

## Economic Profile in ITC Group Countries

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France

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Italy

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Egypt

Morocco

Turkey

Thailand

India

China

Kazakhstan

## 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

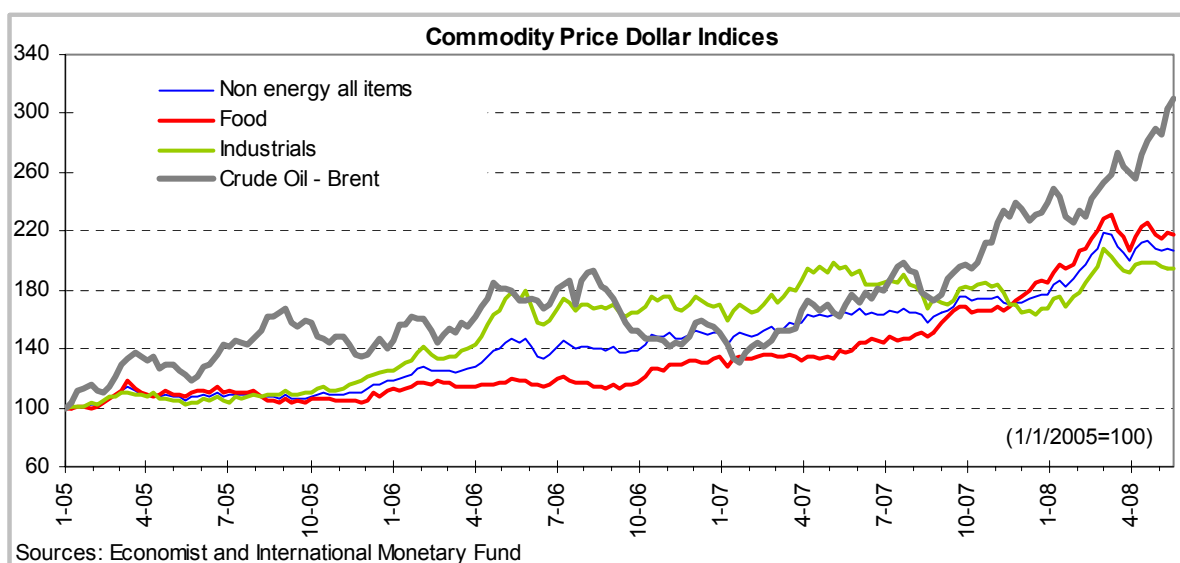
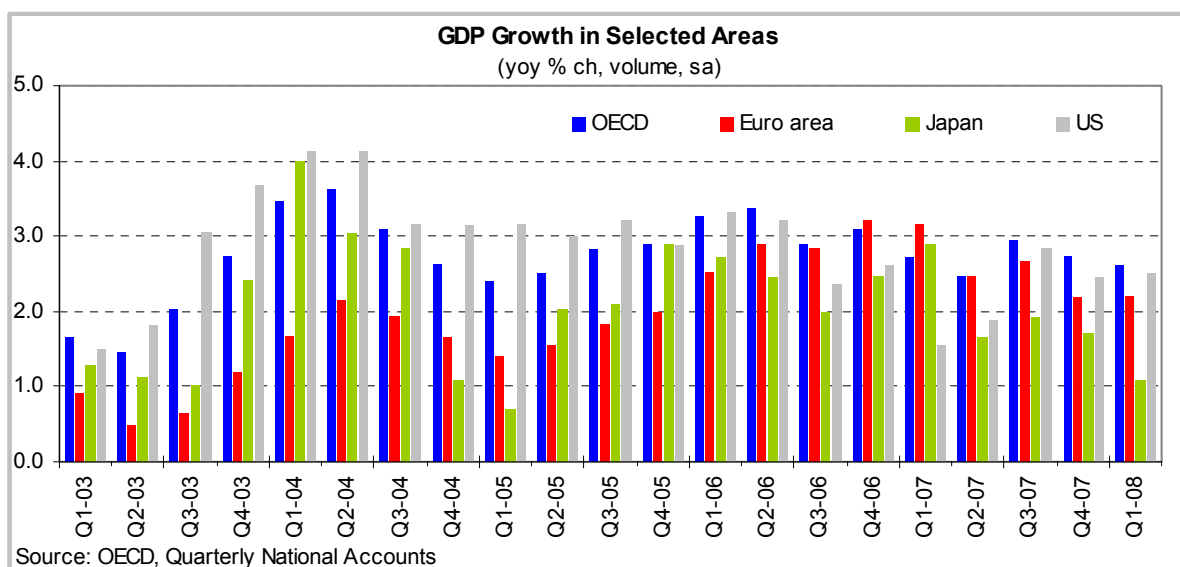
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## GLOBAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Real Indicators

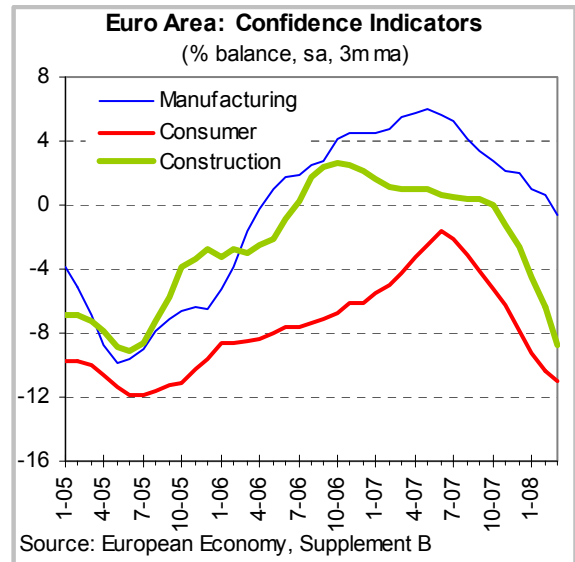
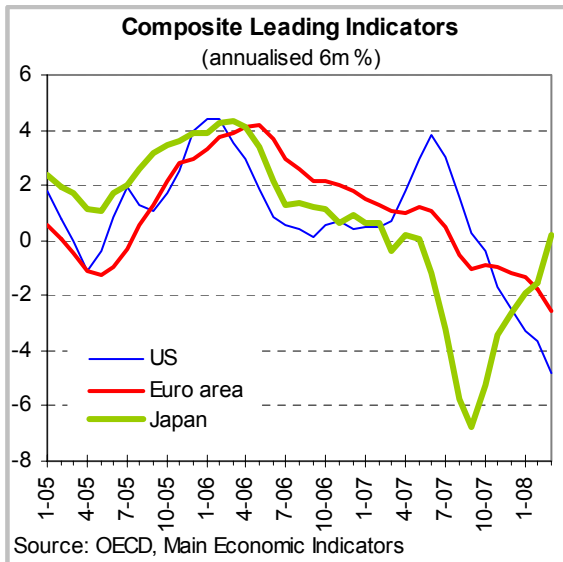
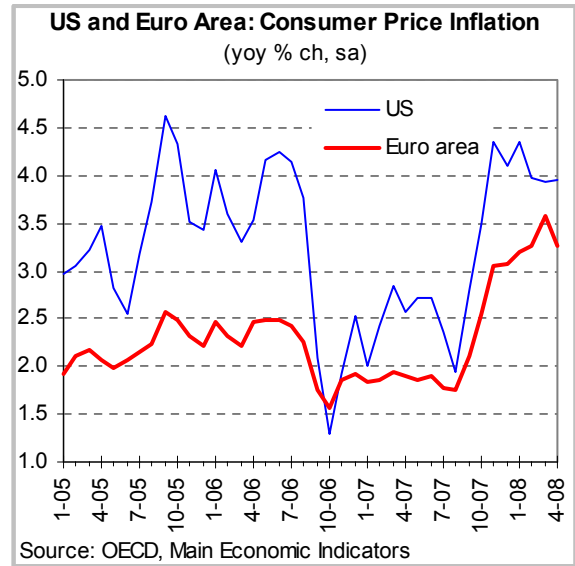
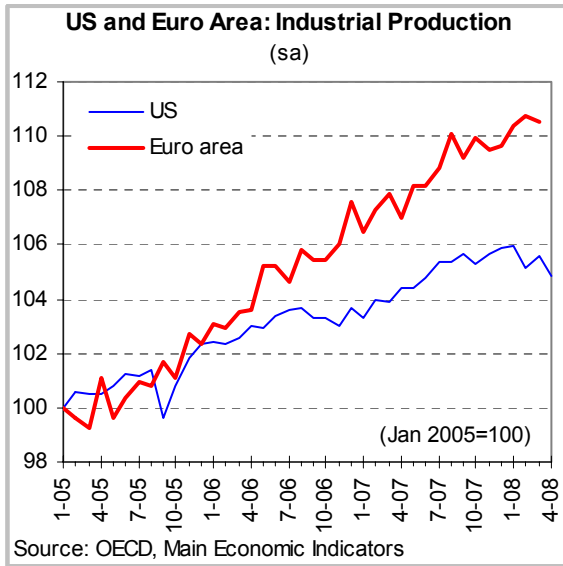
yoy % ch (unless otherwise indicated)	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP: OECD	2.6	3.1	2.7	2.6 Q1
Euro Area	1.7	2.9	2.6	2.2 Q1
US	3.1	2.9	2.2	2.5 Q1
Japan	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.1 Q1
Inflation: US	3.4	3.3	2.8	4.0 Apr
Euro Area	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.3 Apr
Oil Price Level (Brent, \$/barrel)	54.6	65.2	72.8	110.7 Apr
(yoy % ch)	42.7	19.3	11.6	63.9

### Notes:

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



## REAL INDICATORS



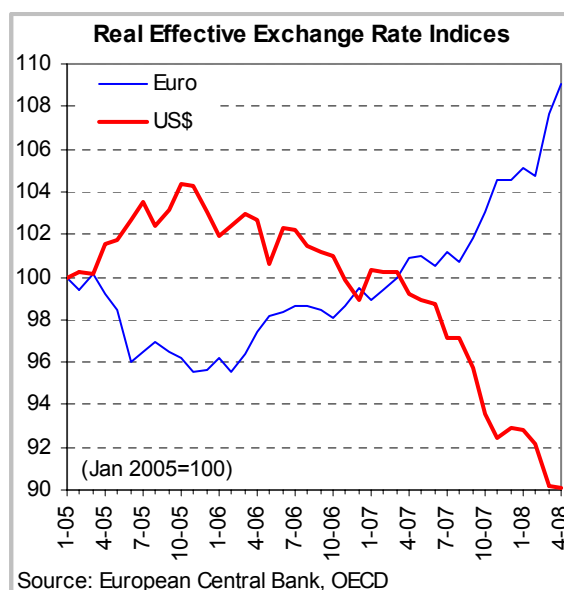
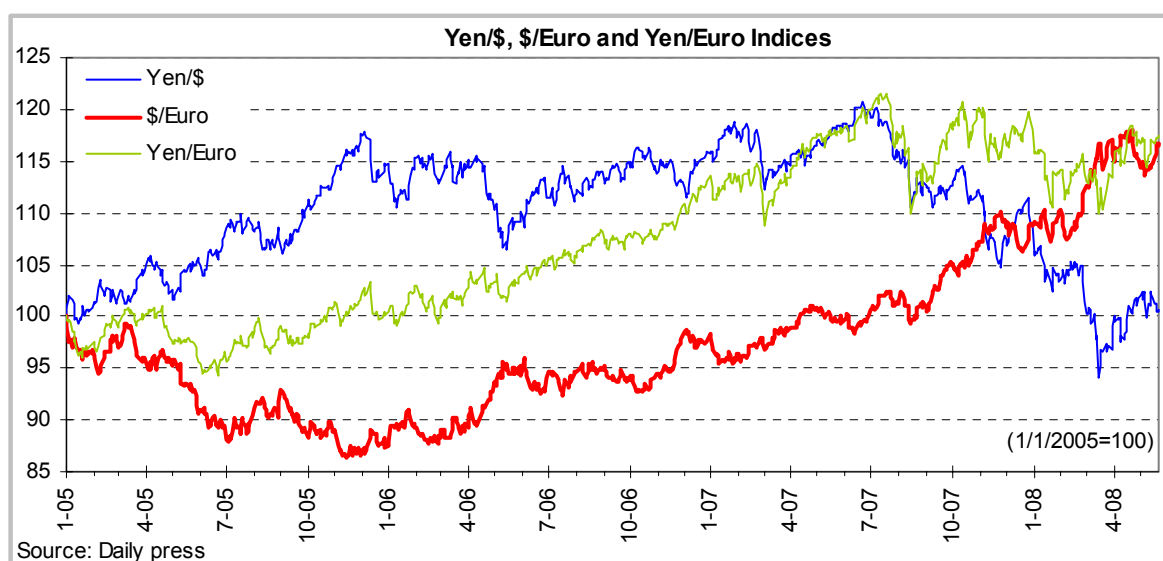
## GLOBAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Financial Indicators

	2005	2006	2007	Latest
Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate	1.244	1.256	1.370	1.523 *
Policy Rates (end of period):				
- US (target for federal funds)	4.25	5.25	4.25	2.00 30/04/08
- Euro Area (repo rate)	2.25	3.50	4.00	4.00 13/06/07
Long Term Interest Rate (10y government bonds, year average):				
- US	4.29	4.79	4.63	3.68 Apr
- Euro Area	3.44	3.86	4.33	4.28 Apr

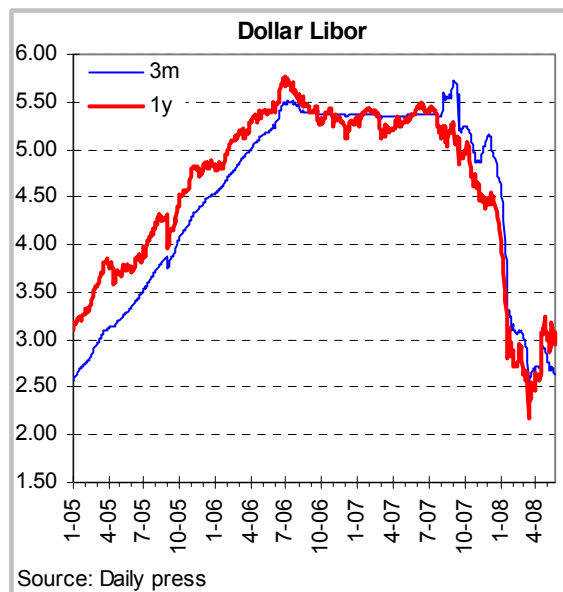
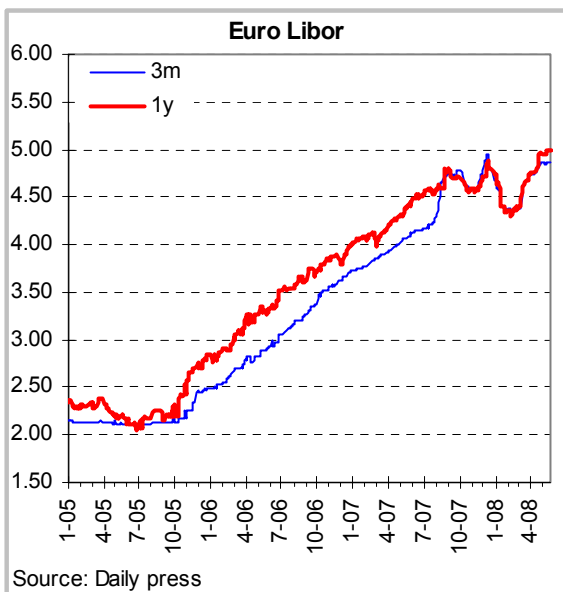
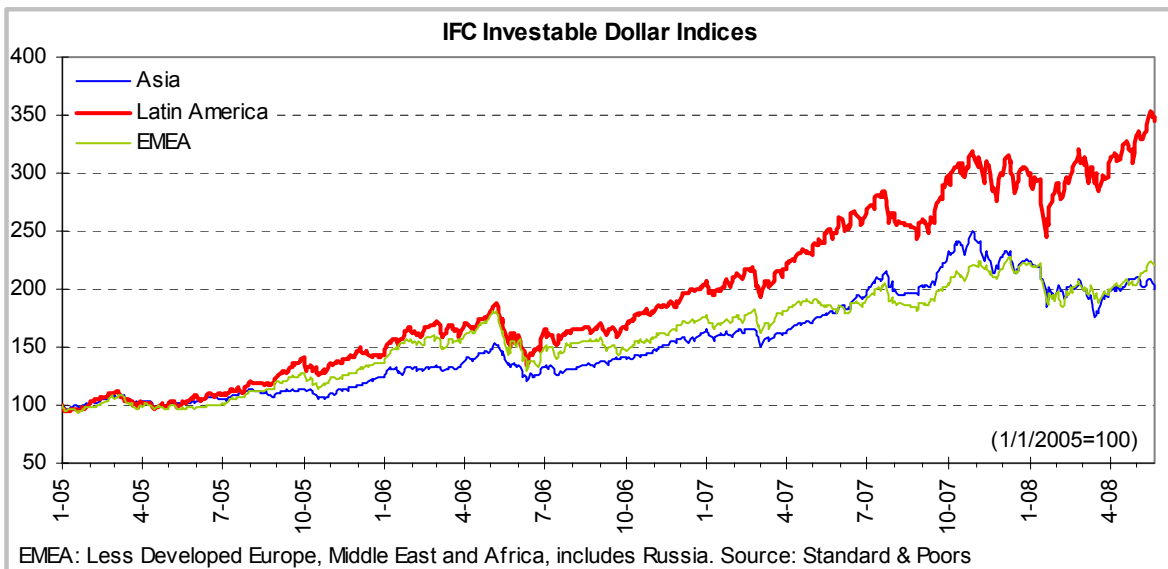
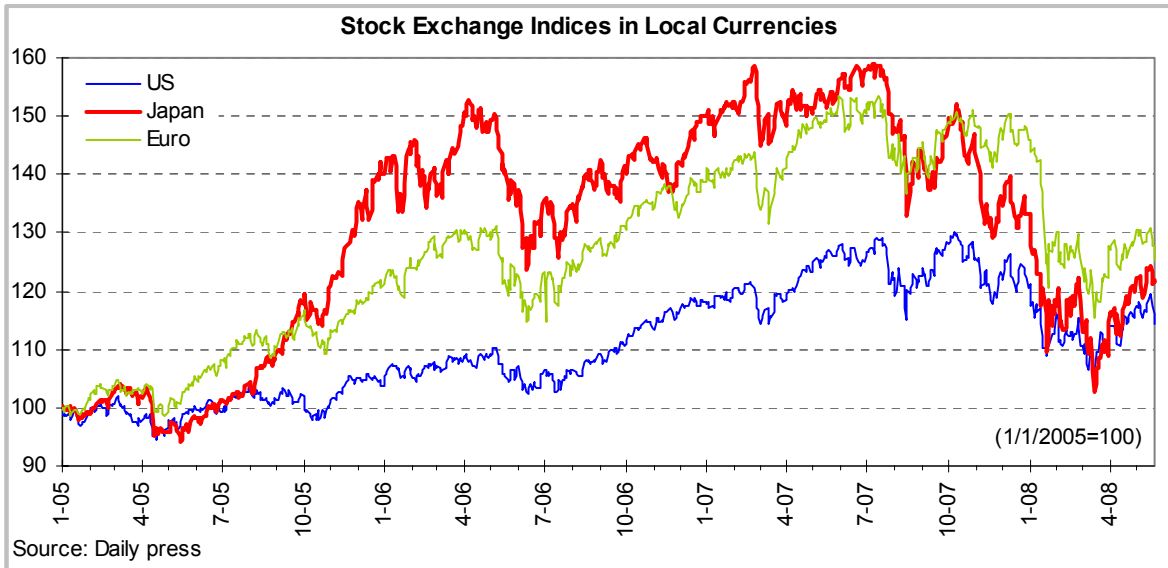
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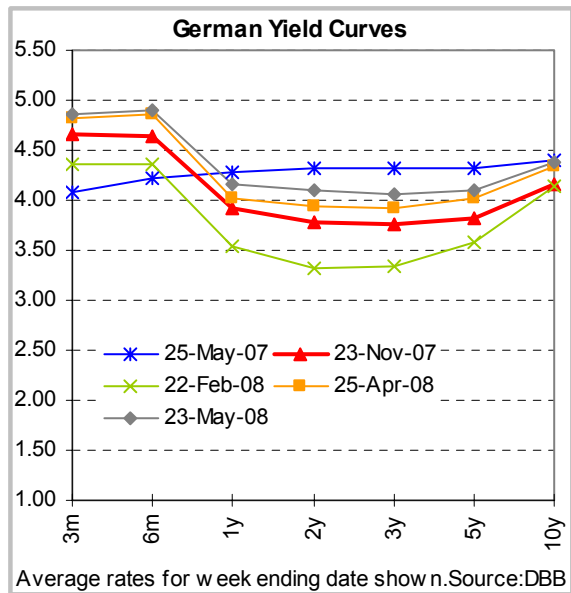
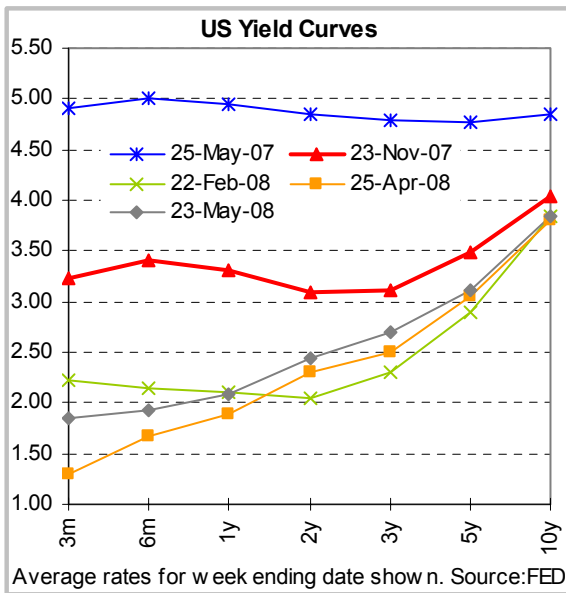
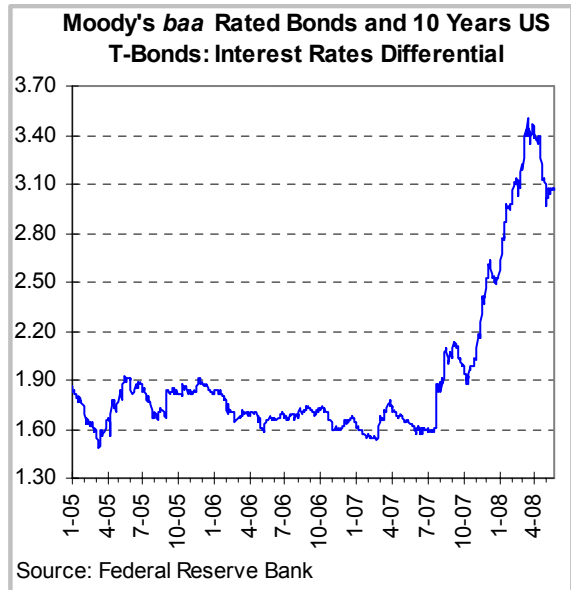
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## FINANCIAL INDICATORS



