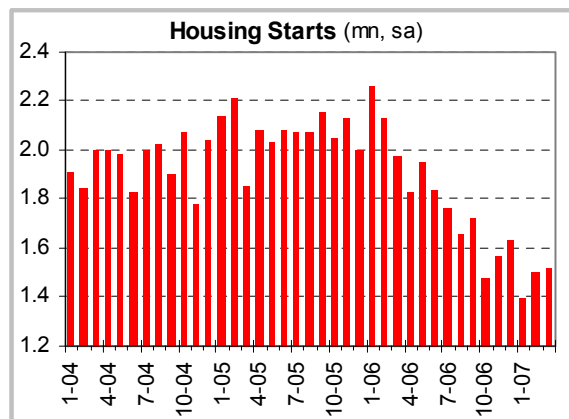
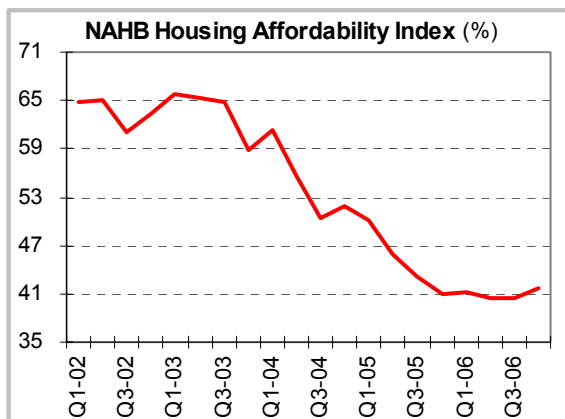
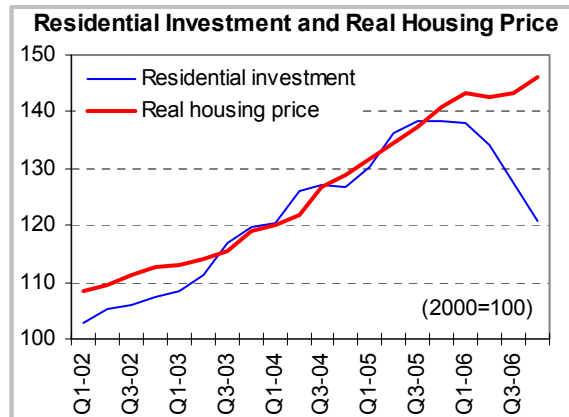
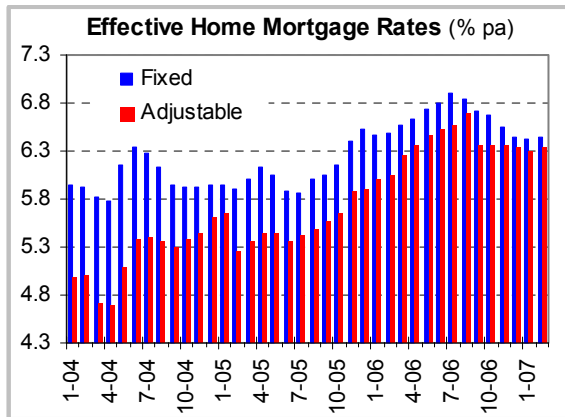
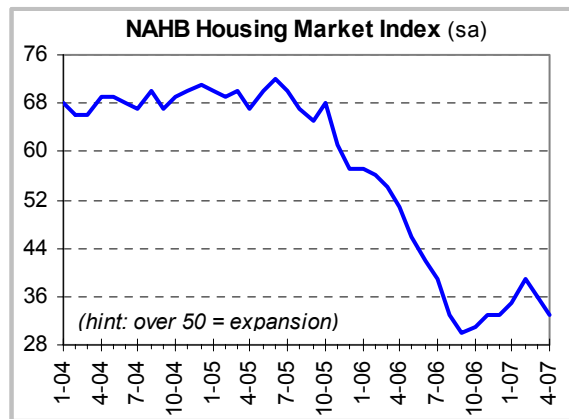
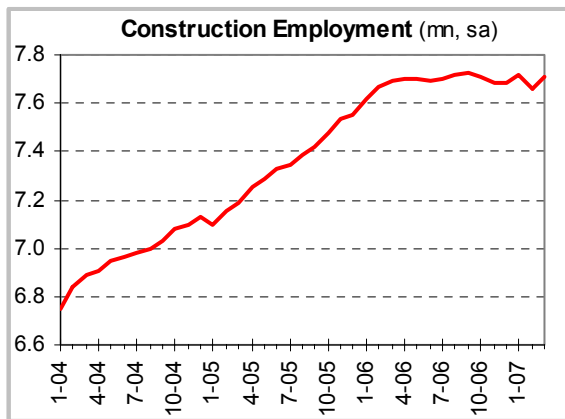
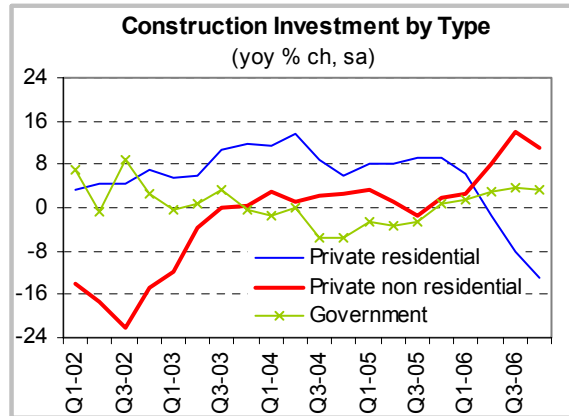
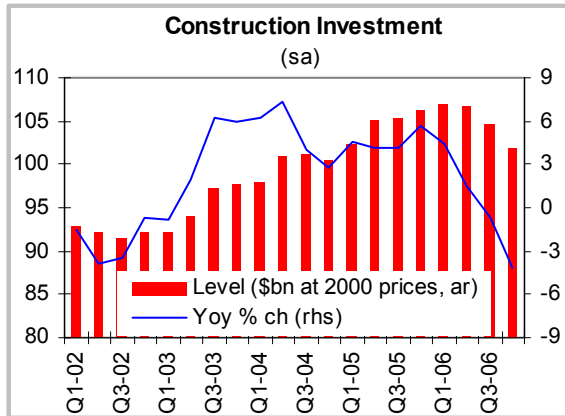
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UNITED STATES



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Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



Sources: US Census, National Association of Home Builders, Dept. of Labour, Federal Housing Finance Board, Bureau of Economic Analysis

CANADA

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.3 Q4
Industrial Production	2.1	1.2	-0.6	0.1 Jan**
Construction Production	6.3	5.6	7.2	0.4 Jan**
Construction Investment	6.7	5.4	6.0	4.4 Q4
Consumer Prices***	1.9	2.3	2.0	2.3 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	3.1	1.5	2.4	4.4 Feb
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing***	2.6	1.9	0.5	2.9 Jan
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.8	6.3	6.1 Mar
Current Account Balance (Can\$bn)	27.6	31.8	24.3	
as a percentage of GDP	2.1	2.3	1.7	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	112.0	118.7	125.4	120.6 Mar

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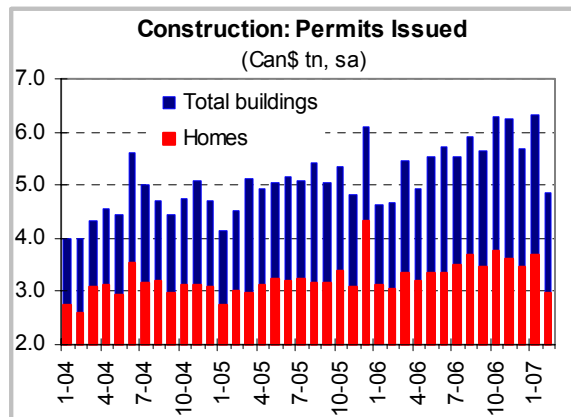
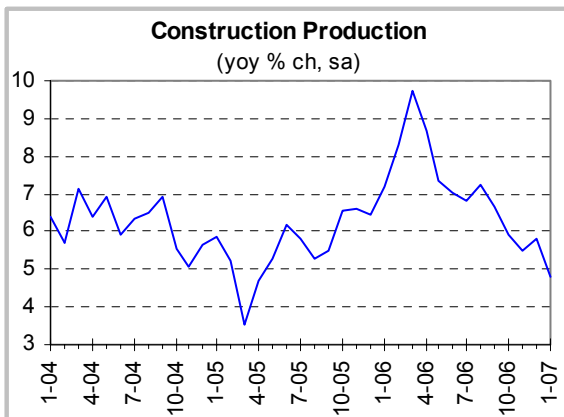
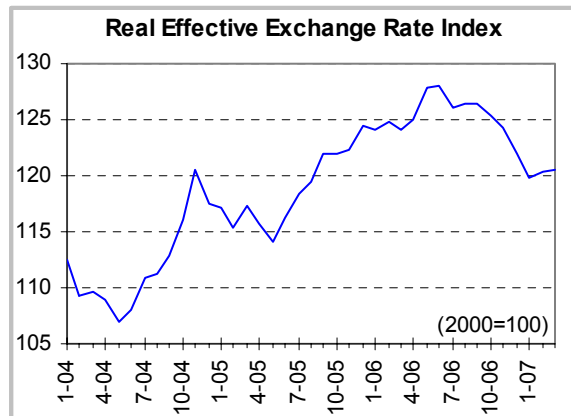
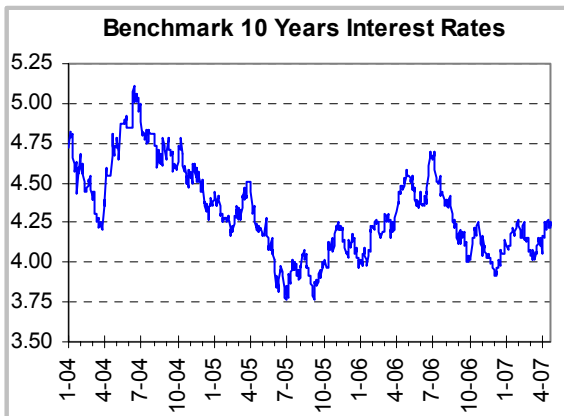
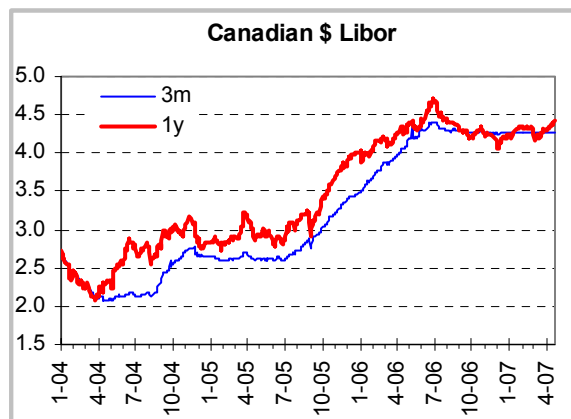
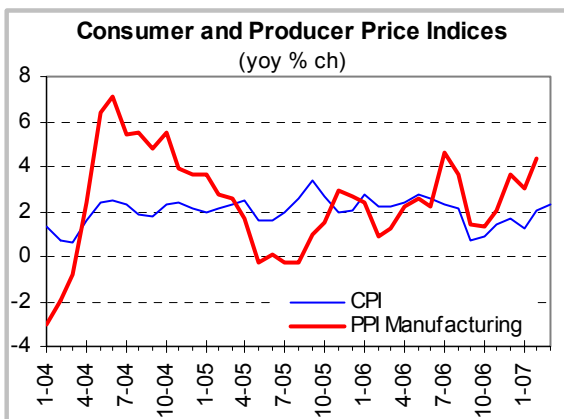
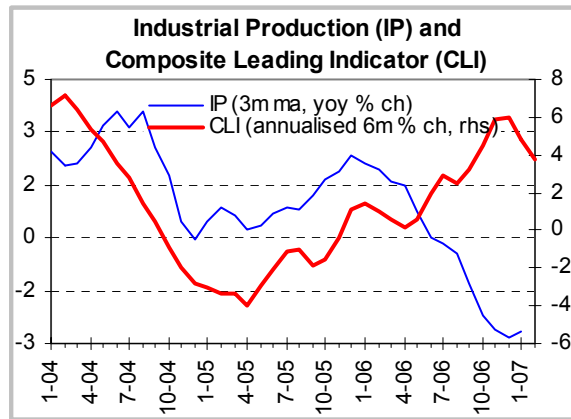
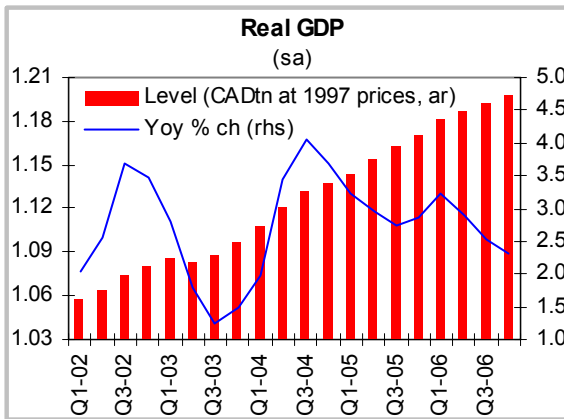
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	2.25	2.66	4.02	4.24 Mar
Long term interest rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.58	4.07	4.21	4.02 Mar
Stock Exchange (TSE) Index (% ch)*	20.7	17.6	18.4	5.6 23/4/07**

Notes:

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Sources: OECD, Statistics Canada, BIS, daily press

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FRANCE

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP (wda)	2.0	1.2	2.1	2.5 Q4
Industrial Production	2.5	0.1	0.3	1.1 Feb**
Construction Production	4.3	4.6	5.5	0.6 Feb**
Construction Investment	3.0	2.3	4.0	5.0 Q4
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	2.4	1.8	2.0	1.2 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufactured Goods***	1.2	1.8	2.5	2.9 Feb
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing (<i>ouvriers</i>)***	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8 Q4
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	9.7	9.4	8.8 Feb
Current Account Balance (€bn)	2.1	-19.2	-25.3	
as a percentage of GDP	0.1	-1.1	-1.4	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	110.3	108.8	108.1	108.5 Mar

