

Economic Profile in ITC Group Countries

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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

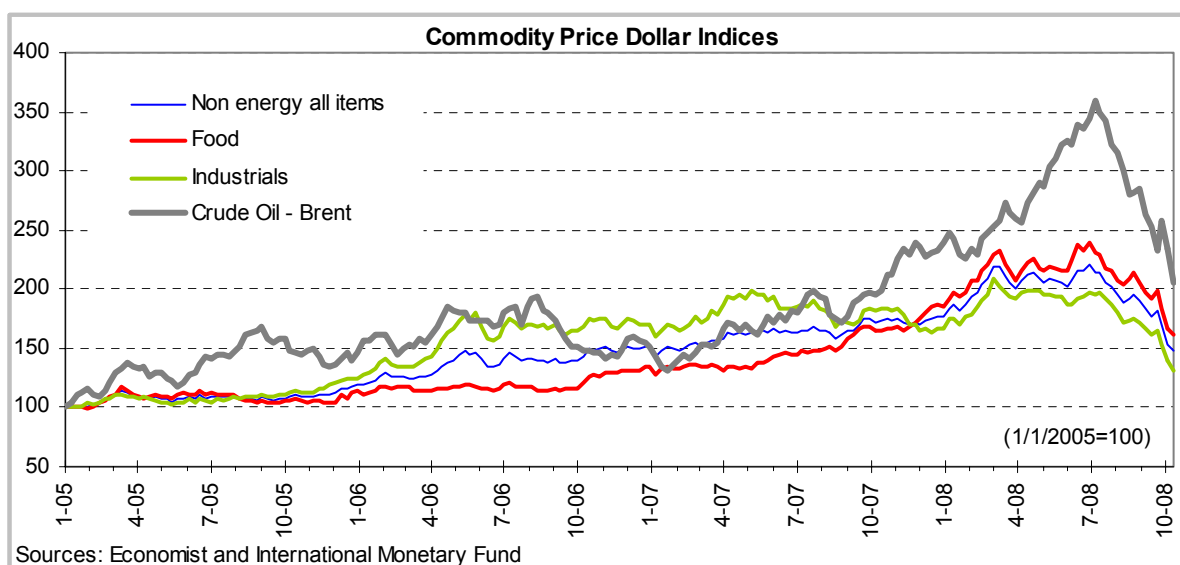
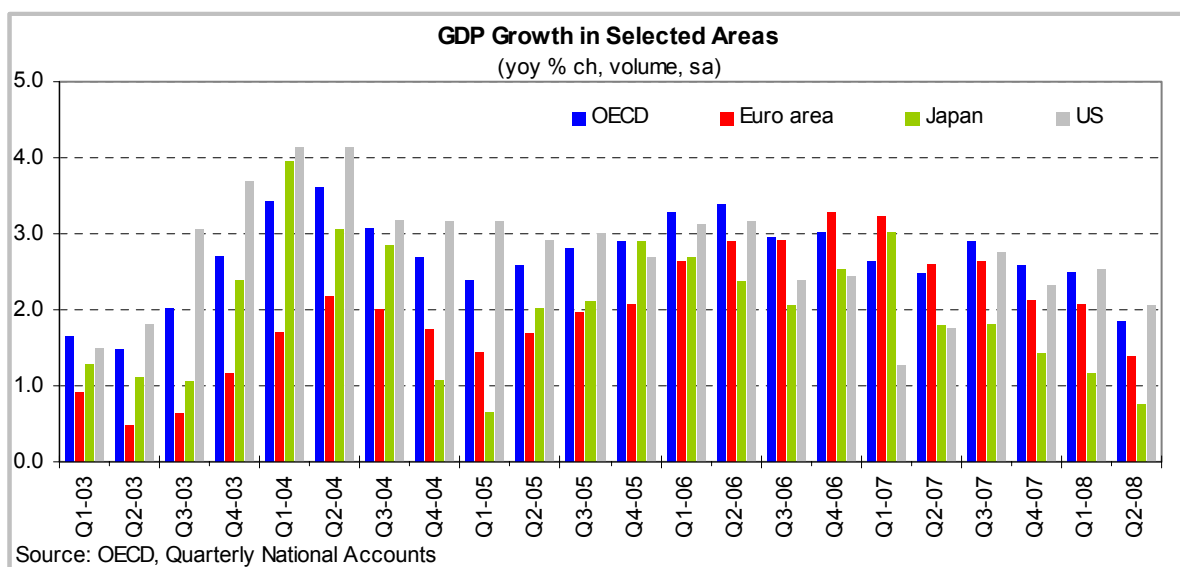
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GLOBAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Real Indicators

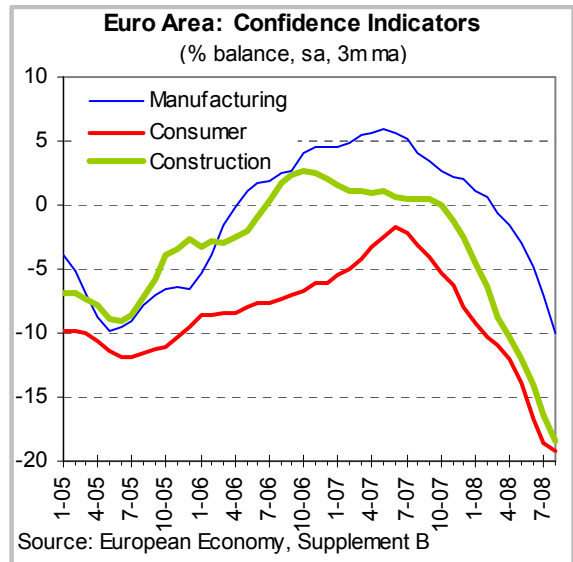
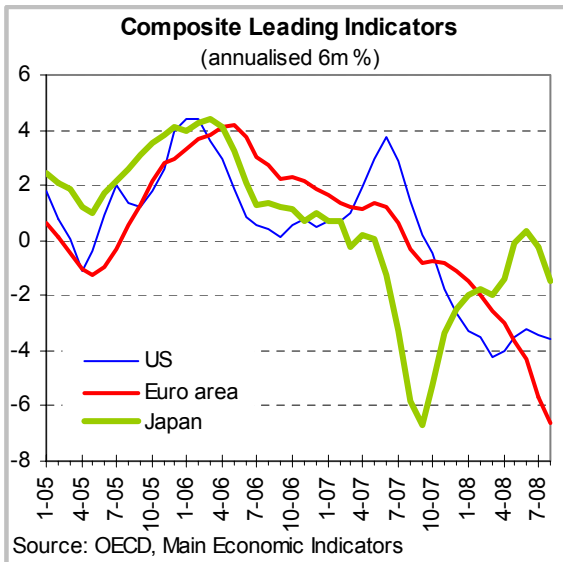
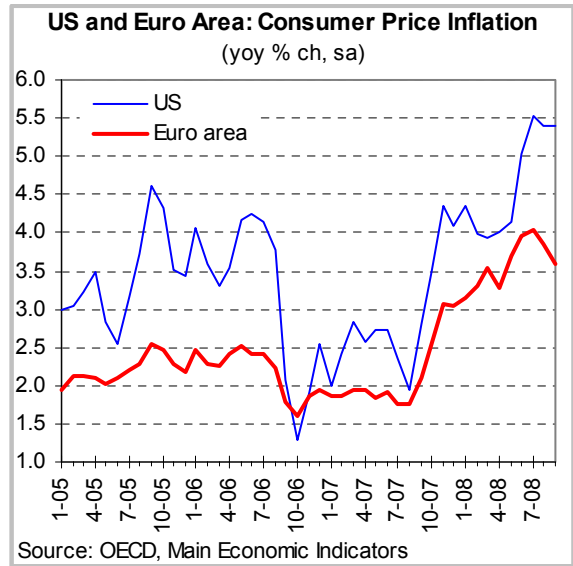
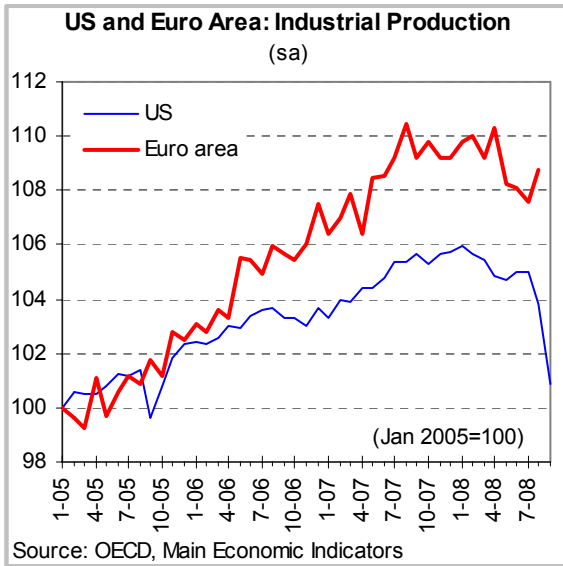
yoy % ch (unless otherwise indicated)	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP: OECD	2.7	3.1	2.7	1.9 Q2
Euro Area	1.7	2.8	2.6	1.4 Q2
US	2.9	2.8	2.0	2.1 Q2
Japan	1.9	2.4	2.1	0.8 Q2
Inflation: US	3.4	3.3	2.8	5.4 Sep
Euro Area	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.6 Sep
Oil Price Level (Brent, \$/barrel)	54.4	65.4	72.7	99.4 Sep
(yoy % ch)	42.0	20.2	11.2	29.4

Notes:

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



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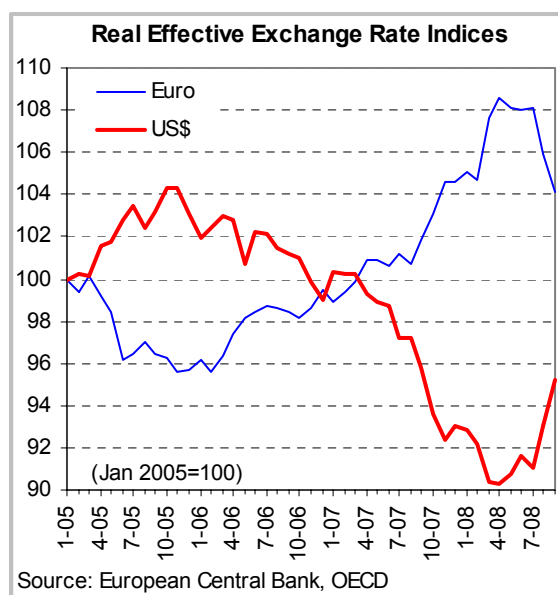
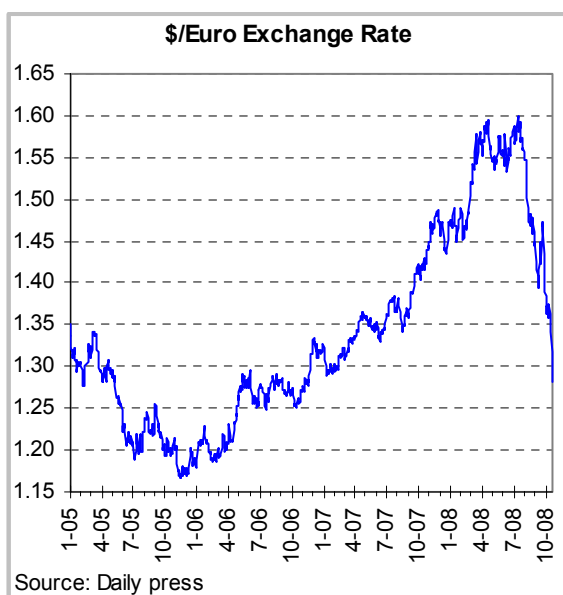
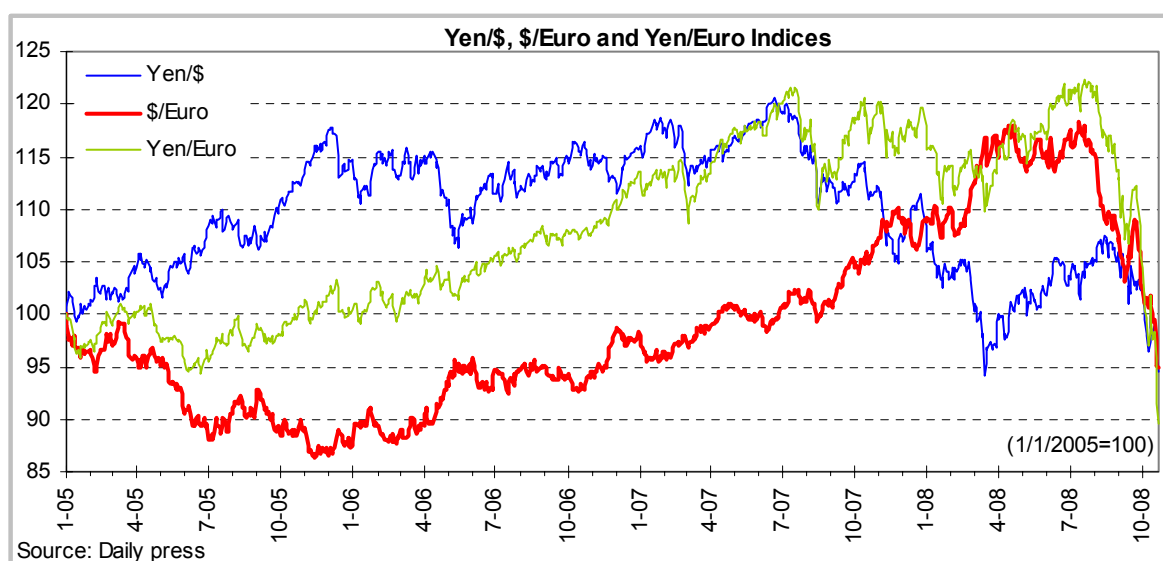
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	2005	2006	2007	Latest
Dollar/Euro Exchange Rate	1.244	1.256	1.370	1.508 *
Policy Rates (end of period):				
- US (target for federal funds)	4.25	5.25	4.25	1.50 08/10/08
- Euro Area (repo rate)	2.25	3.50	4.00	3.75 15/10/08
Long Term Interest Rate (10y government bonds, year average):				
- US	4.29	4.80	4.63	3.69 Sep
- Euro Area	3.44	3.86	4.33	4.50 Sep