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## UNITED STATES

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	3.1	2.9	2.2	2.5 Q1
Industrial Production	3.2	4.0	2.1	-0.7 Apr**
Construction Materials Production	4.8	3.5	-1.7	-1.5 Apr**
Construction Investment	3.3	-0.3	-5.4	-7.1 Q1
Housing Starts - Private	5.8	-12.9	-24.8	-30.6 Apr
Consumer Prices***	3.4	3.3	2.8	3.9 Apr
Producer Prices - Finished Goods***	4.8	3.0	3.9	6.5 Apr
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing***	2.6	1.5	2.7	2.1 Apr
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.0 Apr
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-754.9	-811.5	-737.4	
- as a percentage of GDP	-6.1	-6.2	-5.3	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	93.3	92.6	88.5	81.8 Apr

**Notes:**

\* % yoy ch, sa, unless otherwise indicated; \*\* mom % ch; \*\*\* nsa; § 2000=100

Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (3m CD)	3.51	5.15	5.27	2.85 Apr
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.29	4.79	4.63	3.68 Apr
Stock Exchange (S&P 500) Index (% ch)*	6.8	8.5	12.7	-6.3 23/05/08**

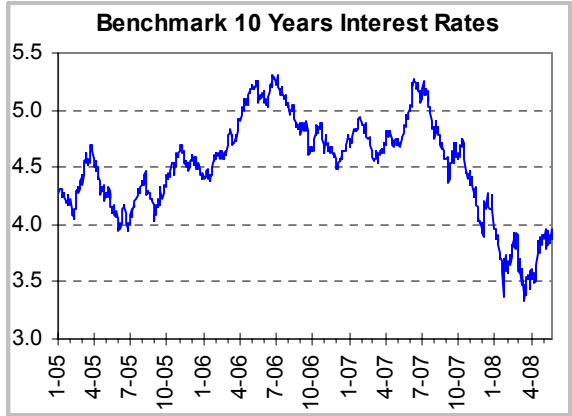
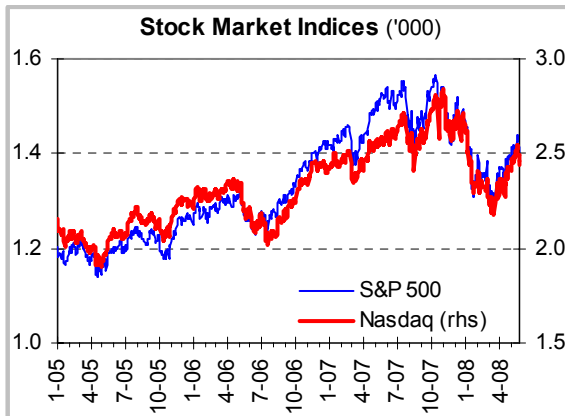
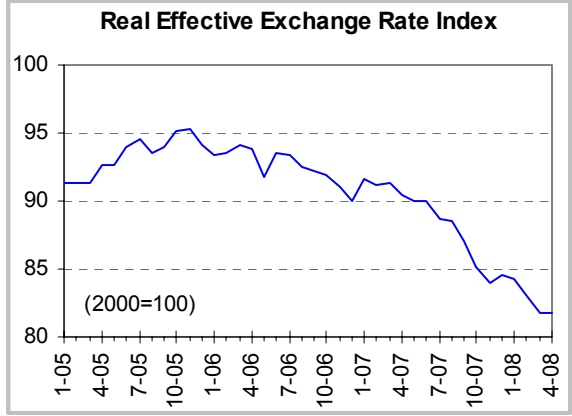
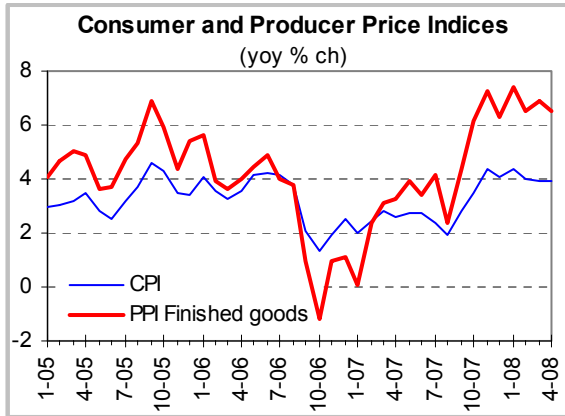
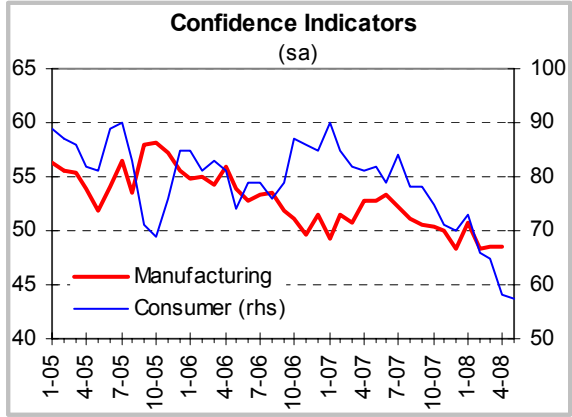
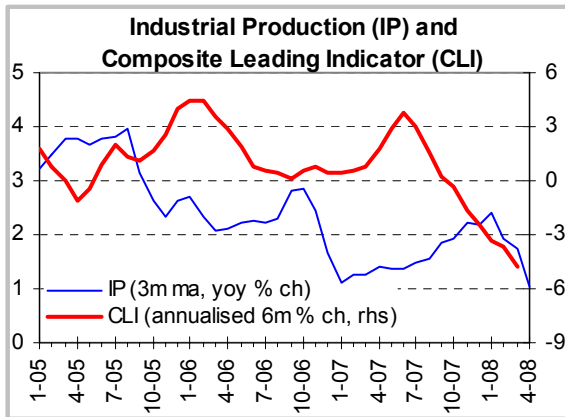
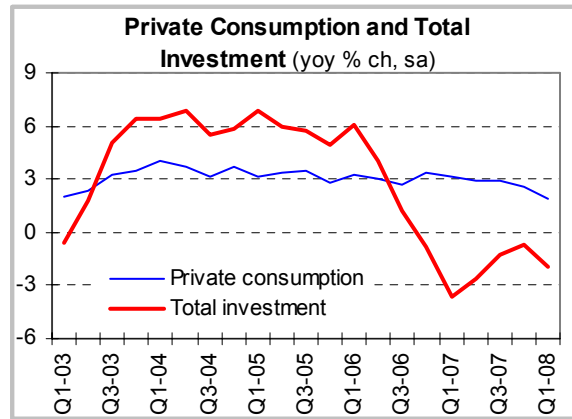
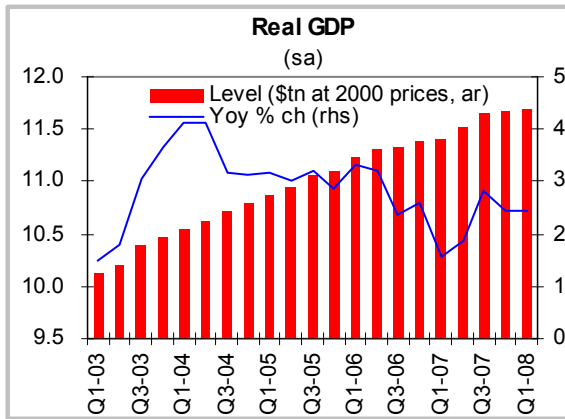
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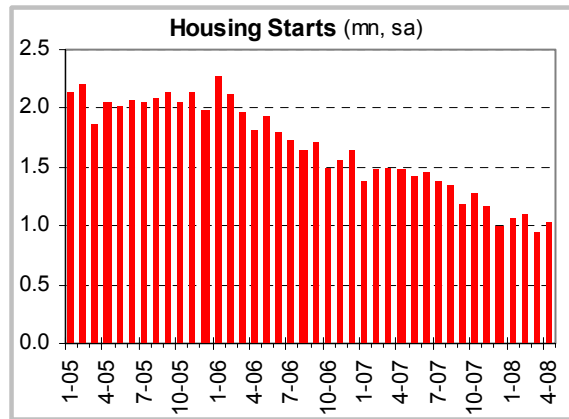
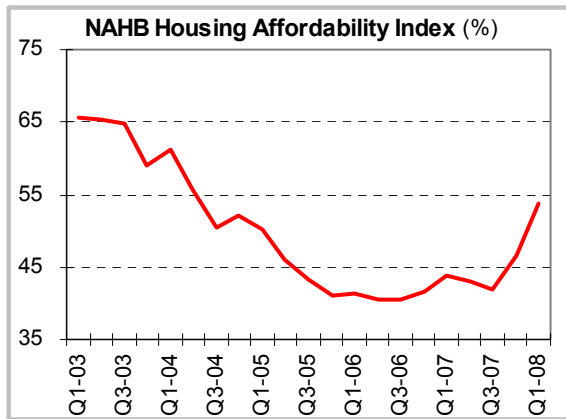
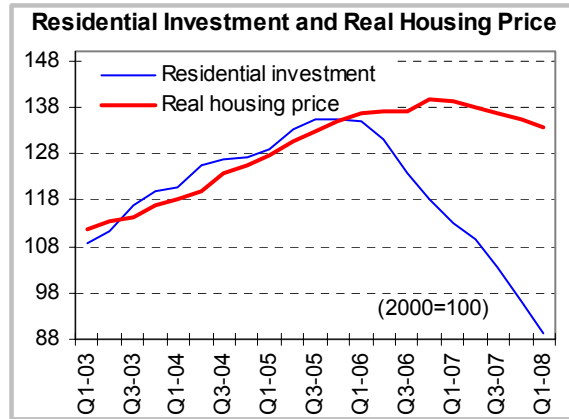
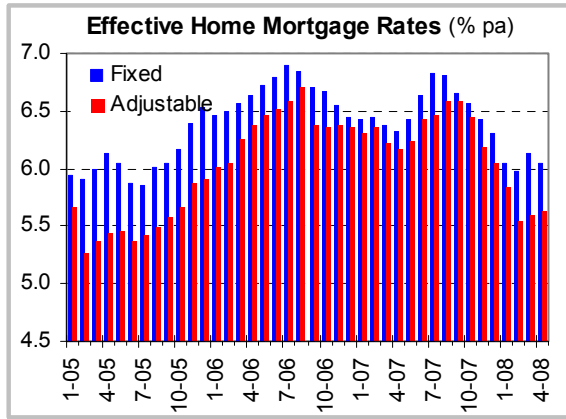
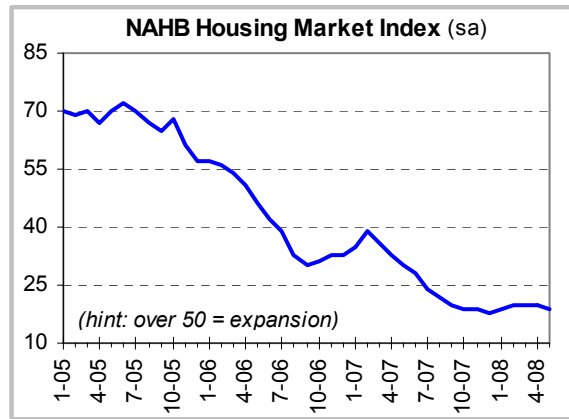
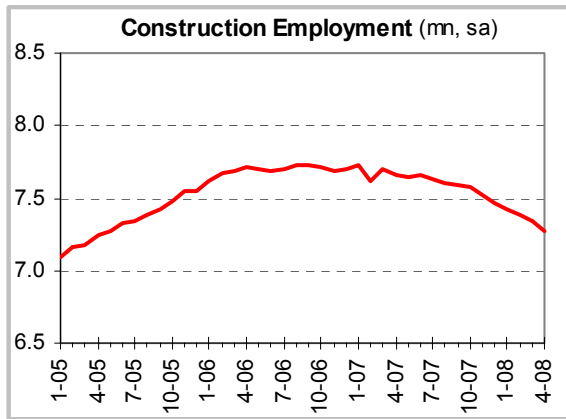
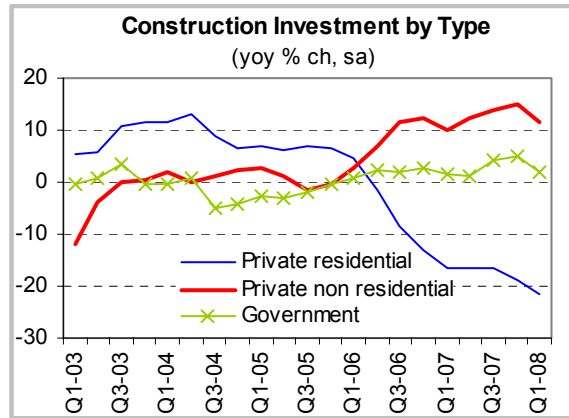
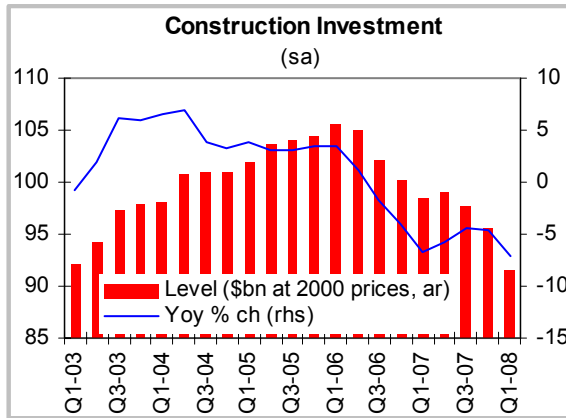


Sources: OECD, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, BIS, daily press

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UNITED STATES

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, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labour Statistics, OFHEO

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## CANADA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.9 Q4
Industrial Production	1.7	-0.4	0.0	-0.4 Feb**
Construction Production	7.8	8.1	4.3	0.2 Feb**
Construction Investment	7.3	7.0	3.6	3.0 Q4
Consumer Prices***	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.7 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	1.5	2.4	1.6	-0.3 Mar
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing***	1.8	0.5	4.2	4.3 Feb
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.3	6.0	6.1 Apr
Current Account Balance (Can\$bn)	27.9	23.6	14.2	
as a percentage of GDP	2.0	1.6	0.9	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	118.7	125.4	129.7	129.8 Apr