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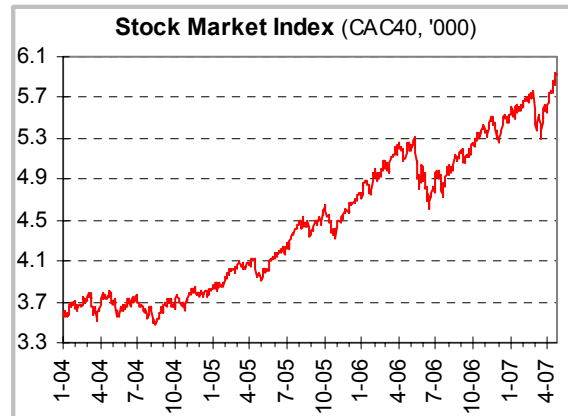
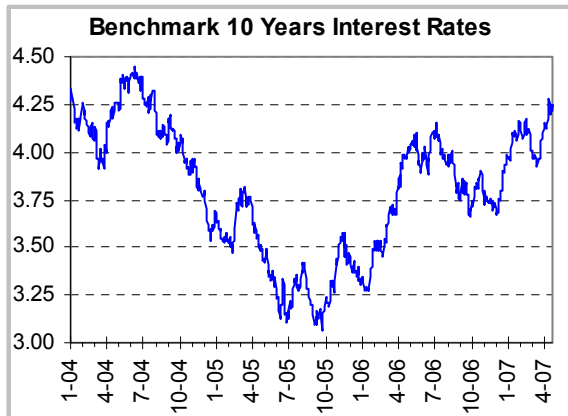
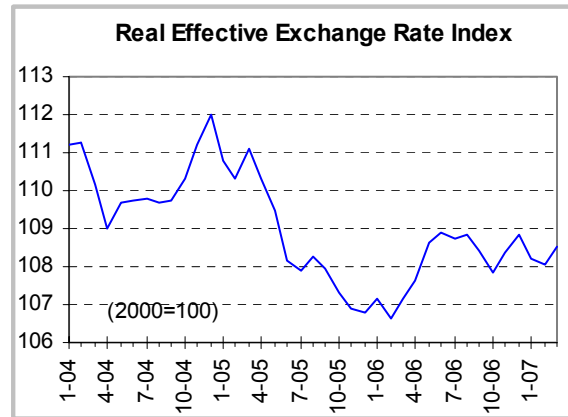
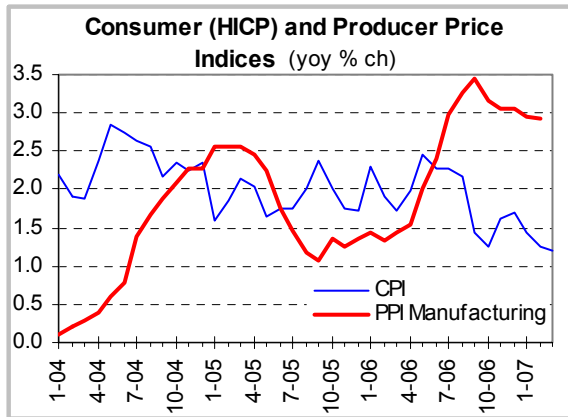
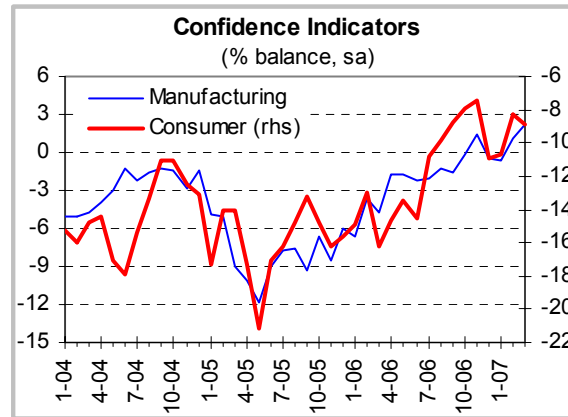
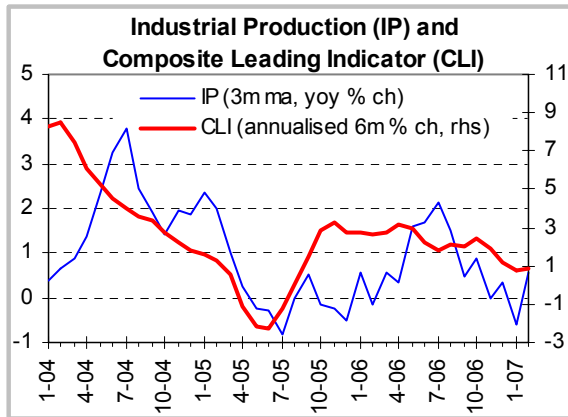
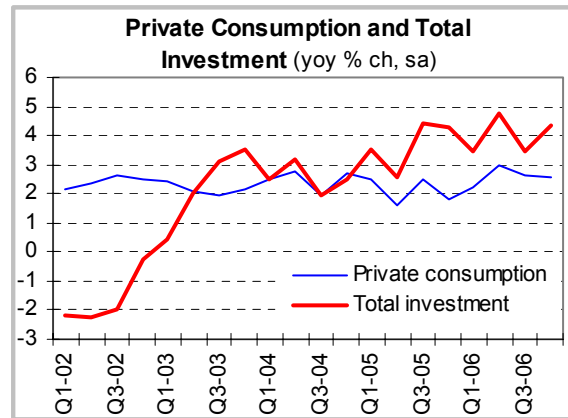
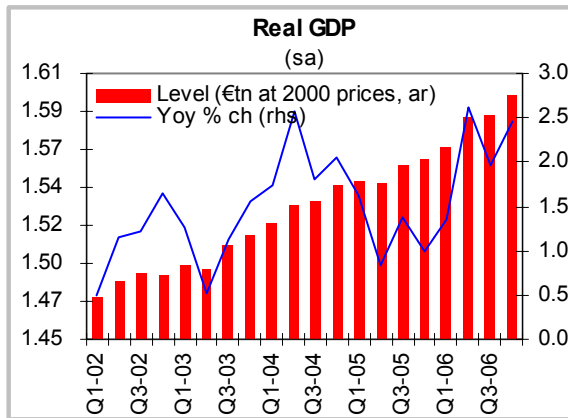
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.11	2.18	3.08	3.89 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.10	3.41	3.80	4.00 Mar
Stock Exchange (CAC) Index (% ch)*	18.2	15.8	19.7	6.8 23/4/07**

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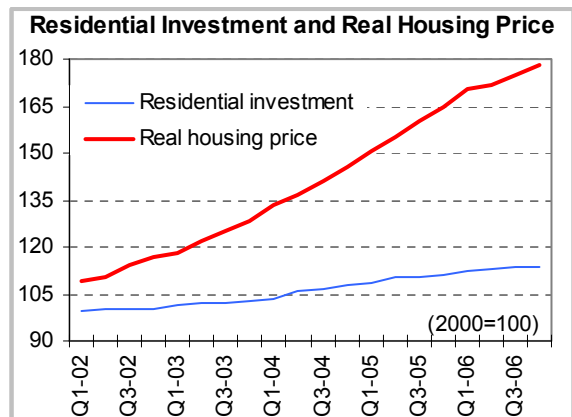
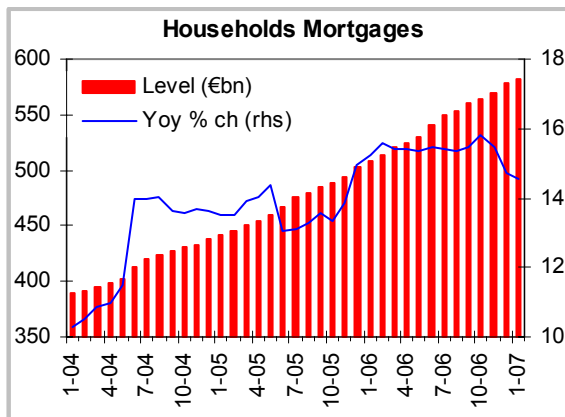
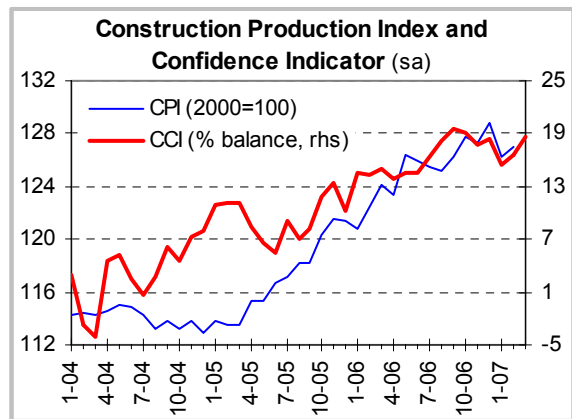
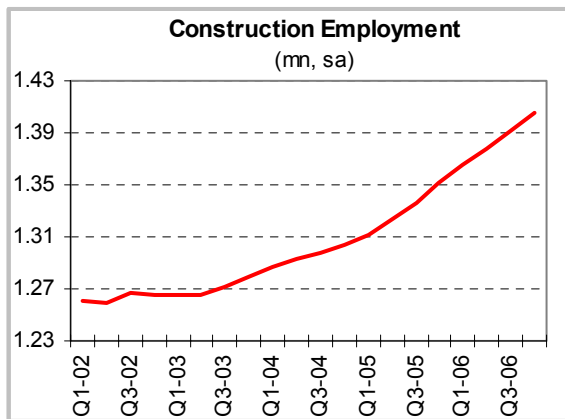
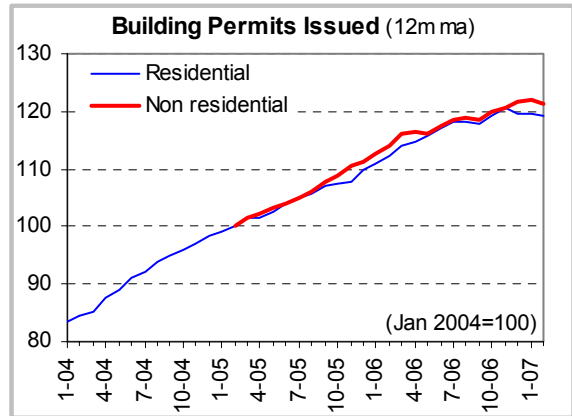
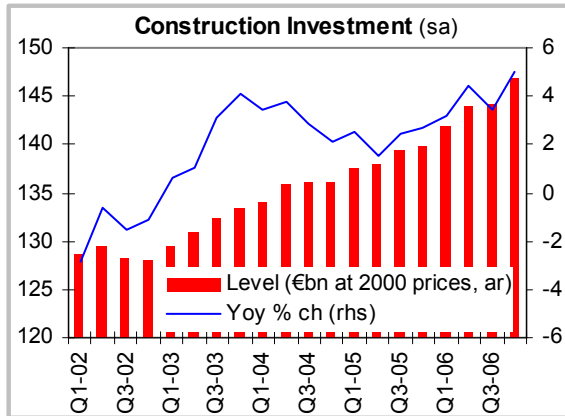
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Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



Sources: OECD, Ministère de l'Équipement, INSEE, European Commission

BELGIUM

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP (wda)	2.7	1.5	3.0	2.9 Q4
Industrial Production	3.3	-0.4	5.2	-0.3 Feb**
Construction Production	-1.8	-3.4	3.2	-2.1 Feb**
Construction (Gross Value Added)	4.6	1.8		9.0 Q3
Consumer Prices – Harmonised Index***	1.9	2.5	2.4	1.8 Mar
Producer Prices***	4.3	2.6	5.0	3.0 Feb
Hourly Earnings-Industry***	2.2	2.5	2.2	2.3 Q1
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.5 Mar
Current Account Balance (bn €)	10.2	7.7	6.2	
as a percentage of GDP	3.5	2.6	2.0 °	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	109.2	109.2	108.8	109.6 Mar

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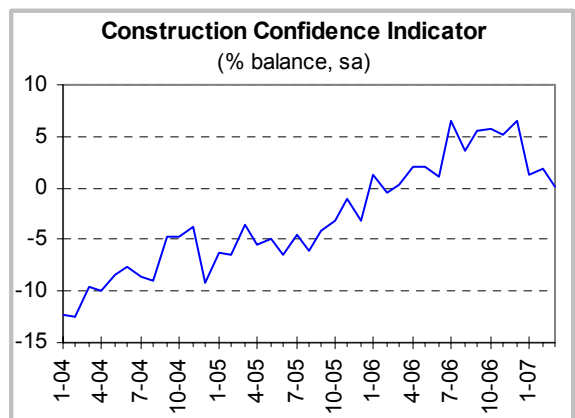
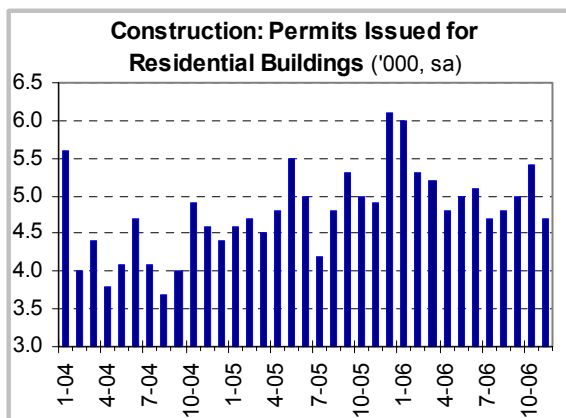
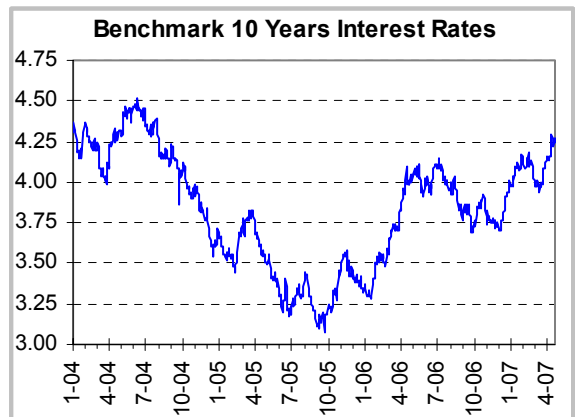
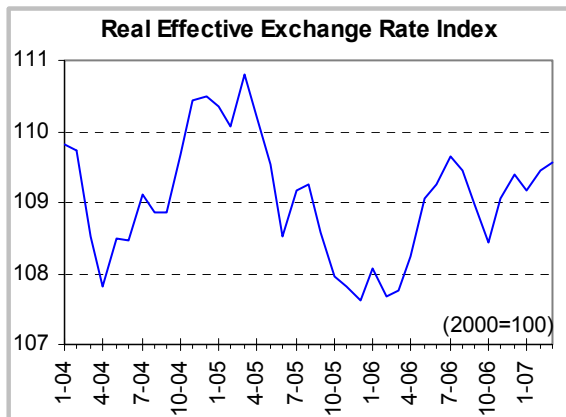
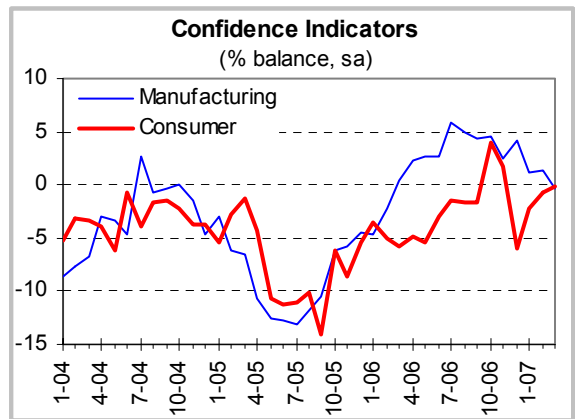
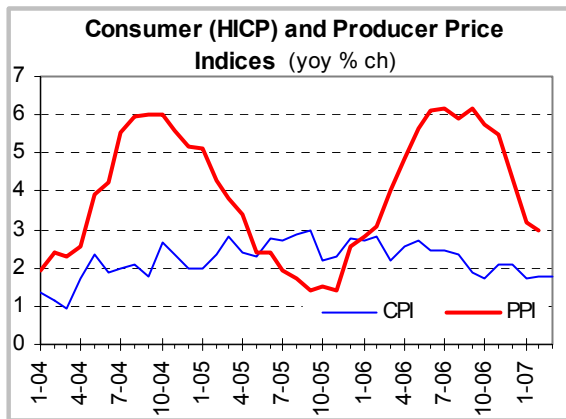
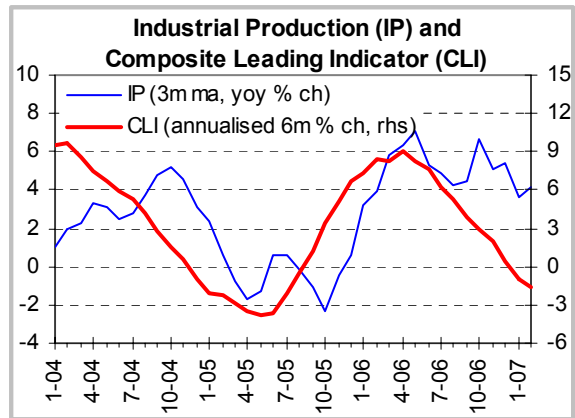
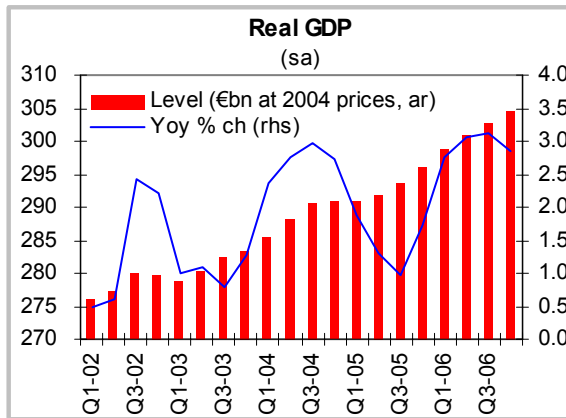
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.11	2.18	3.08	3.89 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.06	3.37	3.81	4.01 Mar
Stock Exchange (BEL20) Index (% ch)*	29.4	25.0	22.2	5.1 23/4/07**