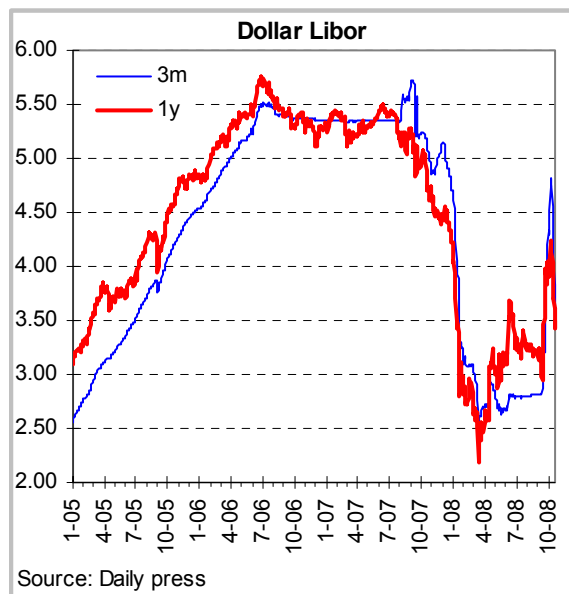
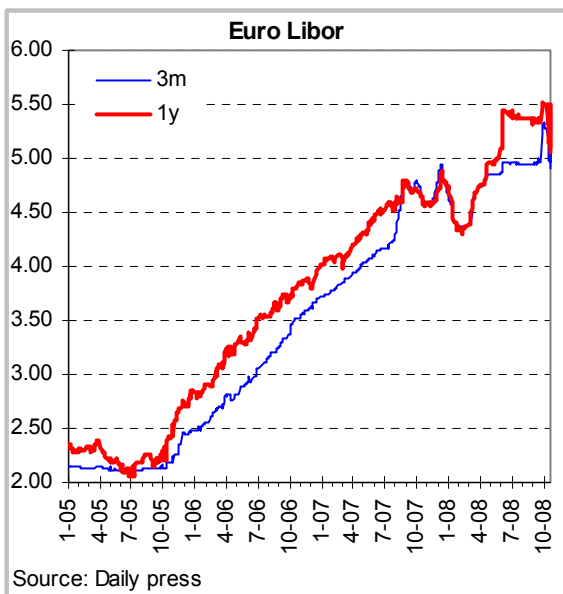
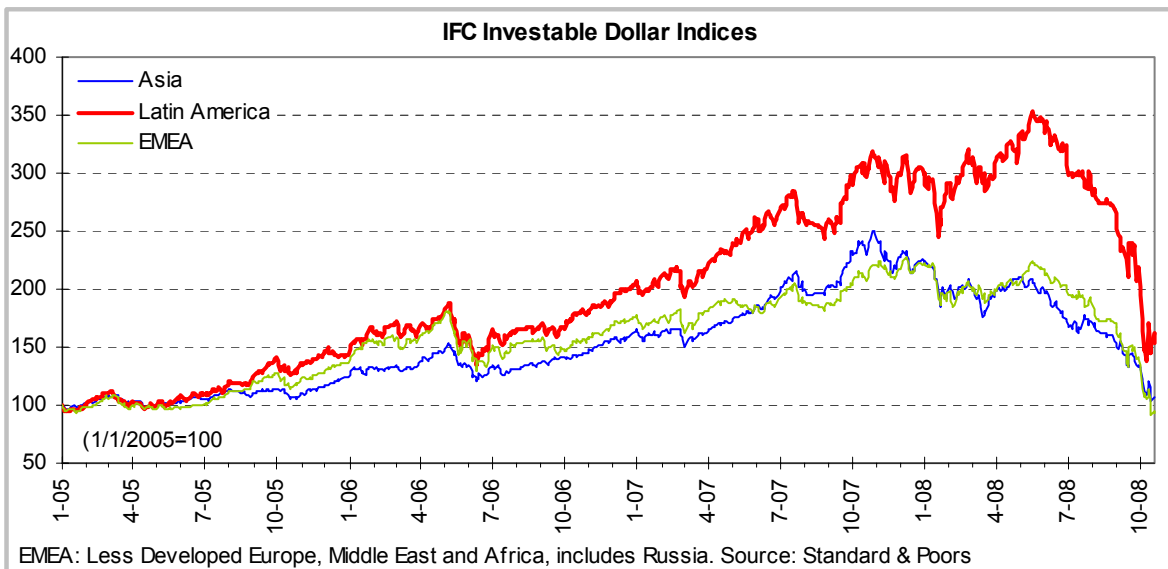
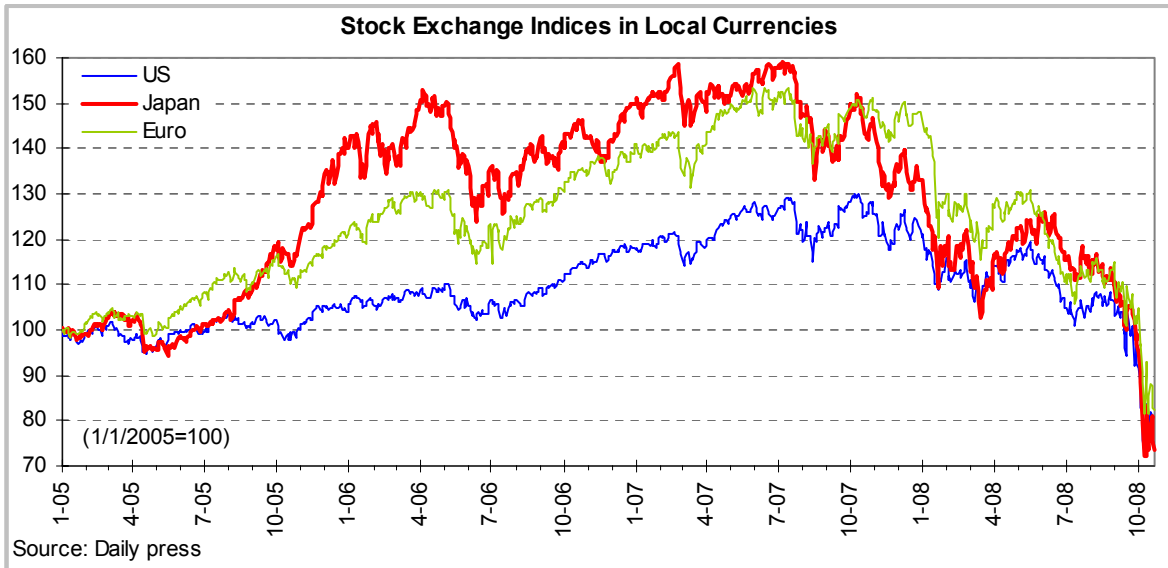
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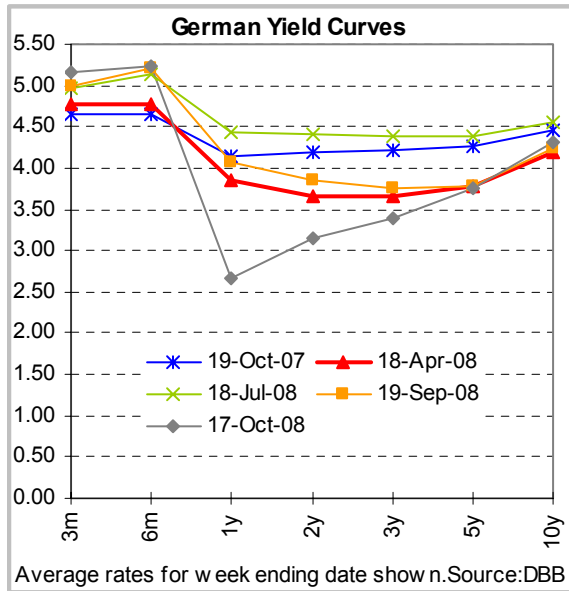
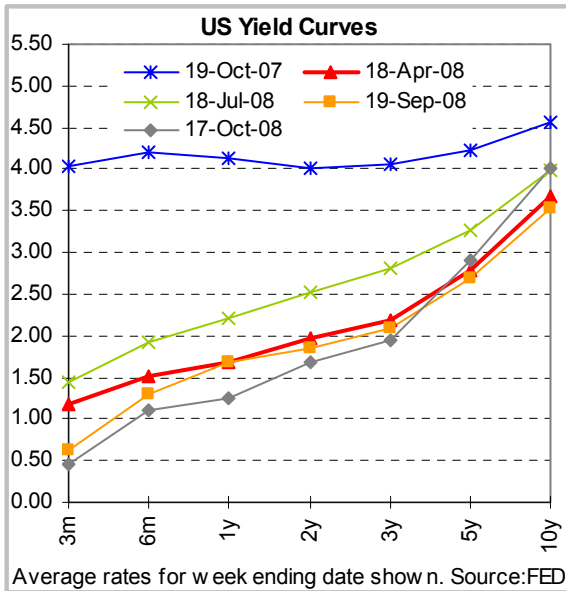
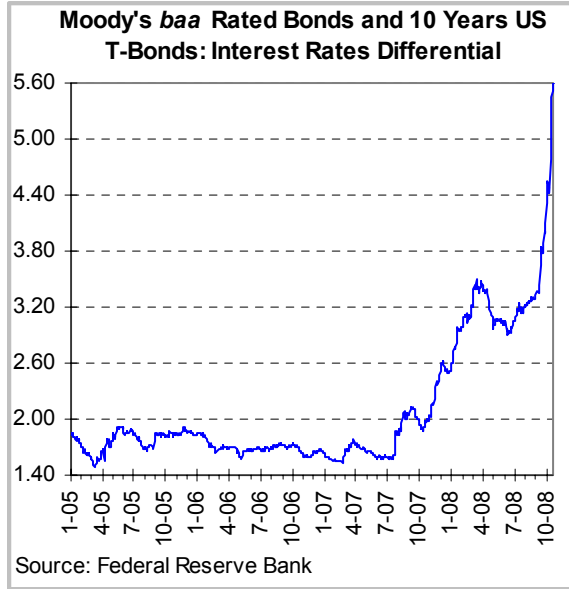
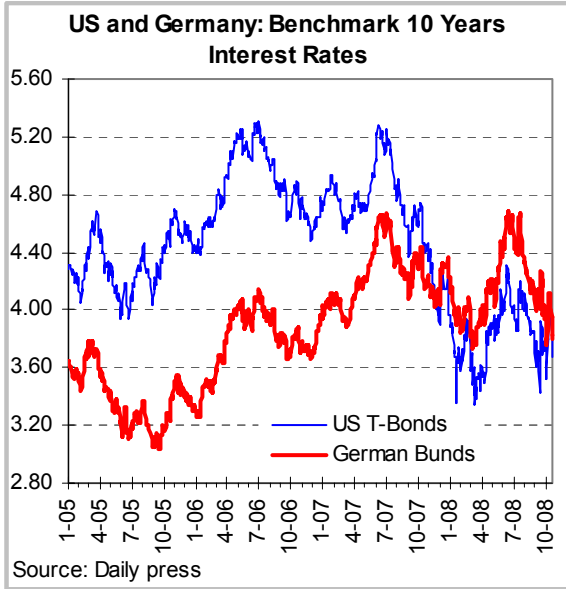
Sources: European Central Bank and Federal Reserve Bank



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UNITED STATES

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	2.9	2.8	2.0	2.1 Q2
Industrial Production	3.3	2.2	1.6	-2.8 Sep**
Construction Materials Production	4.8	3.5	-1.7	-1.5 Sep**
Construction Investment	3.2	-2.4	-5.6	-5.8 Q2
Housing Starts - Private	5.8	-12.9	-24.8	-31.1 Sep
Consumer Prices***	3.4	3.3	2.8	5.4 Sep
Producer Prices - Finished Goods***	4.8	3.0	3.9	8.7 Sep
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing***	2.6	1.5	2.7	2.5 Sep
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.6	4.6	6.1 Sep
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-729.0	-788.1	-731.2	-699.0 Q2°
- as a percentage of GDP	-5.9	-6.0	-5.3	-5.0
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	93.3	92.6	88.5	86.0 Sep

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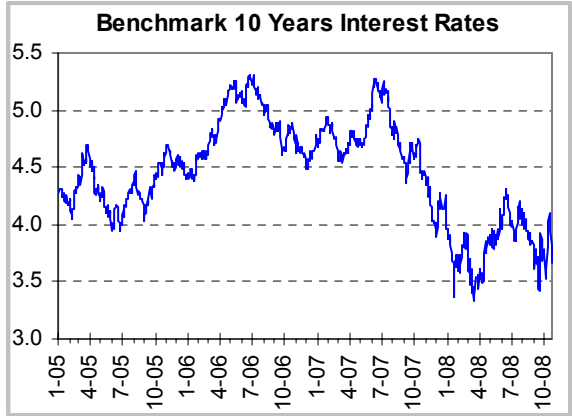
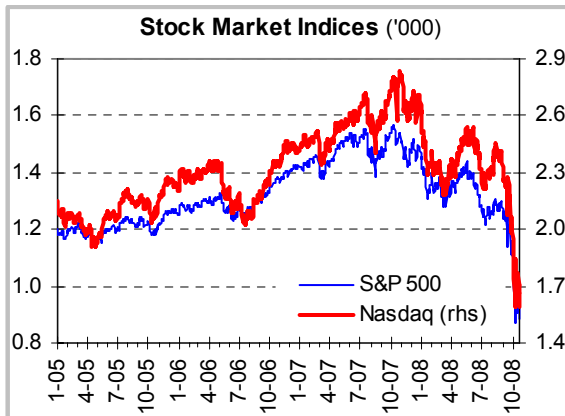
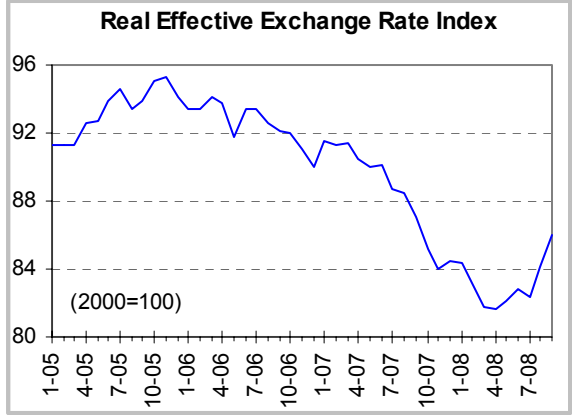
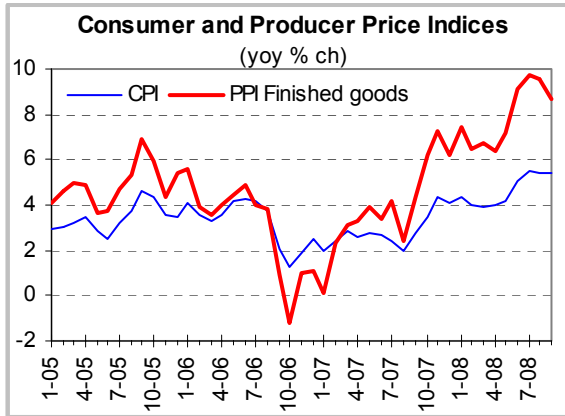
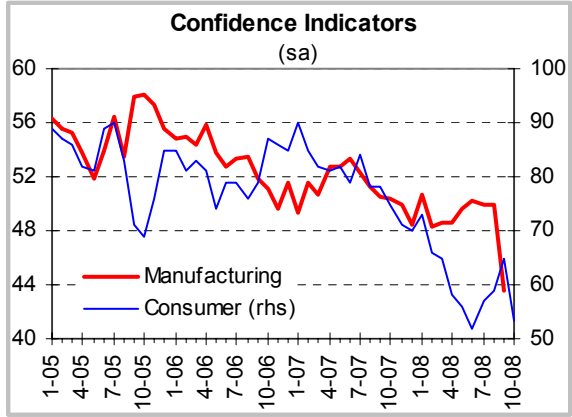
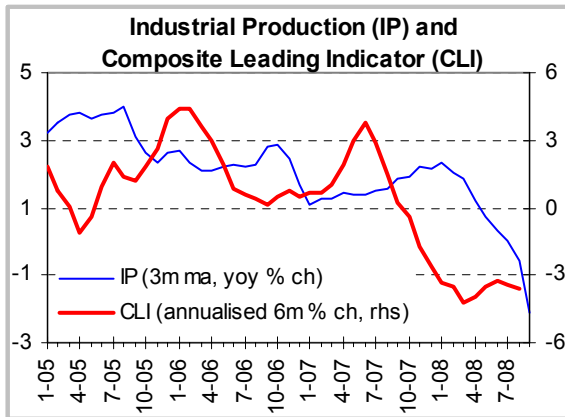
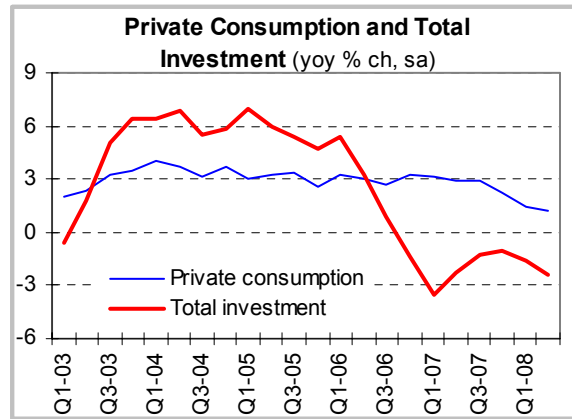
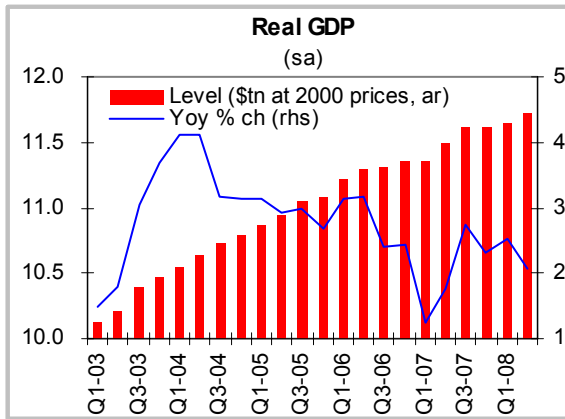
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (3m CD)	3.51	5.16	5.27	3.59 Sep
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.29	4.80	4.63	3.69 Sep
Stock Exchange (S&P 500) Index (% ch)*	6.8	8.5	12.7	-39.8 23/10/08**

Notes:

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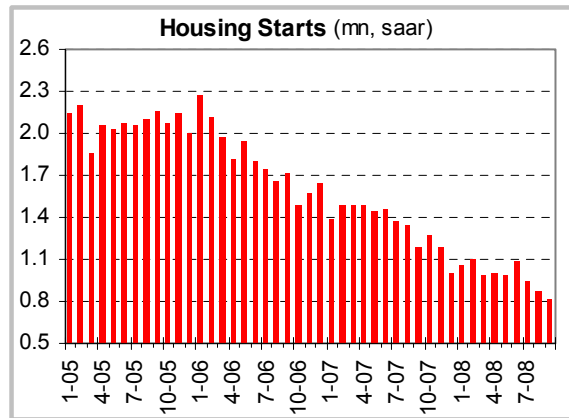
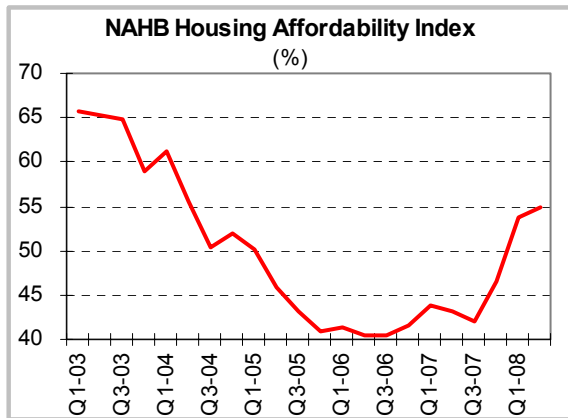
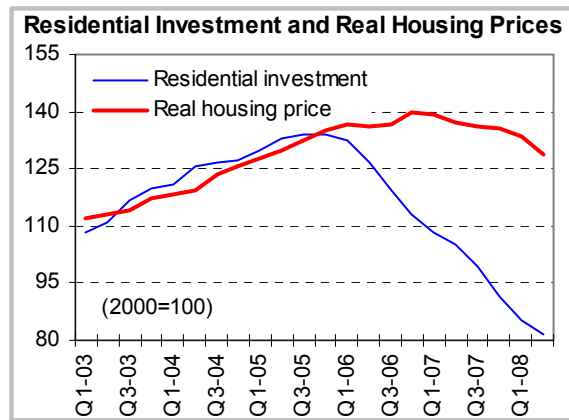
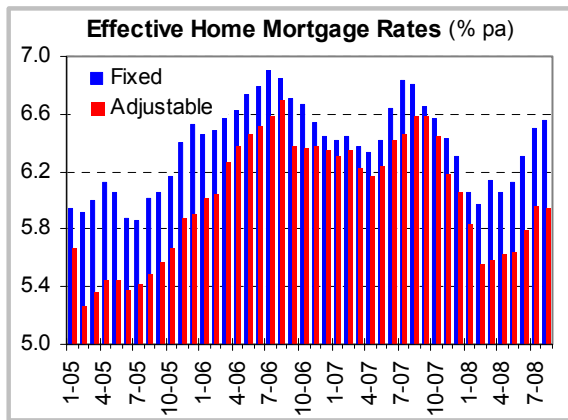
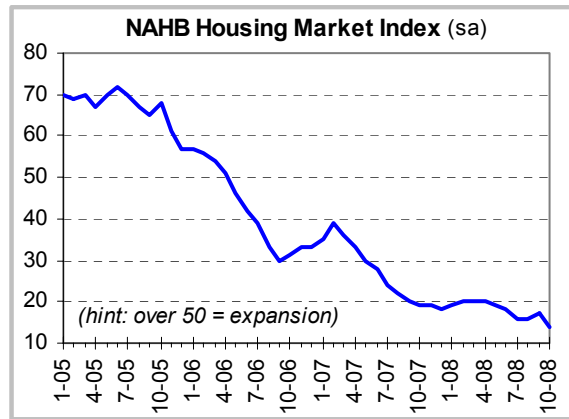
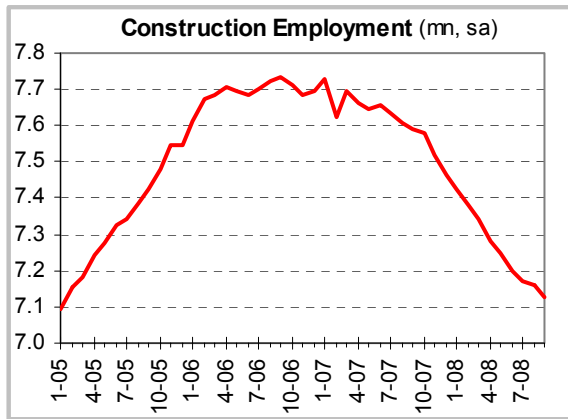
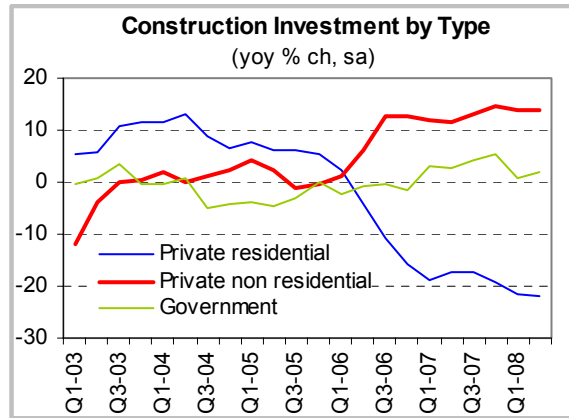
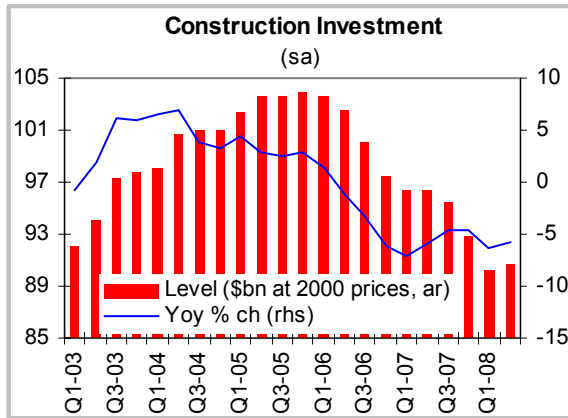


