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# Interim Report on the Cumulative Impact on the Global Economy of Proposed Changes in the Banking Regulatory Framework 

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This report is an Interim Report of the IIF's Working Group to Assess the Cumulative Impact on the Global Economy of Proposed Changes in the Banking Regulatory Framework. The Working Group consists of economists and regulatory experts from IIF member banks, and is chaired by Philip Suttle, the IIF's Chief Economist. It operates under the auspices of the IIF's Special Committee on Effective Regulation, chaired by Peter Sands, Group Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Plc. The Working Group has been working for a number of months to prepare this report, which analyzes the impact of bank regulatory reform on the United States, Euro Area, Japan and (in aggregate) the emerging economies. We now judge that their work has come to sufficient fruition that it warrants sharing more broadly.

It should be emphasized, however, that this is an Interim Report. We aim to complete the Final Report of the Working Group during the second half of 2010. There are three dimensions along which we expect to strengthen the current Report in the months ahead. First, we intend to cover more countries in the study, including some smaller mature economies as well as some larger emerging economies. Second, we aim to strengthen and enrich the technical aspects of our modeling framework. Third, we hope to engage with experts and specialists in this area, including those from the official sector, which has embarked on a similar exercise. The outcome should be a collection of research that allows both industry practitioners and policy makers to understand the macroeconomic implications of the important banking reform program now underway.


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# The Cumulative Impact on the Global Economy of Increased Regulation of the Banking Industry 

## Our Objective

- A wide array of reforms to regulations governing the global banking industry has been proposed in recent months in response to the excesses that became evident in the 2007-08 global financial crisis. These include both those proposed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, as well as from a variety of different national (and supra-national) authorities.
- The commonly expressed view is that whatever economic implications may result from implementing these reforms, they are a "cost worth paying" both to reduce the likelihood of future crises, and the whole economy costs of whatever future crises do occur. This may indeed be true, and it is certainly not the objective of this report to resist the fundamental case for deep-seated reform ${ }^{1}$. Rather, our objective is to put a firmer number on what that "cost worth paying" may turn out to be, measured in terms of gross domestic product (GDP) and jobs foregone. We do not address the benefits of reform, which can probably best be measured in terms of stability gains ${ }^{2}$.


## Our Approach

- In order to assess the impact of likely banking regulatory reform on the global economy, we have built a series of simple frameworks, which model the evolution of the banking system in aggregate, and its relationship to the broader economy ${ }^{3}$.
- These models have a common structure across the major banking systems. In this Interim Report, we model the systems in the United States, Euro Area and Japan. We also address issues relating to the banking systems in emerging economies.

[^0]- In building these models, the lack of easy availability of key data has been a major challenge. In most countries, for example, it has been difficult to identify the aggregate balance sheet of the banking system in a fashion consistent with the capital and liquidity requirements of the Basel Committee. We have not been able (so far) to identify credible off balance sheet aggregates. This has made it impossible to model the constraints imposed by the proposal for a new leverage ratio, which would include both balance sheet assets and off balance sheet commitments. This is an important shortcoming in our modeling work, which would tend to bias our GDP cost estimates down.
- The banking balance sheet models are supplemented by aggregate profit and loss models, a simple bank capital supply framework, and a simple macroeconomic block, which links the evolution of nominal aggregate credit growth (both bank and non-bank) to GDP and employment.
- The logic of how the models work is fairly straightforward. For example, the imposition of higher capital ratios generally requires banks to raise more capital. Net new issuance puts an upward pressure on the cost of capital, which banks then add to their lending rates to the private sector. Higher lending rates reduce bank credit and, thus, the aggregate supply of credit to the economy. This, in turn, lowers GDP and employment. Higher liquidity requirements work through similar channels. Requiring banks either to hold more lower yielding liquid assets or issue more long-term wholesale debt squeezes bank profit margins. Lower profits not only make it more necessary to issue capital via markets (rather than through retained profits), but also make that issuance more expensive, as earnings disappointment makes equity investors more leery. Finally, higher bank taxes reduce post-tax profits and thus have a similar effect as reduced net interest margins.
- As with all models, our approach has advantages and drawbacks. On the positive side, the models allow us to impose most of the (quantifiable) reforms that are being proposed and trace their effect. On the negative side, our models contain relatively little behavioral feedback and rely very heavily on the credit transmission channel. The devastatingly weak performance of the global economy in 2008Q42009Q1 was a reminder of the significance of this credit channel, however ${ }^{4}$.
- We obtain our results of the cumulative impact of reform by running two scenarios, from 2011 through 2020. One is a "base" scenario in which we use neutral long-term assumptions about GDP growth and inflation, and a regulatory environment with no significant changes beyond those introduced during and immediately following the crisis. The other is a "regulatory reform" scenario, in