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ITALY

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP (wda)	1.0	0.2	1.9	2.8 Q4
Industrial Production	-0.6	-0.8	2.3	-0.5 Feb**
Construction Investment	1.1	0.6	2.2	4.2 Q4
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1 Mar
Producer Prices***	2.7	4.0	5.6	4.0 Feb
Hourly Rates - Industry, excl.Construction***	3.0	2.6	3.2	2.8 Feb
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.7	6.8	6.5 Q4
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-12.5	-21.9	-35.2	
as a percentage of GDP	-0.9	-1.5	-2.4	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	112.5	110.8	110.4	111.4 Mar

Notes:

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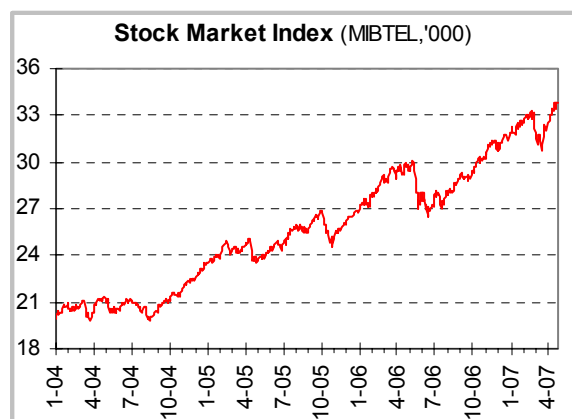
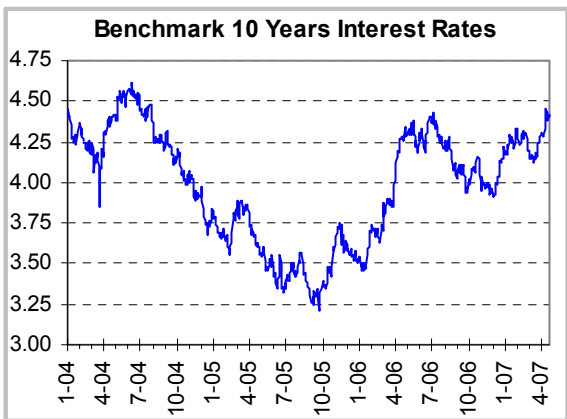
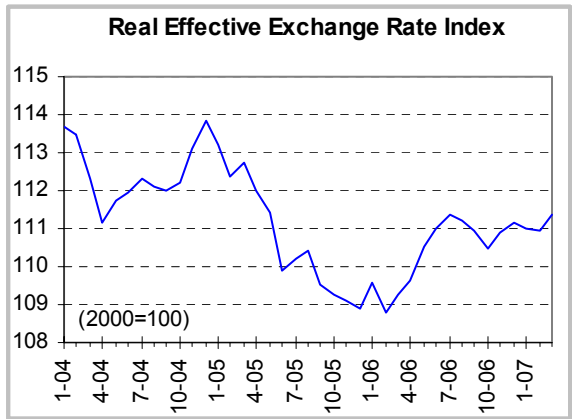
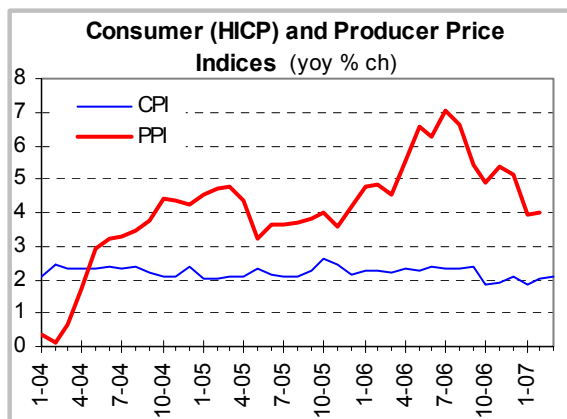
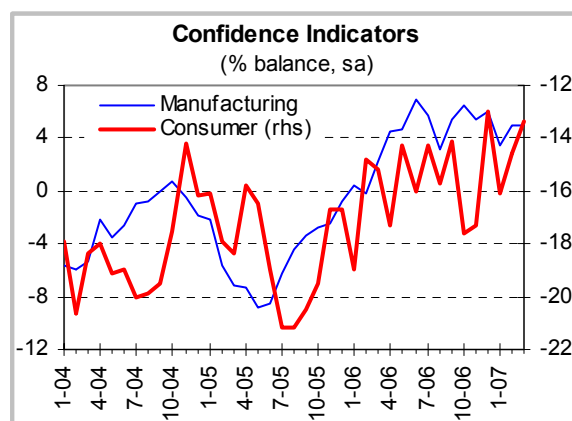
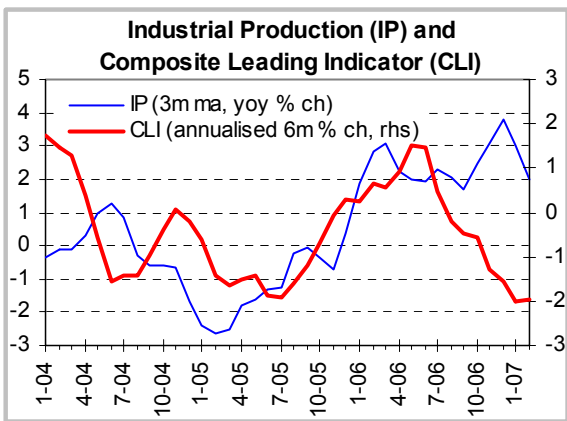
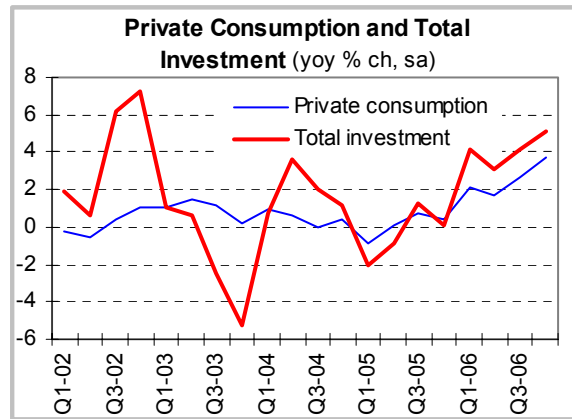
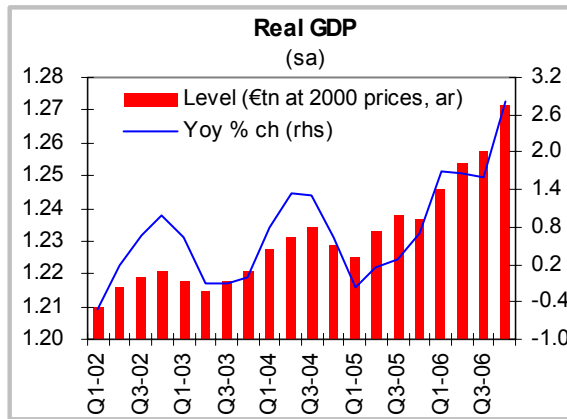
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.11	2.18	3.08	3.89 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.26	3.56	4.05	4.18 Mar
Stock Exchange (MIBTEL) Index (% ch)*	15.1	18.9	15.6	6.0 23/4/07**

Notes:

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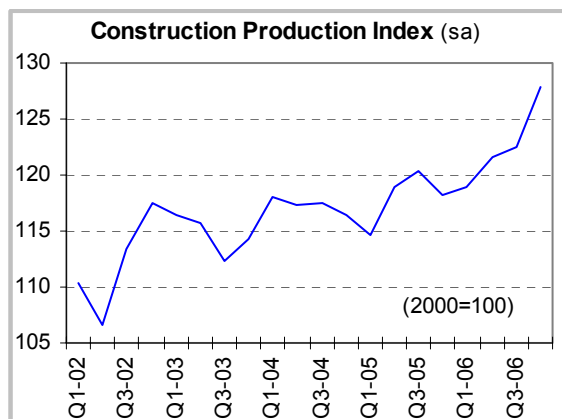
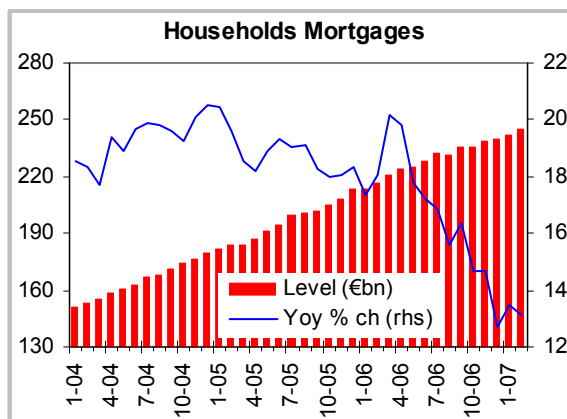
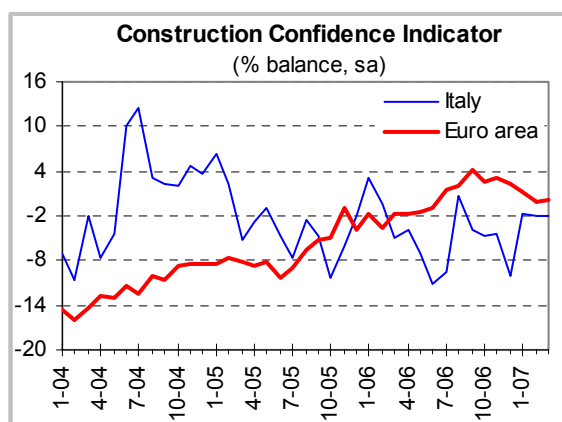
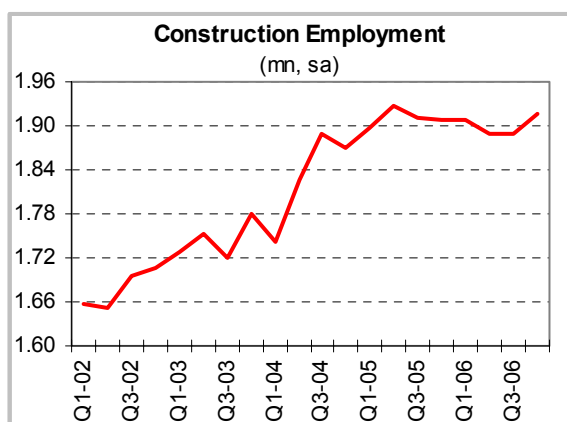
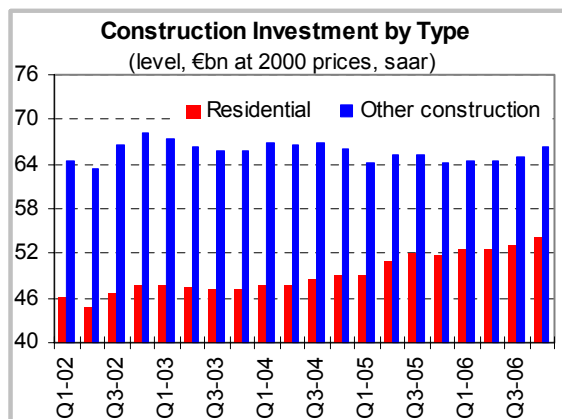
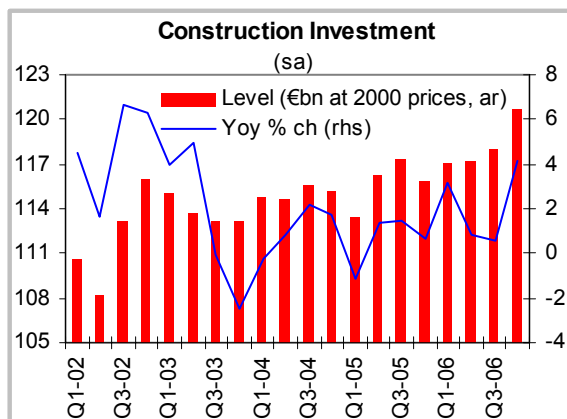
Sources: OECD, ISTAT, BIS, daily press