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Business Conditions in the Construction Sector



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

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CANADA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	2.9	3.1	2.7	0.7 Q2
Industrial Production	1.7	-0.2	-0.1	1.9 Jul**
Construction Production	4.6	6.3	3.0	0.2 Jul**
Construction Investment	6.7	5.3	2.2	-0.3 Q2
Consumer Prices***	2.3	2.0	2.2	3.5 Aug
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	1.5	2.4	1.6	8.1 Aug
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing***	1.8	0.5	4.2	2.5 Jul
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.3	6.0	6.1 Sep
Current Account Balance (Can\$bn)	26.5	20.2	13.6	13.7 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	1.9	1.4	0.9	0.9
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	118.7	125.4	129.7	127.0 Sep

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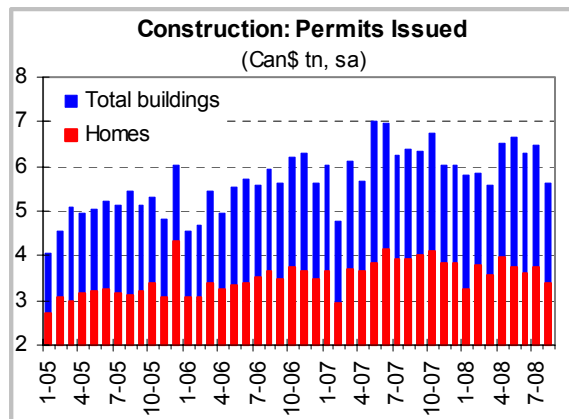
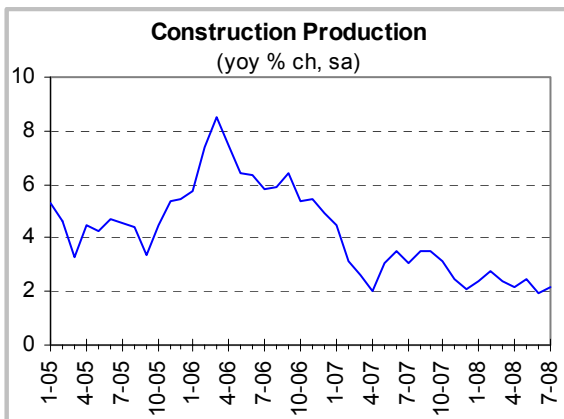
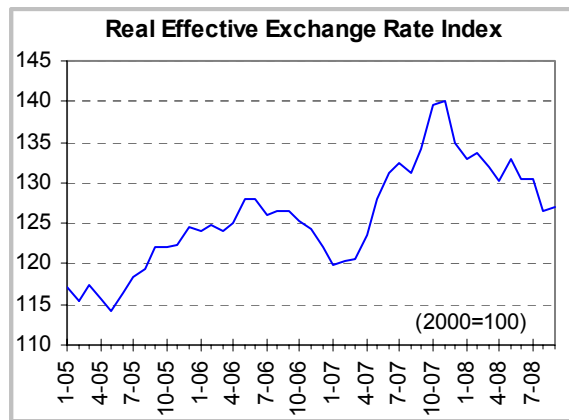
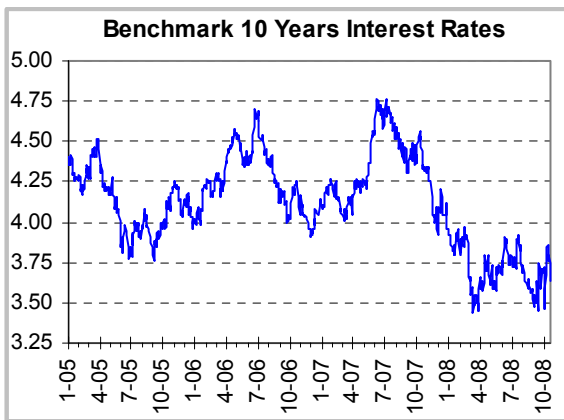
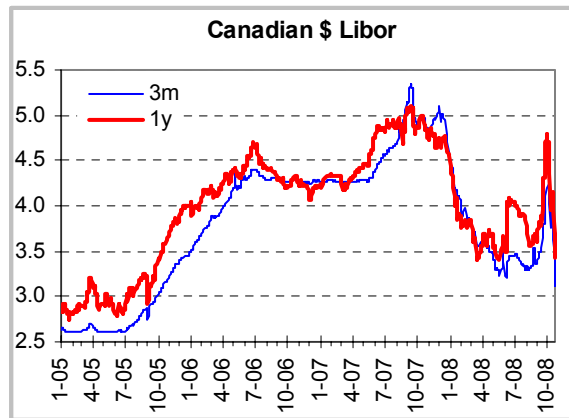
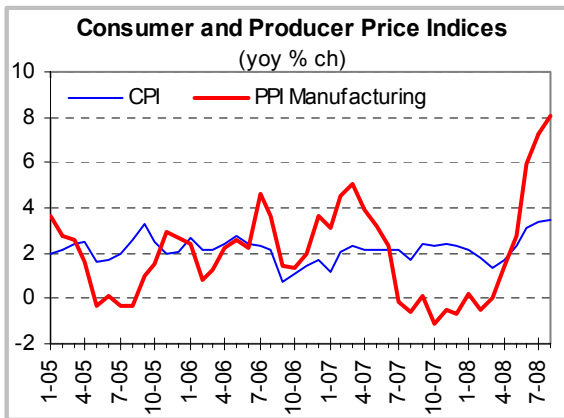
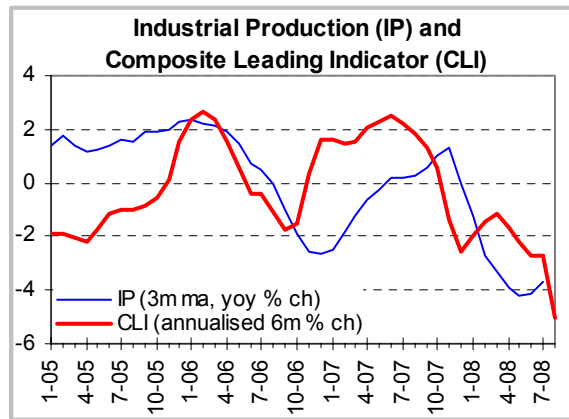
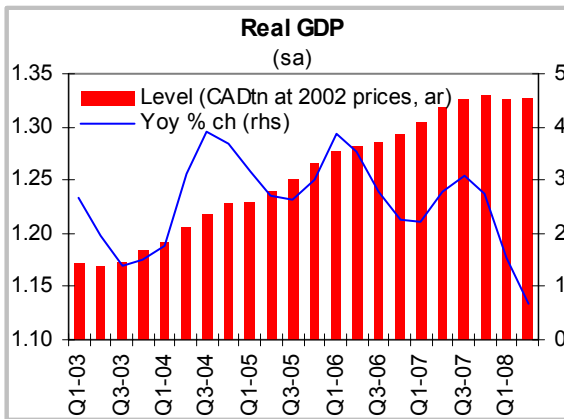
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	2.66	4.02	4.34	2.99 Sep
Long term interest rate pa (benchmark 10y)	4.07	4.21	4.27	3.50 Sep
Stock Exchange (TSE) Index (% ch)*	17.6	18.4	13.8	-33.7 23/10/08**

Notes:

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FRANCE

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	1.9	2.4	2.1	1.1 Q2
Industrial Production	0.3	0.5	1.3	-0.4 Aug**
Construction Production	3.2	3.6	3.7	-0.7 Aug**
Construction Investment	3.7	5.3	4.4	-1.4 Q2
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.3 Sep
Producer Prices - Manufactured Goods***	1.8	2.5	2.2	3.1 Aug
Hourly Earnings - Manufacturing (<i>ouvriers</i>)***	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.3 Q2
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	9.2	8.3	8.0 Aug
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-10.9	-12.3	-22.3	-32.2 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-0.6	-0.7	-1.2	-1.7
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	108.9	108.2	109.1	109.1 Sep

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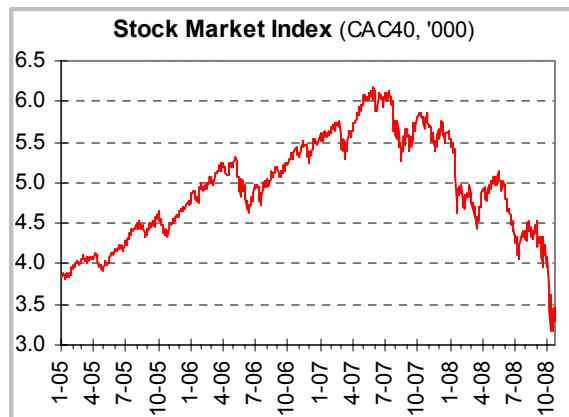
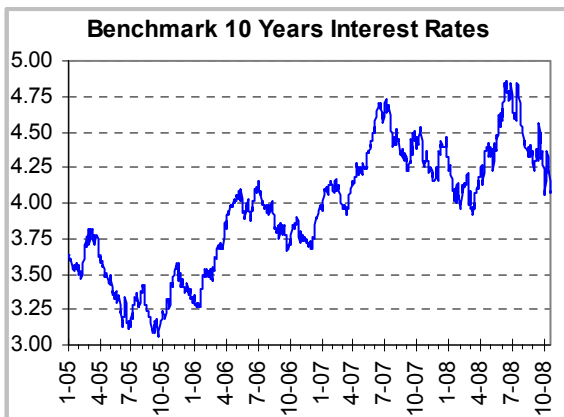
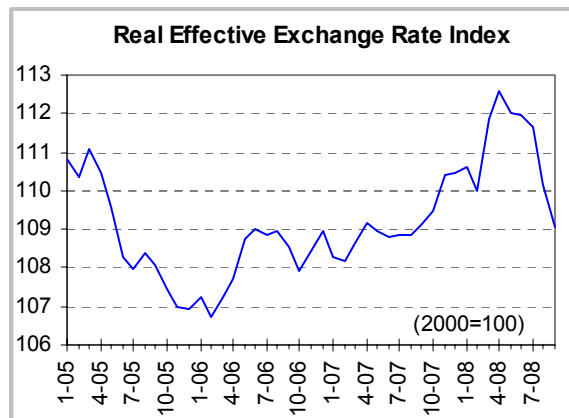
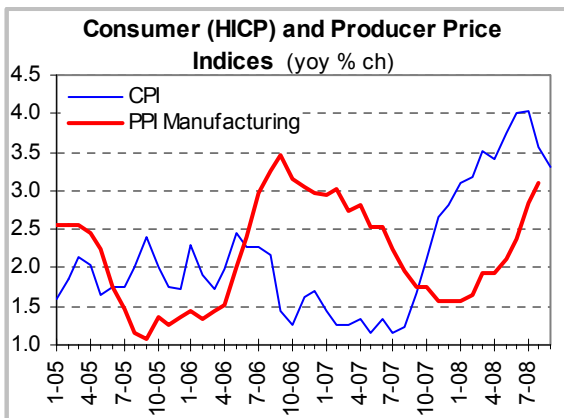
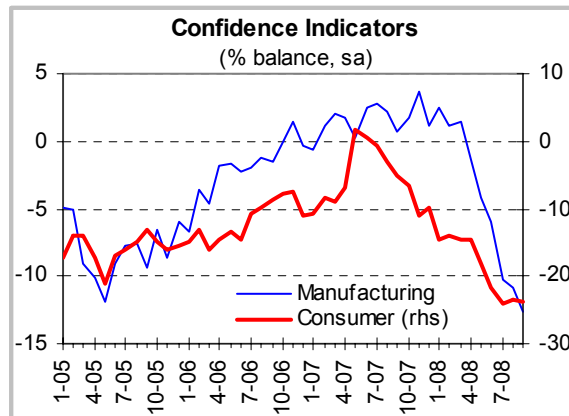
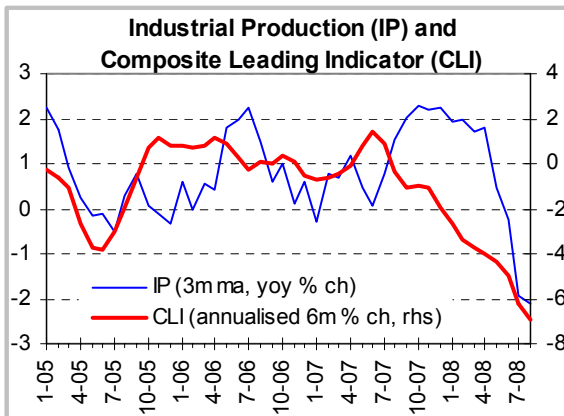
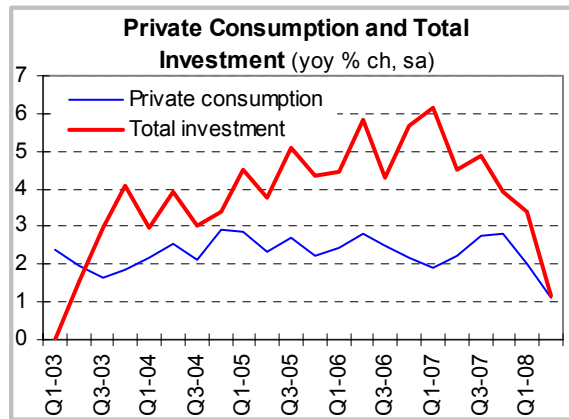
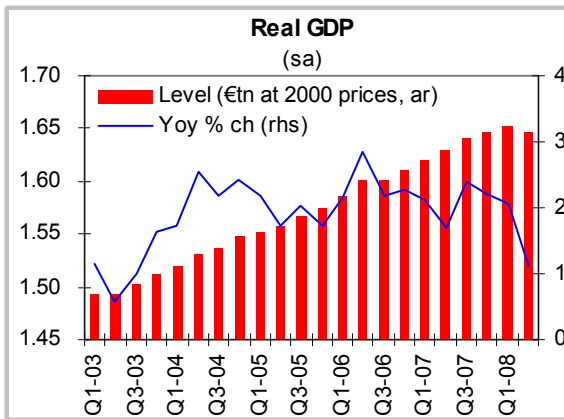
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	5.02 Sep
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.41	3.80	4.30	4.36 Sep
Stock Exchange (CAC) Index (% ch)*	15.8	19.7	12.1	-41.0 23/10/08**

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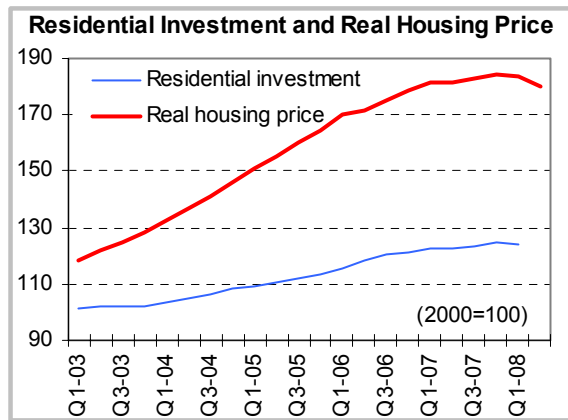
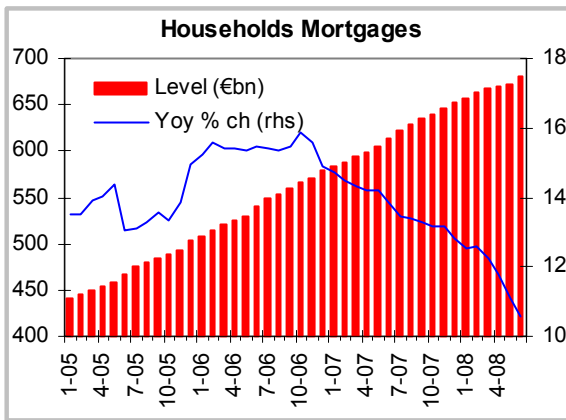
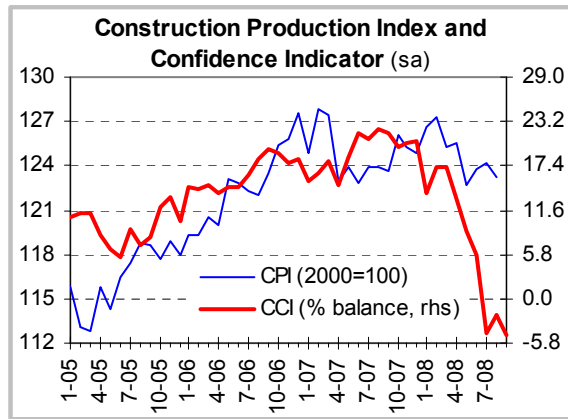
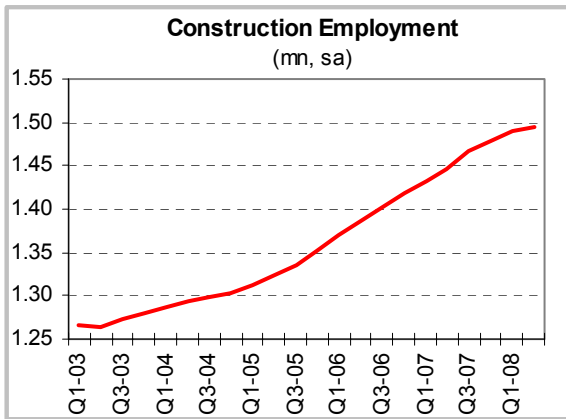
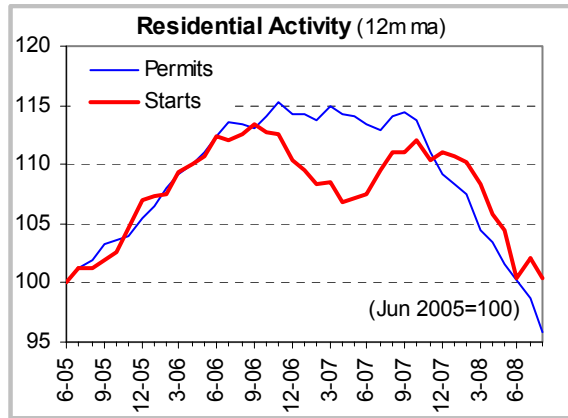
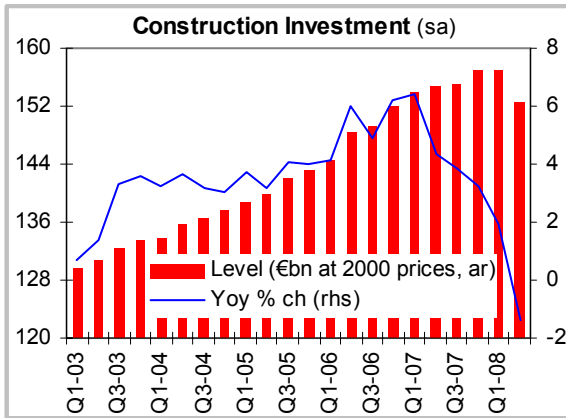


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Sources: OECD, Ministère de l'Équipement, INSEE, European Commission, Banque de France