[^1]which we impose a series of regulatory changes that reflect (in both timing and magnitude) the key proposals. Our cumulative effects results are simply the differences between the two scenarios.

- It should be emphasized that we have had to make, in some cases, our own assumptions about the ultimate design and calibration of the new requirements. These assumptions may well turn out to be incorrect and, possibly, too excessive. They do not reflect industry positions on appropriate levels.


## Our Preliminary Results

- For the "G3" (United States, Euro Area and Japan), we project that full implementation of regulatory reform on our assumed time frame would subtract an annual average of about 0.6 percentage points from the path of real GDP growth over the five year period 2011-15, and an average of about 0.3 percentage points from the growth path over the full ten year period, 2011-2020 (Table 1).
- The impact is more concentrated in the next five years because this is the period over which the bulk of the reforms are scheduled to be implemented. The fading in this effect as time passes, however, is consistent with the proposition that the long-run effects of these measures are probably relatively modest, but that the transition costs could be significant.
- The Euro Area is hit the hardest; Japan the least, with the United States somewhere in the middle. This relative ranking reflects two main factors: the size and significance of the banking system relative to the economy and the pattern of debt intermediation flows; and the extent to which systems need to adjust to meet the new requirements.
- There would also be direct and, more importantly, indirect employment implications resulting from this lower trajectory for GDP growth, especially during the transition period. Fewer jobs would be created during the economic expansion in our regulatory scenario relative to our base scenario.
- The current global banking reform program is the first to be negotiated under the auspices of the G-20, including participation by emerging market regulators in the Basel Committee. There could be three, possibly significant, negative spillovers for emerging economies. First, regulators in emerging economies might choose to pass on some or all of the global increase in capital and liquidity requirements to their local system, rather than letting their current ample buffers be reduced. Second, global banking flows could be hindered as large banks in mature economies bump into balance sheet constraints. Under the new leverage ratio proposal, undrawn trade finance lines will attract higher capital charges. Third, the
minority interest exclusion from capital will make the business models of many mature market banks active in emerging economies far more costly to operate. This could be especially damaging for parts of Emerging Europe.


## Table 1

Cumulative Effects Results in Summary
difference between regulatory change and base scenario

| Difference in average rates: | 2011-15 | 2011-20 |
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| Real lending rate (bps) |  |  |
| United States | 169 | 136 |
| Euro Area | 134 | 97 |
| Japan | 76 | 60 |
| G3 (asset-weighted) | 132 | 99 |
| Real GDP growth difference |  |  |
| United States | -0.5 | -0.3 |
| Euro Area | -0.9 | -0.5 |
| Japan | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| G3 (GDP-weighted) | -0.6 | -0.3 |
| Difference in end-period values: | Through 2015 | Through 2020 |
| Core Tier 1 capital (\$bn) |  |  |
| United States | 247 | 260 |
| Euro Area | 273 | 738 |
| Japan | 156 | 169 |
| G3 | 676 | 1167 |
| Nominal GDP (\$ bn) |  |  |
| United States | -951 | -1297 |
| Euro Area | -920 | -1109 |
| Japan | -130 | -105 |
| G3 | -2001 | -2510 |
| Real GDP (\% difference) |  |  |
| United States | -2.6 | -2.7 |
| Euro Area | -4.3 | -4.4 |
| Japan | -1.9 | -1.5 |
| G3 (GDP-weighted) | -3.1 | -3.1 |
| Employment (million) |  |  |
| United States | -4.58 | -4.87 |
| Euro Area | -4.68 | -4.83 |
| Japan | -0.46 | -0.43 |
| G3 | -9.73 | -10.12 |