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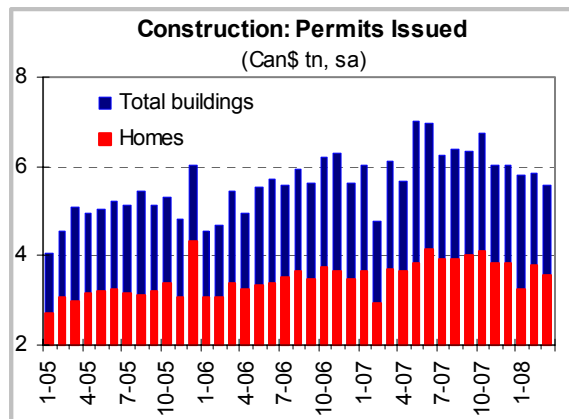
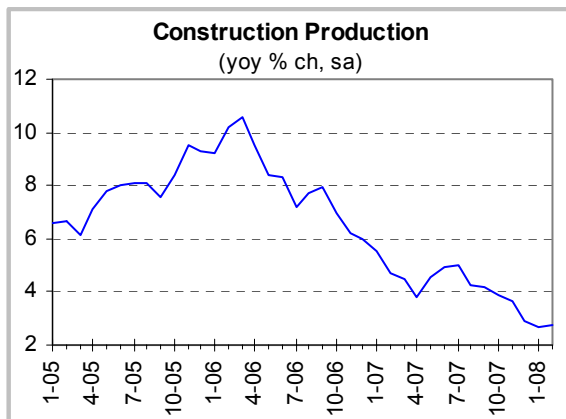
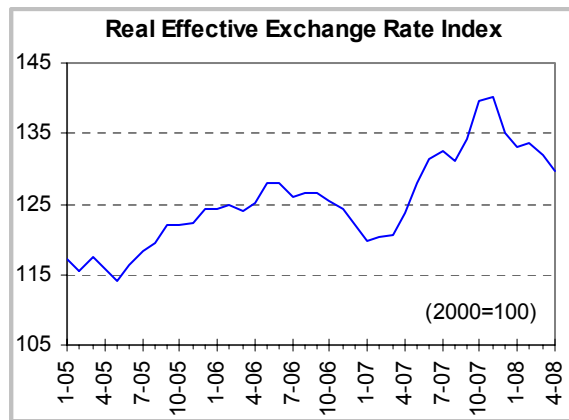
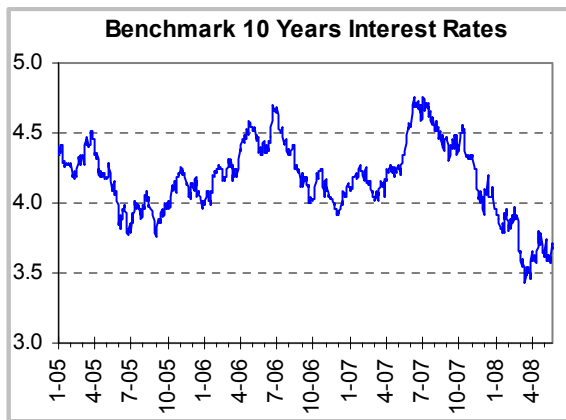
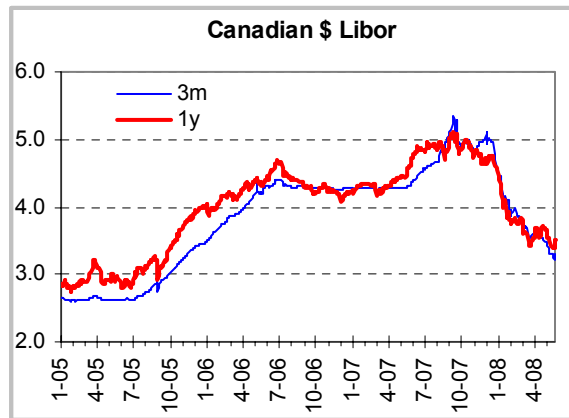
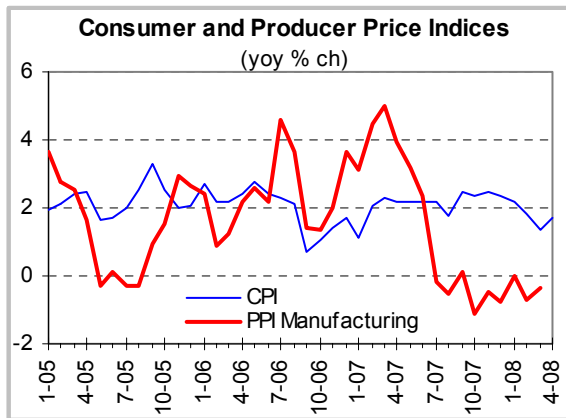
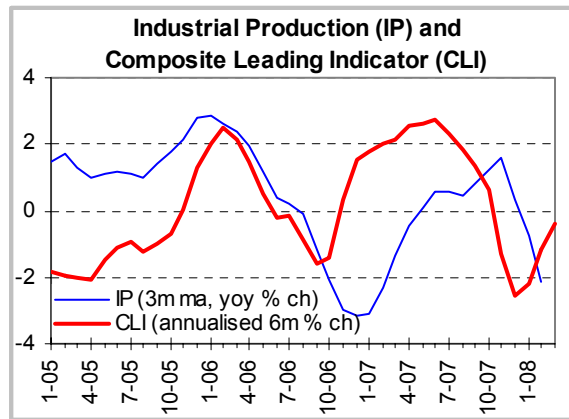
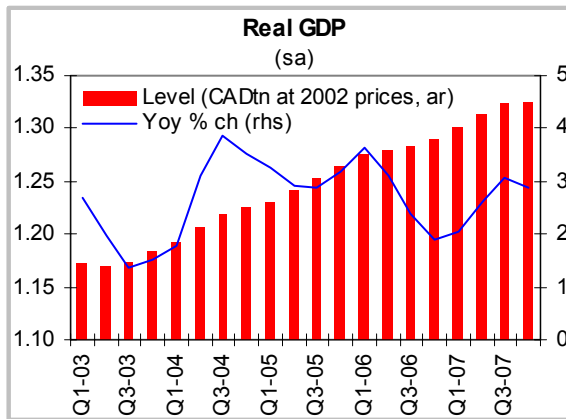
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	2.66	4.02	4.34	3.03 Apr
Long term interest rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.07	4.21	4.27	3.61 Apr
Stock Exchange (TSE) Index (% ch)*	17.6	18.4	13.8	6.4 23/05/08**

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Sources: OECD, Statistics Canada, BIS, daily press

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## FRANCE

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.2 Q1
Industrial Production	0.2	0.6	1.6	-0.8 Mar**
Construction Production	3.5	4.6	4.3	0.0 Mar**
Construction Investment	4.0	4.4	3.8	3.1 Q4
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.4 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufactured Goods***	1.8	2.5	2.2	1.8 Mar
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing ( <i>ouvriers</i> )***	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7 Q4
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	9.2	8.3	7.8 Mar
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-15.7	-22.5	-24.4	
as a percentage of GDP	-0.9	-1.3	-1.3	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	108.9	108.2	109.1	111.8 Apr

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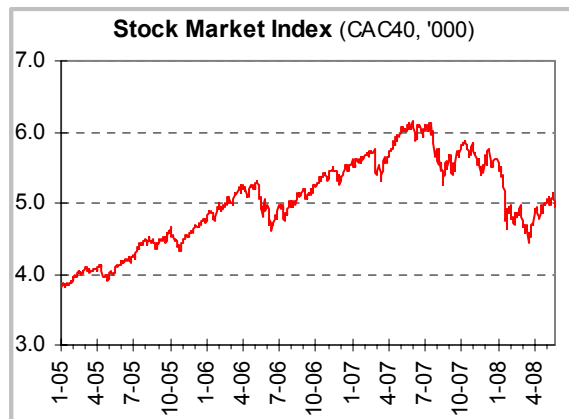
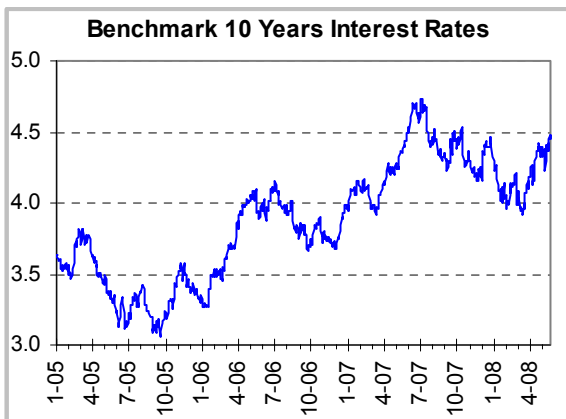
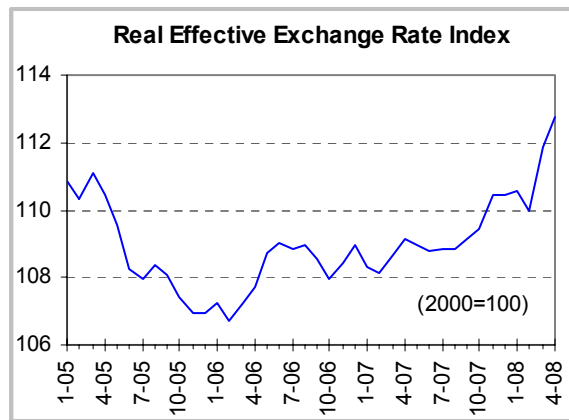
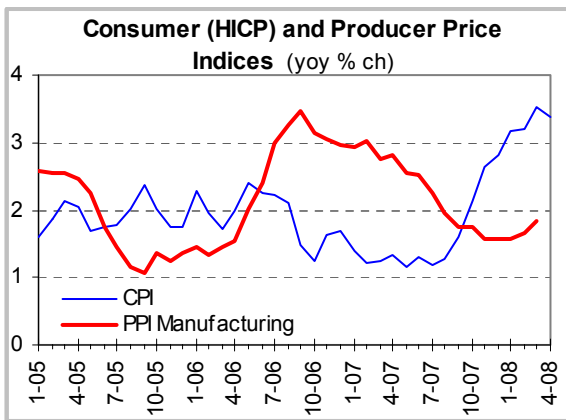
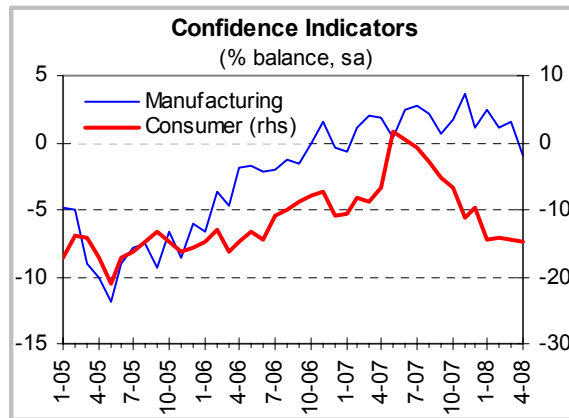
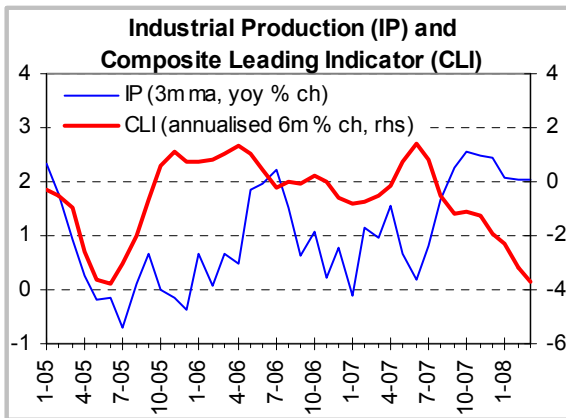
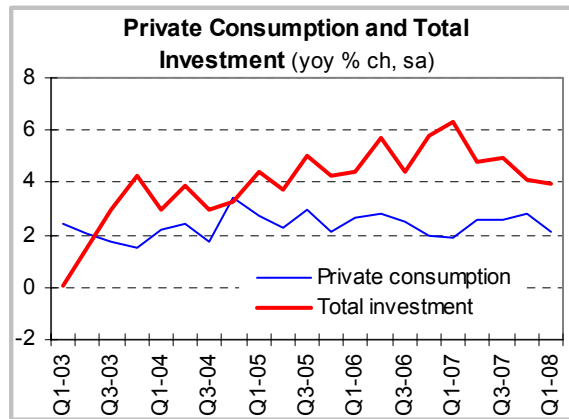
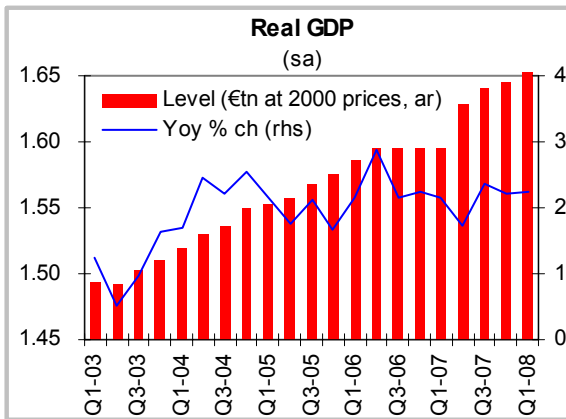
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	4.78 Apr
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.41	3.80	4.30	4.27 Apr
Stock Exchange (CAC) Index (% ch)*	15.8	19.7	12.1	-12.1 23/05/08**

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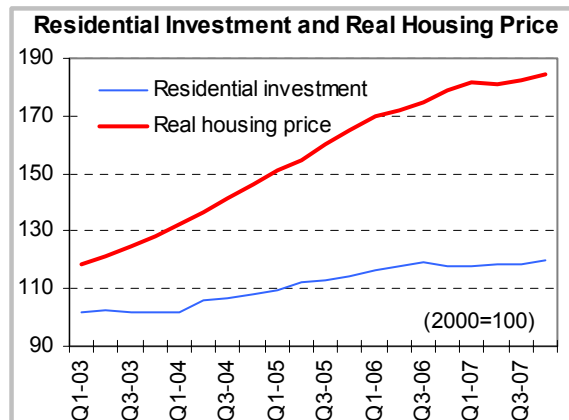
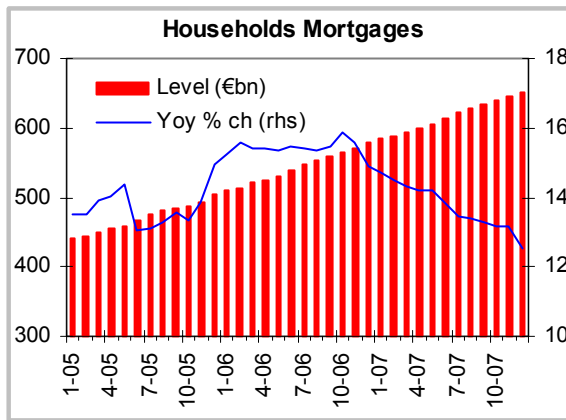
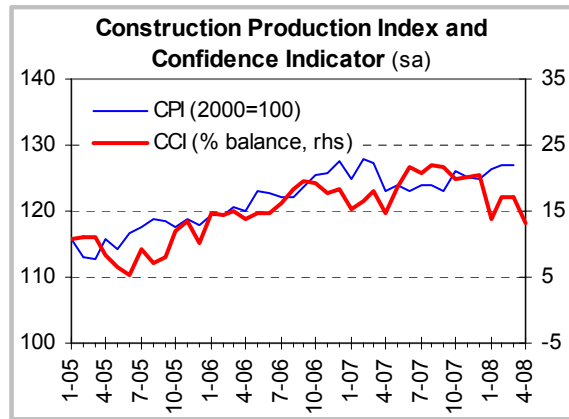
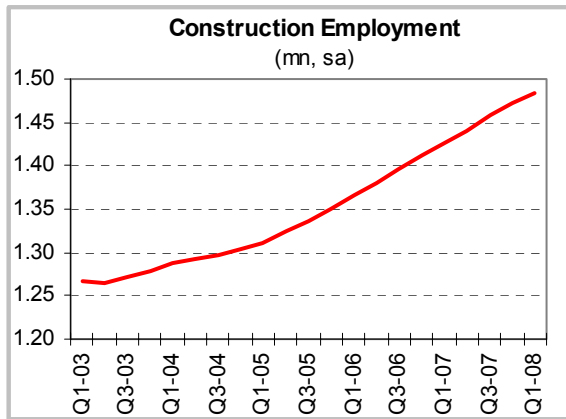
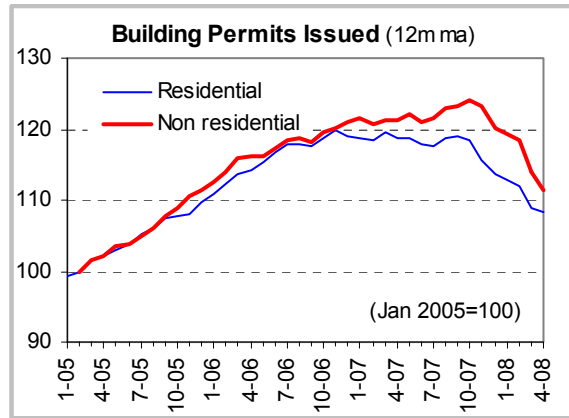
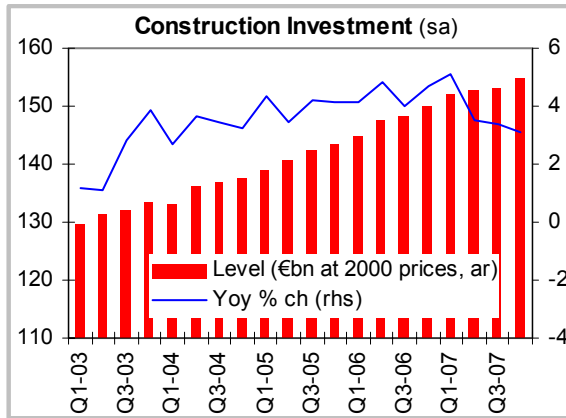


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FRANCE

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## BELGIUM

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	2.0	2.9	2.8	2.1 Q1
Industrial Production	-0.4	5.1	2.6	2.0 Feb**
Construction Production	-3.4	3.2	2.3	7.3 Feb**
Construction (Gross Value Added)	3.3	9.1	3.9	1.7 Q4
Consumer Prices – Harmonised Index***	2.5	2.4	1.8	4.1 Apr
Producer Prices***	2.7	5.0	3.3	9.6 Mar
Hourly Earnings-Industry***	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.5 Q1
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.3	7.5	6.7 Apr
Current Account Balance (bn €)	7.9	8.4	6.5	
as a percentage of GDP	2.6	2.7	2.0	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	109.2	108.9	109.9	114.6 Apr

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Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	4.78 Apr
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.37	3.81	4.33	4.39 Apr
Stock Exchange (BEL20) Index (% ch)*	25.0	22.2	13.1	-11.0 23/05/08**