BELGIUM

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	2.0	2.9	2.8	1.9 Q2
Industrial Production	-0.4	5.1	2.7	-17.4 Jul**
Construction Production	-3.4	3.2	2.3	-46.0 Jul**
Construction (Gross Value Added)	3.3	9.1	3.9	0.7 Q2
Consumer Prices – Harmonised Index***	2.5	2.3	1.8	5.5 Sep
Producer Prices***	2.7	5.0	3.3	12.0 Aug
Hourly Earnings-Industry***	2.5	2.2	1.7	3.3 Q3
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.3	7.5	6.6 Sep
Current Account Balance (bn €)	7.9	8.4	5.6	-6.5 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	2.6	2.7	1.7	-1.9
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	109.2	108.9	109.9	112.4 Sep

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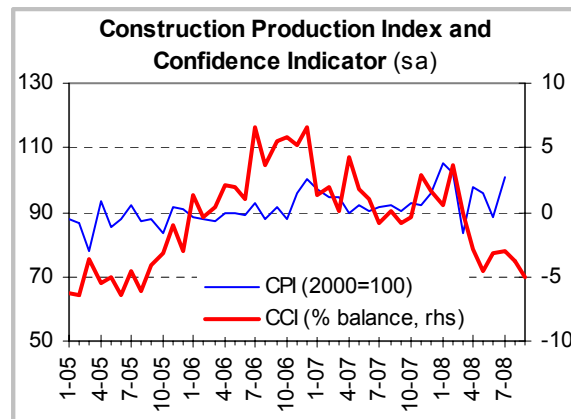
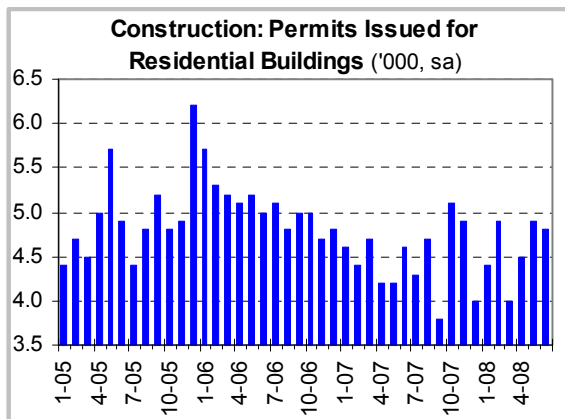
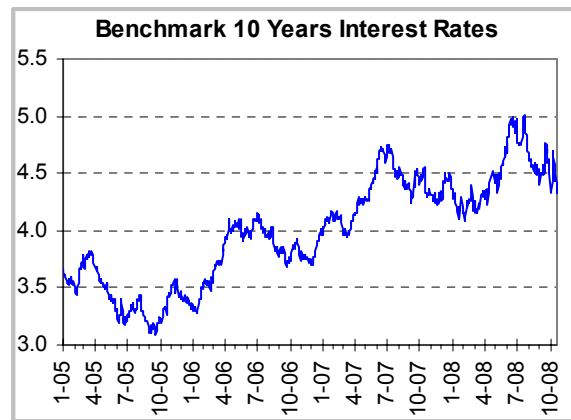
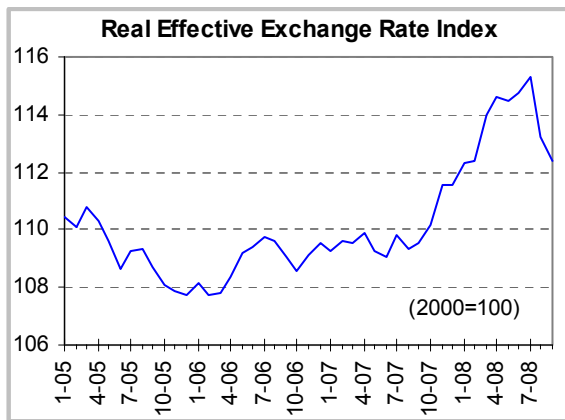
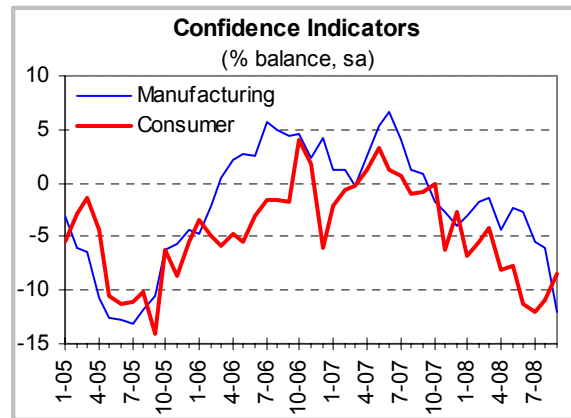
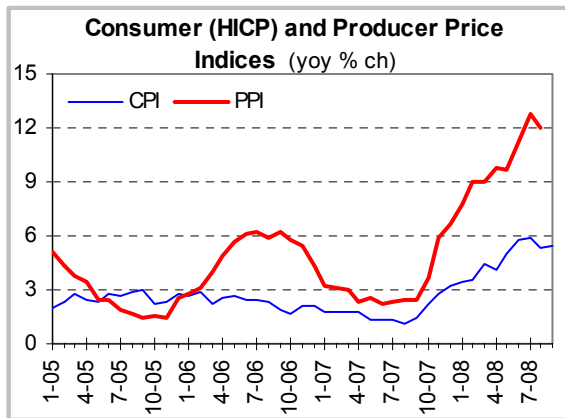
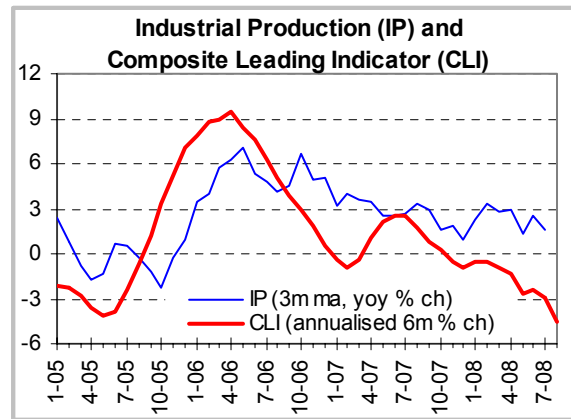
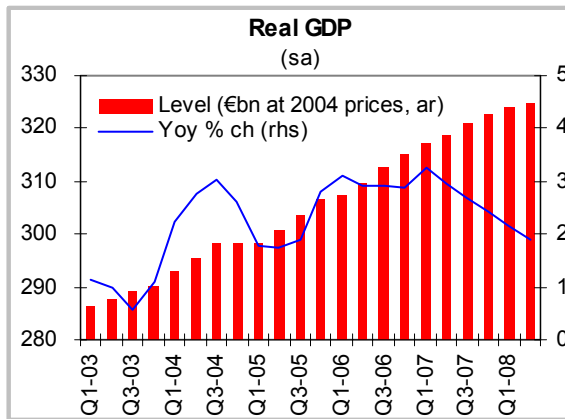
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	5.02 Sep
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.37	3.81	4.33	4.57 Sep
Stock Exchange (BEL20) Index (% ch)*	25.0	22.2	13.1	-52.0 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

Sources: OECD, Institut National de Statistique, Banque National de Belgique, BIS, daily press

BELGIUM



Sources: OECD, European Commission, Belgostat, BIS, daily press

ITALY

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	0.7	1.9	1.4	-0.1 Q2
Industrial Production	-0.7	2.4	-0.2	1.4 Aug**
Construction Investment	0.8	1.7	2.0	0.6 Q2
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.9 Sep
Producer Prices***	4.0	5.6	3.5	8.2 Aug
Hourly Rates - Industry, excl.Construction***	2.7	3.3	2.7	4.0 Aug
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	6.8	6.2	6.8 Q2
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-23.6	-38.5	-37.4	-41.3 Q1°
as a percentage of GDP	-1.7	-2.6	-2.4	-2.7
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	110.8	110.5	111.5	111.8 Sep

Notes:

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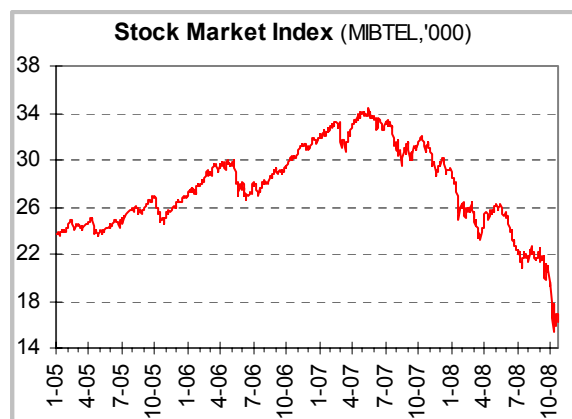
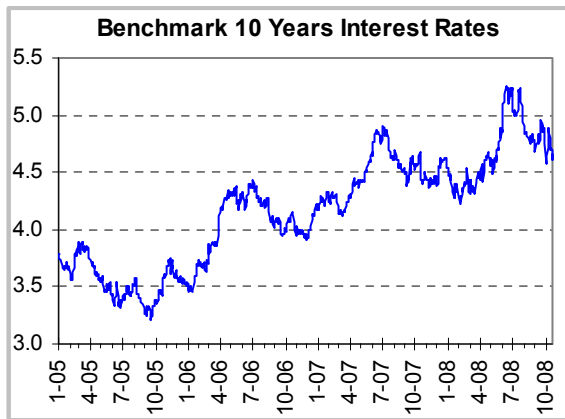
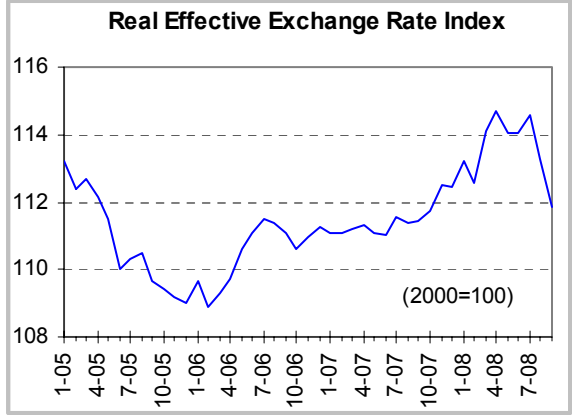
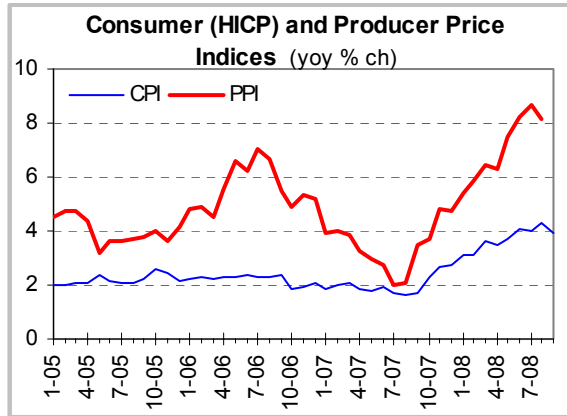
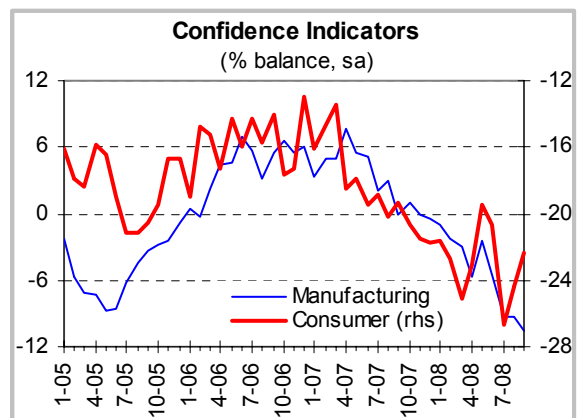
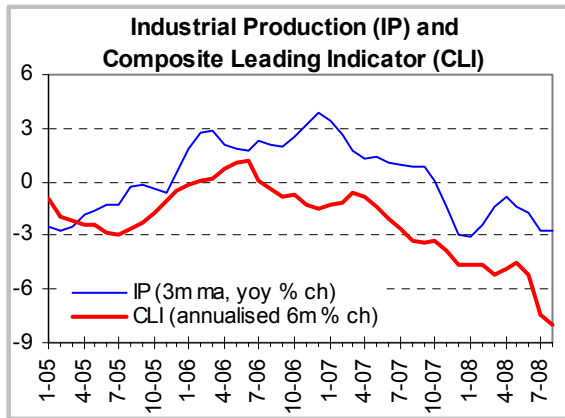
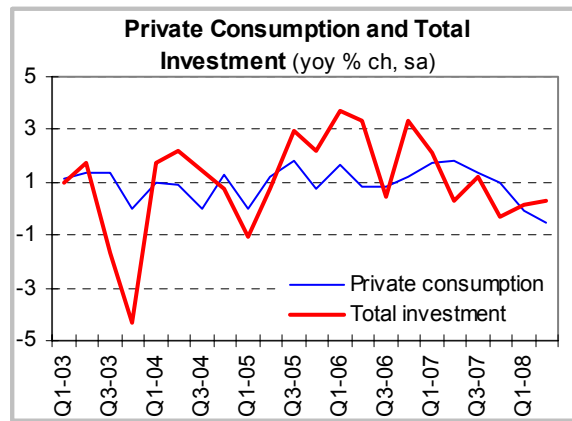
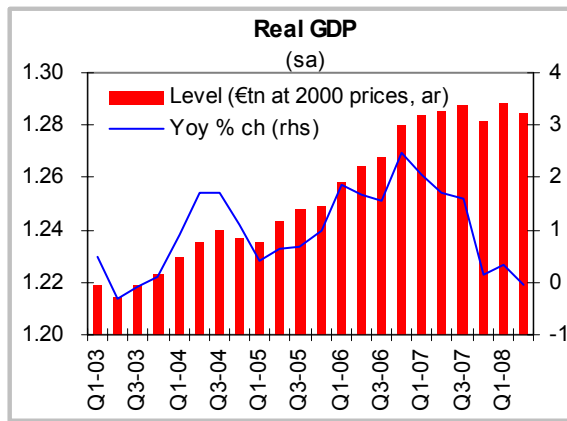
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	5.02 Sep
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.56	4.05	4.49	4.80 Sep
Stock Exchange (MIBTEL) Index (% ch)*	18.9	15.6	9.8	-44.9 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

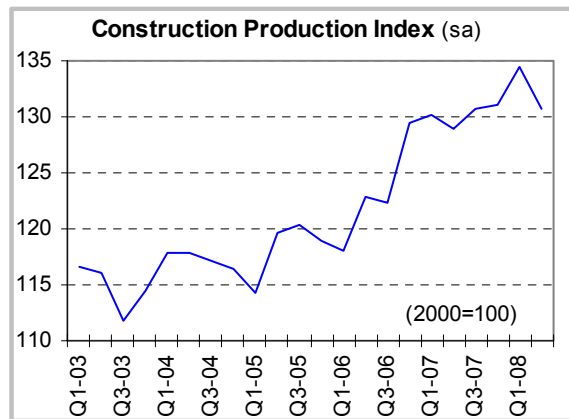
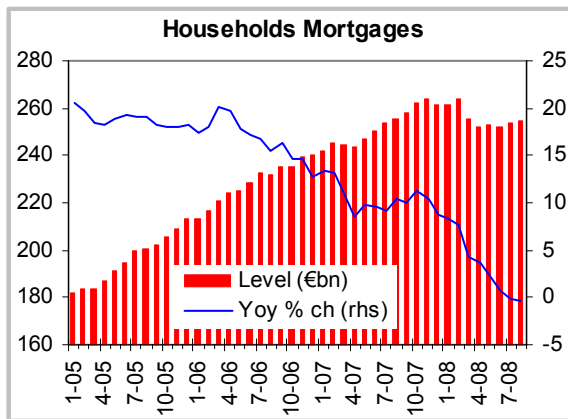
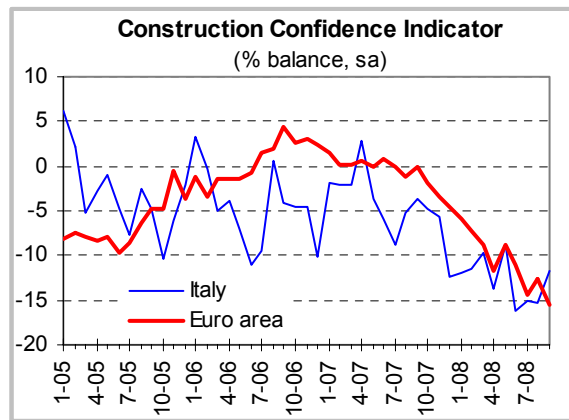
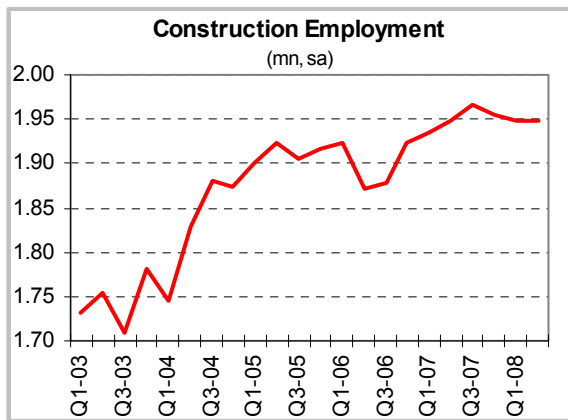
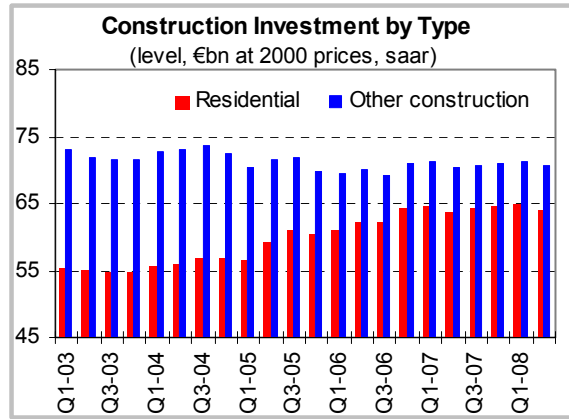
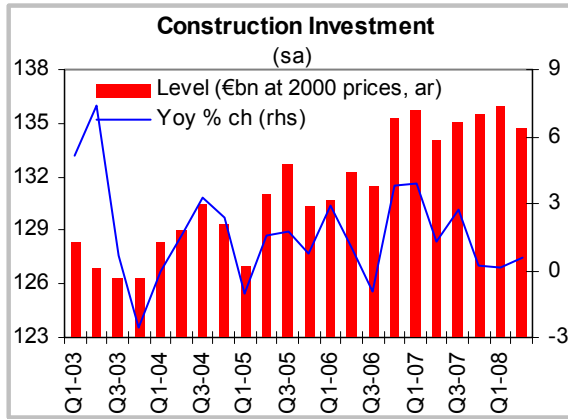
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Sources: OECD, ISTAT, BIS, daily press

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Sources: ISTAT, European Commission, Banca d'Italia

SPAIN

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP (wda)	3.6	3.9	3.7	1.8 Q2
Industrial Production	0.8	3.9	1.9	-1.8 Aug**
Construction Investment	6.1	5.9	3.8	-2.0 Q2
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	3.4	3.6	2.8	4.6 Sep
Producer Prices - Manufacturing***	4.9	5.3	3.3	9.2 Aug
Hourly Earnings***	3.5	4.2	3.4	1.5 Q2
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	8.5	8.3	11.3 Aug
Current Account Balance (€bn)	-66.9	-87.7	-105.9	-112.7 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-7.4	-8.9	-10.1	-10.4
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	114.4	115.9	118.0	120.0 Sep