[^2]
## Key Considerations

- One very important aspect of our model, which heavily determines the results, is the nature of capital markets in bank paper-both for common equity and longterm debt. In our framework, it is always possible for banks to issue more of both categories of paper, as long as they are willing to pay an appropriate price. At one extreme, it could be argued that this pricing effect overstates the cumulative impact, because investors will demand a lower average return on equity, in return for the lower risk that a higher capital base implies. At the other extreme, however, it could be argued that banks will, at some point, face an absolute limit on the amount of either capital or long-term debt that can be placed in markets. If that limit is reached, then banks would have no option but to reduce (riskweighted) assets to meet higher required ratios.
- Our model also implicitly assumes fairly flexible bank product pricing. The average lending rate rises to meet the rate of return requirements of equity investors. For this average to rise, however, banks either have to have the power to re-price existing loans or, perhaps more plausibly, have to attach far more stringent conditions on marginal, new lending.
- It should also be noted that the phase when the "transition drag" from tighter regulatory policies is likely to be at its maximum (2011-14), is also the period when fiscal policy in the mature economies is most likely to be at its tightest. There would thus be a double headwind to the expansion. Some offset to this could be provided by an easier G7 monetary policy, although there is currently limited scope for additional interest rate easing.
- In our view, the combination of easy G7 money and concerted banking regulatory reform could lead to a series of unintended consequences. Weaker near-term growth could lead to a less stable system. Additional credit restraint in Japan could worsen deflationary pressures there. The imposition of a leverage ratio could promote more, not less risky behavior from banks. There would be significant incentives for disintermediation of credit flows from the regulated, supervised banking system into the less well regulated credit sector which would, by definition, then become more systemically important. Finally, low rates in the G7 will likely continue to spur the flow of short-term capital to higher yielding emerging economies, adding to the headaches of policy makers there.


## Chapter 1

## The Net Cumulative Impact on the Global Economy of Increased Regulation of the Banking Industry

## Introduction and Summary

- In order to assess the impact of likely banking regulatory reform on the global economy, we have built a series of simple macro-banking-economic models. In structure, our model is more similar to the frameworks used by equity market banking analysts than to formal macro models used by economists. Unlike banking analysts, however, our work is focused at the level of the consolidated banking system as a whole, rather than at the level of an individual bank.
- For the non-bank corporate sector, the main impact of these regulatory changes can best be conceived of as an inward shift of the bank credit supply curve: for any given price (in terms of spread over the government yield curve), there will be less availability.
- We construct our assessment of the net cumulative impact of the changes by running two scenarios through 2020. The first is a "base" scenario, where we maintain the same key regulatory requirements as are currently in place through the projection horizon. The second is a "regulatory change" scenario, in which we impose a series of regulatory changes (some global, some local).
- By 2015, the level of G3 real GDP under a regulatory change scenario is projected to be about $3.1 \%$ below what it would otherwise be. This amounts to an average of about $0.5 \%-0.6 \%$ per year clipped from the pace of the recovery. Thereafter, this drag fades very notably, however. For the US, the path of real GDP is projected to be $2.6 \%$ lower by 2015; for Japan, the path is $1.9 \%$ lower; but for the Euro Area the path is as much as $4.3 \%$ lower.
- The estimates from our models of the three leading financial systems is that, in total, banks will need to raise $\$ 0.7$ trillion of common equity and issue $\$ 5.4$ trillion, net, of long-term wholesale debt over the period 2010-15 in order to meet the capital and liquidity requirements likely to be part of the regulatory reform.
- Against a backdrop of continued restraint in bank lending-especially towards small and medium-sized businesses-there would appear to be significant risks relating to enforcing too much restrictiveness on banks too early in the business cycle.
- Another argument for caution in rapid implementation of reforms that constrain bank lending is that the likely implementation phase (2011-2012) will correspond to the early stages of a synchronized and, probably quite protracted, effort at fiscal consolidation in the mature economies.