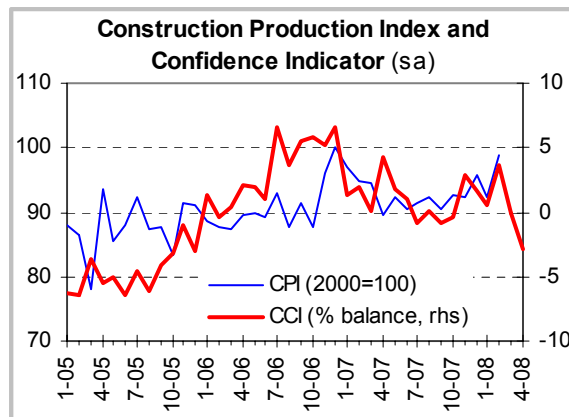
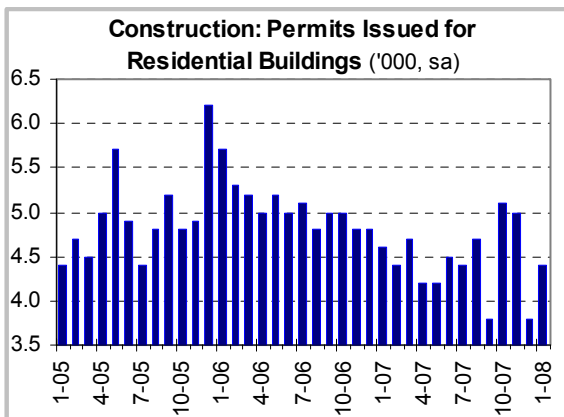
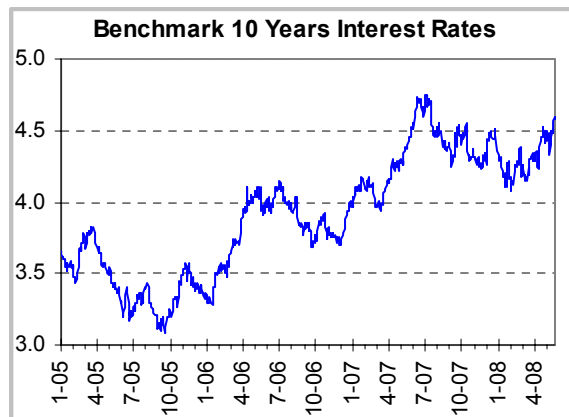
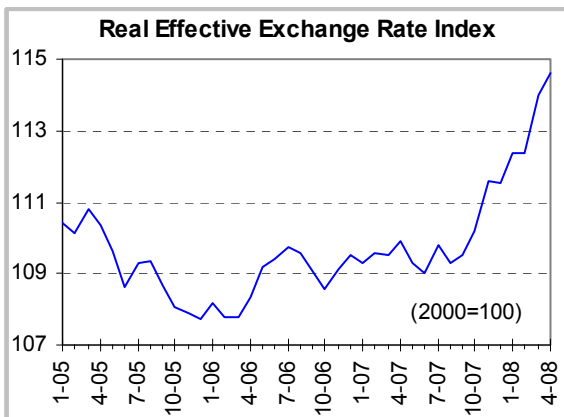
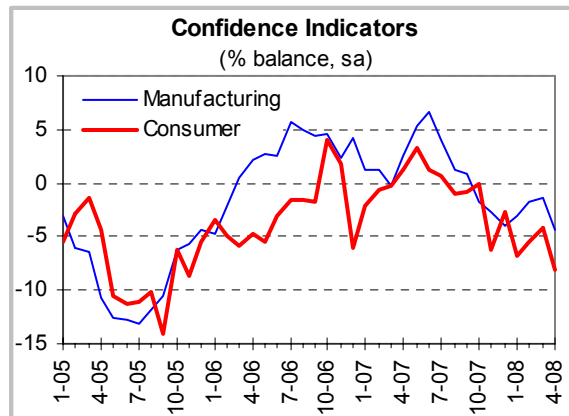
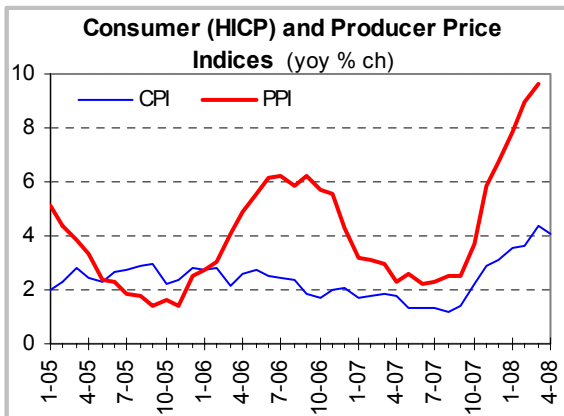
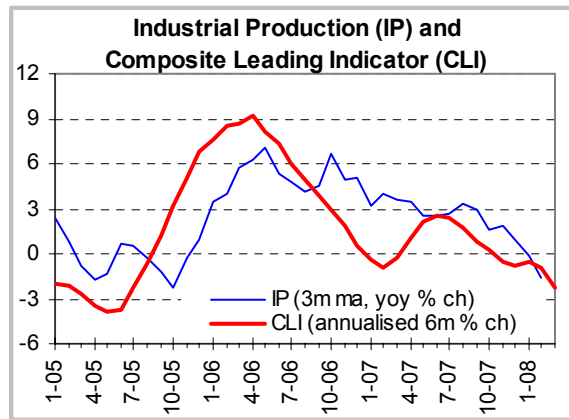
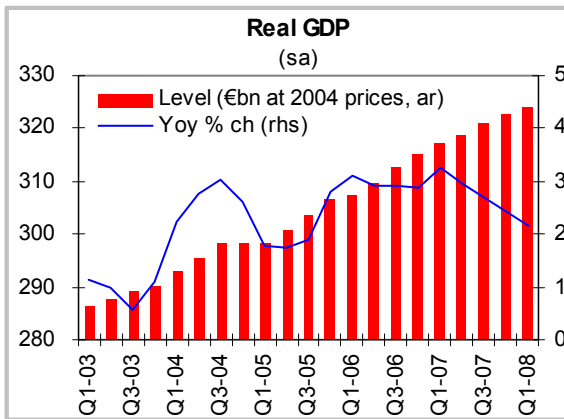
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## ITALY

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	0.7	1.9	1.4	0.2 Q1
Industrial Production	-0.8	2.6	-0.2	-0.2 Mar**
Construction Investment	0.8	1.7	2.0	0.2 Q4
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.6 Apr
Producer Prices***	4.0	5.6	3.5	6.3 Mar
Hourly Rates - Industry, excl.Construction***	2.7	3.3	2.7	3.6 Feb
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	6.8	6.1	6.1 Q4
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-23.4	-37.9		-28.1 Q3°
as a percentage of GDP	-1.6	-2.6		-1.8
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	110.8	110.5	111.5	114.6 Apr

**Notes:**

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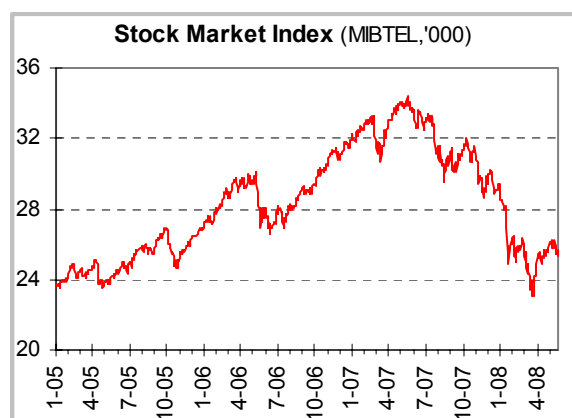
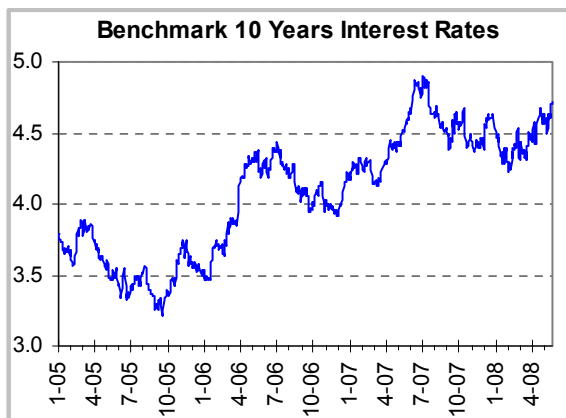
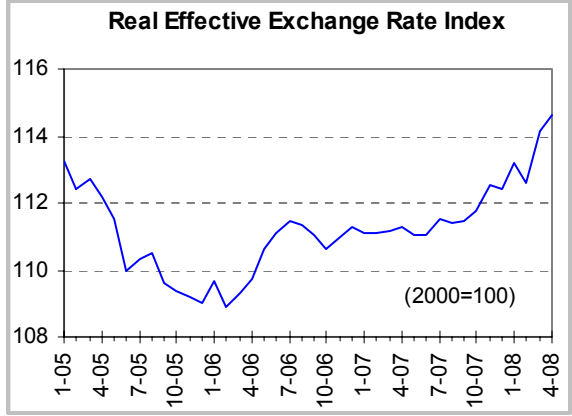
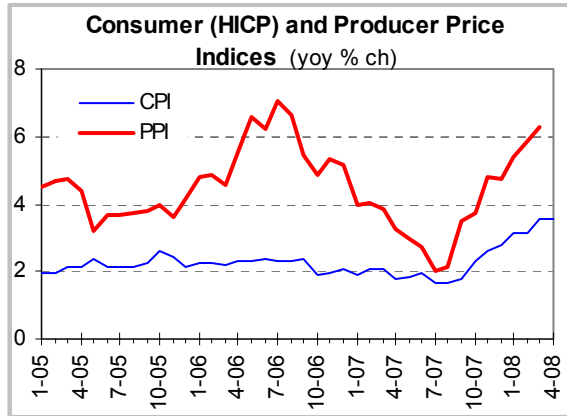
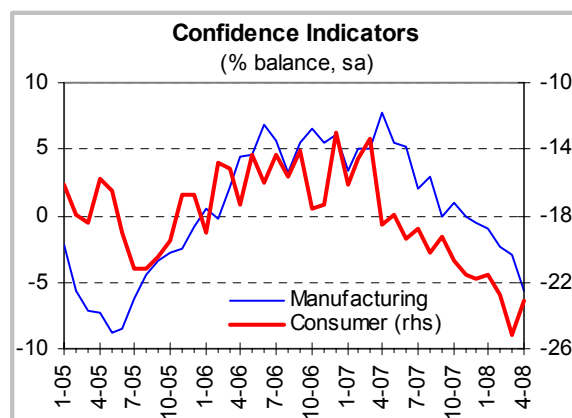
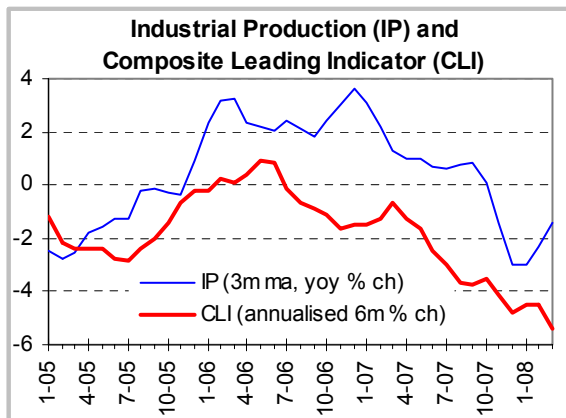
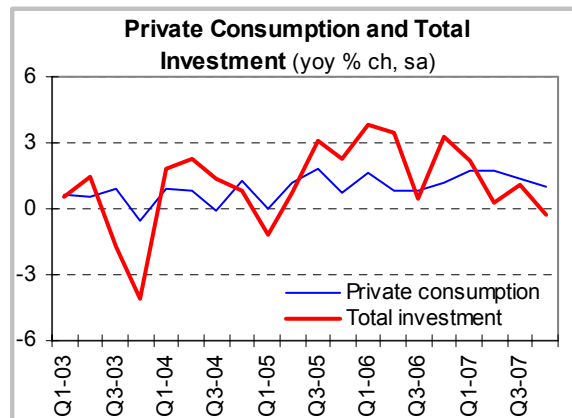
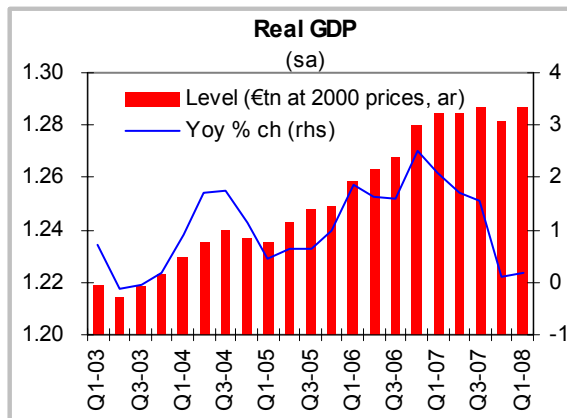
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Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.56	4.05	4.49	4.53 Apr
Stock Exchange (MIBTEL) Index (% ch)*	18.9	15.6	9.8	-13.7 23/05/08**

**Notes:**

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Sources: OECD, ISTAT, BIS, Banca d'Italia, daily press

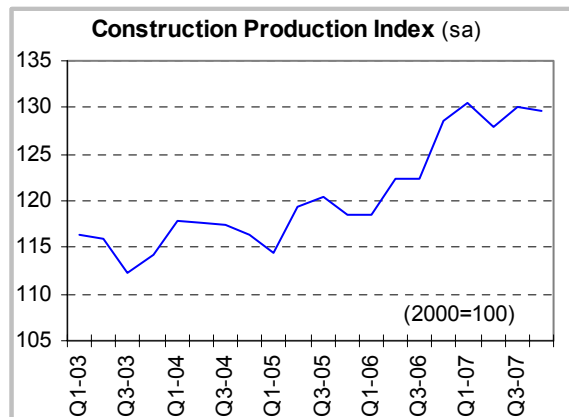
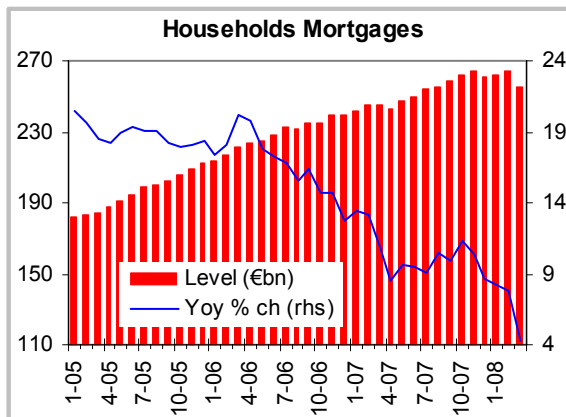
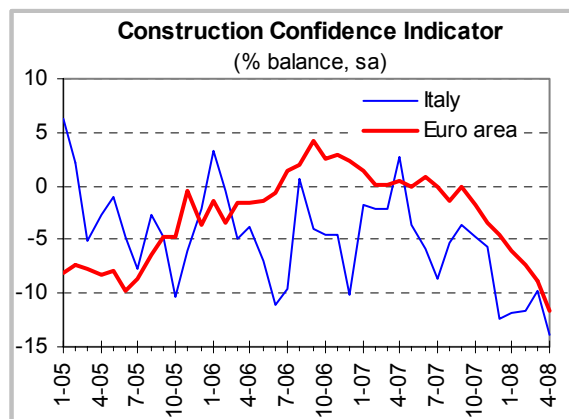
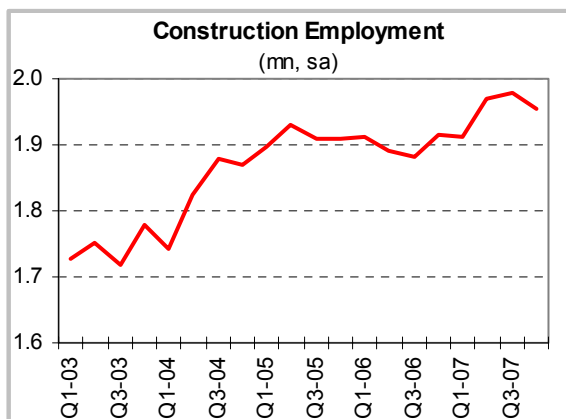
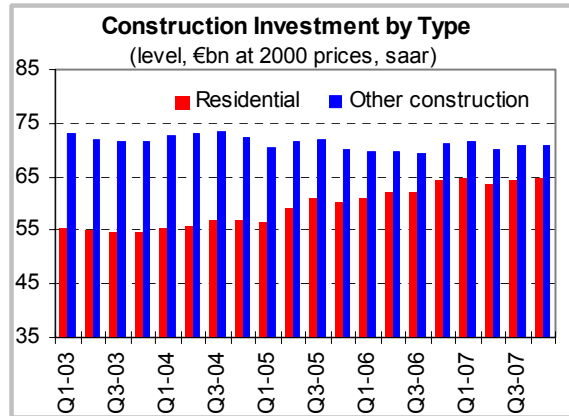
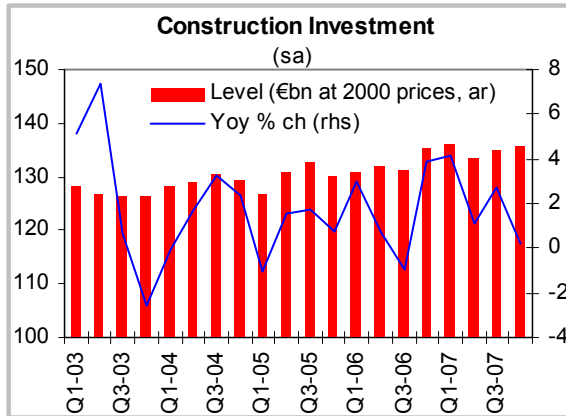
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## Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



Sources: ISTAT, European Commission, Banca d'Italia

# SPAIN

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	3.6	3.9	3.8	2.7 Q1
Industrial Production	0.8	3.8	2.3	-1.8 Mar**
Construction Investment	6.1	6.0	4.1	1.3 Q1
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	3.4	3.6	2.8	4.2 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	4.9	5.3	3.3	7.2 Apr
Hourly Earnings***	3.5	4.2	3.4	3.2 Q4
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	8.5	8.3	9.3 Mar
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-66.9	-84.7	-106.2	
as a percentage of GDP	-7.4	-8.6	-10.1	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	114.4	115.9	118.0	123.2 Apr