Notes:

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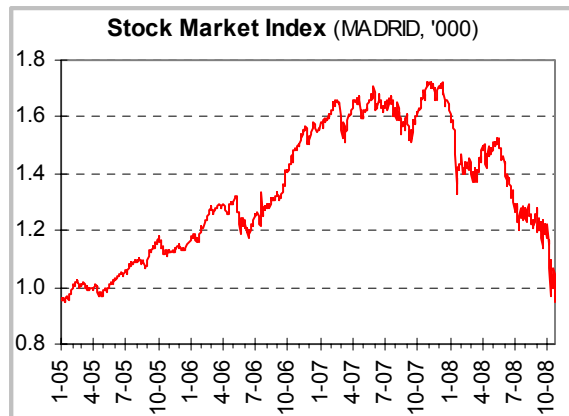
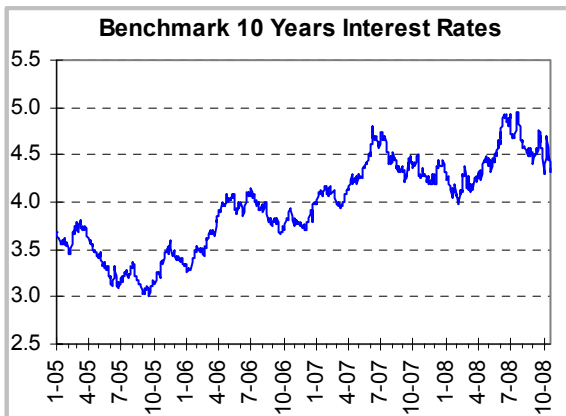
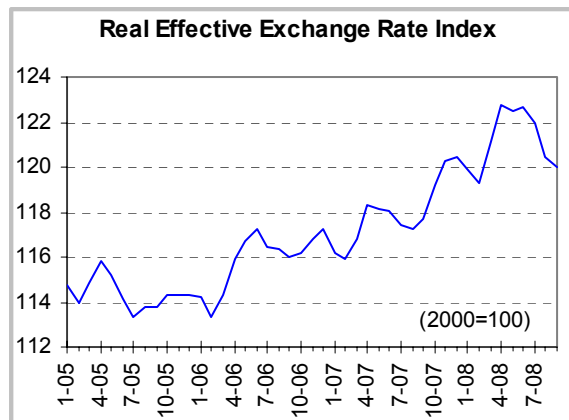
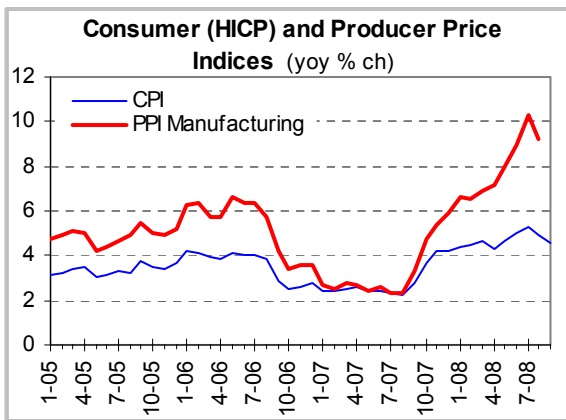
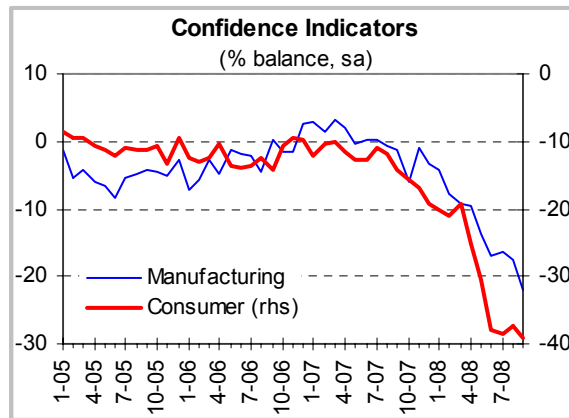
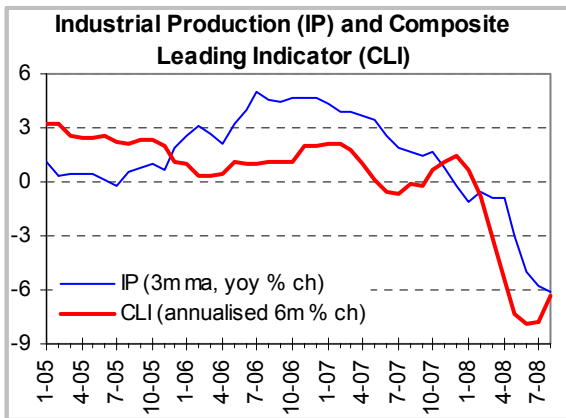
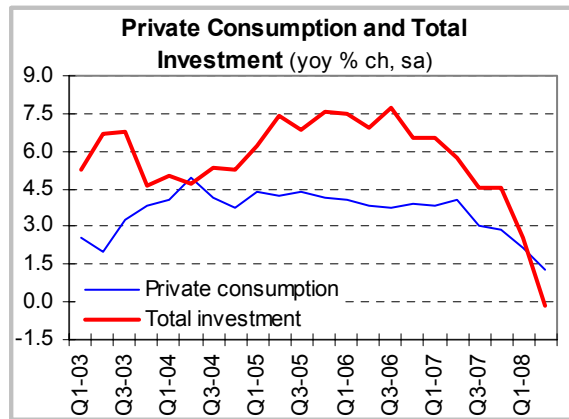
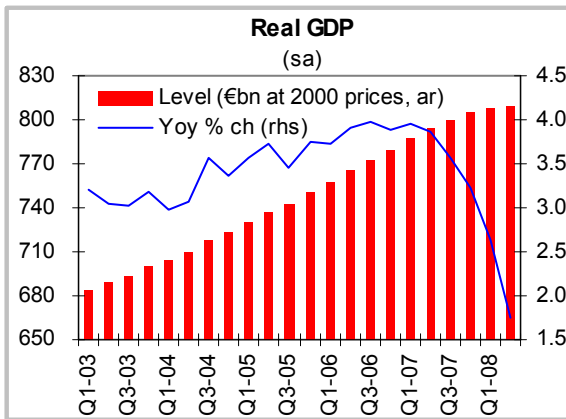
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (Euro Libor 3m)	2.18	3.08	4.28	5.02 Sep
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.39	3.78	4.31	4.57 Sep
Stock Exchange (MSE) Index (% ch)*	23.3	24.9	23.1	-42.5 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

Sources: OECD, INE, BIS, daily press

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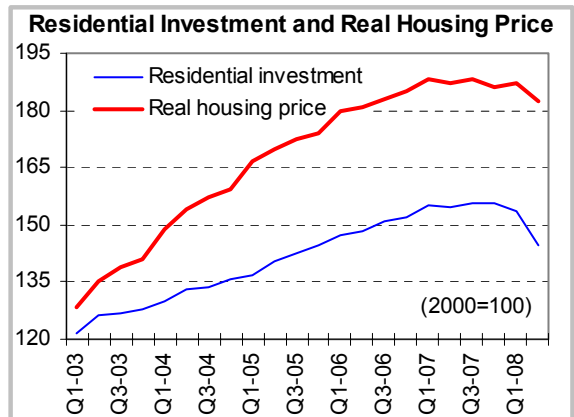
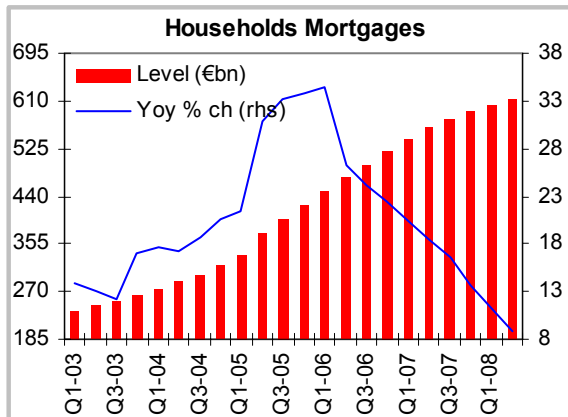
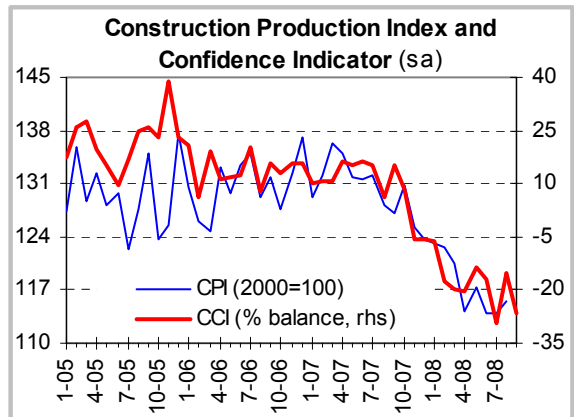
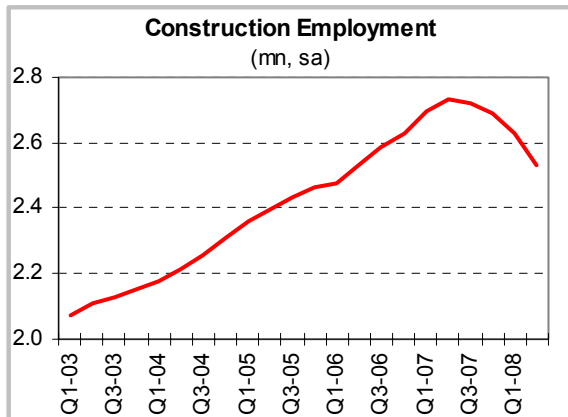
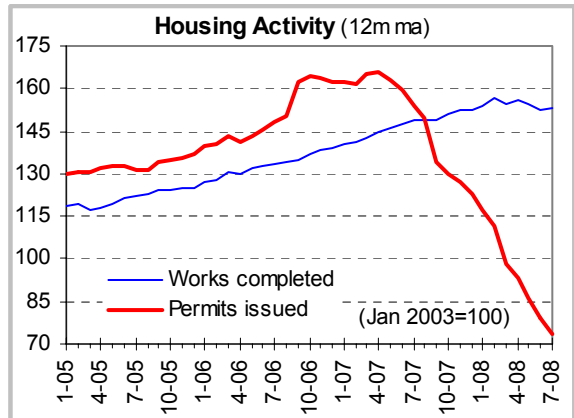
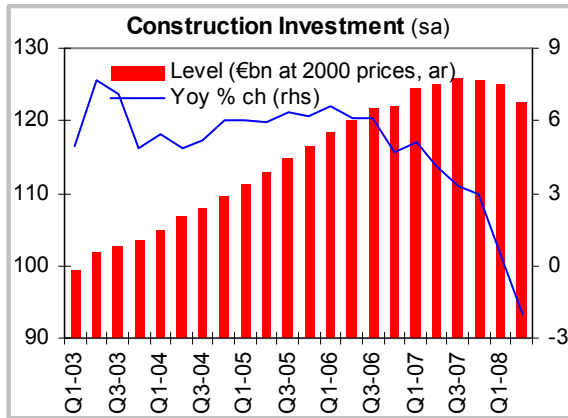


Sources: OECD, INE, BIS, daily press

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

GREECE

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	3.9	4.1	4.0	3.5 Q2
Industrial Production	-0.7	0.6	2.0	1.6 Jul**
Construction Investment	-1.0	21.6	1.9	
Consumer Prices - Harmonised Index***	3.5	3.3	3.0	4.7 Sep
Producer Prices – Manufacturing***	5.4	6.4	2.7	11.1 Aug
Standardised Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.9	8.3	7.5 Q2
Current Account Balance (€bn) ***	-14.3	-23.7	-32.4	-34.8 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-7.2	-11.1	-14.2	-14.7
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index§	113.2	113.9	116.2	114.0 Sep

Notes:

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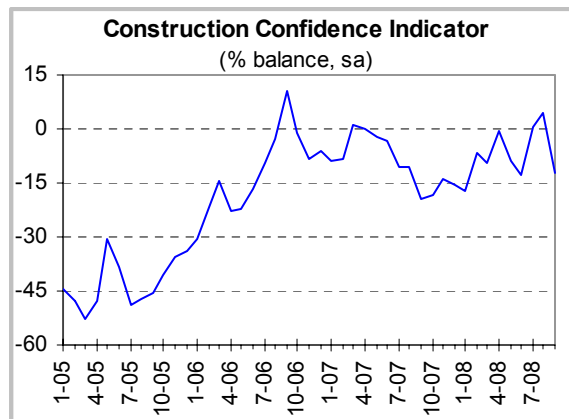
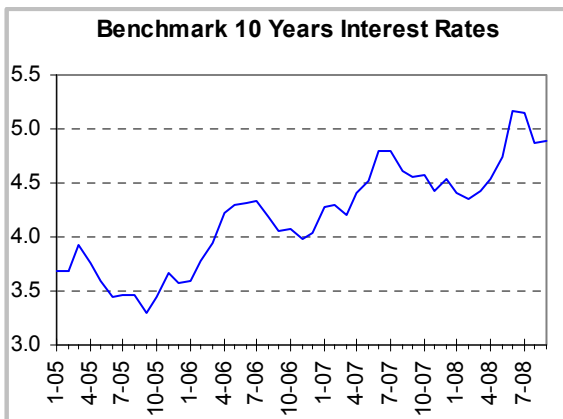
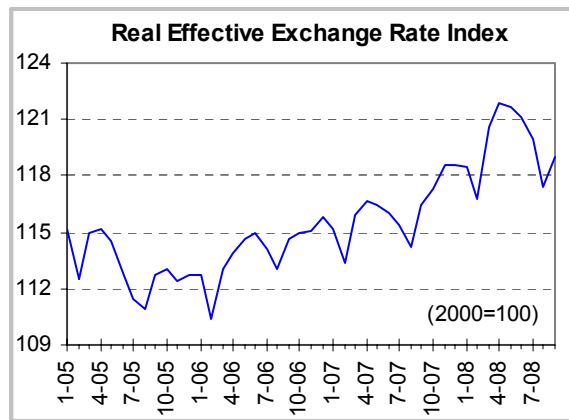
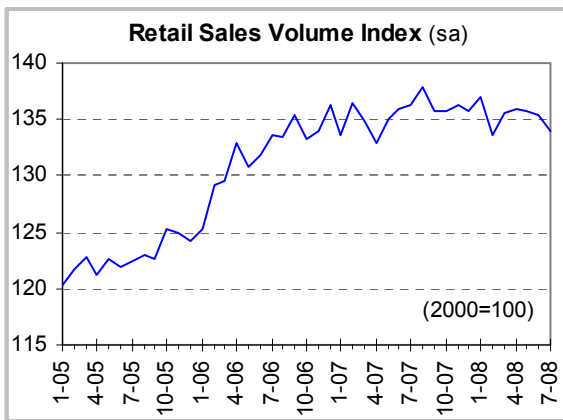
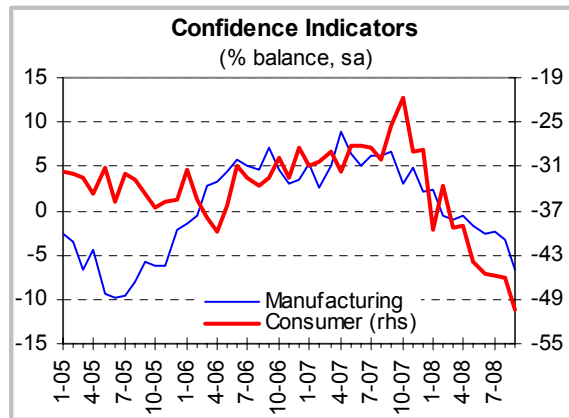
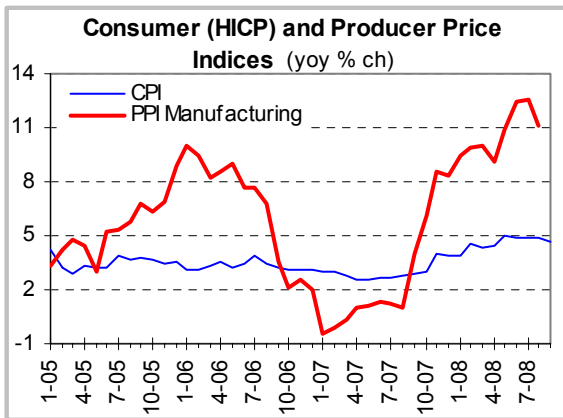
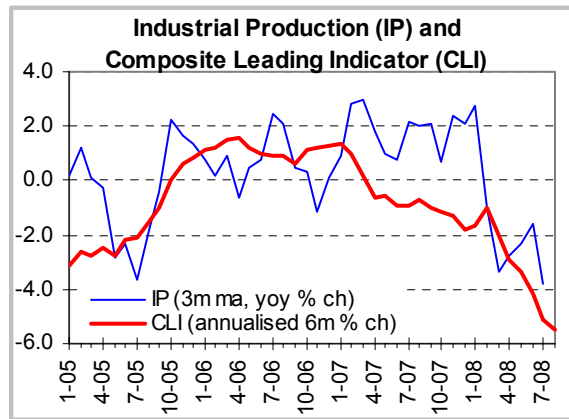
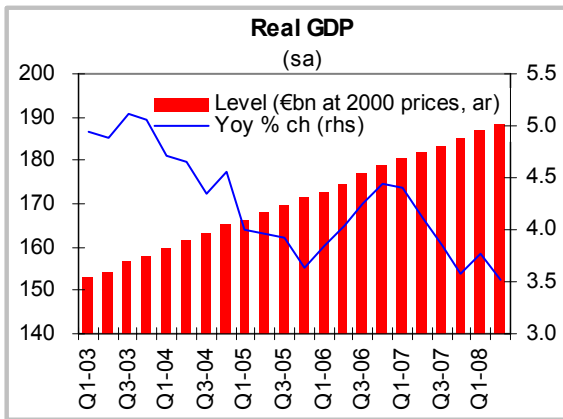
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa	2.18	3.08	4.28	5.02 Sep
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.59	4.07	4.50	4.88 Sep
Stock Exchange (ASE) Index (% ch)*	29.4	26.8	22.2	-63.0 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

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

GREECE



Sources: OECD, BIS, European Commission

BULGARIA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	6.2	6.3	6.2	7.1 Q2
Gross Fixed Capital Investment	23.2	14.7	21.7	28.6 Q2
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	8.1	7.3	8.3	-6.3 Aug
Consumer Prices	5.0	7.3	8.4	11.0 Sep
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	7.2	6.3	7.6	16.4 Aug
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	9.6	7.7	5.8 Sep
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-3.4	-5.7	-8.6	-10.6 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-12.4	-17.8	-21.5	-22.6
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	121.1	126.5	134.3	146.8 Sep