ITALY



Sources: OECD, ISTAT, daily press

Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



Sources: ISTAT, European Commission, Banca d'Italia

SPAIN

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP (wda)	3.3	3.5	3.9	4.0 Q4
Industrial Production	1.5	0.8	3.8	-0.3 Feb**
Construction Investment	5.4	6.0	5.8	5.7 Q4
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	3.1	3.4	3.6	2.5 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	3.4	4.9	5.3	2.5 Feb
Hourly Earnings***	4.0	3.5	4.2	4.9 Q4
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	10.6	9.2	8.6	8.6 Feb
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-44.2	-66.6	-86.0	
as a percentage of GDP	-5.3	-7.4	-8.8	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	113.8	114.3	115.8	117.1 Mar

Notes:

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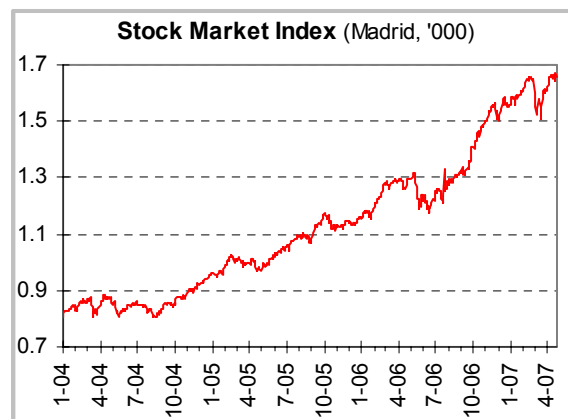
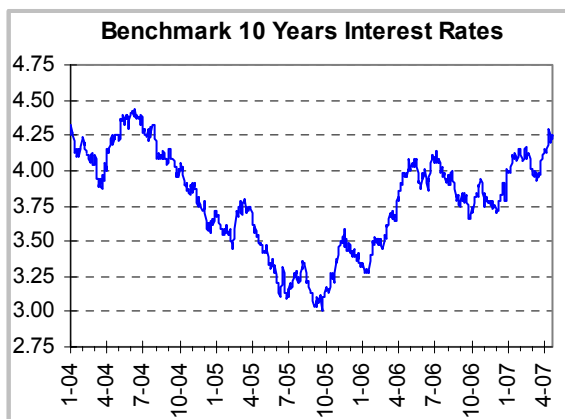
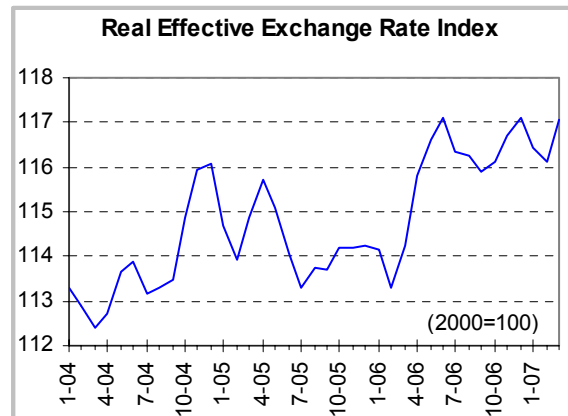
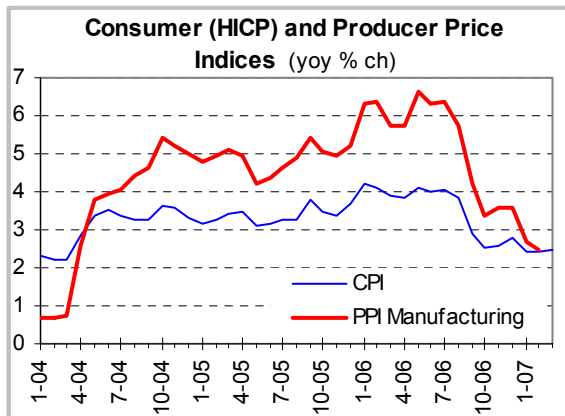
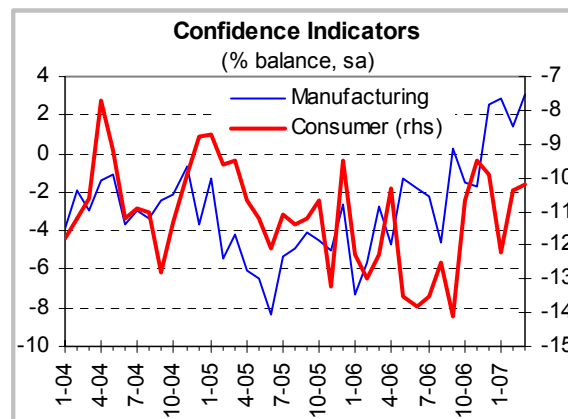
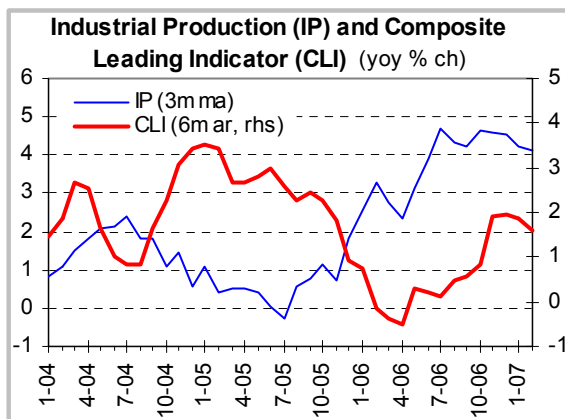
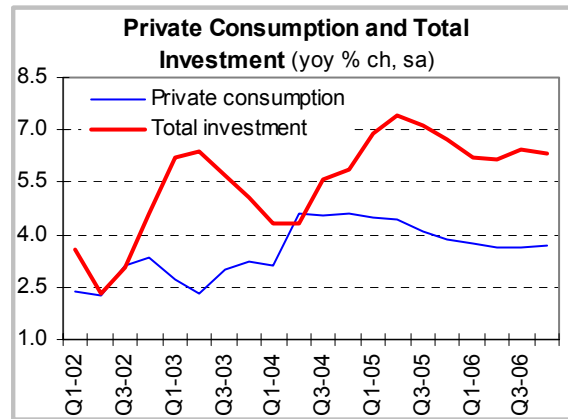
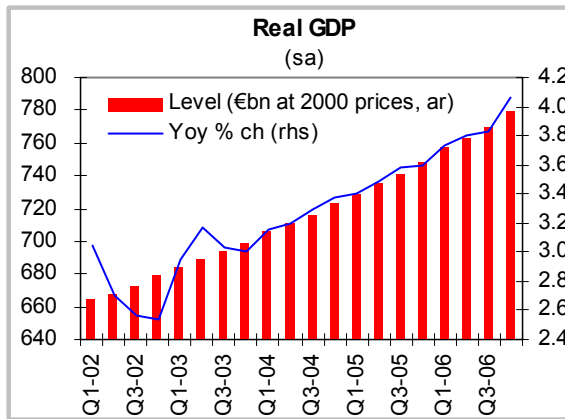
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.11	2.18	3.08	3.89 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.10	3.39	3.78	4.01 Mar
Stock Exchange (MSE) Index (% ch)*	22.3	23.3	24.9	6.7 23/4/07**

Notes:

* Average over year; ** % change on 31/12/06

Sources: OECD, INE, BIS, daily press

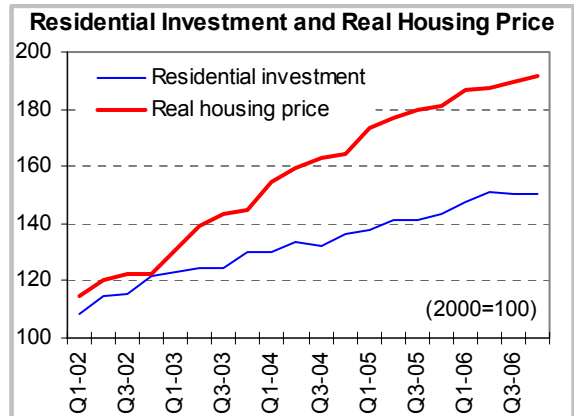
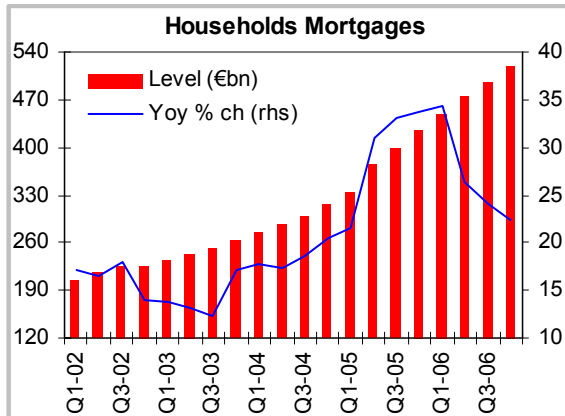
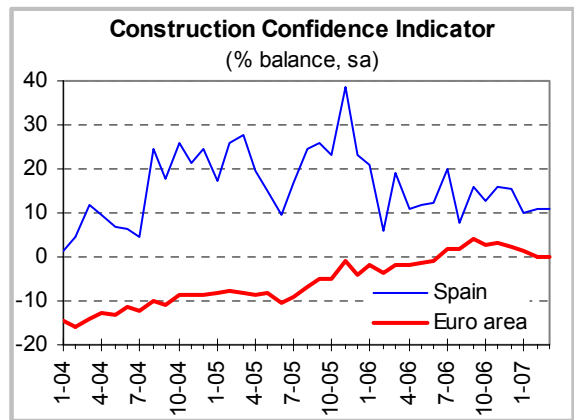
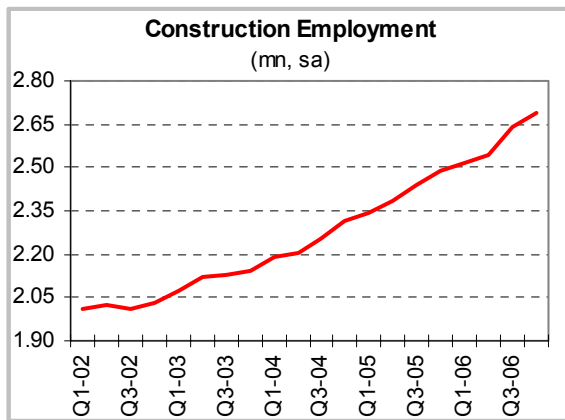
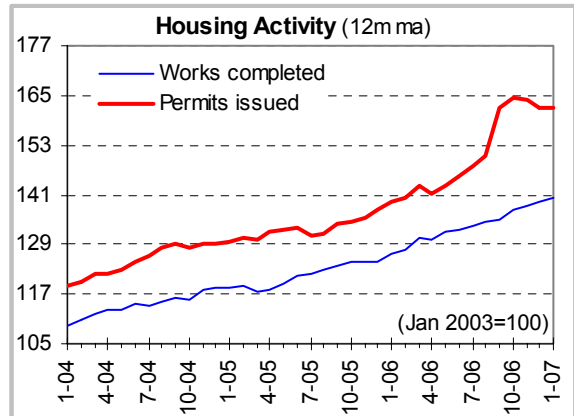
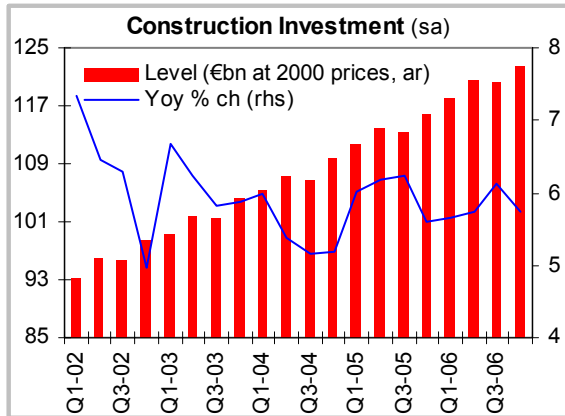
SPAIN



Sources: OECD, INE, daily press

SPAIN

Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



Sources: INE, European Commission, Banco de Espana, OECD

GREECE

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	4.7	3.8	4.2	4.3 Q4
Industrial Production	0.9	-0.7	0.6	-2.9 Feb**
Construction Investment	5.0	-3.0	10.5	
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	3.1	3.5	3.3	2.8 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	3.7	5.4	6.4	-0.1 Feb
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	10.5	9.9	8.9	8.6 Q4
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-10.7	-14.4	-23.8	
as a percentage of GDP	-5.0	-6.3	-9.7	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	113.3	113.1	113.8	116.1 Mar

Notes:

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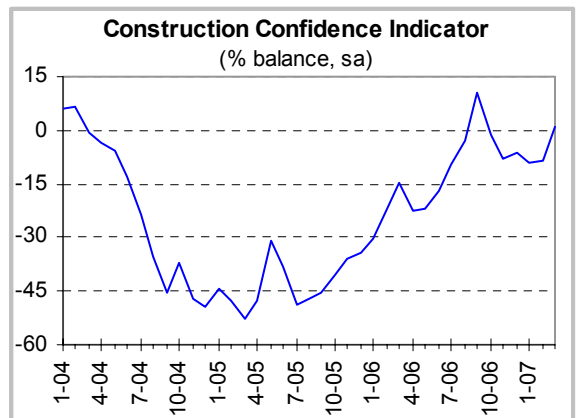
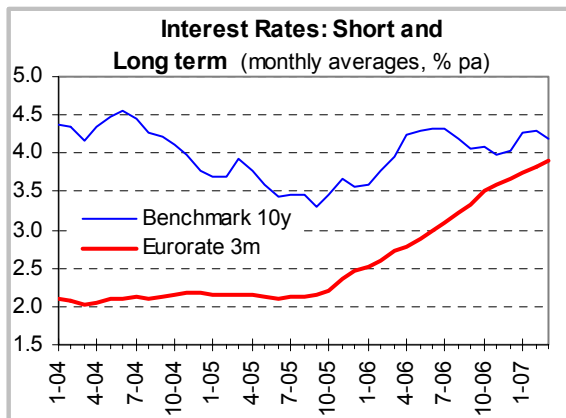
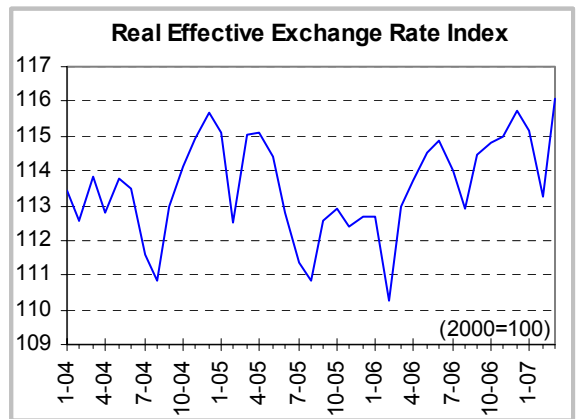
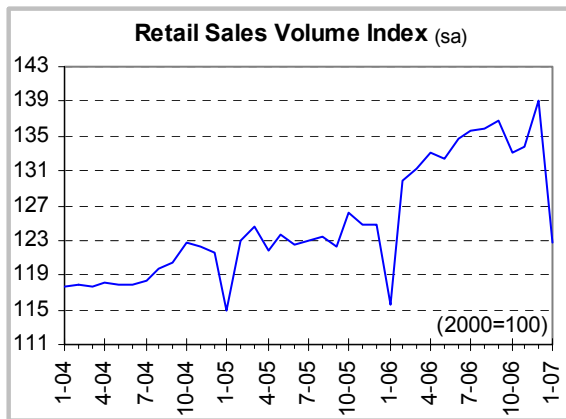
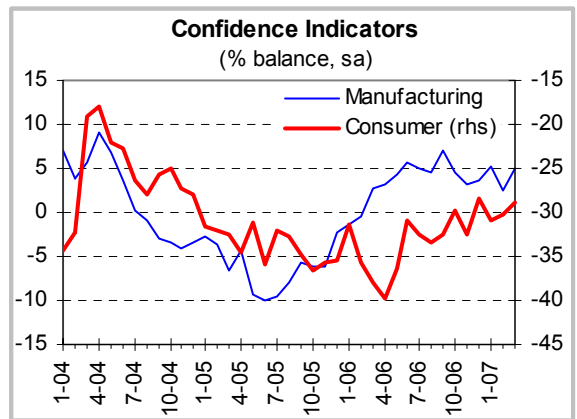
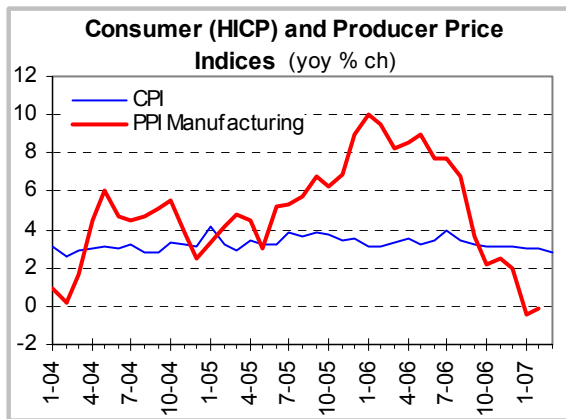
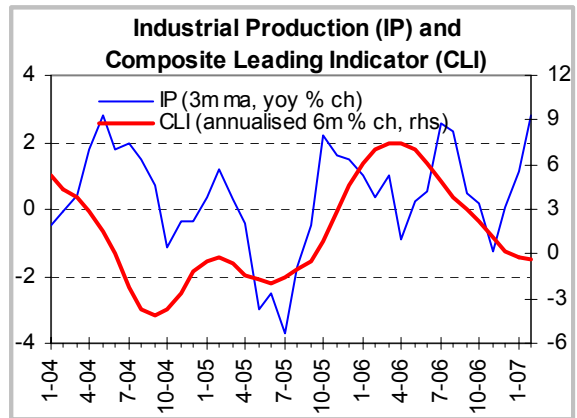
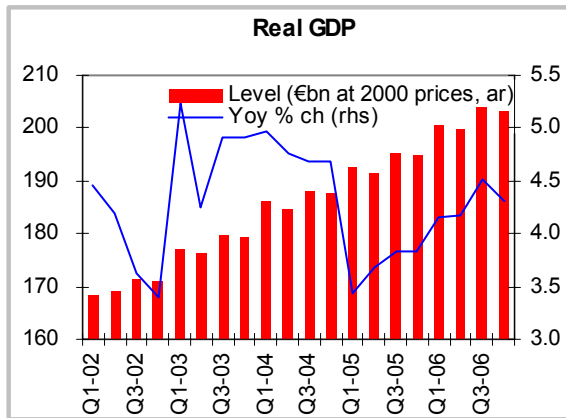
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa	2.11	2.18	3.08	3.89 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.26	3.59	4.07	4.20 Mar
Stock Exchange (ASE) Index (% ch)*	27.5	29.4	26.8	9.7 23/4/07**

Notes:

* Average over year; ** % change on 31/12/06

Sources: OECD, National Bank of Greece, BIS, daily press

GREECE



Sources: OECD, European Commission

BULGARIA

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.7 Q4
Gross Fixed Capital Investment	13.5	23.3	17.6	23.8 Q4
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	21.2	8.1	7.3	13.0 Feb
Consumer Prices	6.1	5.0	7.3	4.1 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	5.8	7.2	6.3	4.1 Feb
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.7	11.5	9.6	8.9 Mar
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-1.7	-3.3	-5.0	
as a percentage of GDP	-6.7	-12.0	-15.8	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	120.2	121.1	126.5	135.1 Mar

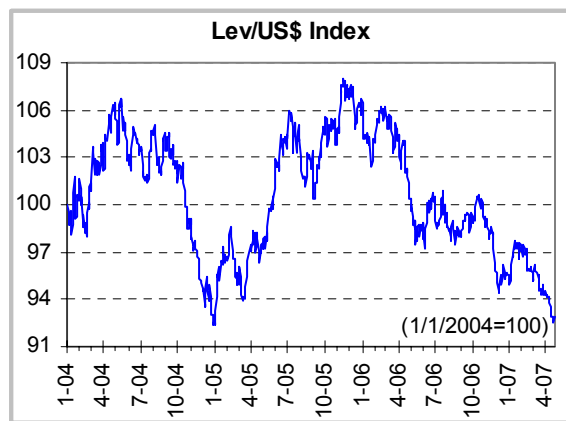
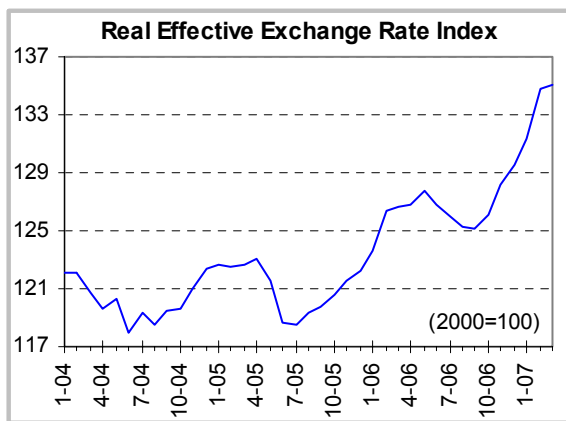
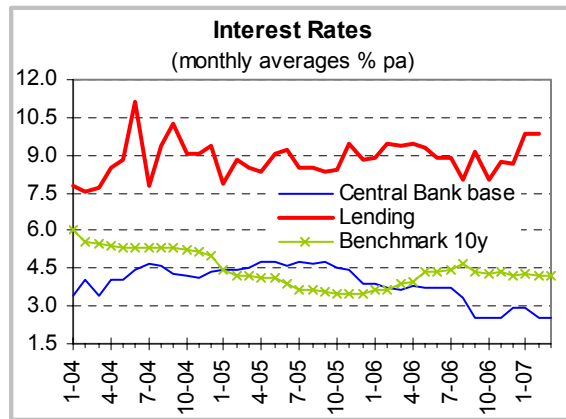
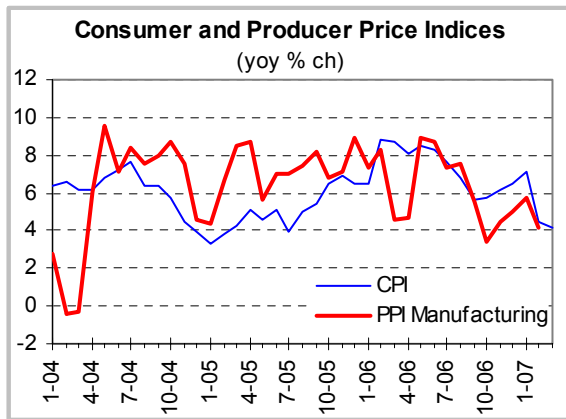
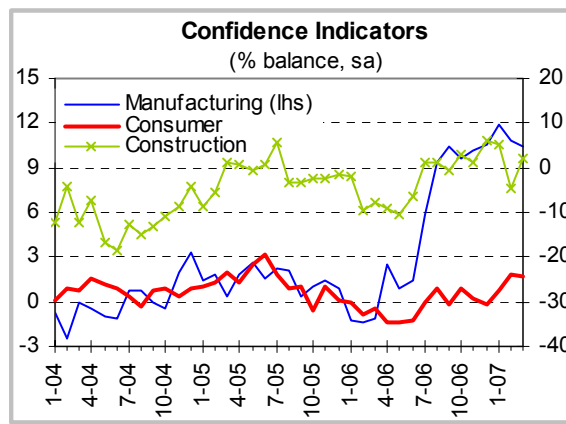
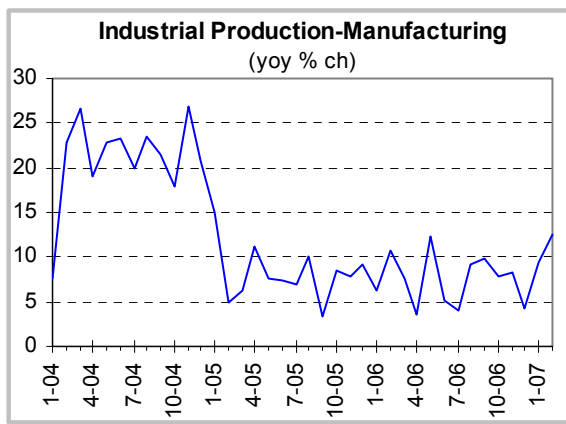
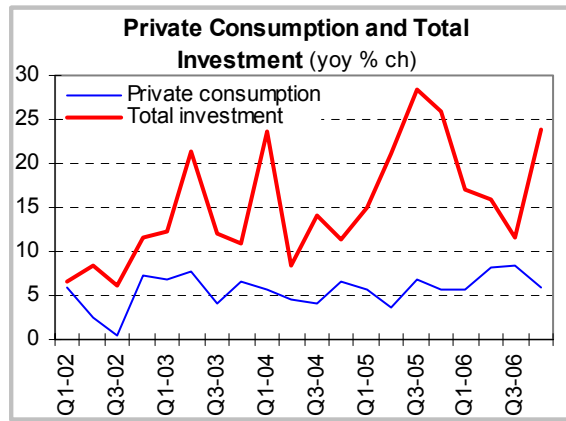
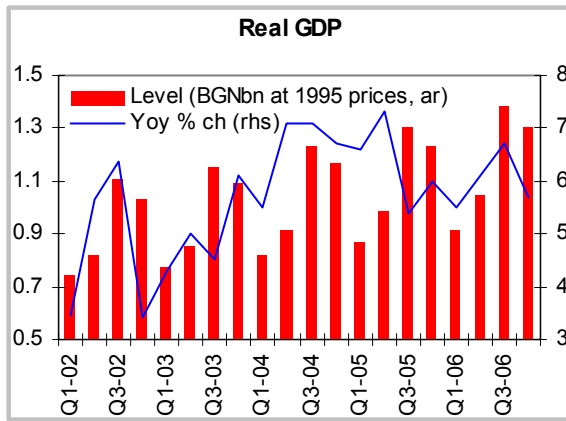
Notes:

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Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (interbank)	2.0	2.1	2.8	3.6 Feb
Government Bond Yields (<1 year) pa	2.7	2.3	2.6	3.5 Feb
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	5.4	3.9	4.2	4.2 Mar

Sources: National Statistics Institute, BIS, National Bank of Bulgaria

BULGARIA



Sources: National Statistics Institute, BIS, National Bank of Bulgaria

EGYPT

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP**	4.2	4.6	6.9	6.5 Oct-Dec
Consumer Prices	11.3	4.9	7.6	12.8 Mar
Wholesale Prices	17.1	5.3	6.4	16.4 Feb
Unemployment Rate (%)**	10.3	11.2	10.0	
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	3.2	2.0	2.7	
as a percentage of GDP	3.9	2.1	2.4	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	66.8	72.8	75.9	79.7 Feb

Notes:

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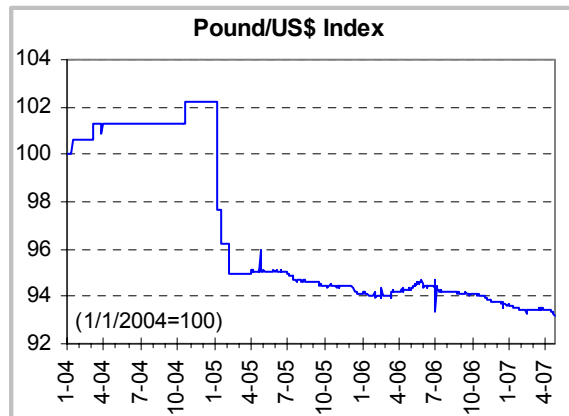
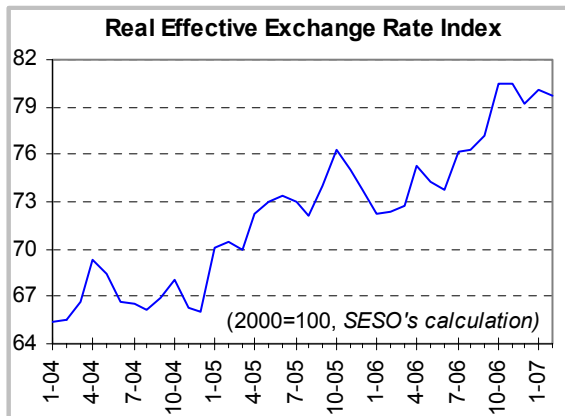
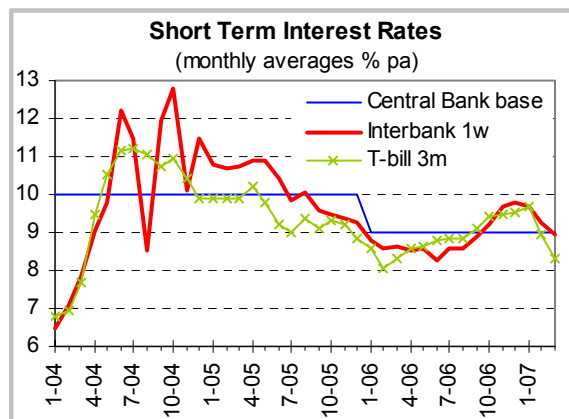
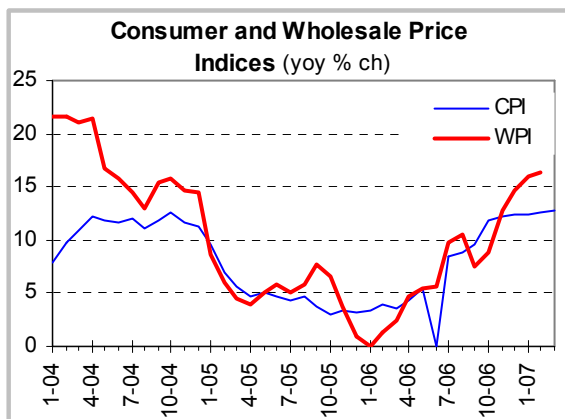
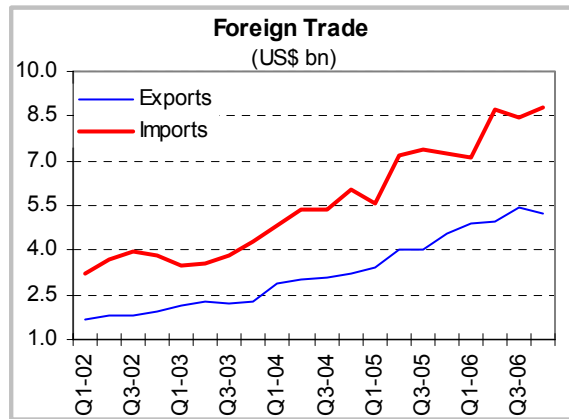
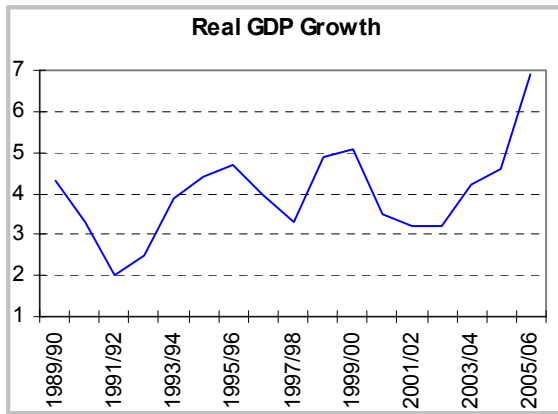
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Discount Rate (end of period)	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.0 Mar
Short Term Interest Rate pa (91 days T-Bill)	9.7	9.5	8.9	8.3 Mar
Stock Exchange (HERMES) Index (% ch)*	116.2	169.4	3.4	5.1 23/4/07**