**Notes:**

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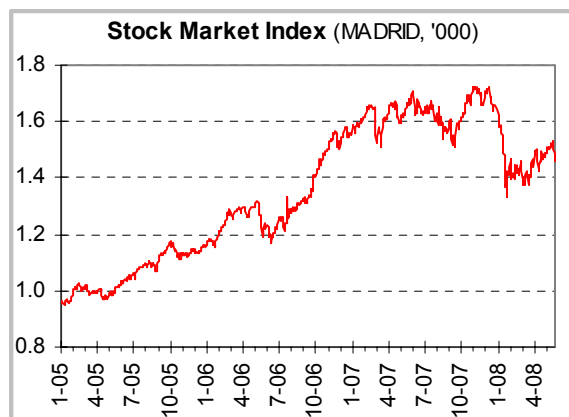
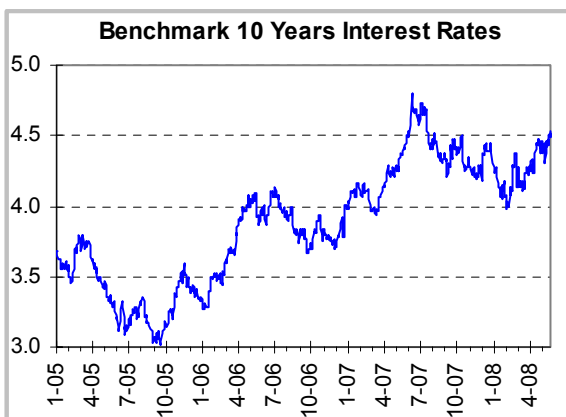
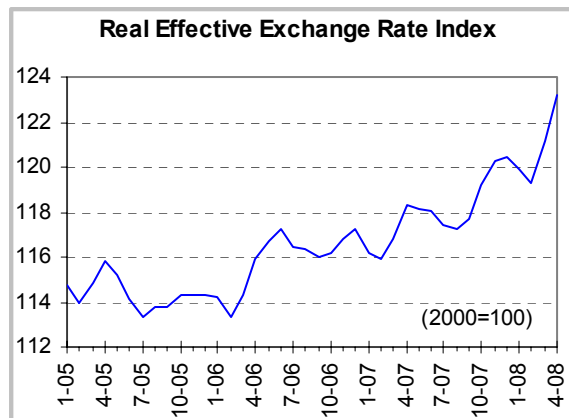
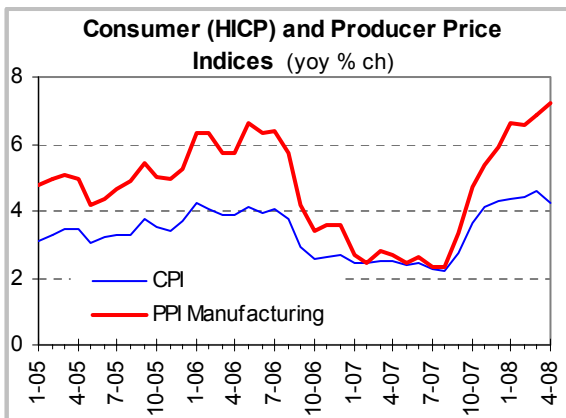
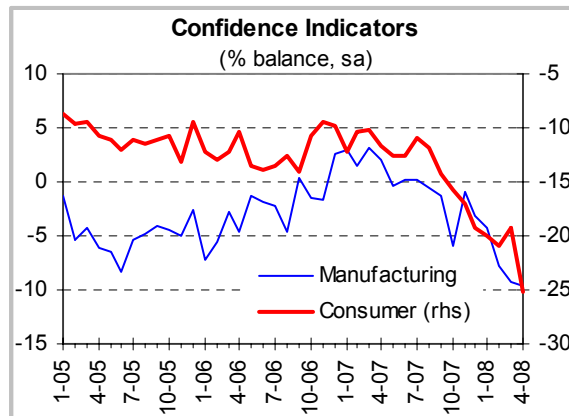
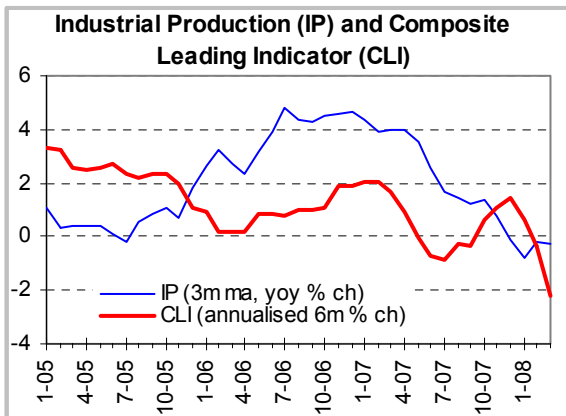
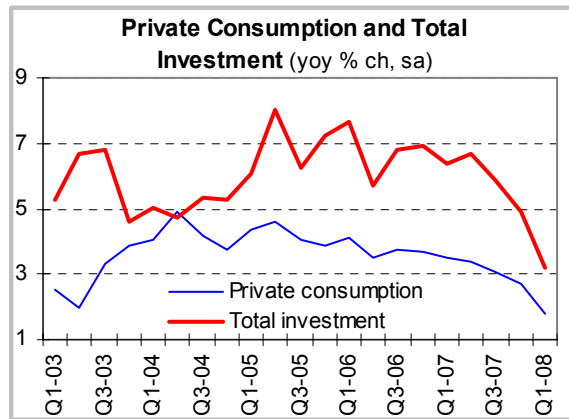
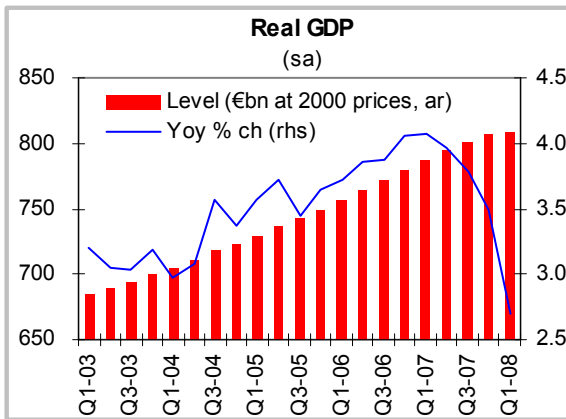
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	4.78 Apr
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.39	3.78	4.31	4.31 Apr
Stock Exchange (MSE) Index (% ch)*	23.3	24.9	23.1	-11.1 23/05/08**

**Notes:**

\* Average over year; \*\* % change on 31/12/07

Sources: OECD, INE, BIS, daily press

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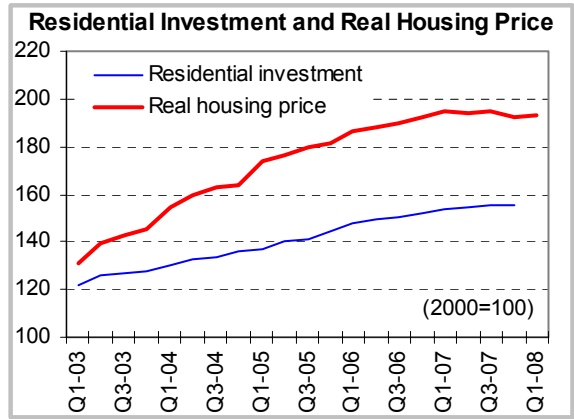
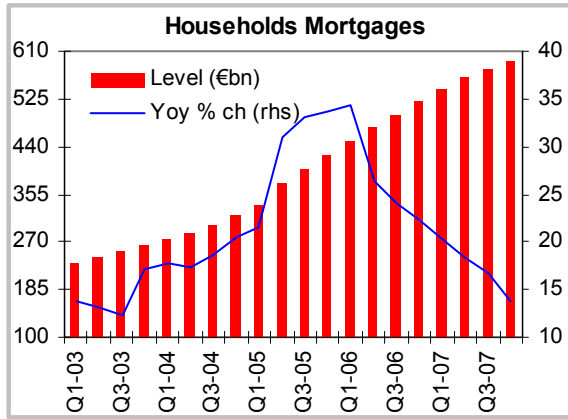
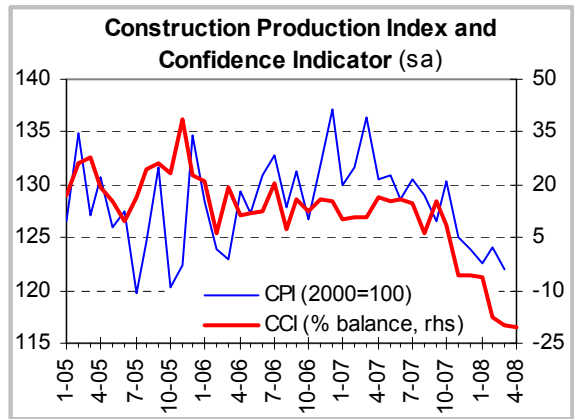
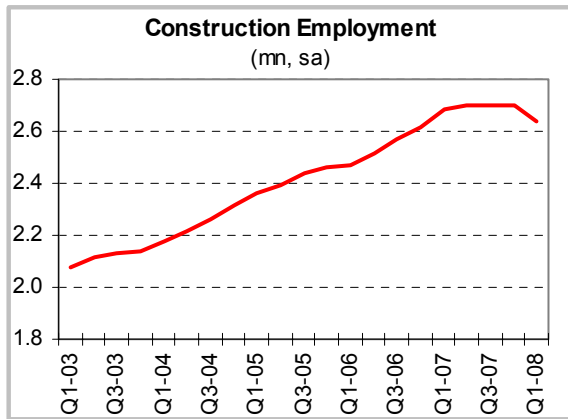
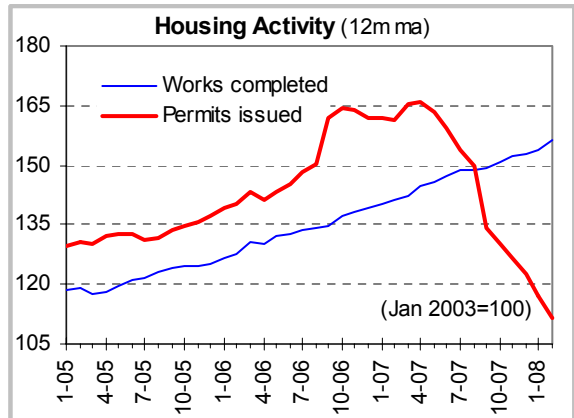
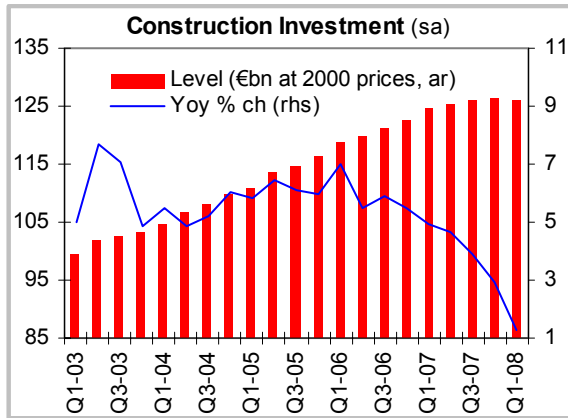


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SPAIN

Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



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

## GREECE

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.6 Q1
Industrial Production	-0.7	0.6	2.1	-0.7 Mar**
Construction Investment***	-4.4	21.6	8.0	
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index°	3.5	3.3	3.0	4.4 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufacturing°	5.4	6.4	2.7	10.0 Mar
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.9	8.3	7.9 Q4
Current Account Balance (€bn)°	-14.3	-23.7	-32.3	
as a percentage of GDP	-7.2	-11.1	-14.1	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	113.2	113.9	116.2	121.9 Apr

**Notes:**

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Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa	2.18	3.08	4.28	4.78 Apr
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.59	4.07	4.50	4.54 Apr
Stock Exchange (ASE) Index (% ch)*	29.4	26.8	22.2	-21.5 23/05/08**

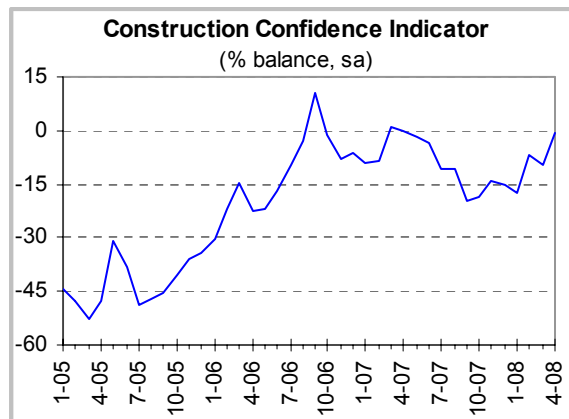
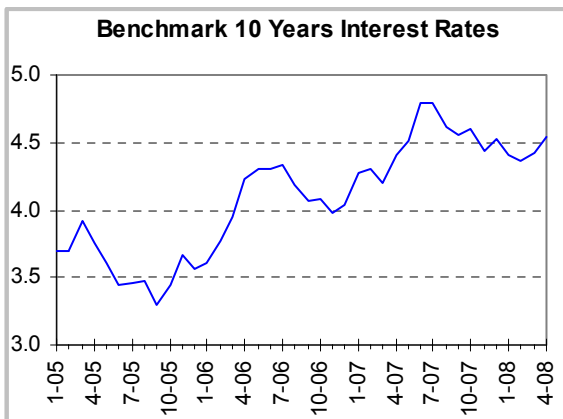
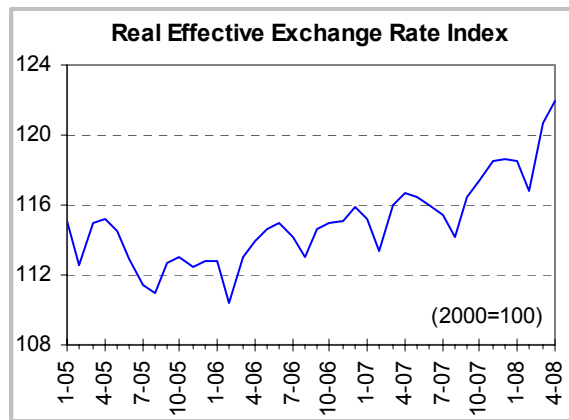
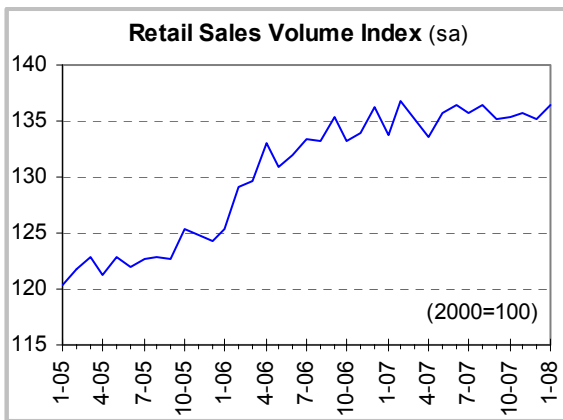
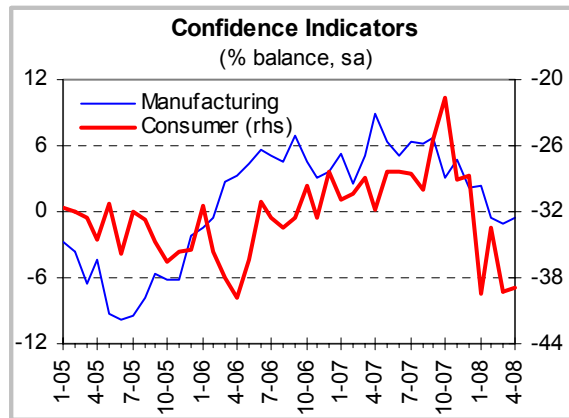
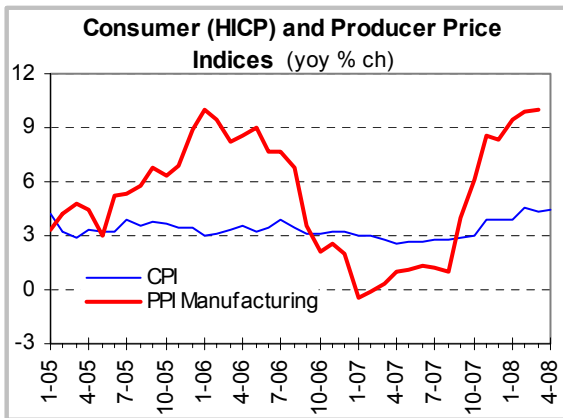
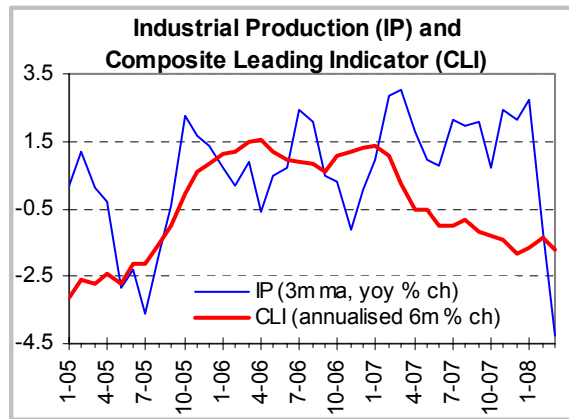
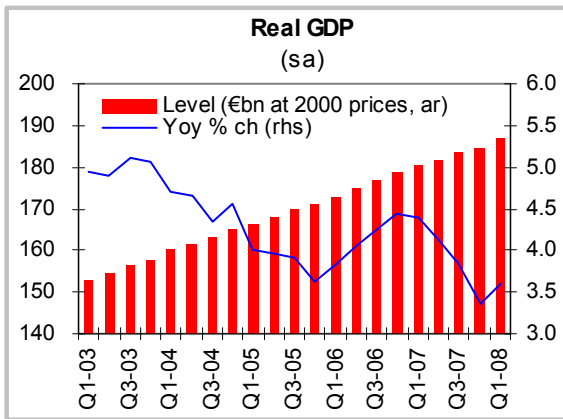
**Notes:**

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



# GREECE



Sources: OECD, BIS, European Commission

## BULGARIA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.9 Q4
Gross Fixed Capital Investment	22.4	13.7	23.3	14.0 Q4
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	8.1	7.3	8.3	-2.7 Mar
Consumer Prices	5.0	7.3	8.4	14.6 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	7.2	6.3	7.6	18.2 Mar
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	9.6	7.7	6.5 Apr
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-3.4	-5.7	-8.6	
as a percentage of GDP	-12.4	-17.8	-21.5	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	121.1	126.5	134.3	147.5 Apr