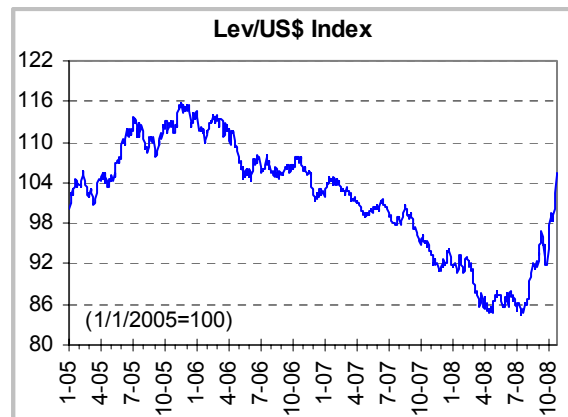
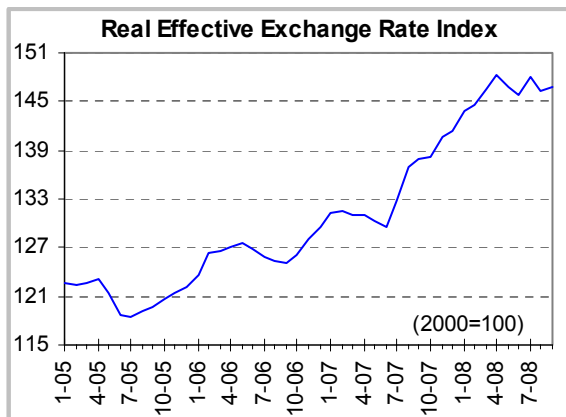
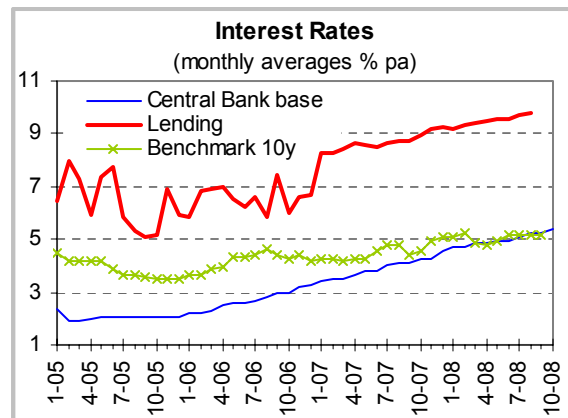
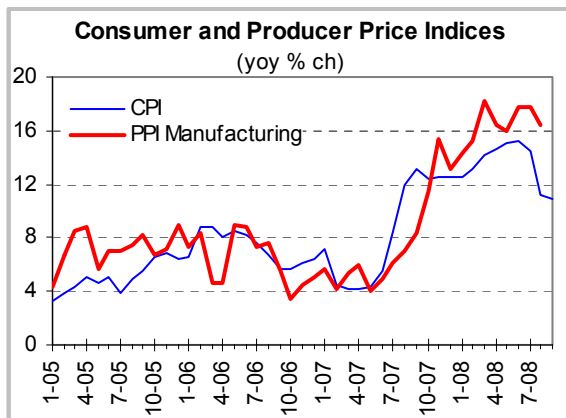
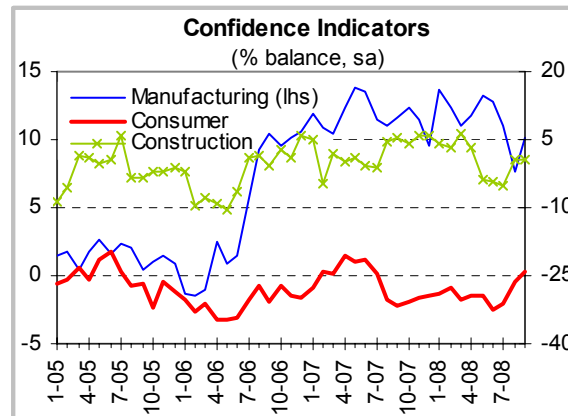
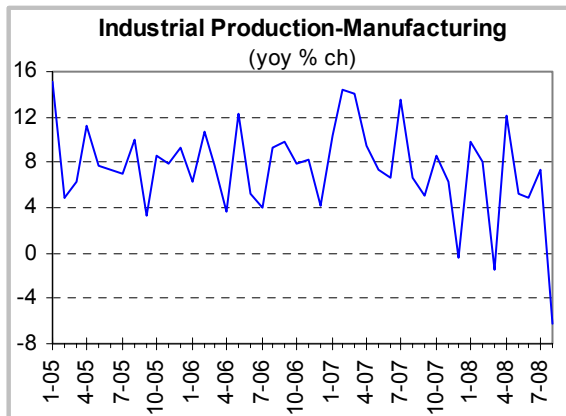
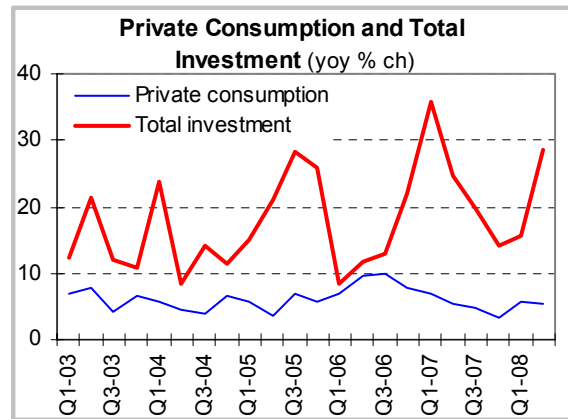
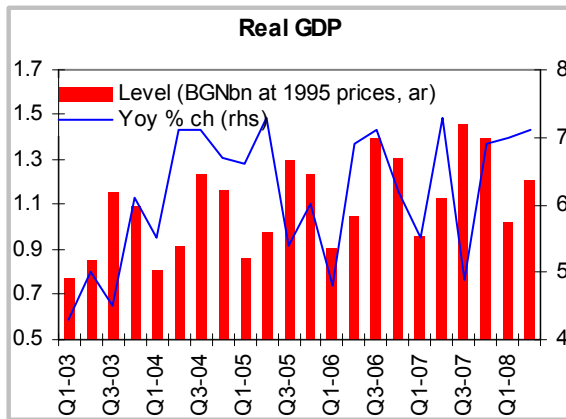
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Short Term Interest Rate pa (sofibor o/n)	2.1	2.9	4.1	5.4 Aug
Short Term Interest Rate pa (sofibor 3m)	3.6	3.7	4.9	7.3 Aug
Long Term Interest Rate pa (benchmark 10y)	3.9	4.2	4.5	5.2 Sep

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	6.8 Q2
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	10.3	10.7	16.2	14.3 Q2
Consumer Prices	4.9	7.6	9.4	21.5 Sep
Producer Prices**				29.5 Aug
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	10.7	9.0	9.0 Q1
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	2.0	2.5	0.2	0.2 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	2.1	2.1	0.2	0.6
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	72.7	75.8	79.7	80.5 Dec

Notes:

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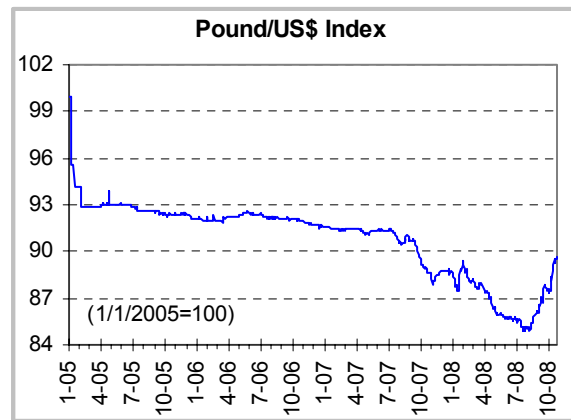
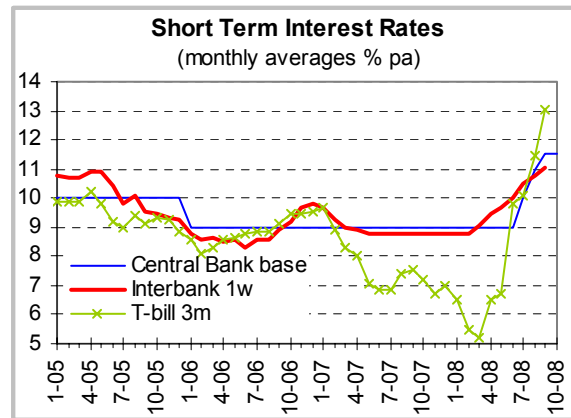
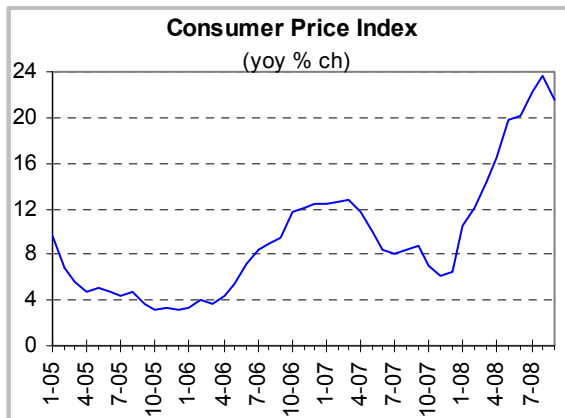
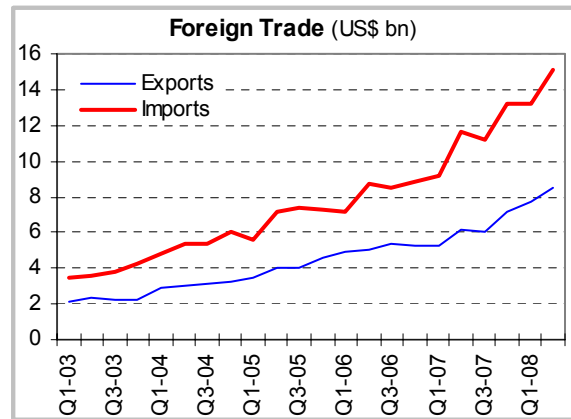
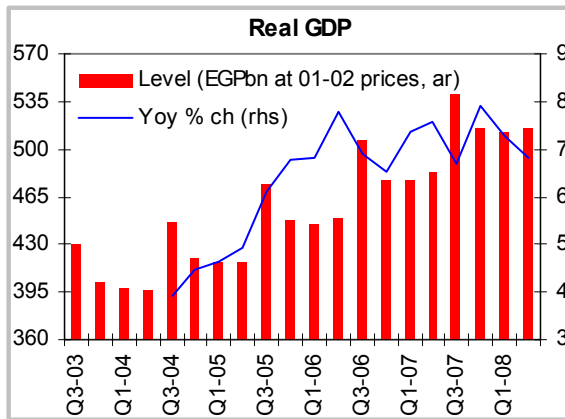
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Stock Exchange (HERMES) Index (% ch)*	169.4	10.7**	29.2	-52.0 23/10/08°

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	3.0	7.8	2.7	6.4 Q2
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	6.1	8.7	11.7	10.6 Q2
Industrial Production	2.6	3.7	4.7	4.2 Q2
Consumer Prices	1.0	3.3	2.0	3.9 Sep
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	9.1	5.9	1.8	27.1 Aug
Urban Unemployment Rate (%)	18.4	15.5	15.4	14.0 Q2
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	1.1	1.4	-0.1	-2.1 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	1.9	2.2	-0.1	-2.5
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	91.8	92.9	92.6	94.5 Jun

Notes:

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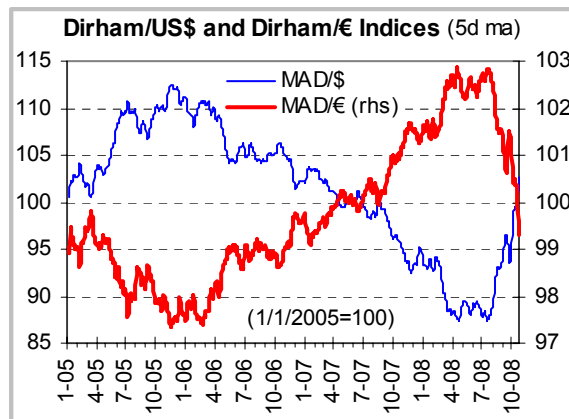
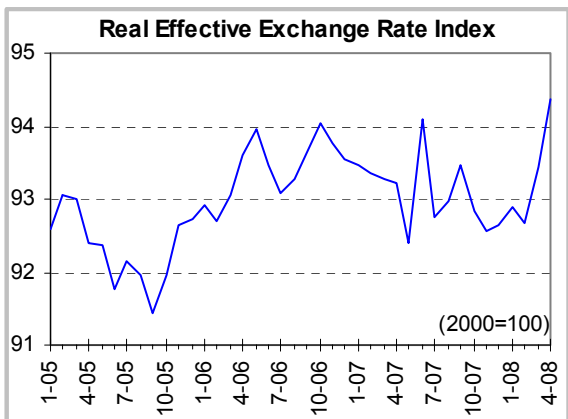
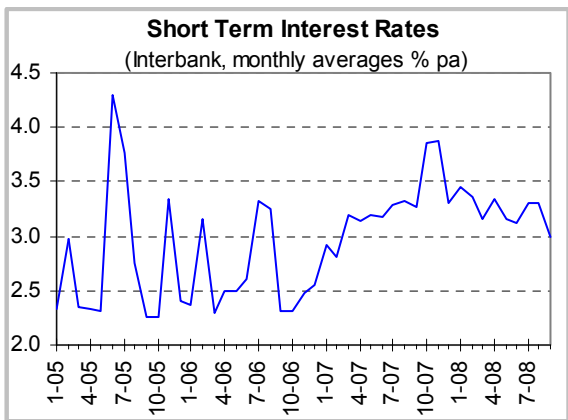
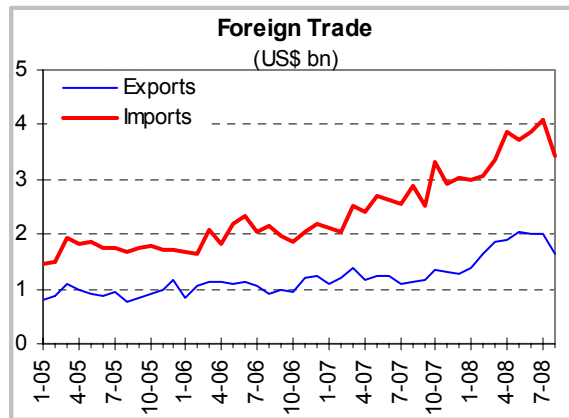
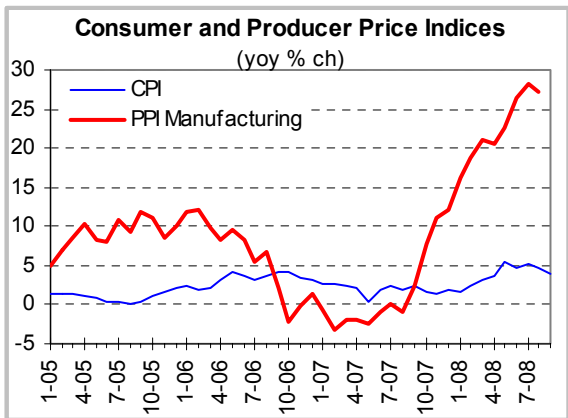
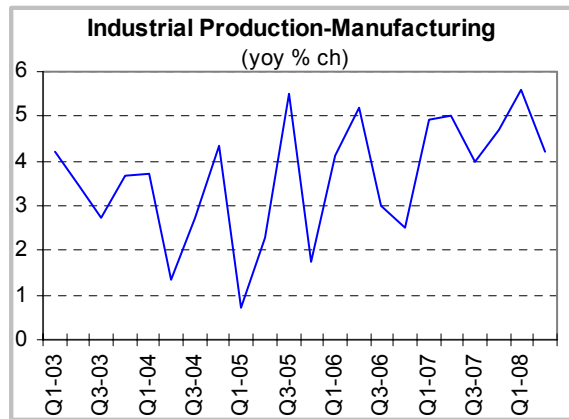
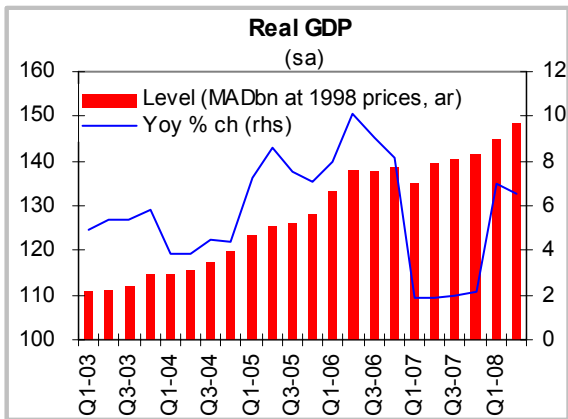
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Short Term Interest Rate pa	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.0 Sep
Stock Exchange (MASI) Index (% ch)*	10.9	57.2	55.1	-4.5 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

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

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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	4.6	1.9 Q2
Industrial Production**	5.4	5.9	5.3	-8.0 Aug***
Construction Investment	10.9	17.8	6.0	-1.4 Q2
Consumer Prices	8.2	9.6	8.8	11.1 Sep
Producer Prices - Manufacturing	7.6	9.3	5.6	12.7 Sep
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	9.9	9.8	9.4 Jul
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)**	-22.1	-31.9	-37.7	-45.8 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-4.6	-6.0	-5.7	-6.1
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	108.1	107.3	116.7	126.2 Sep