Notes:

* Average over year; CSE Index for 2004-2005, new series starting from 01/01/2006: HERMES Index; ** % change on 31/12/06

Sources: Central Bank of Egypt, Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics, SESO's calculation, daily press

EGYPT



Sources: Central Bank of Egypt, CAPMAS

MOROCCO

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	5.2	2.4	8.1**	7.4 Q4
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	3.5	5.9	6.7	6.3 Q4
Industrial Production	3.1	2.5	3.7	2.5 Q4
Consumer Prices	1.5	1.0	3.3	2.5 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	5.0	9.1	5.9	-3.2 Feb
Urban Unemployment Rate (%)	18.4	18.4	15.5	17.2 Q4
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	1.0	1.1	1.9	
as a percentage of GDP	1.9	2.2	3.2	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	93.5	91.8	92.9	93.1 Dec

Notes:

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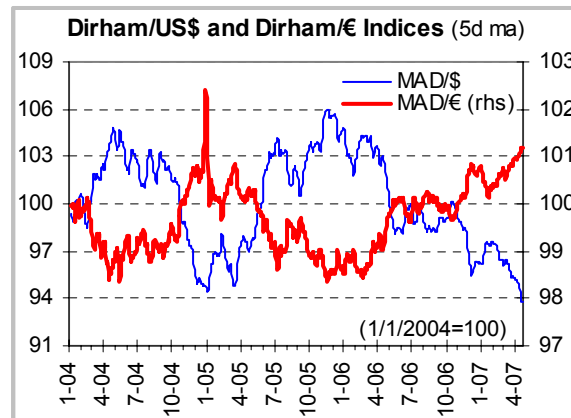
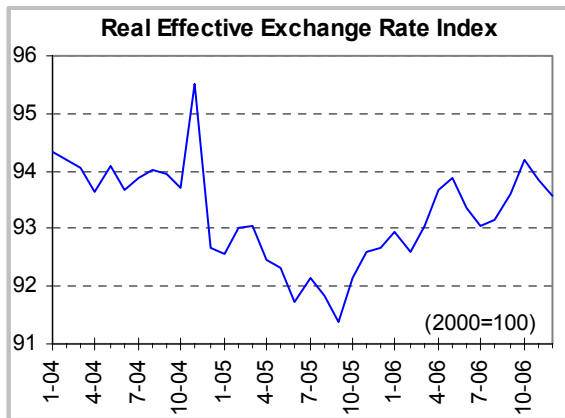
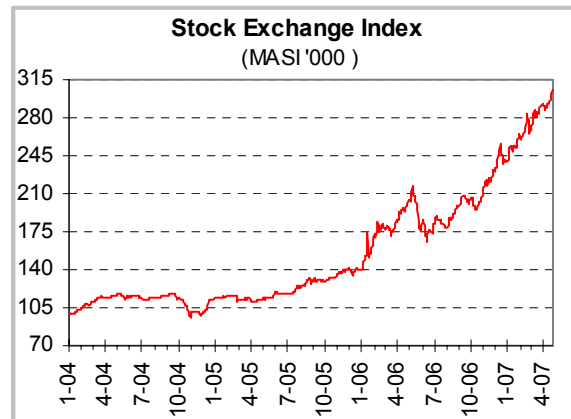
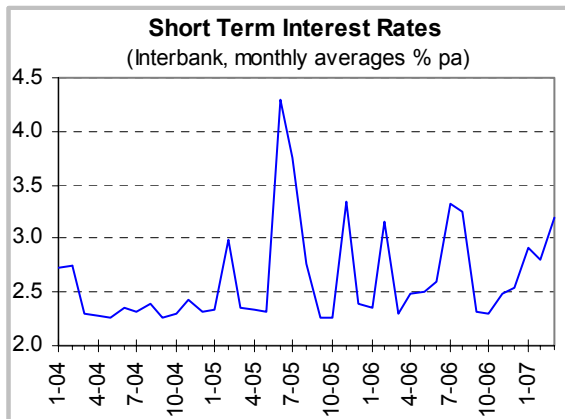
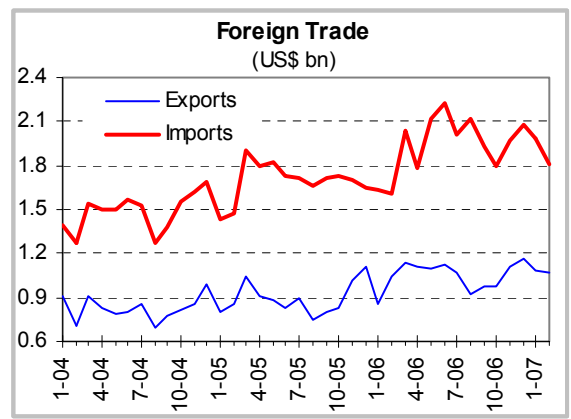
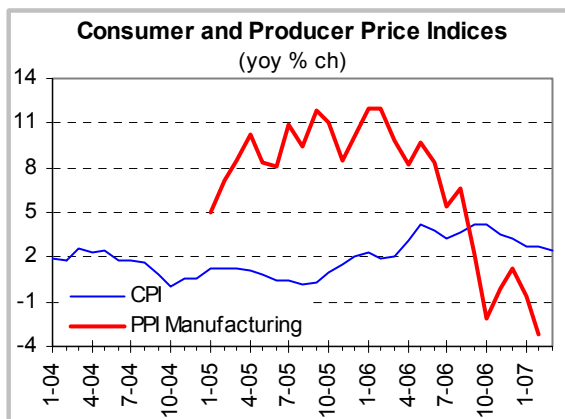
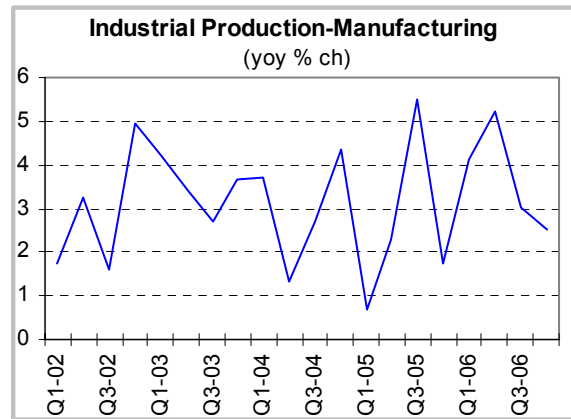
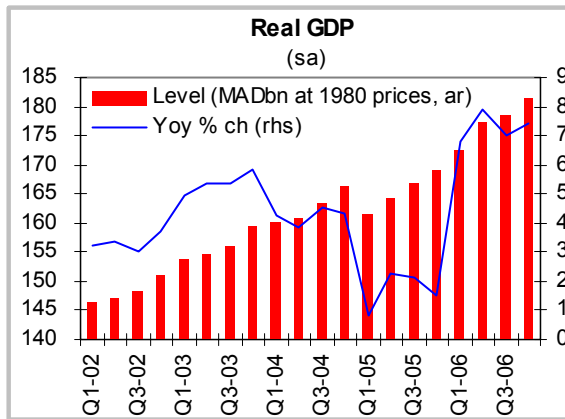
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa	2.4	2.8	2.6	3.2 Mar
Stock Exchange (MASI) Index (% ch)*	25.7	10.9	57.2	27.0 23/4/07*

Notes:

* % change on 31/12/06

Sources: Direction de la Statistique du Maroc, Haut Commissariat au Plan, IMF, daily press

MOROCCO



Sources: Direction de la Statistique du Maroc, Office des Change, IMF

TURKEY

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	8.9	7.4	6.1	5.2 Q4
Industrial Production**	9.7	5.4	5.8	-4.7 Jan***
Construction Investment	3.7	24.5	19.8	14.9 Q4
Consumer Prices****	8.6	8.2	9.6	10.9 Mar
Producer Prices - Manufacturing****	13.1	7.6	9.3	11.8 Mar
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	10.2	9.9	11.0 Jan
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-15.5	-22.8	-31.3	
as a percentage of GDP	-5.1	-5.5	-7.8	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	98.0	108.1	107.3	120.0 Mar

Notes:

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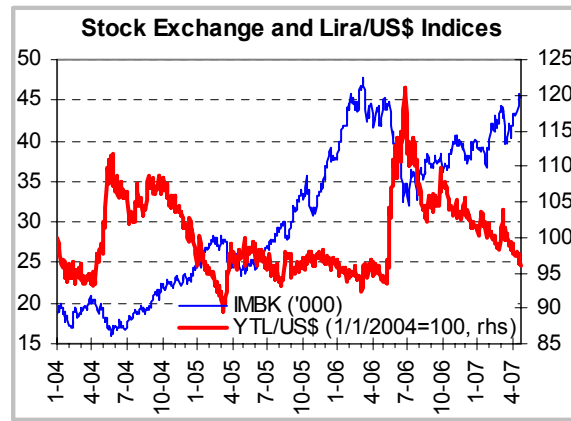
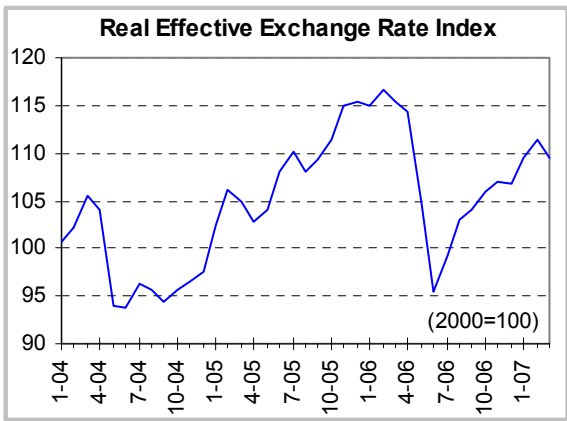
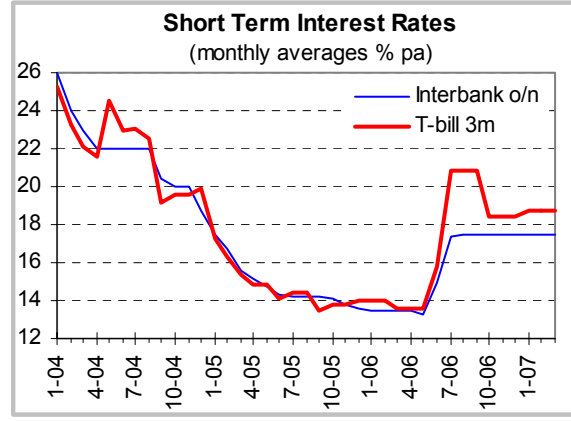
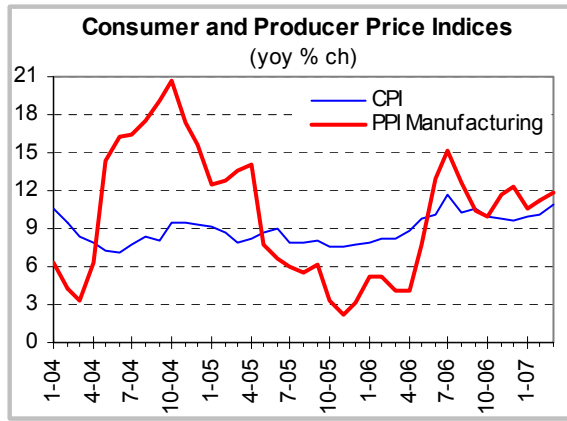
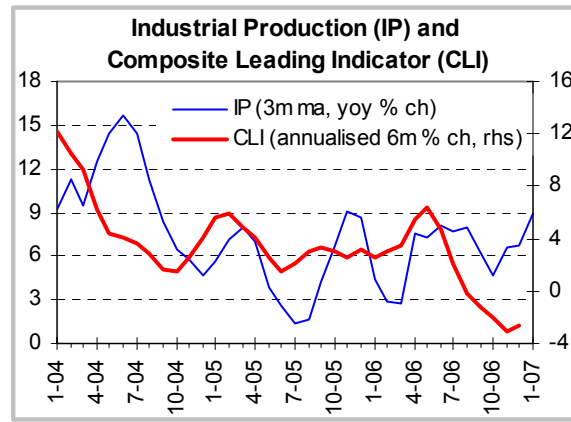
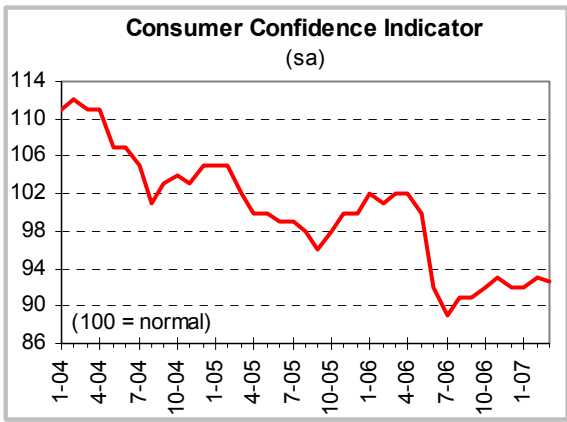
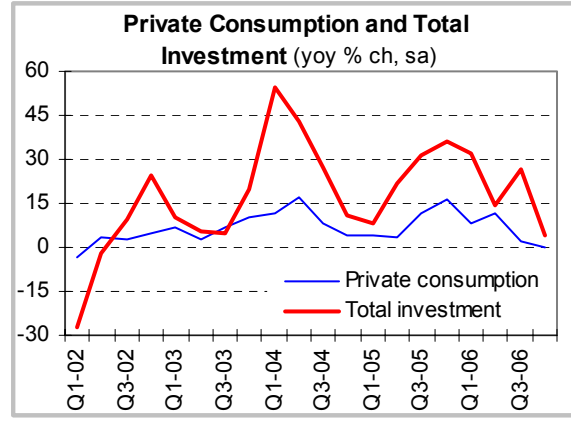
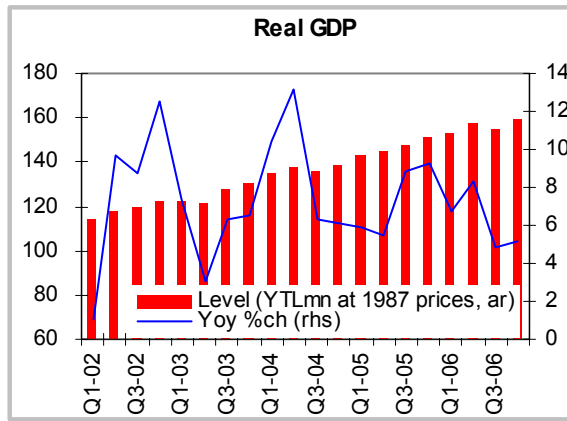
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	21.8	14.8	15.6	17.5 Mar
Stock Exchange (IMBK) Index (% ch)*	61.8	47.9	35.5	21.1 23/4/07**