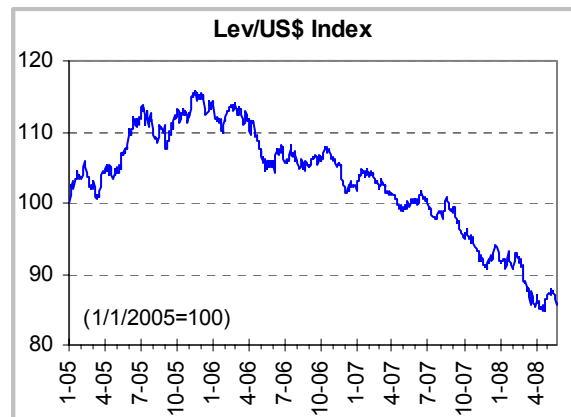
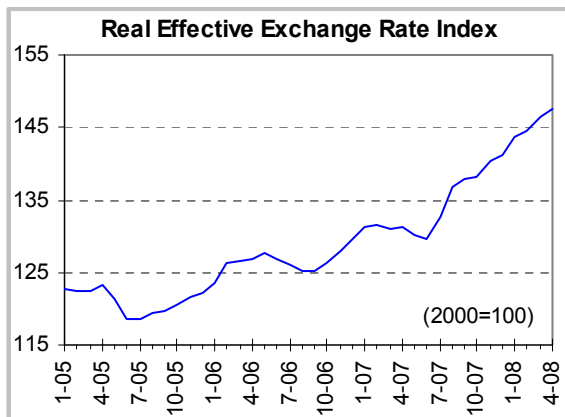
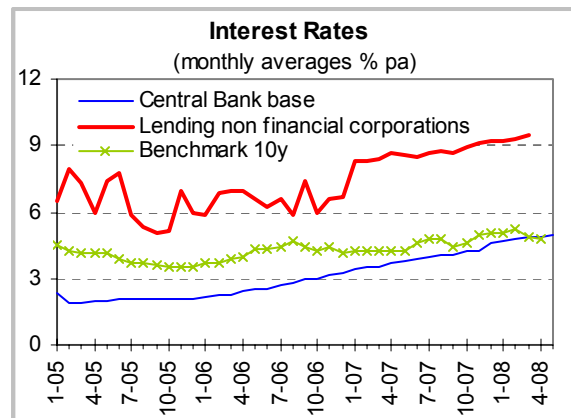
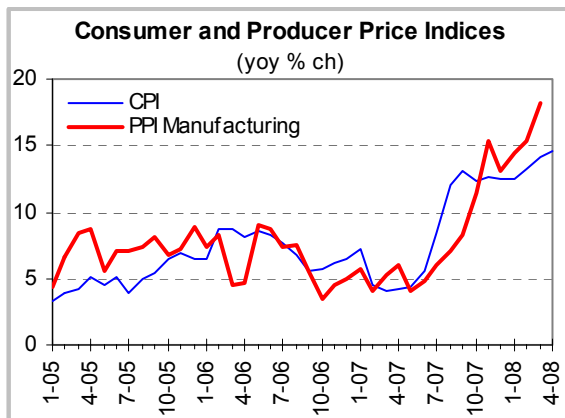
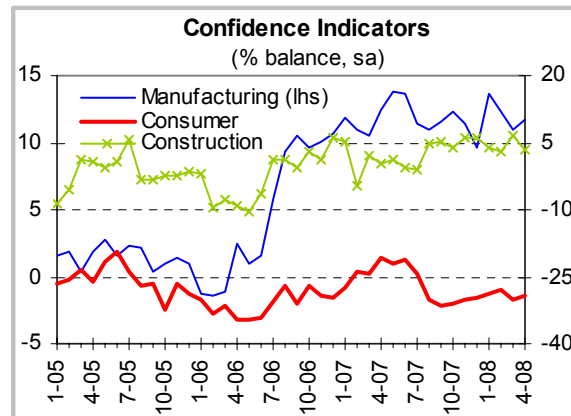
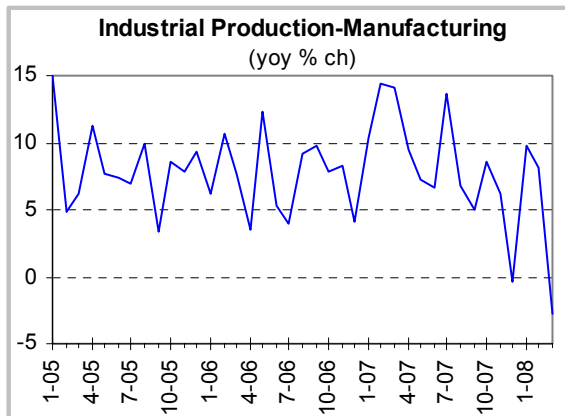
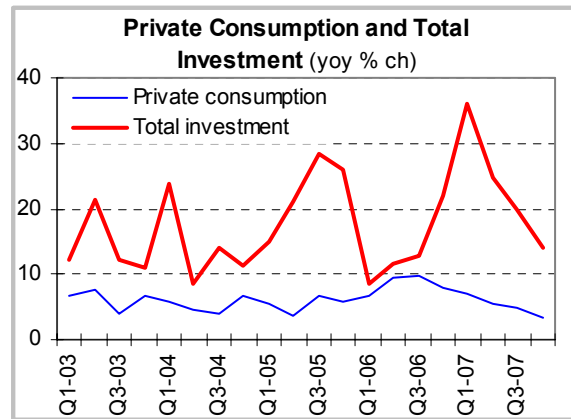
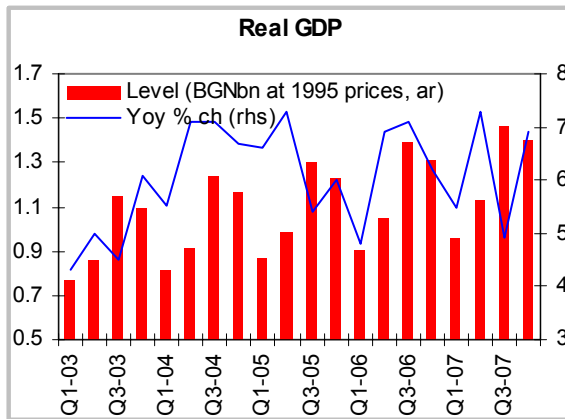
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Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (sofibor o/n)	2.1	2.9	4.1	5.0 Mar
Short Term Interest Rate pa (sofibor 3m)	3.6	3.7	4.9	6.7 Mar
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8 Apr

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

# BULGARIA



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

## EGYPT

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	5.6**	7.0	7.3	8.1 Q4
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	5.0**	14.0	15.8	15.2 Q4
Consumer Prices	4.9	7.6	9.4	16.4 Apr
Producer Prices				23.7 Mar
Unemployment Rate (%)**	11.2	10.6	9.0	9.1 Q4
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	2.0	2.7	0.5	
as a percentage of GDP	2.1	2.3	0.3	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	72.7	75.8	79.7	80.5 Dec

**Notes:**

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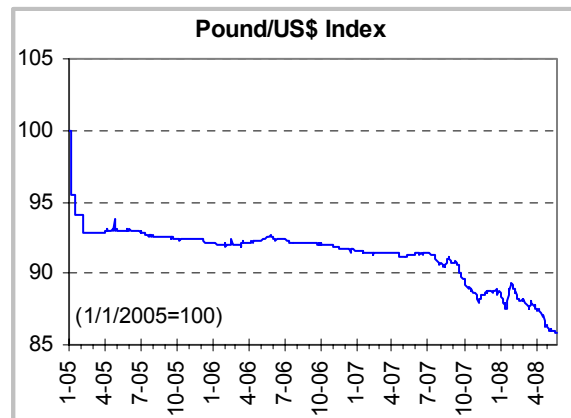
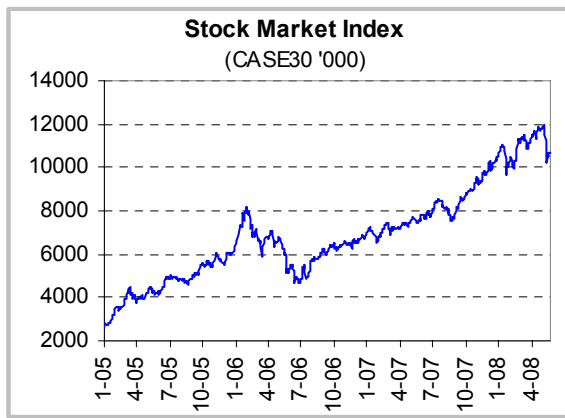
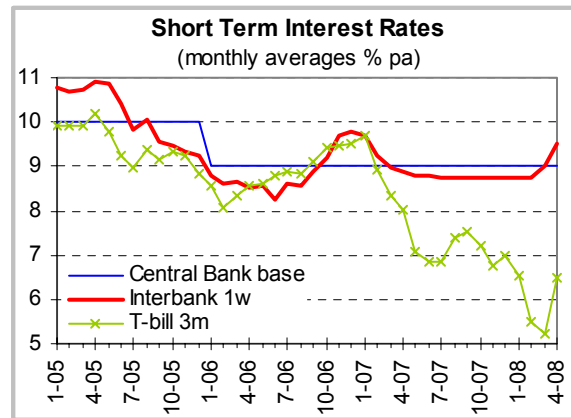
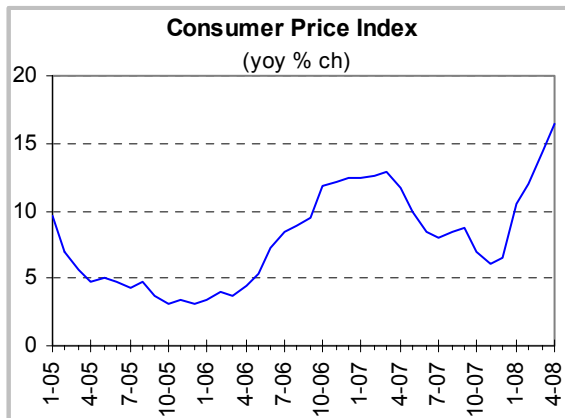
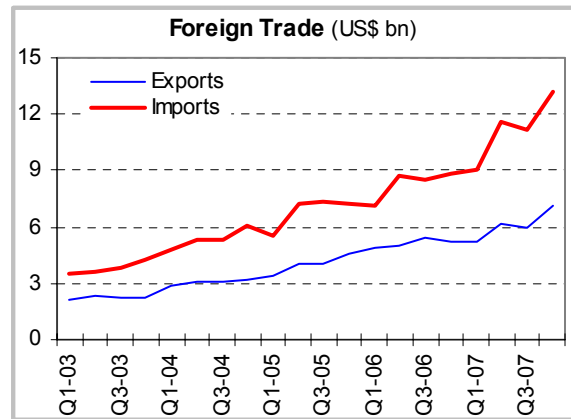
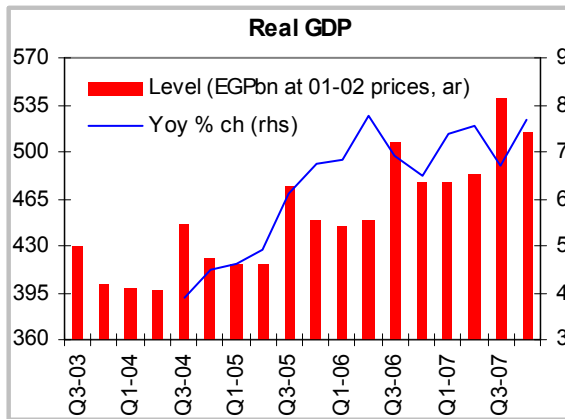
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Discount Rate (end of period)	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0 Apr
Short Term Interest Rate pa (91 days T-Bill)	9.5	8.8	7.9	6.5 Apr
Stock Exchange (HERMES) Index (% ch)*	169.4	10.7**	29.2	-0.4 23/05/08°

**Notes:**

\* Average over year; CSE Index for 2005, new series starting from 01/01/2006: HERMES Index; \*\* yoy % ch at year-end; ° % change on 31/12/07

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

## EGYPT



Sources: Central Bank of Egypt, CAPMAS, daily press

## MOROCCO

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	1.7	7.3	2.1	2.1 Q4
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	5.9	7.9	9.7	8.0 Q4
Industrial Production	2.6	3.7	4.6	4.7 Q4
Consumer Prices	1.0	3.3	2.0	3.7 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	9.1	5.9	1.8	21.2 Mar
Urban Unemployment Rate (%)	18.4	15.5	15.4	14.7 Q1
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	1.1	1.4	-0.1	
as a percentage of GDP	1.9	2.2	-0.1	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	91.8	92.9	92.6	92.3 Jan

**Notes:**

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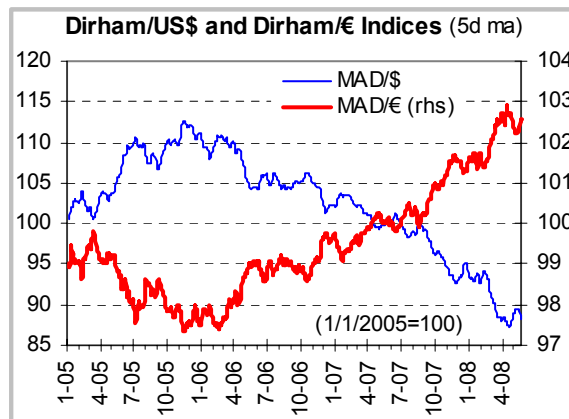
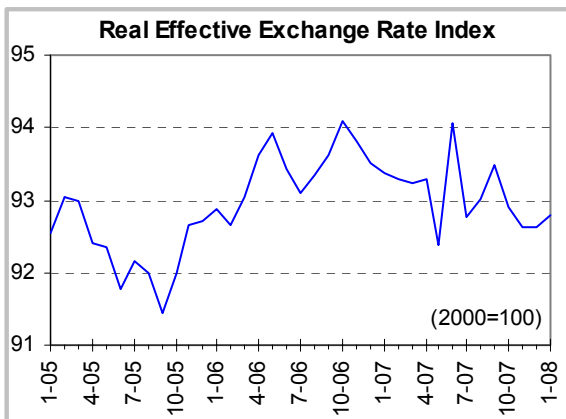
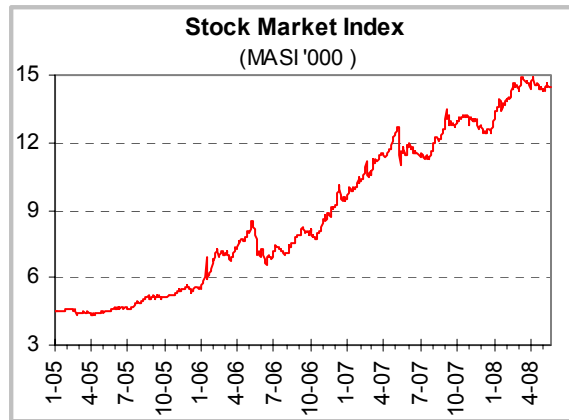
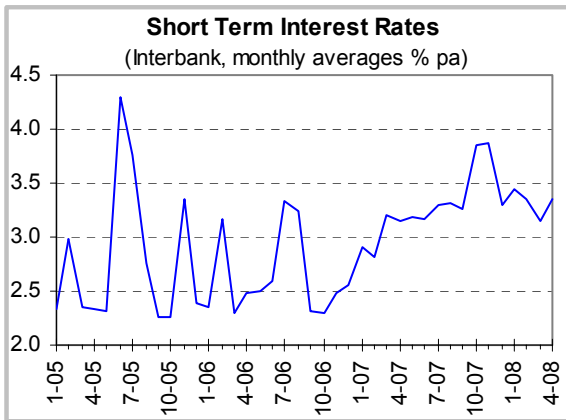
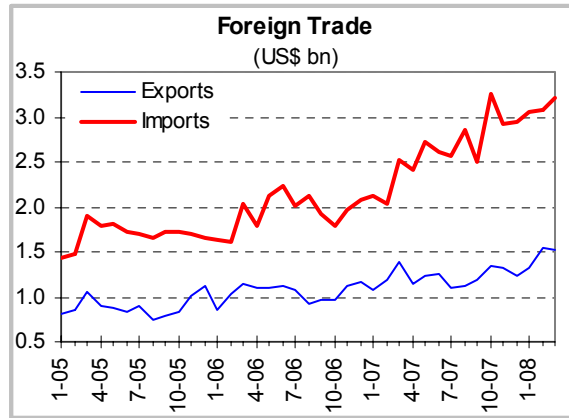
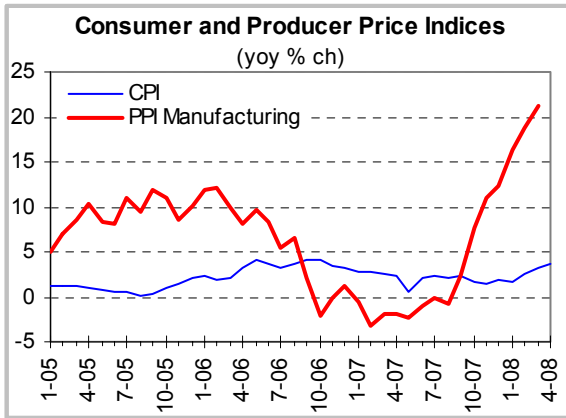
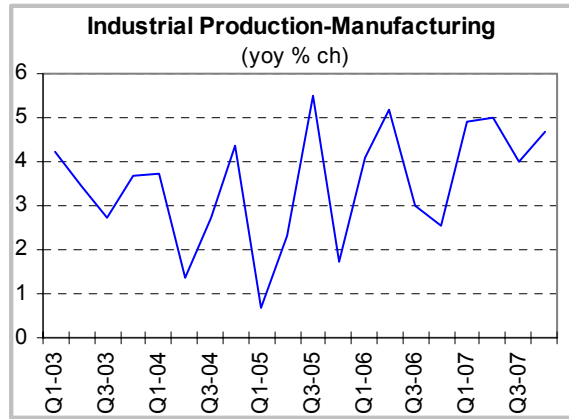
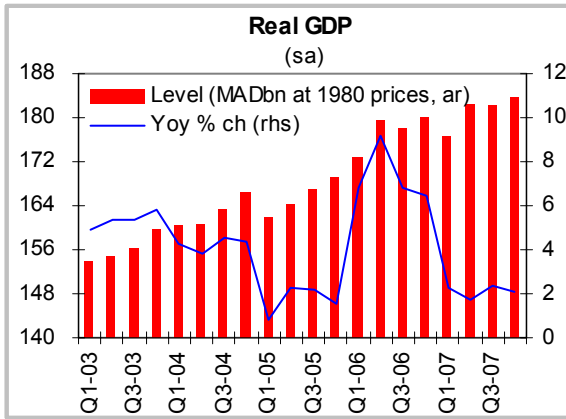
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.3 Apr
Stock Exchange (MASI) Index (% ch)*	10.9	57.2	55.1	13.8 23/05/08**

**Notes:**

\* Average over year; \*\* % change on 31/12/07

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

# MOROCCO



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

## TURKEY

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP**	8.4	6.9	4.5	3.3 Q4
Industrial Production**	5.4	5.9	5.3	-12.0 Dec***
Construction Investment	10.9	17.8	6.0	0.2 Q4
Consumer Prices****	8.2	9.6	8.8	9.7 Apr
Producer Prices - Manufacturing****	7.6	9.3	5.6	13.3 Apr
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	9.9	9.8	11.6 Feb
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)**	-22.6	-32.2	-38.0	
as a percentage of GDP	-4.7	-6.1	-5.8	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	108.1	107.3	116.7	110.6 Apr

**Notes:**

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Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	14.8	15.6	17.2	15.5 May
Stock Exchange (IMBK) Index (% ch)*	47.9	35.5	21.1	-28.0 23/05/08**