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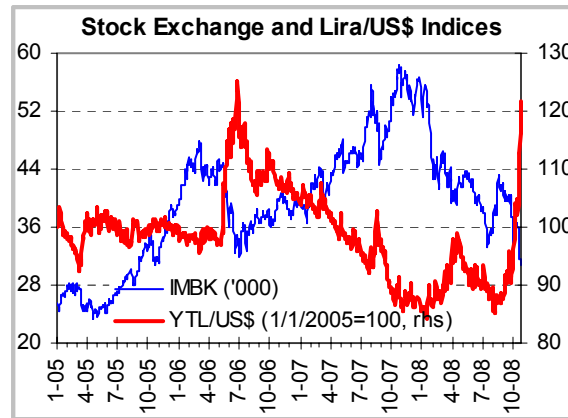
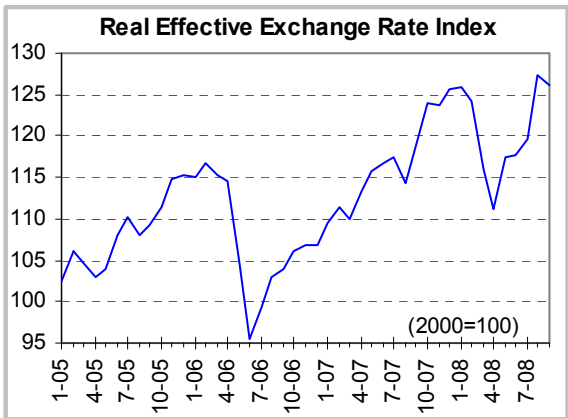
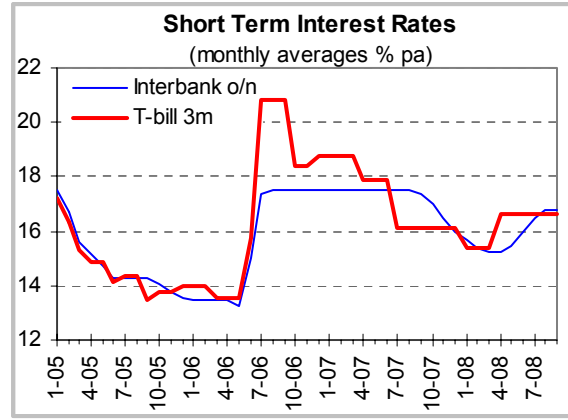
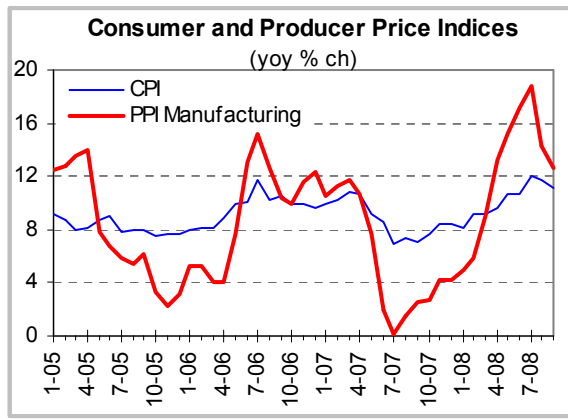
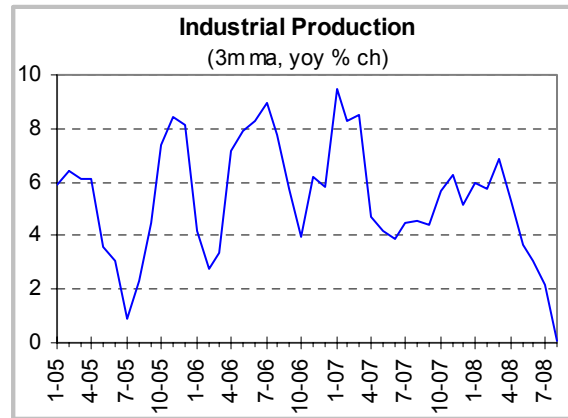
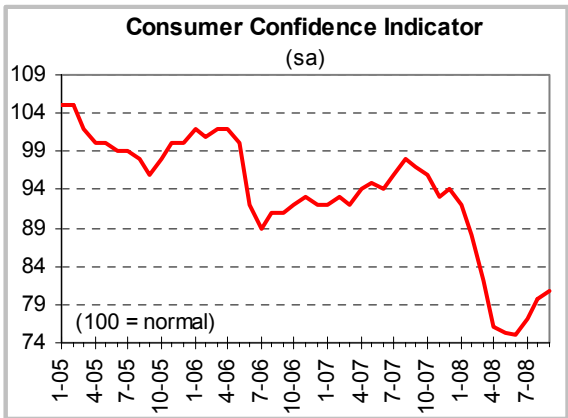
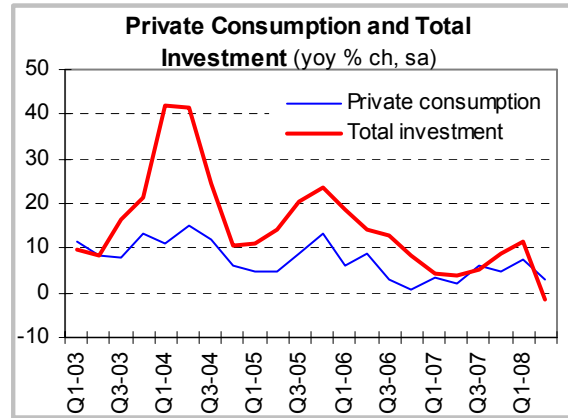
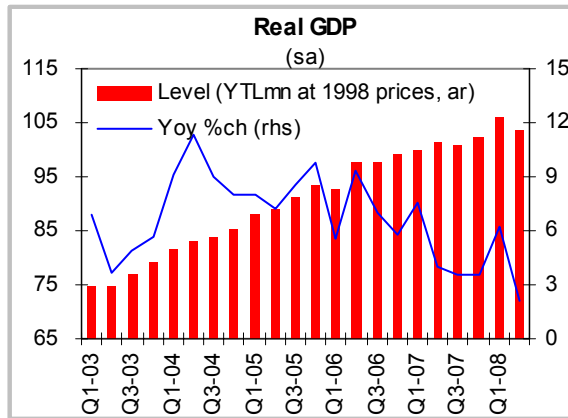
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	14.8	15.6	17.2	16.5 Sep
Stock Exchange (IMBK) Index (% ch)*	47.9	35.5	21.1	-54.9 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

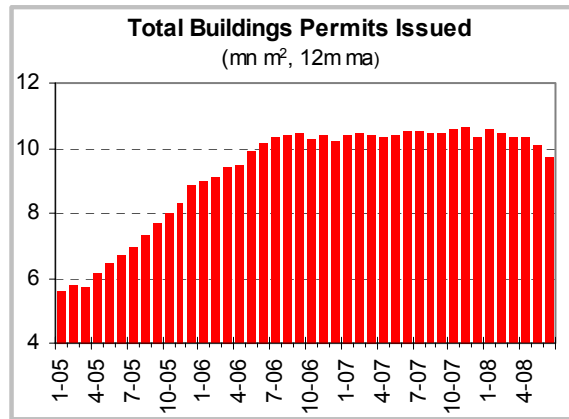
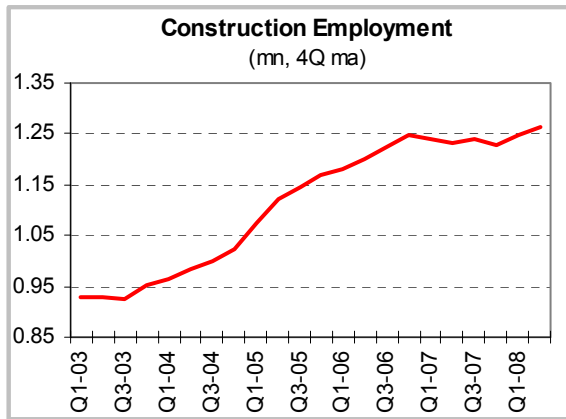
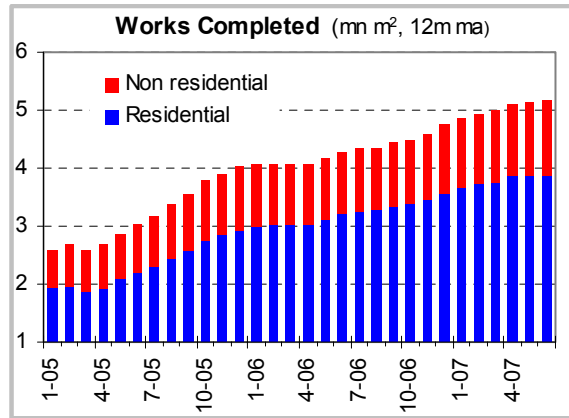
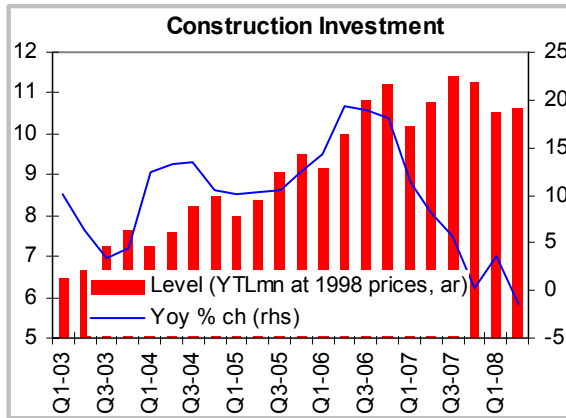
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Sources: OECD, SIS (State Institute of Statistics)

THAILAND

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	4.5	5.1	4.8	5.4 Q2
Industrial Production – Manufacturing	9.1	7.3	8.2	0.0 Aug**
Construction Investment	5.8	4.5	2.7	-2.4 Q2
Consumer Prices***	4.5	4.6	2.2	6.0 Sep
Producer Prices***	9.1	7.1	3.2	19.0 Sep
Unemployment Rate (%)***	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3 Jul
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-7.6	2.2	15.8	12.7 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-4.3	1.0	6.4	4.8
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	97.0	105.3	111.5	109.4 Sep

Notes:

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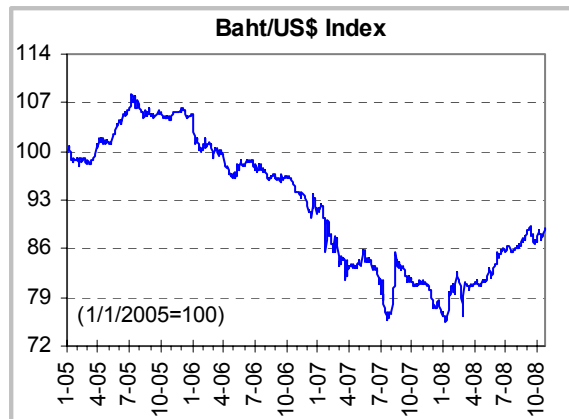
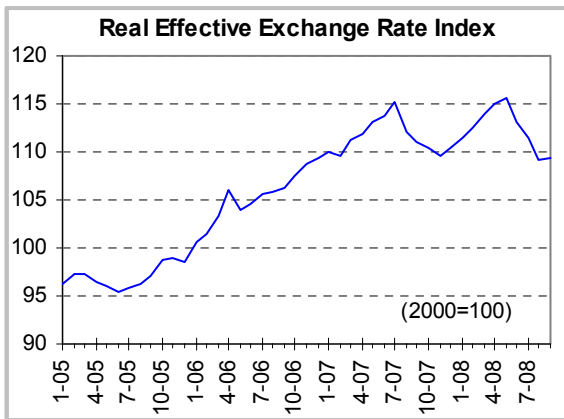
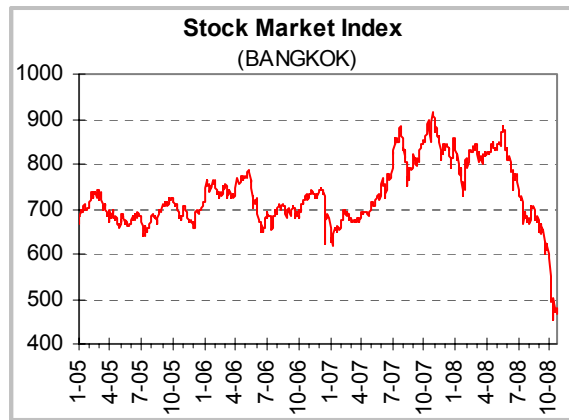
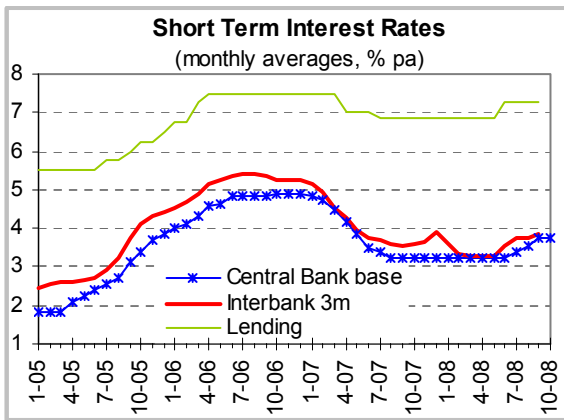
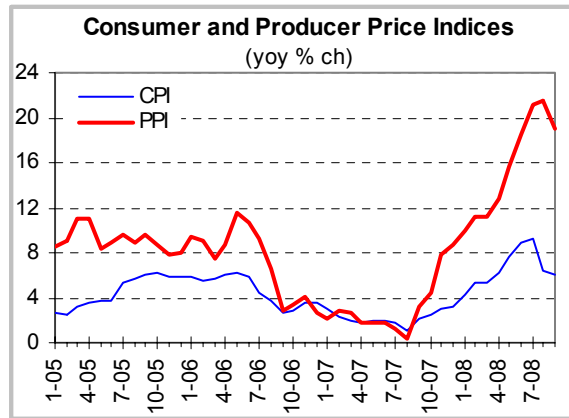
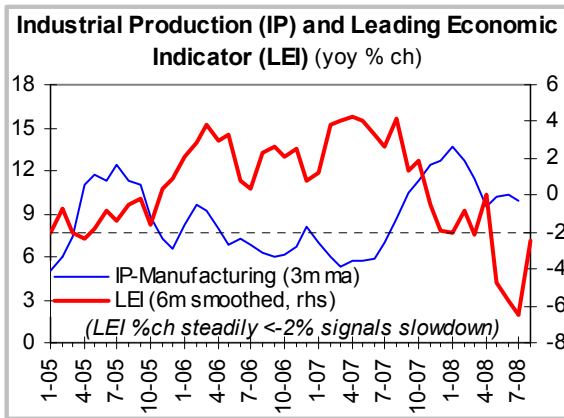
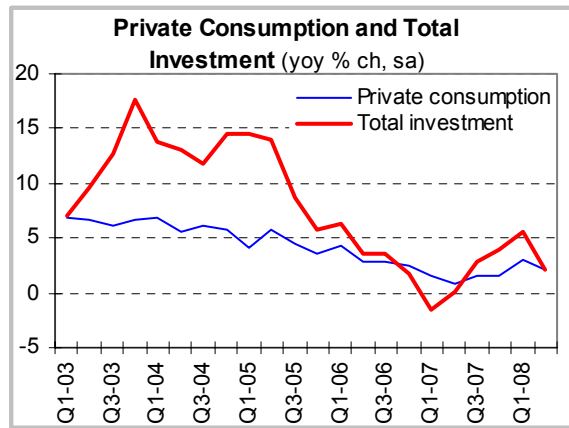
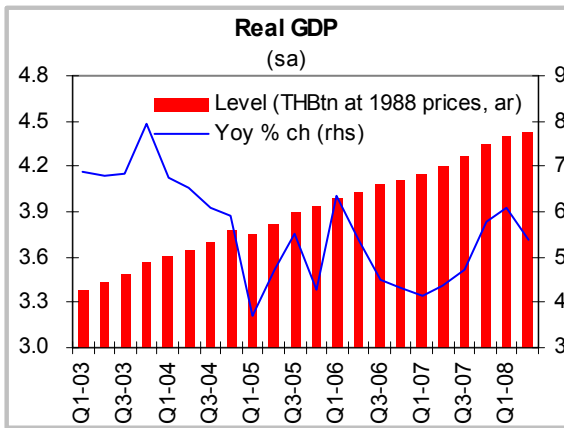
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (o/n)	2.6	4.6	3.8	3.7 Sep
Stock Exchange Index (Bangkok) (% change)*	4.1	4.2	6.5	-45.8 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

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

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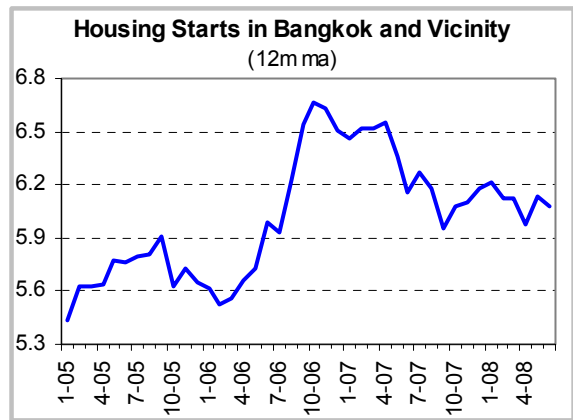
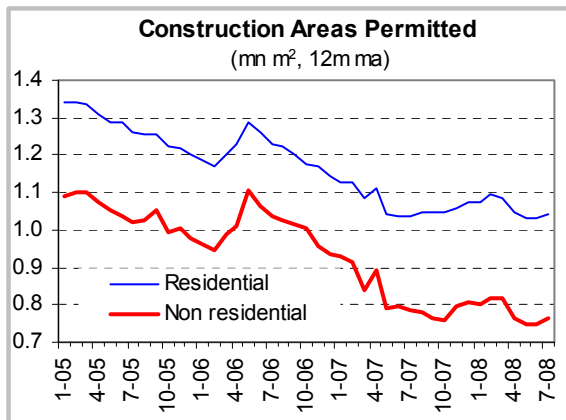
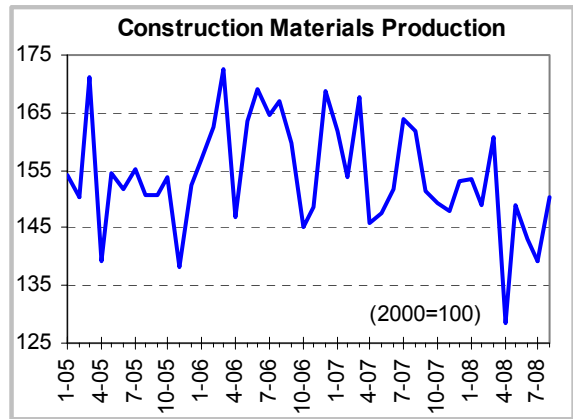
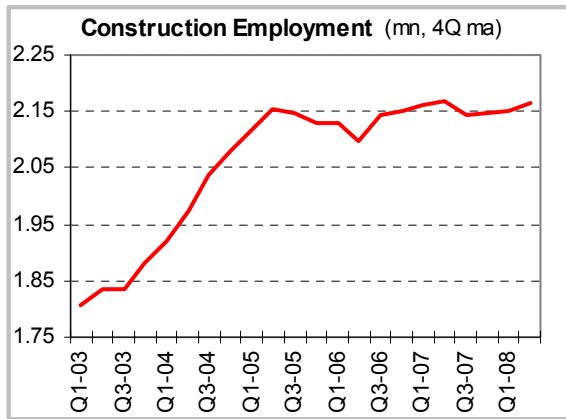
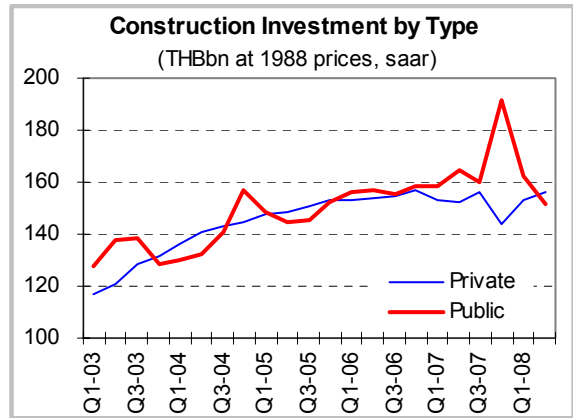
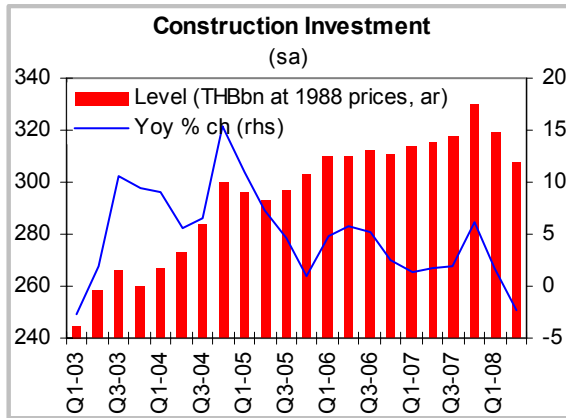