Notes:

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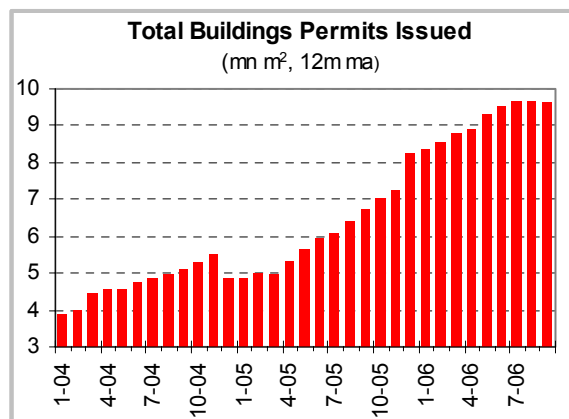
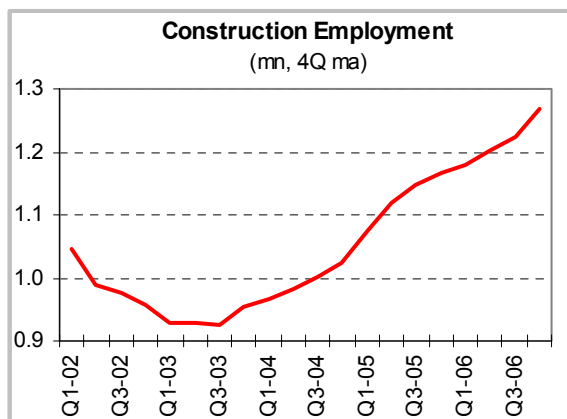
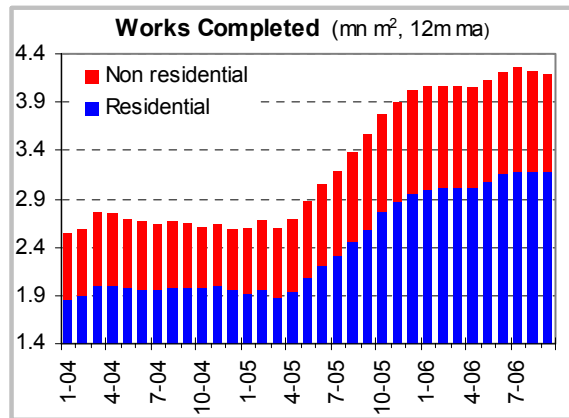
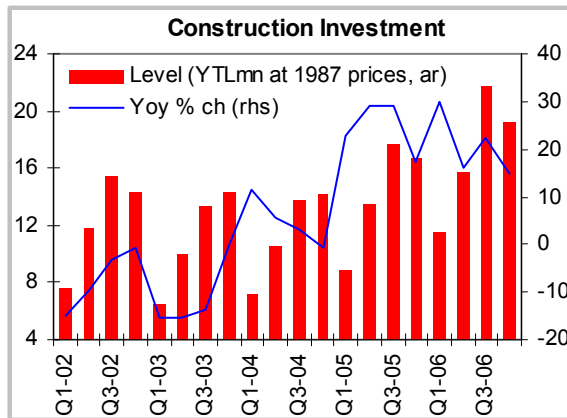
Sources: OECD, BIS, Central Bank of Turkey, daily press

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Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



Sources: OECD, SIS (State Institute of Statistics)

THAILAND

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	6.3	4.5	5.0	4.2 Q4
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	11.7	9.1	7.4	1.9 Feb
Construction Investment	9.3	6.2	5.5	4.8 Q4
Consumer Prices***	2.8	4.5	4.6	2.0 Mar
Producer Prices***	6.7	9.1	7.1	2.7 Mar
Unemployment Rate (%)***	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.5 Feb
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	2.8	-7.8	3.2	
as a percentage of GDP	1.7	-4.4	1.5	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	95.6	97.2	105.6	120.0 Mar

Notes:

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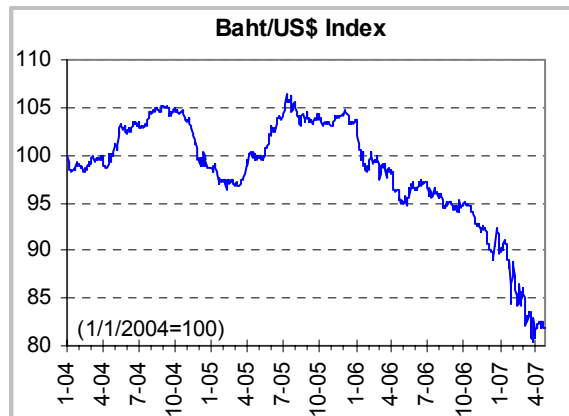
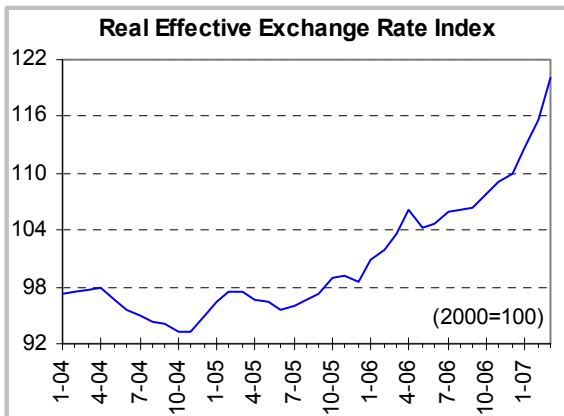
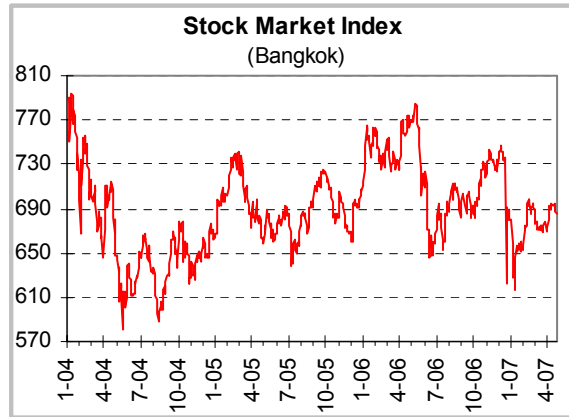
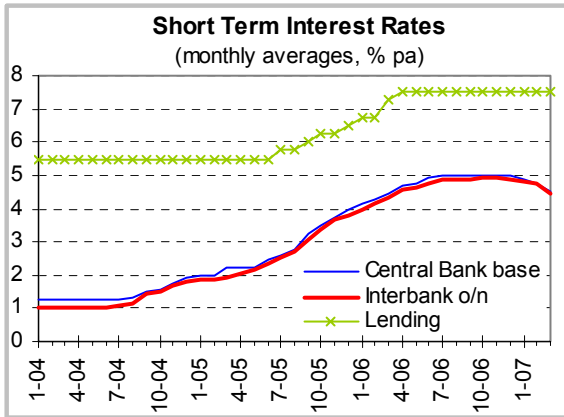
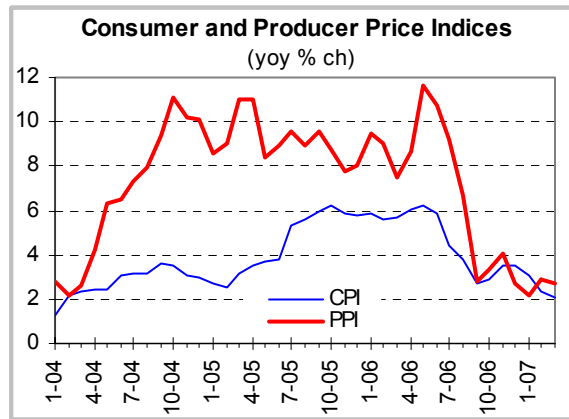
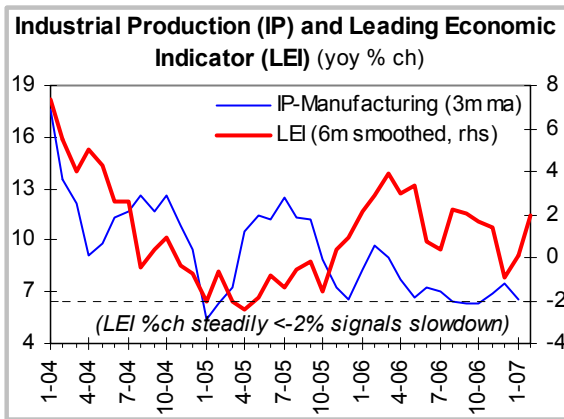
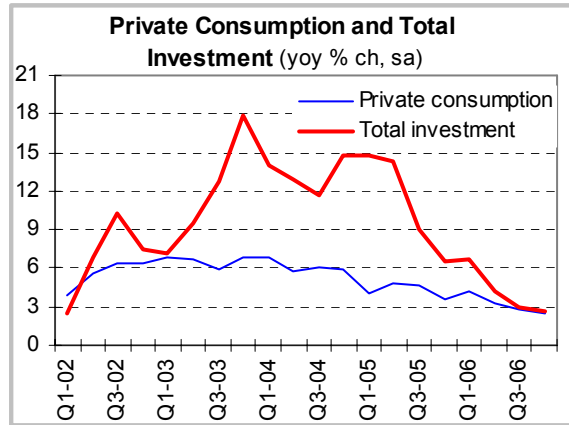
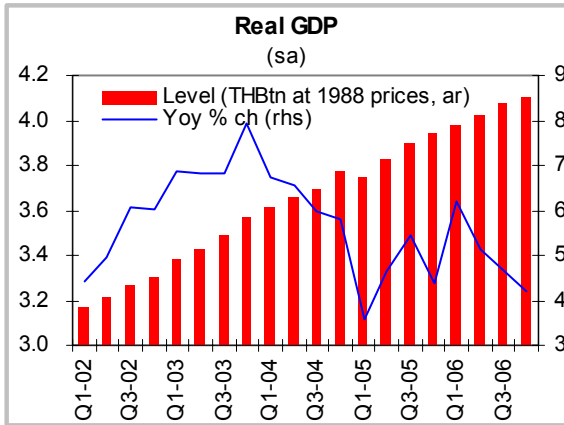
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	1.2	2.6	4.6	4.5 Mar
Stock Exchange Index (Bangkok) (% change)*	37.5	4.1	4.2	0.9 23/4/07**

Notes:

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Sources: Bank of Thailand, National Economic and Social Development Board, BIS, daily press

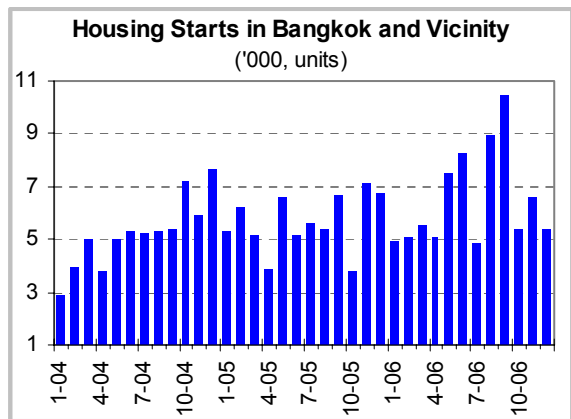
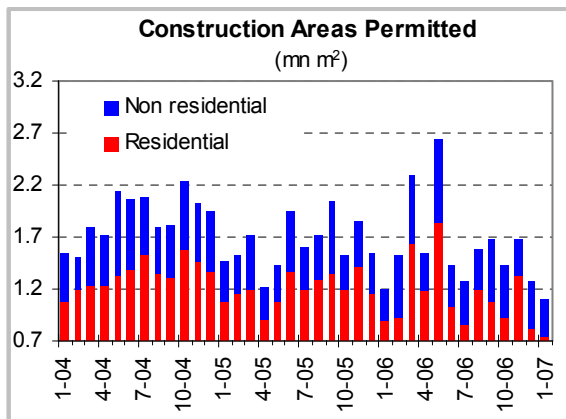
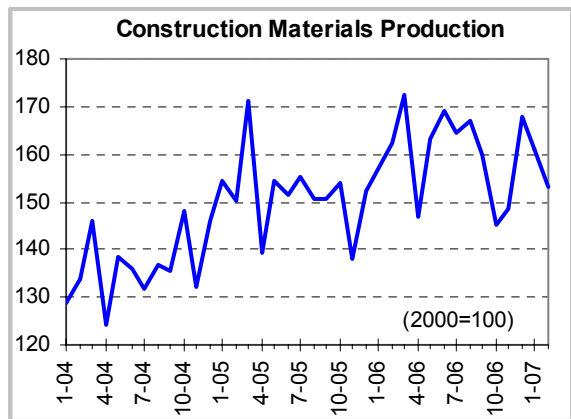
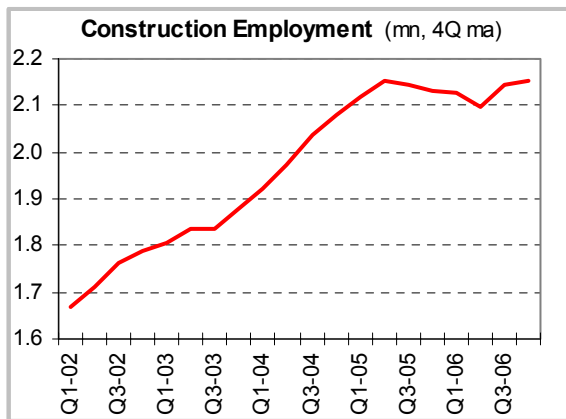
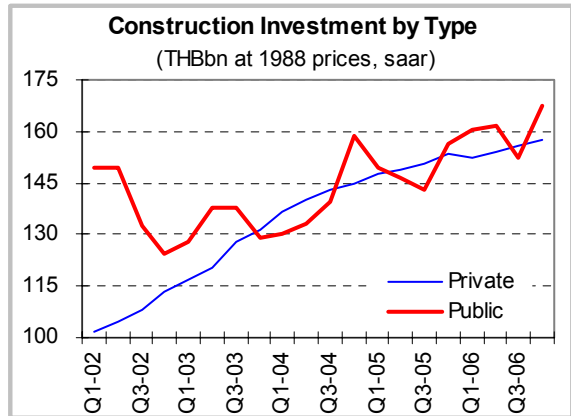
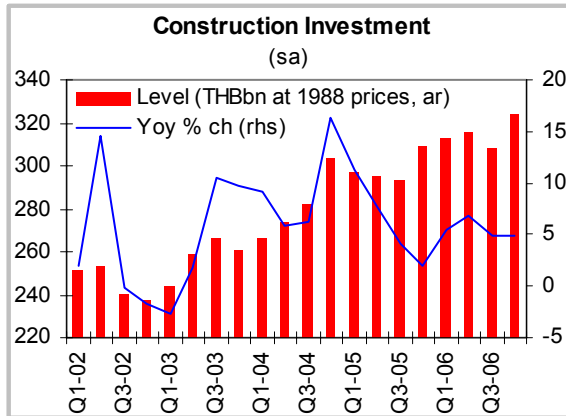
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Sources: BIS, NESDB, Bank of Thailand, daily press