## Assessing the Net Cumulative Impact

Any assessment of how the global banking industry will be affected by regulatory reforms designed to improve its long-run safety is inevitably a somewhat subjective endeavor. That said, we believe that it is possible to construct sensible frameworks to assess the possible macroeconomic impact of proposed changes (in terms of bank lending, growth and employment) so that this "cost" of reform can be benchmarked against the perceived benefits of reform ${ }^{5}$.

In addressing the issue of what effects reforms will have, we use the following schema (Chart 1).
Chart 1
Schematic Outline of Differential Impact of Regulatory Reform


In broad terms, we believe that the magnitude of the impact of regulatory changes on the economy can be measured in five steps:

[^3]- How significant are the reforms, at both the global and local level?
- How far away are banks now from where they would need to be to meet the requirements of reform?
- How much time will be allowed for banks to meet new reform proposals?
- How important is bank credit intermediation to the operation of the economy?
- How big are banks relative to the economy?
- How important are banks relative to non-banks in the process of debt intermediation?
- How dependent is the economy on debt versus equity financing?
- What other factors are shaping banking sector (and broader economic) health?
- Scope to ease monetary policy to provide an offset?
- Scope to ease fiscal policy to provide an offset?
- Non-bank private sector in re-leveraging mode?

Data for some of these variables are shown below (Table 2). In terms of starting points, the US appears favorably placed and the Euro Area less well positioned. For Japan, the major issue is one of low starting capital ratios.

| Table 2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Factors Affecting Impact of Regulatory Reform percent, end 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Economy's dependence on banks |  | Distance for banks to adjust |  |  |
|  |  | Banks' share |  | Liquidity |  |
|  | Bank assets | of credit | Core Tier 1 | Coverage | Net Stable |
|  | as \% GDP | intermediation | capital ratio | Ratio | Funding Ratio |
| United States | 83.1 | 23.6 | 10.5 | 81.8 | 84.3 |
| Euro Area | 346.6 | 73.8 | 8.0 | 27.8 | 61.9 |
| Japan | 168.8 | 52.6 | 4.1 | 92.4 | 82.6 |

Sources: National data and IIF estimates

## The IIF Cumulative Impact Model

In order to address these questions in detail, we have built a series of macro-bankingeconomic models (see appendix for more detail). In structure, our model is more similar to the frameworks used by equity market banking analysts than to formal macro models used by economists. Unlike banking analysts, however, our work is focused at the level of the consolidated banking system as a whole, rather than at the level of an individual bank.

Each country model has four key blocks. Central to the country model is the Banking Sector Balance Sheet Block which captures the key adding up constraints in the country banking system. Aggregate banking system assets are divided into six categories: cash, government bonds, claims on the domestic financial system, claims on the domestic non-financial corporate sector, claims on households, and external claims. In turn, each of the latter four categories is broken into two sub-components, according to its weighting in the weighted risk-asset calculation: claims on domestic financial and nonfinancial corporate sectors are broken into the trading book and banking book; claims on households are broken into mortgage claims and (unsecured) consumer credit; and external claims (including external interbank claims) are broken into "safe" assets (i.e. high quality loans with low risk-weighting) and "risky" assets (i.e. loans to emerging market borrowers).

The balance sheet model allows us to capture most of the proposed regulatory changes. First, a required liquid asset ratio can be imposed as the key ingredient of a tighter liquidity regime. Second, the model allows us to change the risk weighting assigned to sub-categories of banks' assets. An increase in trading book capital requirements can thus be modeled straightforwardly. Third, and most importantly, the model derives key capital ratios, which are driven by a combination of regulatory requirements and national practice and local regulatory requirement.