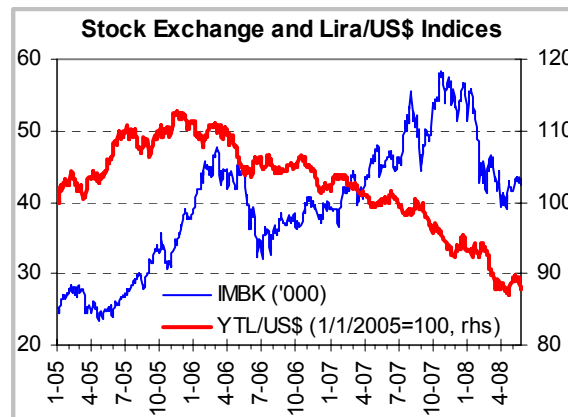
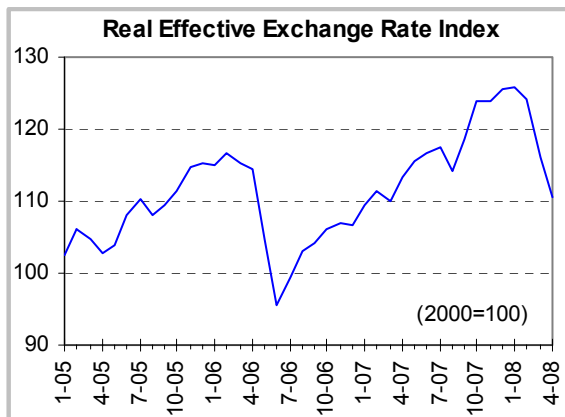
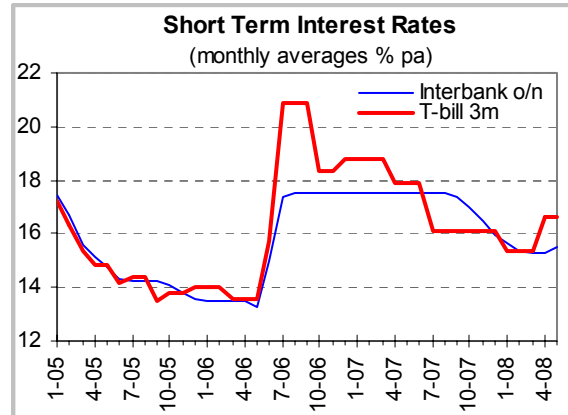
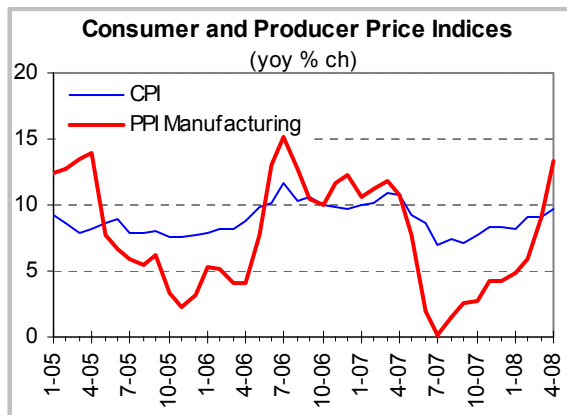
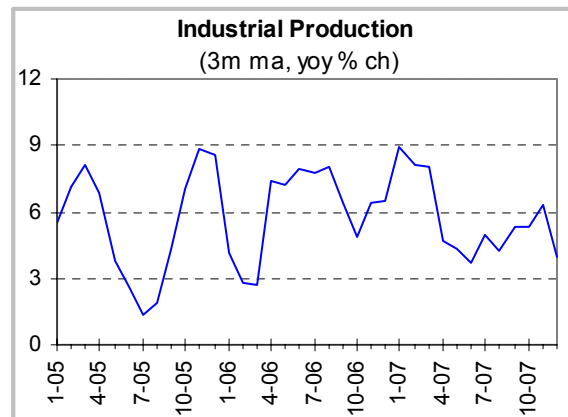
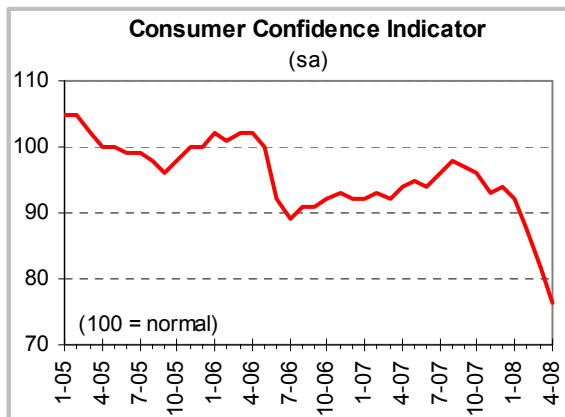
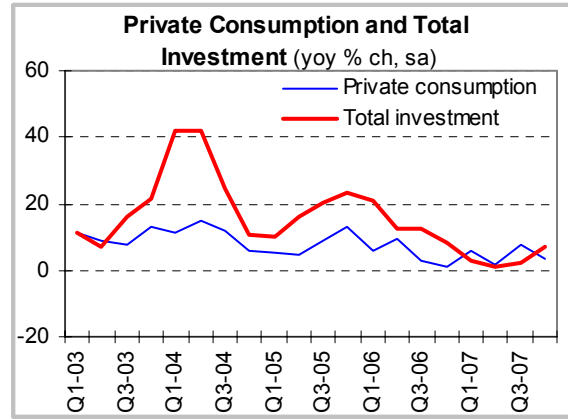
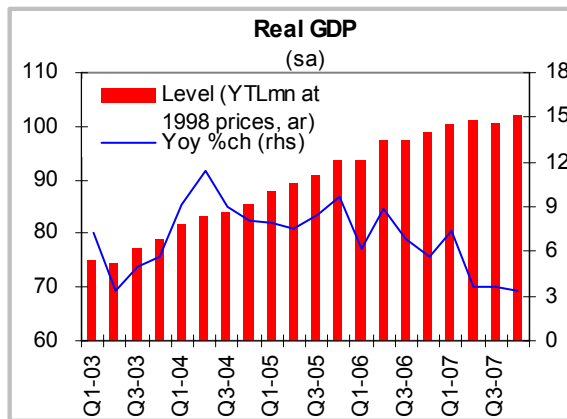
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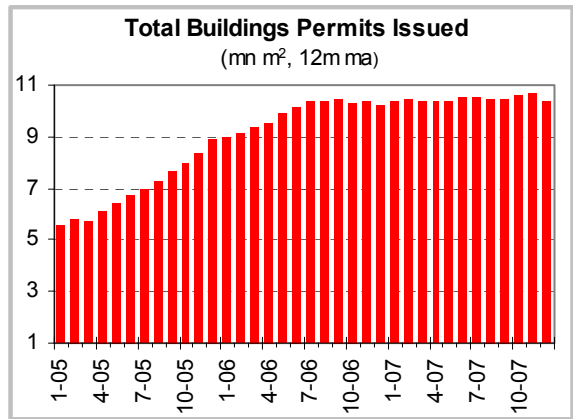
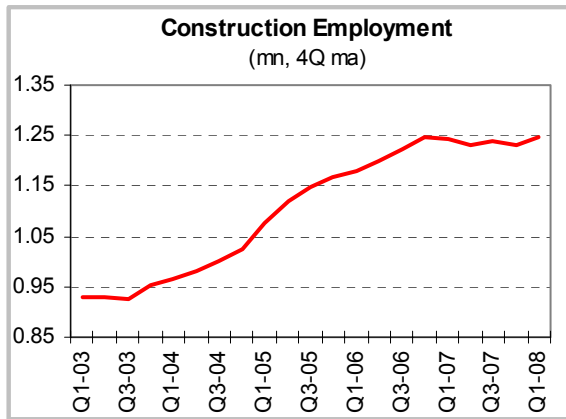
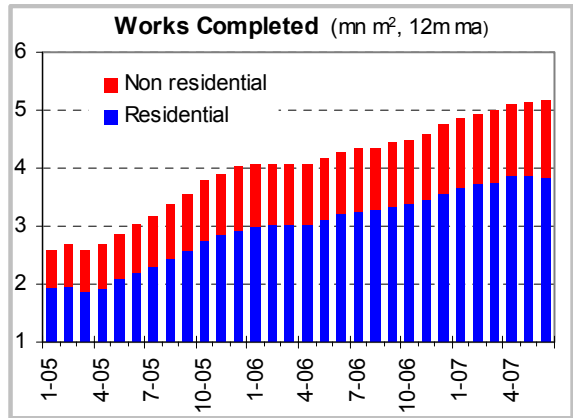
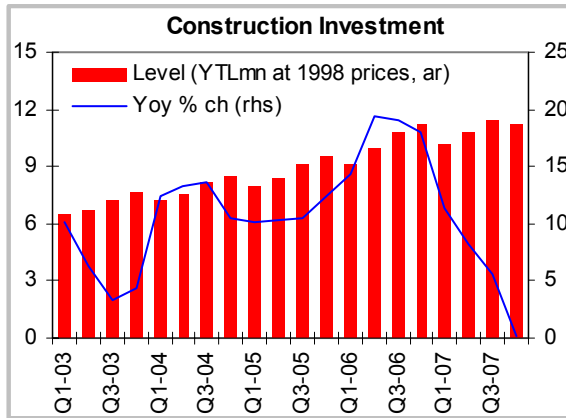
# TURKEY



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

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Sources: OECD, SIS (State Institute of Statistics)

## THAILAND

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	4.5	5.1	4.8	6.1 Q1
Industrial Production – Manufacturing	9.1	7.4	8.2	-3.0 Mar**
Construction Investment	5.8	4.5	2.7	1.8 Q1
Consumer Prices***	4.5	4.6	2.2	6.2 Apr
Producer Prices***	9.1	7.1	3.2	12.7 Apr
Unemployment Rate (%)***	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.5 Mar
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-7.6	2.2	14.9	
as a percentage of GDP	-4.3	1.0	6.1	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	97.0	105.3	111.5	115.0 Apr

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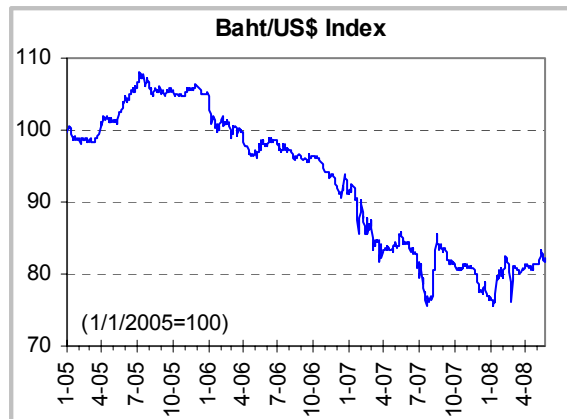
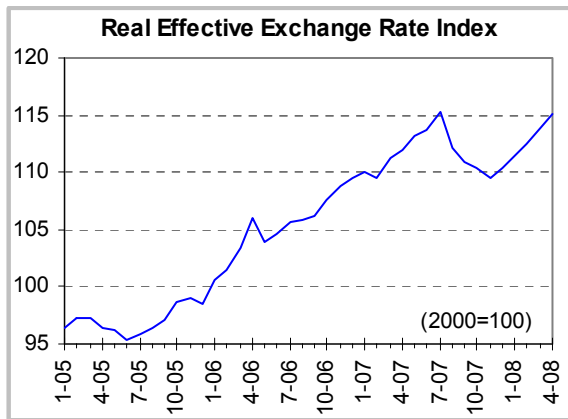
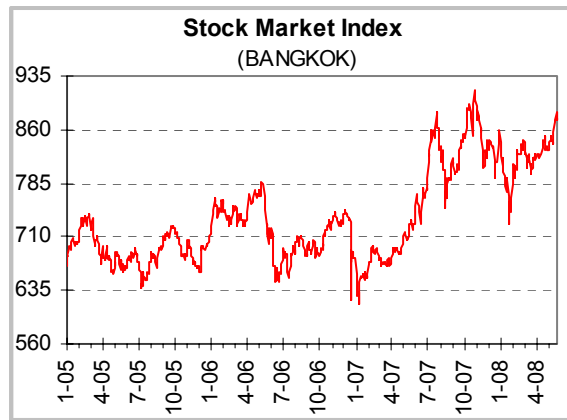
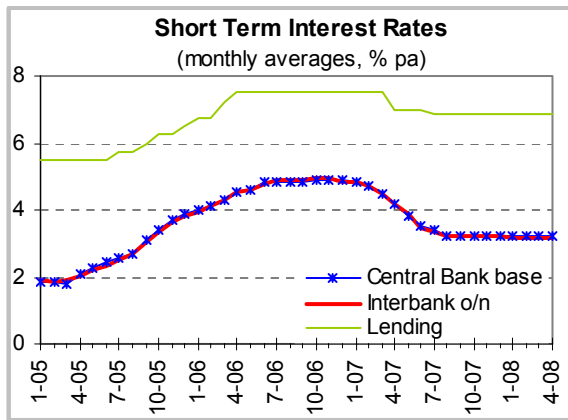
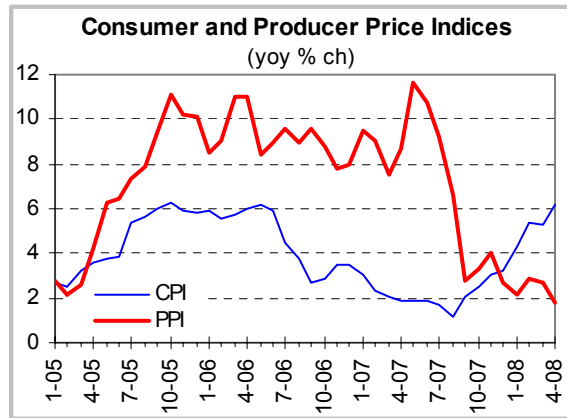
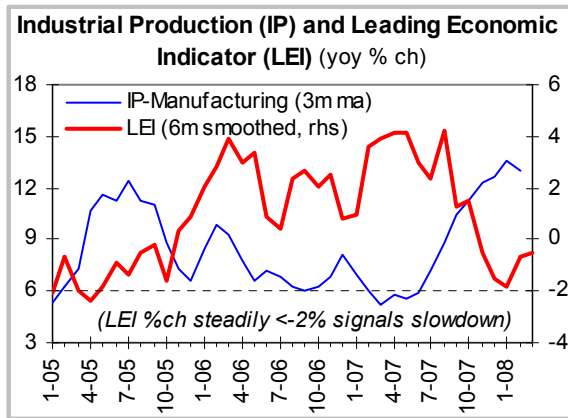
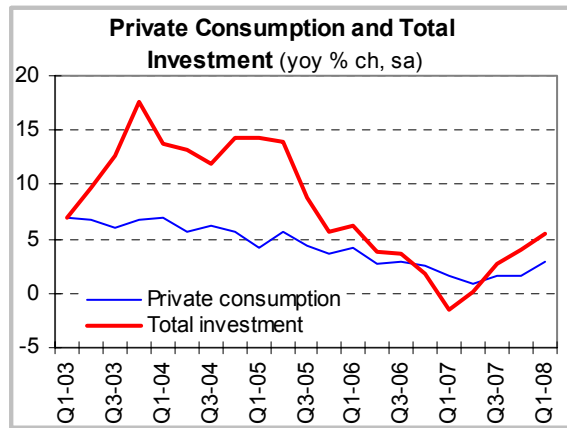
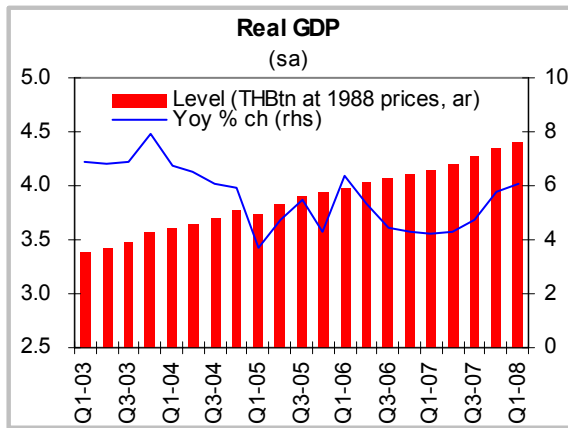
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	2.6	4.6	3.8	3.2 Apr
Stock Exchange Index (Bangkok) (% change)*	4.1	4.2	6.5	2.0 23/05/08**

**Notes:**

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

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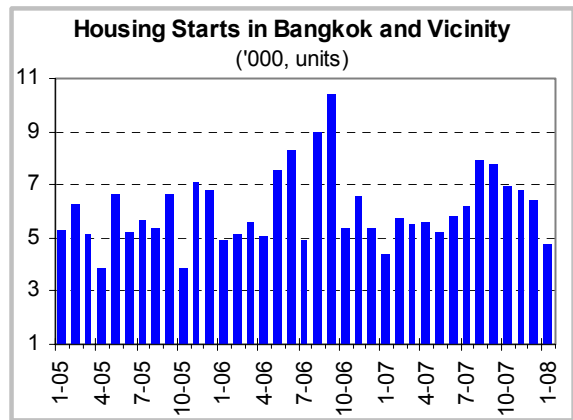
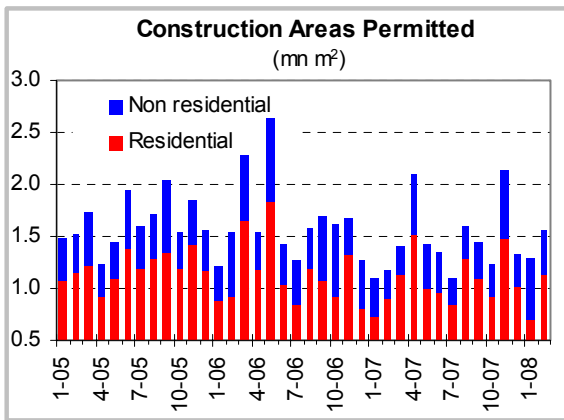
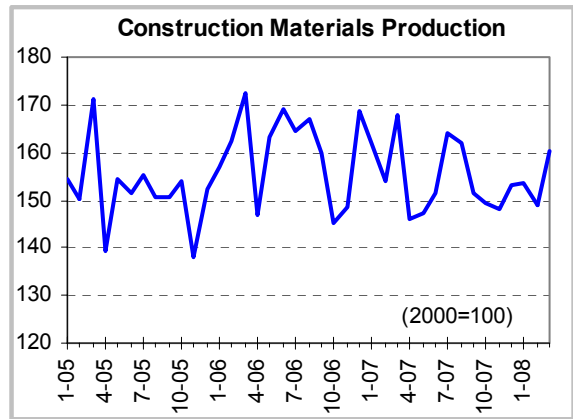
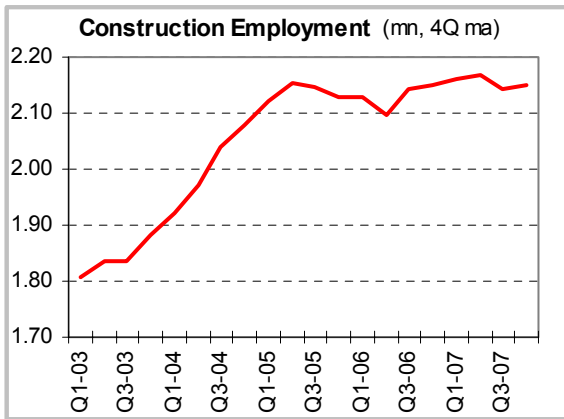
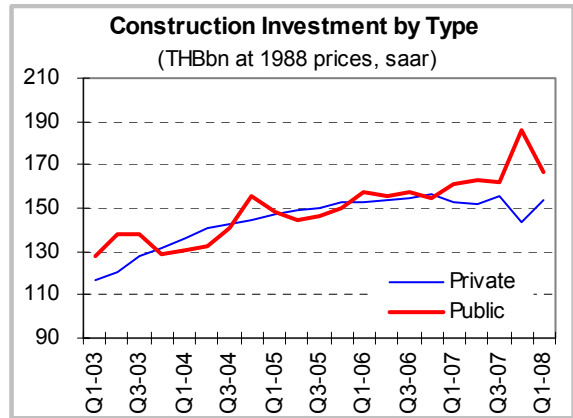
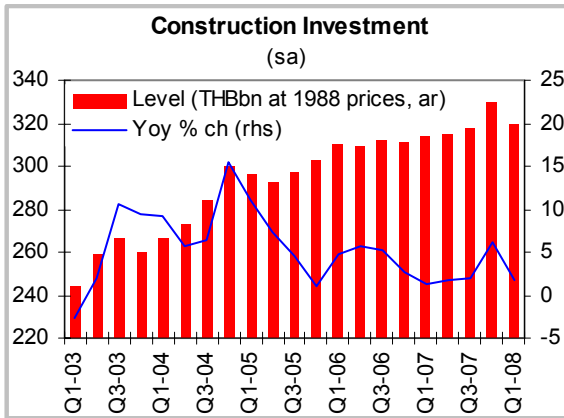


Sources: NESDB, Bank of Thailand, daily press, BIS

Update – May, 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

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Source: Bank of Thailand

## INDIA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP**	9.1	9.7	9.1	8.4 Q4
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	9.0	11.5	10.6	2.9 Mar
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	16.1	13.3	10.6	8.0 Q4
Consumer Prices	4.2	6.2	6.4	7.9 Mar
Wholesale Prices	4.7	4.8	4.7	7.4 Apr
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)**	-10.3	-9.5	-11.8	
as a percentage of GDP	-1.4	-1.2	-1.2	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	103.7	102.1	109.0	106.9 Apr