Sources: NESDB, Bank of Thailand, daily press, BIS

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Source: Bank of Thailand

INDIA

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP**	9.1	9.8	9.3	7.9 Q2
Industrial Production - Manufacturing	9.0	11.5	10.6	1.1 Aug
Construction Production (Gross Value Added)	16.1	13.4	9.6	11.3 Q2
Consumer Prices	4.2	6.2	6.4	9.0 Aug
Wholesale Prices	4.7	4.8	4.8	12.0 Sep
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)**	-10.3	-9.5	-12.1	-21.8 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-1.4	-1.2	-1.2	-2.0
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	103.7	102.1	109.0	103.1 Sep

Notes:

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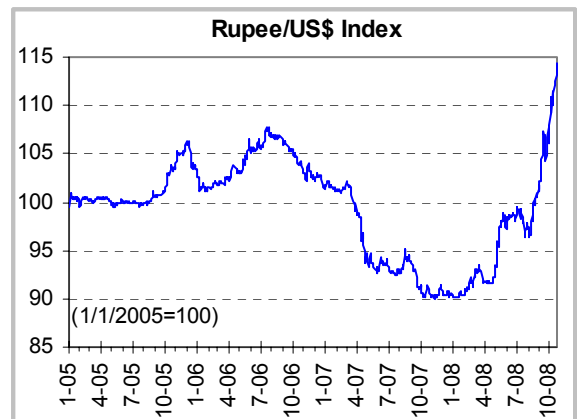
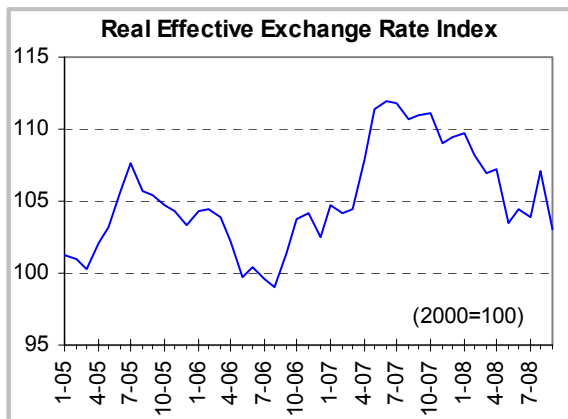
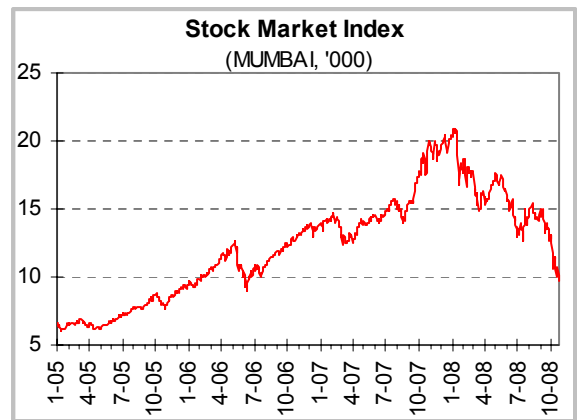
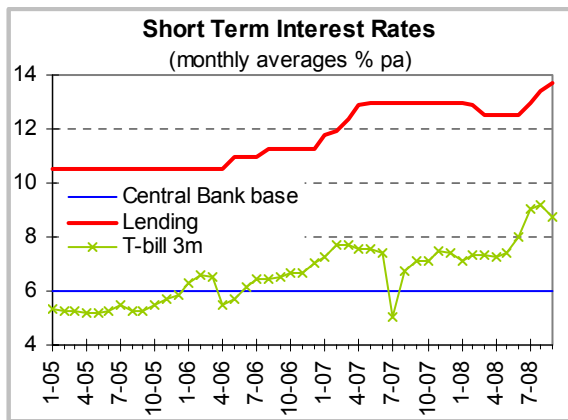
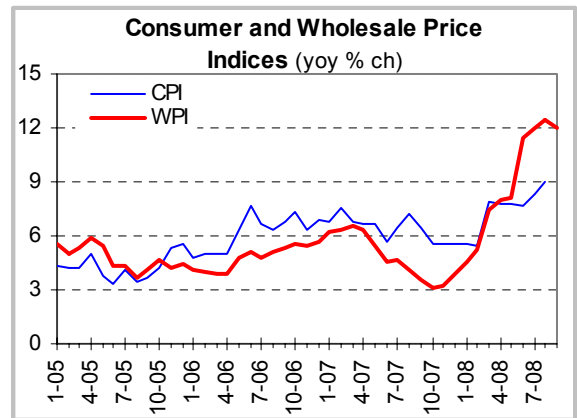
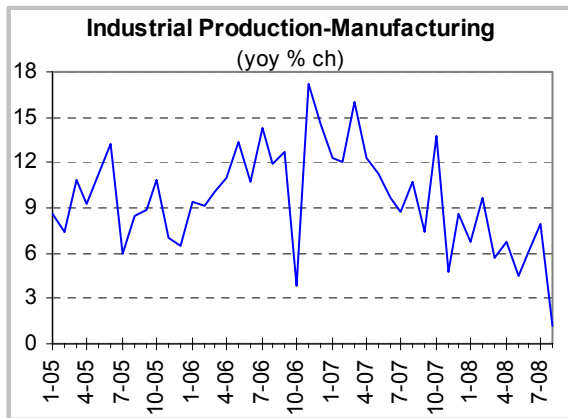
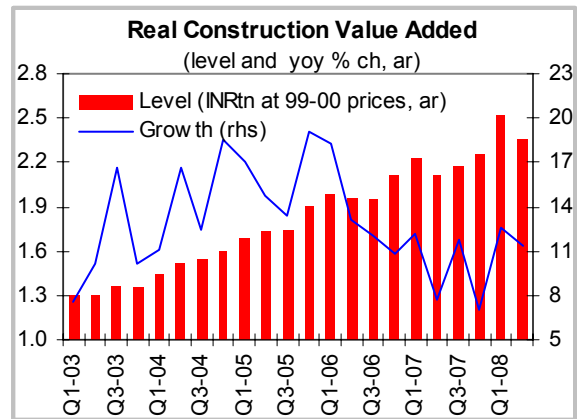
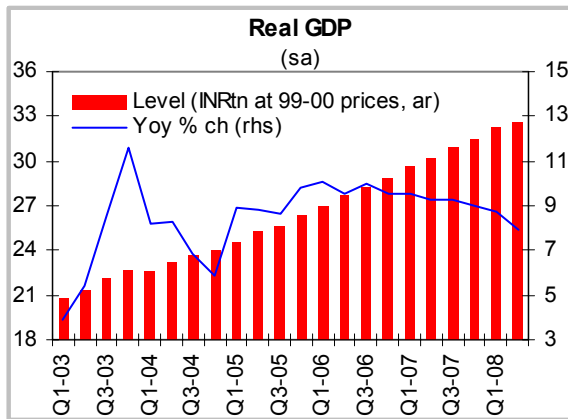
Financial Indicators				
Short Term Interest Rate pa (91-day T-bills)	5.4	6.4	7.2	8.7 Sep
Prime Lending Rate	10.5	10.9	12.7	13.7 Sep
Stock Exchange Index (Mumbai) (% ch)*	32.7	54.7	35.6	-51.8 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

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

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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	11.6	11.9	9.0 Q3
Industrial Production	16.4	16.6	18.5	11.4 Sep
Consumer Prices	1.8	1.5	4.8	4.6 Sep
Producer Prices	4.9	3.0	3.1	9.1 Sep
Trade Balance (US\$bn)	102.0	177.4	261.9	248.6 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	1.9	2.8	3.4	3.0
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	91.4	92.9	96.7	108.7 Sep

Notes:

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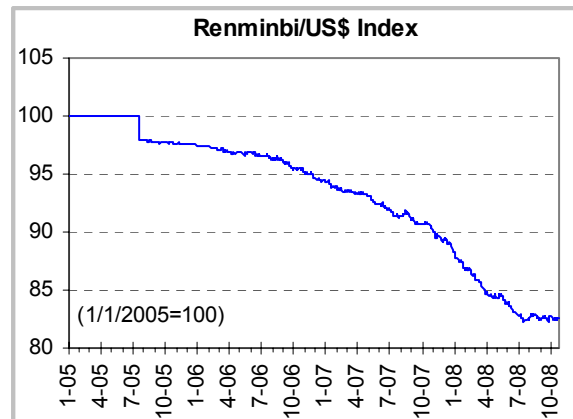
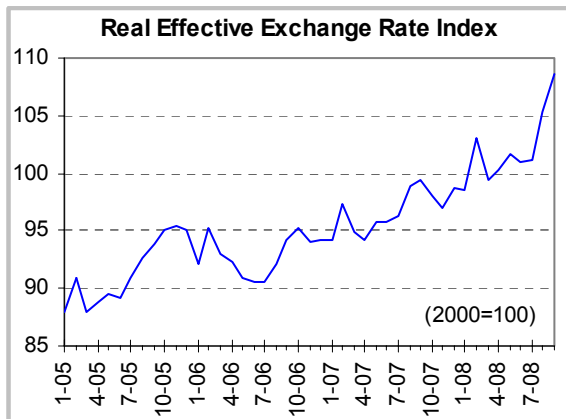
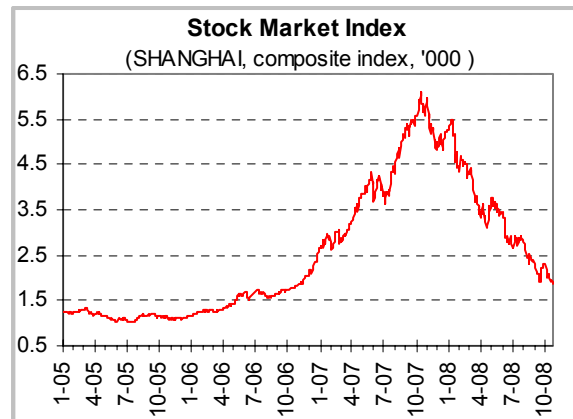
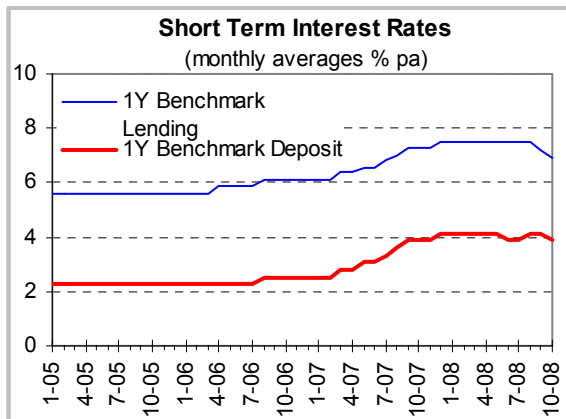
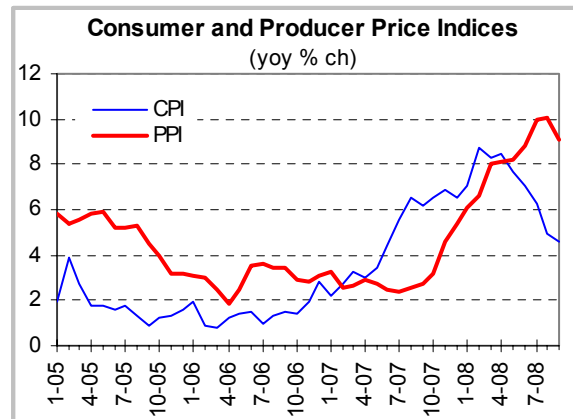
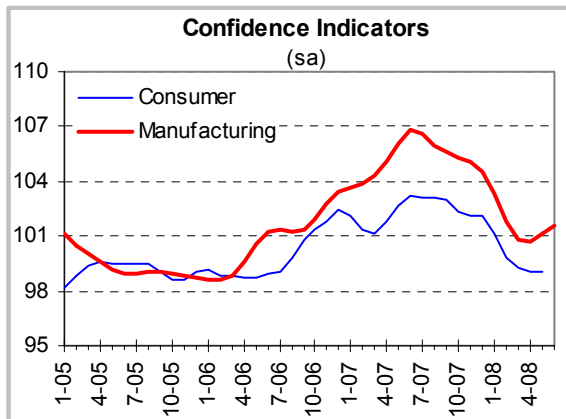
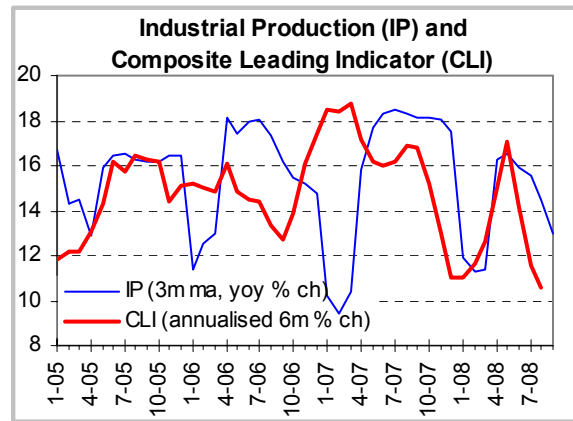
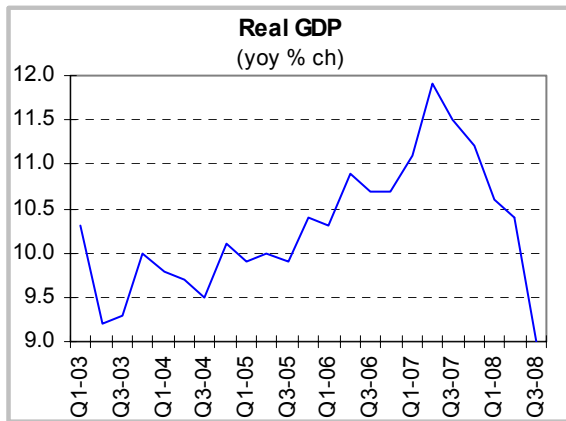
Financial Indicators				
1Y Lending Rate	5.6	5.9	6.8	6.9 Oct
Stock Exchange Index (Shanghai) (% ch)*	-22.2	39.6	160.7	-64.4 23/10/08**

Notes:

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

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

CHINA



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

KAZAKHSTAN

Real Indicators*	2005	2006	2007	Latest
GDP	9.4	10.7	8.3	5.4 Q2
Industrial Production	5.3	6.3	5.0	1.6 Aug
Consumer Prices	7.9	8.7	10.8	18.2 Sep
Producer Prices	23.7	18.5	12.4	56.6 Aug
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.6	7.2	6.6 Q2
Current Account Balance (US\$bn)	-1.1	-1.9	-7.2	1.7 Q2°
as a percentage of GDP	-1.8	-2.5	-6.9	1.5
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index [§]	96.4	104.1	106.5	110.8 Aug

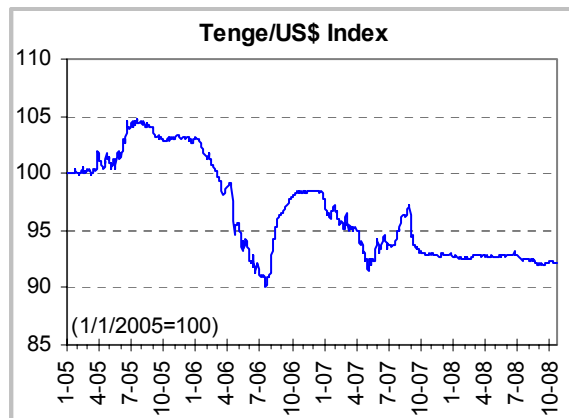
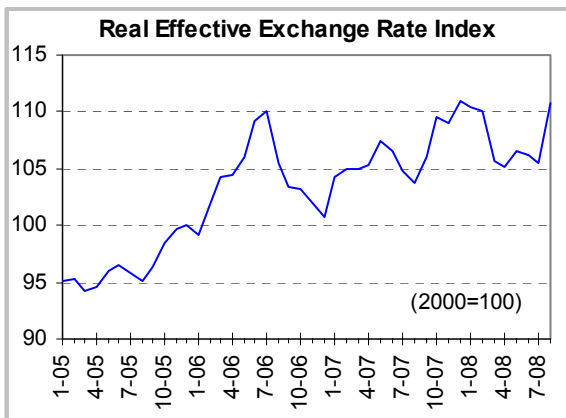
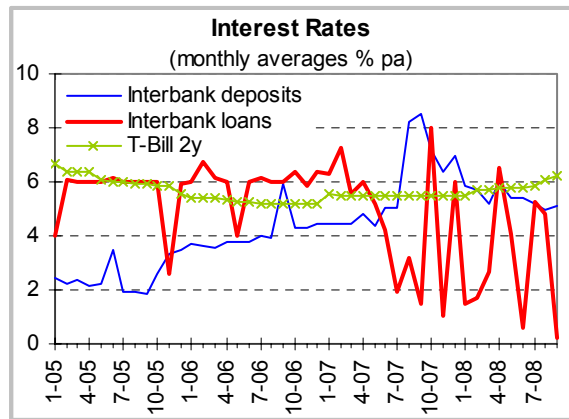
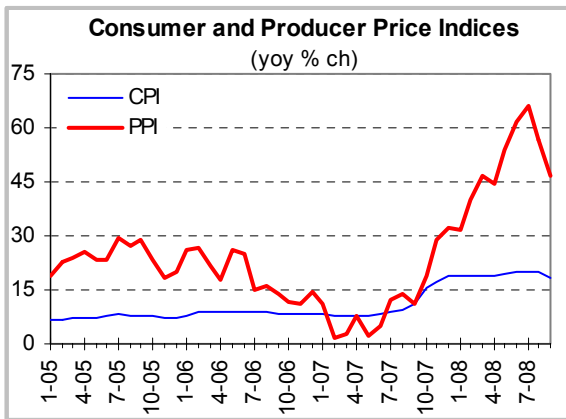
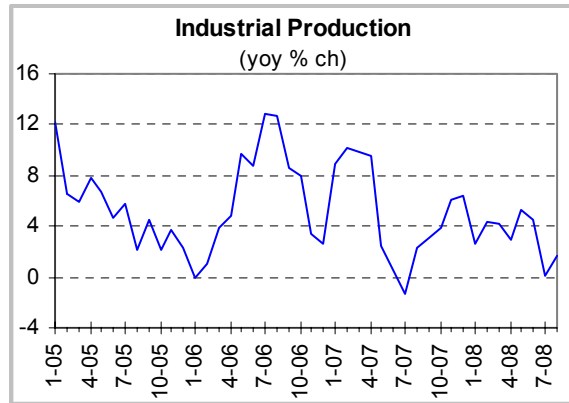
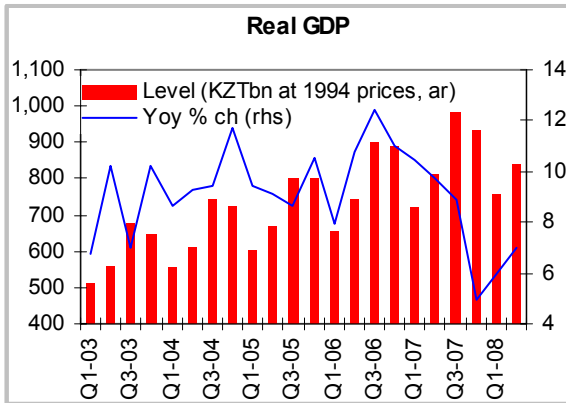
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Financial Indicators				
Refinancing Rate (end of period)	7.8	8.6	9.2	10.5 Sep
Short Term Interest Rate pa (<1 year)	2.8	3.5	5.6	6.3 Sep
Exchange Rate Tenge/\$	132.9	126.0	122.5	119.7 Sep

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

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