The Banking Sector Balance Sheet Block is supplemented by the Bank Capital Supply Block and the Banking Sector Profit and Loss Block, to complete a quantitative framework of an aggregate banking system. That framework is then linked up to the Macroeconomic Block, which is both driven by the other components of the country model, and drives them (the model thus solves iteratively).

In our framework, economic growth is viewed as being ultimately driven by overall credit growth (both bank and non-bank). Thus, one key consideration is how much nonbank sources of credit can substitute for banks. In view of both recent experiencewhich seems likely to have dampened non-bank investors' appetite for private sector credit relative to investment in government debt-as well as likely regulatory change, which will likely slow the ability of banks to securitize their on-balance sheet assets, it seems likely that the growth in non-bank sources of credit will be relatively subdued in coming years.

For banks, a key driver of their willingness and ability to lend will be the combination of the various factors that shape the evolution of "core" capital. Higher regulatory requirements will raise banks' demands for capital (for a given asset structure), orperhaps more plausibly-will cause banks to hold more conservative asset compositions for a given amount of capital. Core capital is boosted by higher retained earnings, and depleted by credit losses (which will, in turn, be driven up by slow nominal growth). Most importantly, banks face an upward sloping supply curve for bank capital. This
curve could be particularly sharply upward sloping in coming quarters, as higher capital ratios are enforced (either by regulators or, de facto, by markets) ${ }^{6}$.

Banks are then likely to pass this higher (shadow) cost of capital on to private sector borrowers in the form of higher lending spreads. For the non-bank corporate sector, therefore, the main impact of these regulatory changes unfolding can thus best be conceived of as an inward shift of the bank credit supply curve: for any given price (in terms of spread over the government yield curve), there will be less availability. The impact of this supply curve shift on the outcome for private sector bank credit will be determined by the precise shape of the private sector credit demand curve, which we assume is downward sloping with respect to lending spreads. The more elastic that demand curve, the more damaging will be the overall effect of higher capital charges on economic activity.

## Results in Summary for Key Economies

The results from our studies of individual economies are discussed in more detail in Chapter 3-6, but are summarized in the following charts and Table 3. We construct our assessment of the net cumulative impact of the changes by running two scenarios through 2020:

- The first is a "base" scenario, where we maintain the regulatory requirements as they are today through the projection horizon.
- The second is a "regulatory change" scenario, in which we impose a number of regulatory changes (some global, some local).

We define the difference between the two paths in these scenarios as the net cumulative impact of regulatory reform.

The most significant aspect of the difference between the two scenarios is the rise in the real lending rate charged to the private sector in the regulatory change scenario, relative to the base, which generally peaks in 2013-14 (Chart 2).

The aggregate employment as well as GDP implications are significant (although the former naturally follows from the latter; Chart 3). There is a growing body of evidence highlighting the sensitivity of employment to credit. Firms facing tighter credit conditions find it harder to "hoard" labor".

[^4]Chart 2
Change in Real Lending Rate to Private Sector Borrowers*
basis points


* Difference between bank lending rate paths in "regulatory reform" scenario versus "base" scenario

Source: IIF Estimates

## Chart 3

G3: Change in Real GDP and Employment*
percent


* Difference between Real GDP and Employment paths in "regulatory reform" scenario versus "base" scenario Source: IIF Estimates


## Table 3

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The reason for the "hump" in lending rates is that the cumulation of regulatory change reaches its maximum at that point. As a result, banks are under the maximum pressure to "defend" their profit margins which they do by raising lending rates. Note that this pressure on banks to raise lending rates comes from capital markets, where investors demand a target (risk-adjusted) return on bank equity.

In turn, this interest rate profile helps shape lower paths for both real GDP and, thus, employment through the projection horizon. It should be emphasized that these are lower paths relative to a baseline of no significant increase in capital ratios and liquidity requirements, although banks would nonetheless hold substantially more (and better quality) capital and liquidity through this base scenario than they held in the period of serious excess in 2005-06.