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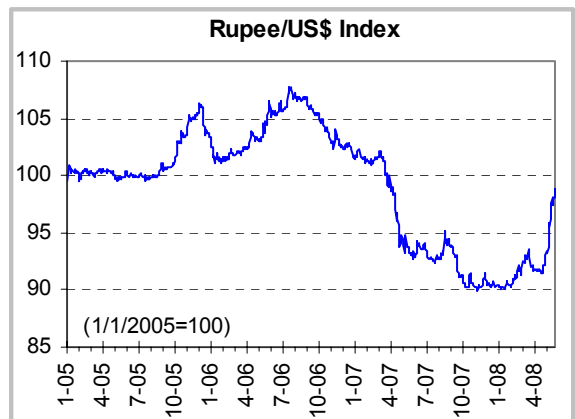
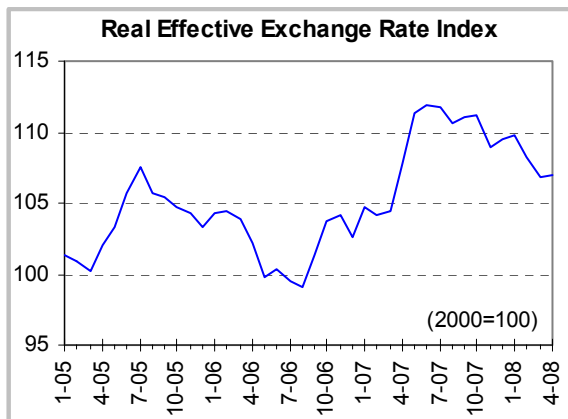
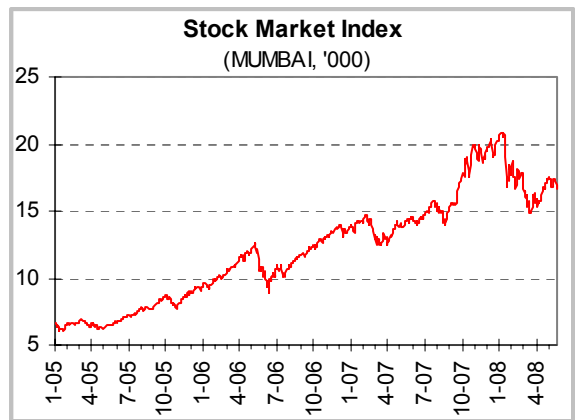
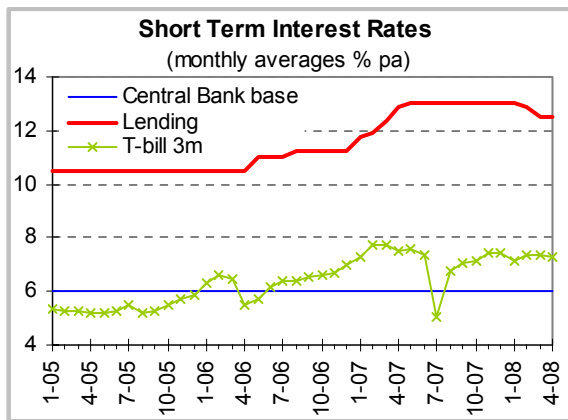
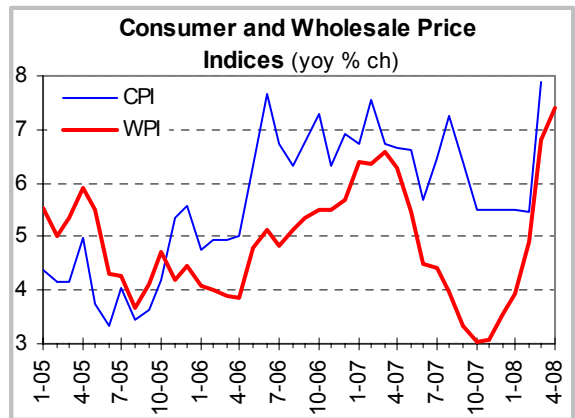
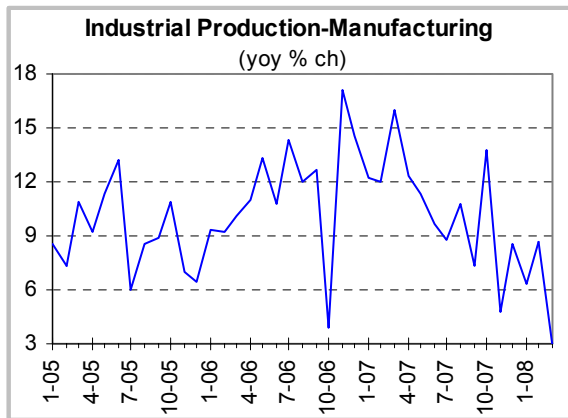
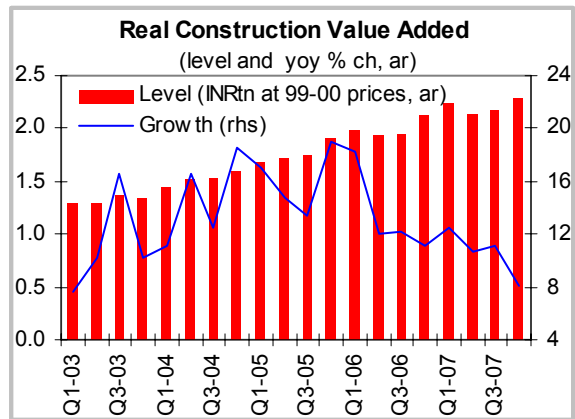
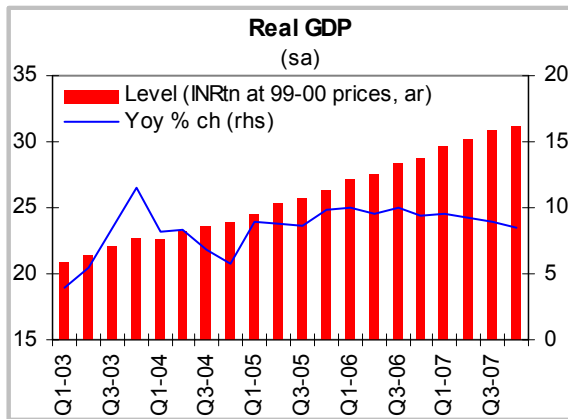
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (91-day T-bills)	5.4	6.4	7.2	7.3 Apr
Prime Lending Rate	10.5	10.9	12.7	12.5 Apr
Stock Exchange Index (Mumbai) (% ch)*	32.7	54.7	35.6	-17.9 23/05/08**

**Notes:**

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

# INDIA



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

# CHINA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	10.4	11.1	11.9	10.6 Q1
Industrial Production	16.4	16.6	18.5	15.7 Apr
Consumer Prices	1.8	1.5	4.8	8.5 Apr
Producer Prices	4.9	3.0	3.1	8.1 Apr
Trade Balance (US\$bn)	102.1	177.5	262.2	
as a percentage of GDP	1.9	2.9	3.5	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	91.4	92.8	96.7	100.2 Apr

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Financial Indicators				
1Y Lending Rate	5.6	5.9	6.8	7.5 Apr
Central Bank Rate	6.0	8.0	7.8	7.5 Apr
Stock Exchange Index (Shanghai) (% ch)*	-22.2	39.6	160.7	-34.0 23/05/08**

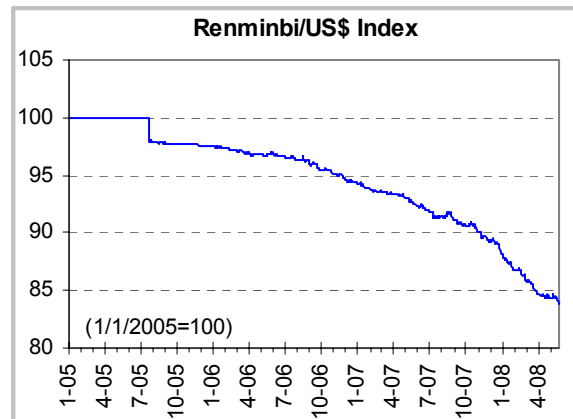
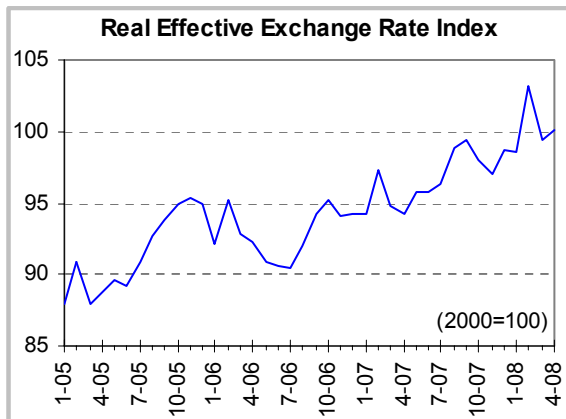
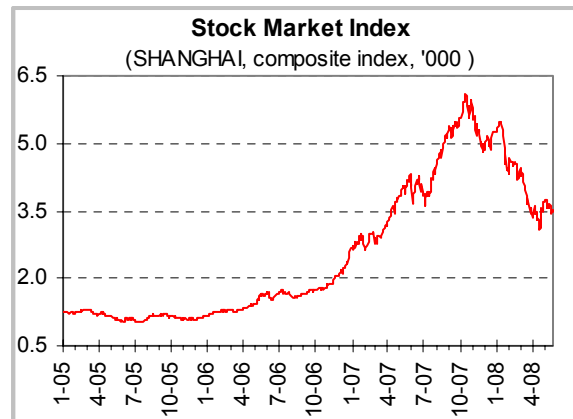
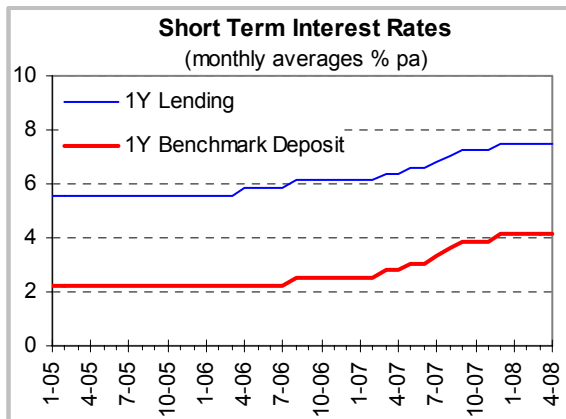
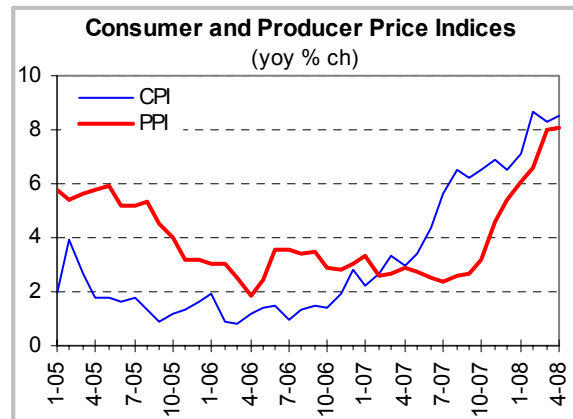
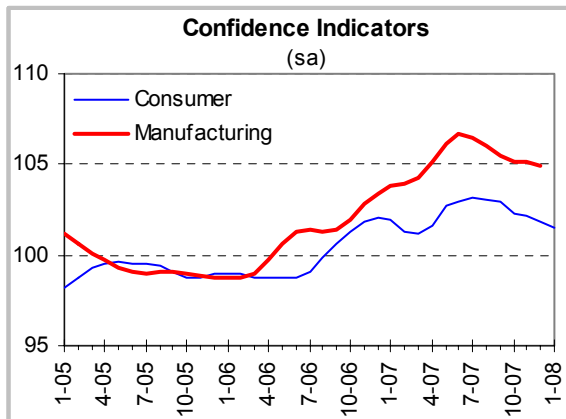
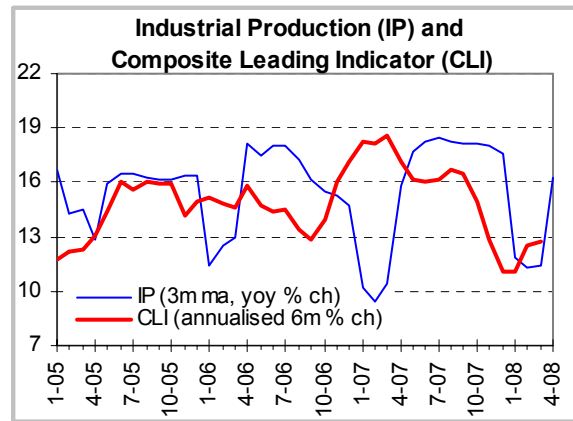
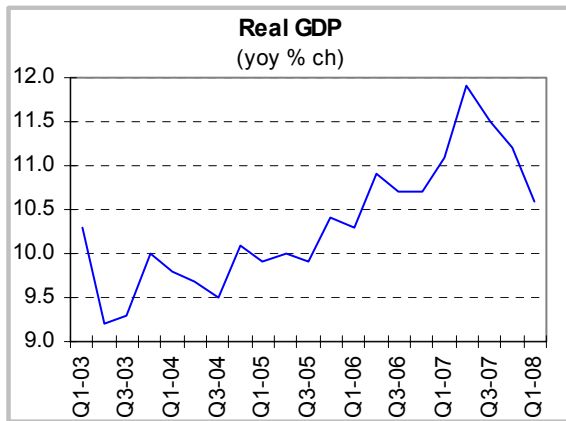
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Sources: National Bureau of Statistics, OECD, EIU, People's Bank of China, daily press



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## KAZAKHSTAN

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	9.4	11.1	8.5	8.1 Q4
Industrial Production	5.3	6.3	5.0	4.1 Mar
Consumer Prices	7.9	8.7	10.8	19.1 Apr
Producer Prices	23.7	18.5	12.4	46.8 Mar
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.6	7.2	7.1 Q4
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-1.1	-1.9	-7.2	
as a percentage of GDP	-1.8	-2.5	-6.9	
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index <sup>§</sup>	96.4	104.1	106.5	105.6 Mar

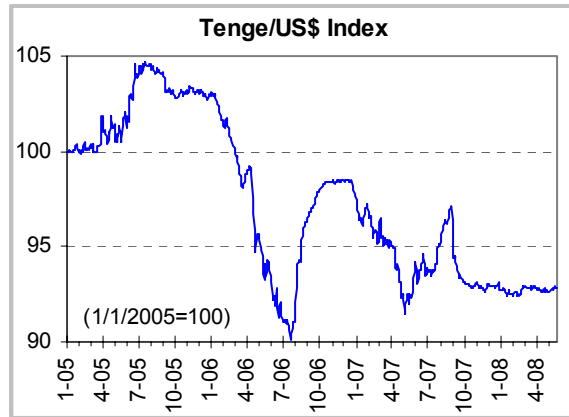
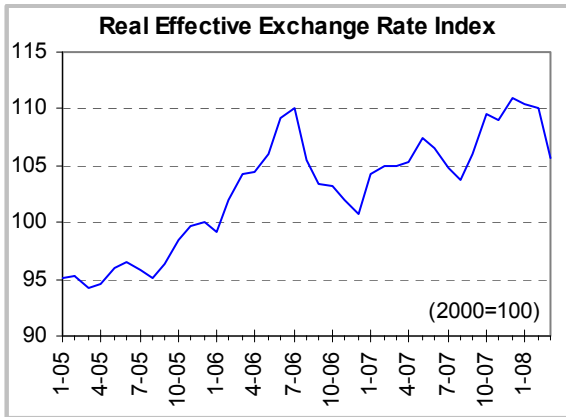
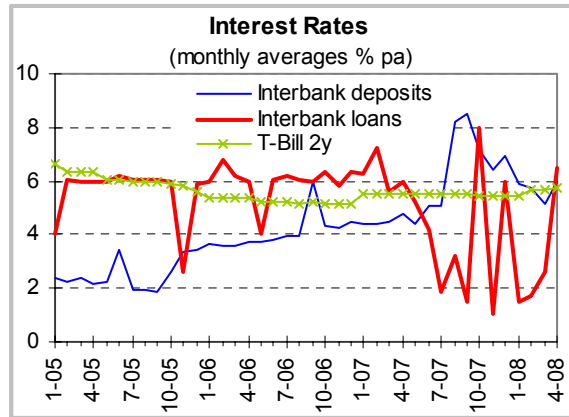
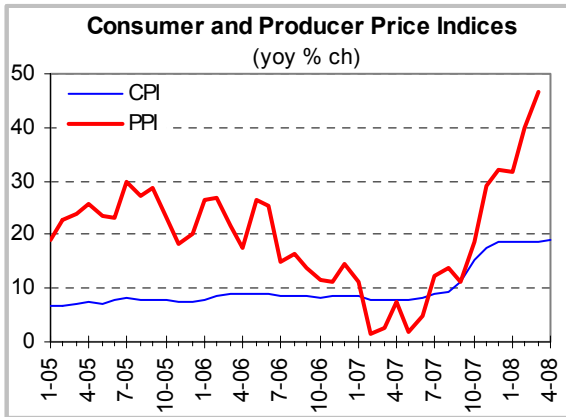
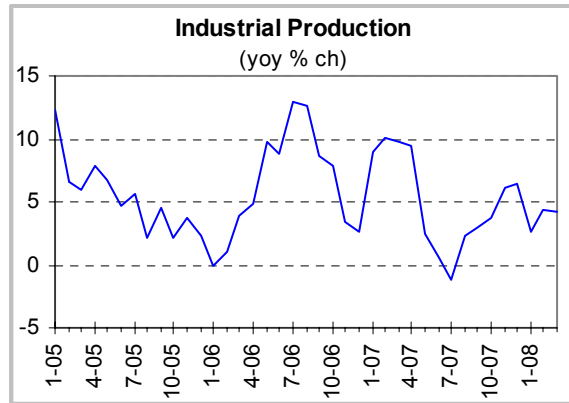
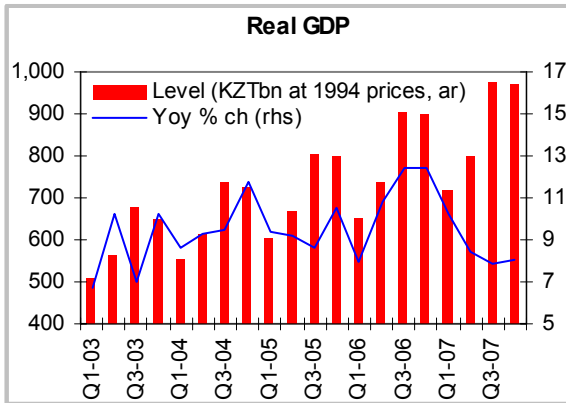
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Financial Indicators				
Refinancing Rate (end of period)	7.8	8.6	9.0	9.0 Apr
Short Term Interest Rate pa (<1 year)	2.8	3.5	5.6	6.4 Apr
Exchange Rate Tenge/\$	132.9	126.0	122.5	120.5 Apr

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

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