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Source: Bank of Thailand

INDIA

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP**	7.1	8.6	9.0	8.6 Q4
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	8.9	9.0	11.4	12.3 Feb
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	11.4	13.5	10.3	9.9 Q4
Consumer Prices	3.8	4.3	6.2	7.6 Feb
Wholesale Prices	6.6	4.7	4.8	6.5 Mar
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)**	0.8	-7.8	-10.0	
as a percentage of GDP	0.1	-1.1	-1.3	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	99.8	103.7	102.1	103.9 Mar

Notes:

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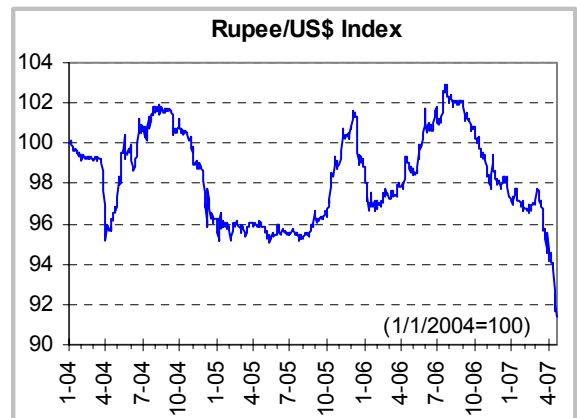
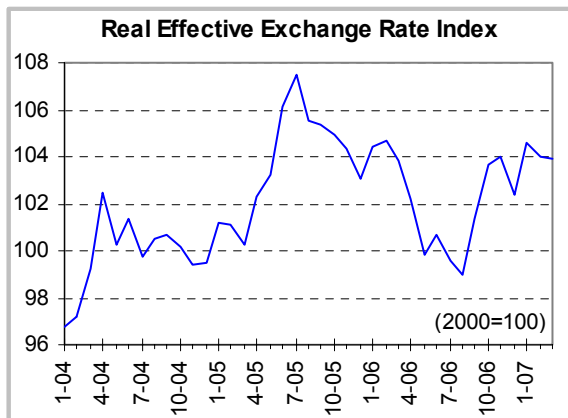
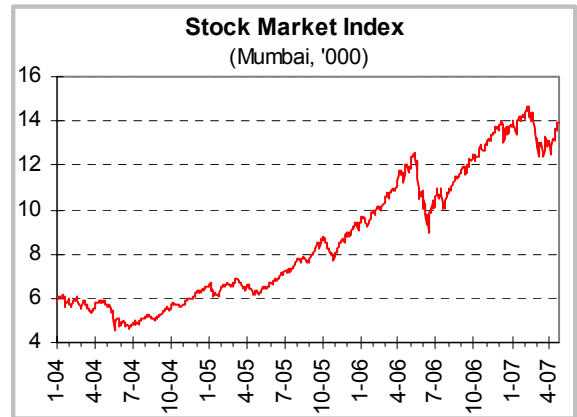
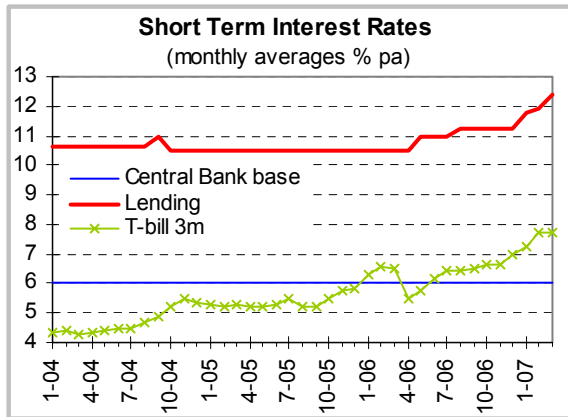
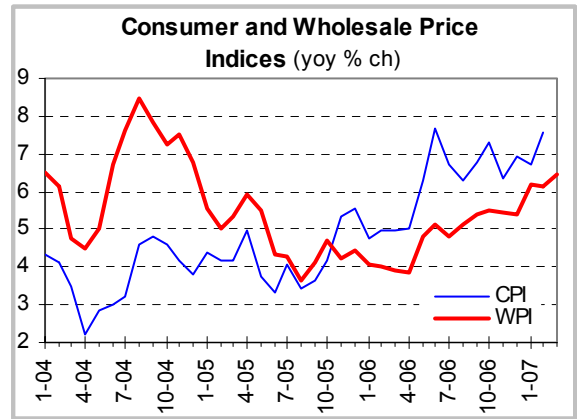
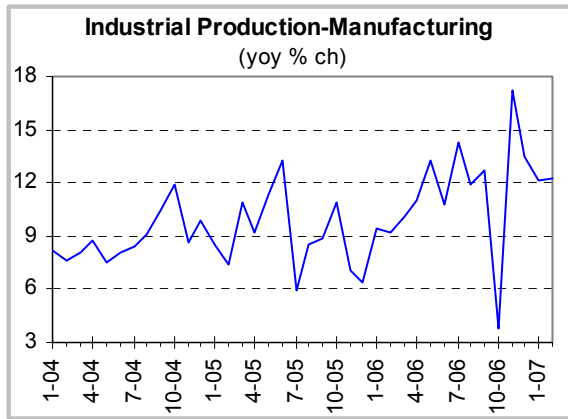
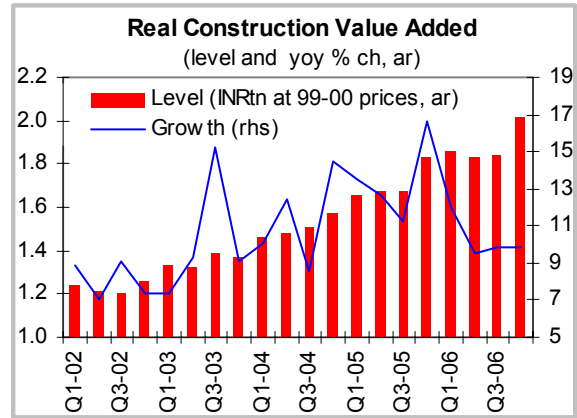
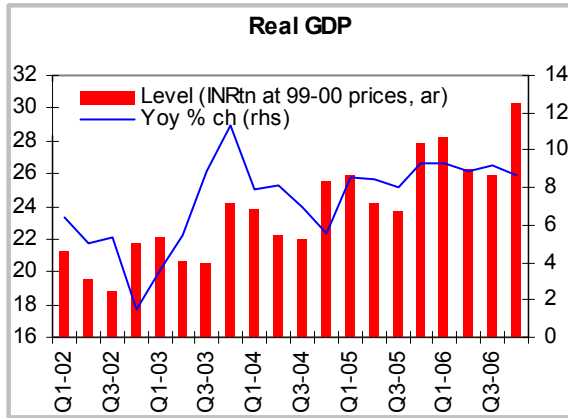
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (91-day T-bills)	4.7	5.4	6.4	7.7 Mar
Prime Lending Rate	10.6	10.5	10.9	12.4 Mar
Stock Exchange Index (Mumbai) (% ch)*	44.2	32.7	54.7	1.0 23/4/07**

Notes:

* Average over year; ** % change on 31/12/06

Sources: Reserve Bank of India, BIS, Office of Economic Advisor, Labour Bureau, Statistics India, daily press

INDIA



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KAZAKHSTAN

Real Indicators*	2004	2005	2006	Latest
GDP	9.6	9.7	10.6	
Industrial Production	17.8	5.3	6.3	10.1 Feb
Consumer Prices	7.1	7.9	8.7	7.8 Mar
Producer Prices	16.8	23.7	18.5	2.8 Mar
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.1	7.8	
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	0.3	-1.1	-1.8	
as a percentage of GDP	0.8	-1.8	-2.3	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	93.1	96.4	104.1	104.9 Feb

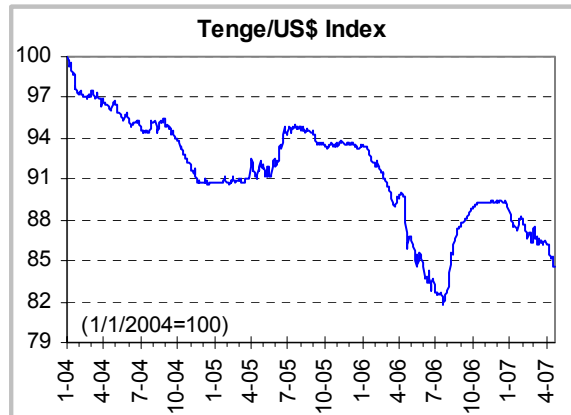
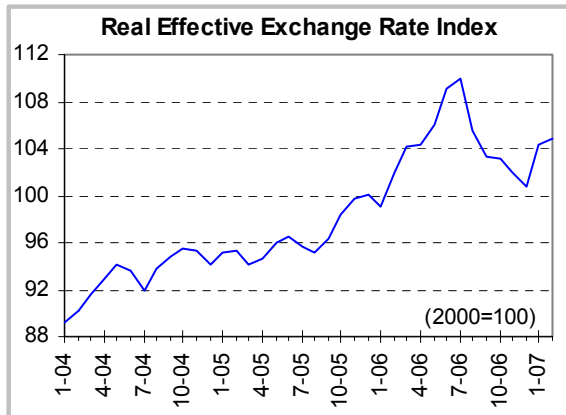
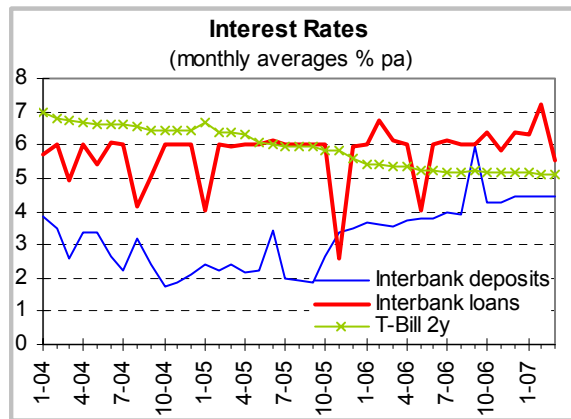
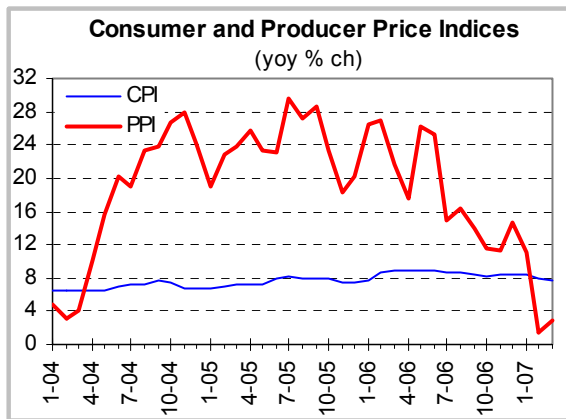
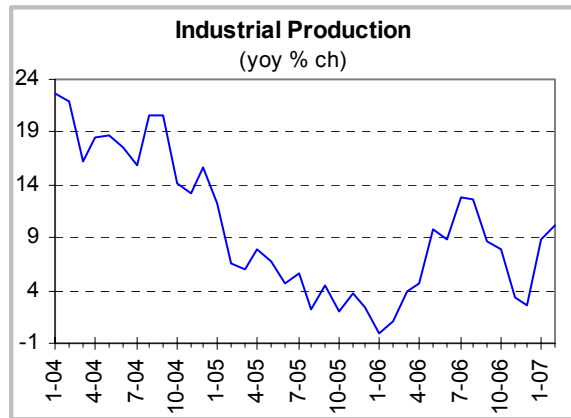
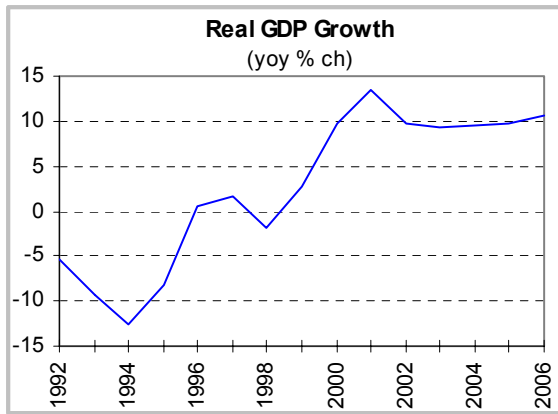
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Financial Indicators				
Refinancing Rate (end of period)	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.0 Mar
Short Term Interest Rate pa (<1 year)	4.8	2.8	3.5	5.3 Mar
Exchange Rate Tenge/\$	135.8	132.8	125.9	124.0 Mar

Sources: National Bank of Kazakhstan, EIU, IMF, Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS

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