## Chart 4

Change in Real GDP*
percent


* Difference between Real GDP paths in "regulatory reform" scenario versus "base" scenario

Source: IIF Estimates

By 2015, the level of G3 real GDP in a regime of regulatory reform is projected to be about $3.1 \%$ below what it would otherwise be. This amounts to an average of about $0.6 \%$ per year clipped from the pace of the recovery. Thereafter, this drag fades very notably, however. For the US, the path of real GDP is projected to be $2.6 \%$ lower by 2015; for Japan, the path is $1.9 \%$ lower; but for the Euro Area the path is as much as $4.3 \%$ lower. The Euro Area would thus appear to be most vulnerable to the impact of regulatory reform. Intuitively, this should not be too surprising, since the Euro Area banking system is large both relative to the economy (about 350\%) and as source of debt financing for the economy (about $75 \%$ of total debt financing), and this all in an economy where financial structures are relatively heavily geared to debt rather than equity.

Chart 5

*Difference between employment paths in "regulatory reform" scenario versus "base" scenario
Source: IIF Estimates

## Box 1: Some Frequently Asked Questions

Have we used the correct methodology?
We believe that our methodology - summarized in the appendix to this chapter - is an appropriate balance of theory, reality, detail and generality. Some of the benefits and drawbacks of our approach are reviewed later in this Chapter. We designed the framework to address the specific question of what the macroeconomic effects of banking reform might be.

How confident are we in our estimates?
We believe that our estimates are a reasonable central estimate of the net impact of reform measures on bank lending rates. We accept that there is probably a significant range of variation around these measures (although do not yet have good measures of the potential distribution). We have less confidence in mapping the likely lending rate increases into the broader economy, but we view our estimates as sensible benchmark assessments as to the impacts on GDP and employment, given the increase in bank lending rates.

Aren't they too large?
It is important to remember that our estimates are based on the cumulative impact of at least six changes in the regulatory environment, each of which exerts some squeeze on bank margins. For example, higher liquidity requirements work powerfully from both sides on margins: liquid assets earn lower rates of return than illiquid assets; and
long-term funding is more expensive than short-term funding. There are growing indications, however, that full array of reforms actually implemented, as well as their timing, will be less onerous than we are currently assuming.

## Can't banks just absorb these costs?

The answer is, to an extent, yes. In our regulatory scenarios, we assume that banks control non-interest costs (much of which is compensation) very aggressively. But a squeeze on margins eventually finds its way to lower banks' profitability. The resulting disappointment on earnings makes equity holders more leery of holding bank capital and thus makes it more costly to banks to issue more. The role of the capital markets in funding banks is central in our approach (see below).

Haven't banks already adjusted, so we've already taken any pain?
Banks have indeed generally adjusted rapidly over the past couple of years, especially in the United States. But it would be a mistake to think that, even after those adjustments, banking systems are where they need to be to meet these new requirements. Moreover, some of today's balance sheet positioning reflects very conservative banking behavior inspired either by nervous markets, or the recent memory of a near-death experience (and, in the United States, the rigors of the SCAP). A tougher regulatory environment would make this conservative positioning permanent, which would dampen the ability of banks to finance the recovery in the quarters ahead.

Does the economy really need bank lending to grow?
Even if the scope for bank lending is restricted, it is possible that the economy could do better, especially if there are financing alternatives to banks. For example, both Mexico and Korea were able to recover (in 1995-96 and 1998-99, respectively) without a rebound in bank lending. Of course, we do not know what would have happened in these two cases if banks had been strong. The recovery might well have been even more vigorous. For the mature economies, recent extreme weakness in bank lending and the severity of the accompanying recession serve as graphic reminders of the powerful link between banking sector balance sheet adjustment and economic activity.

## What about the alternatives to bank lending?

The economic damage done by restricting bank activity could be limited if there were alternative financing sources for economic activity. Unfortunately, this "spare tire" theory of debt intermediation has not held up too well in recent years, and the alternatives in the debt intermediation process appear limited, especially for households and small and medium sized enterprises seeking to access credit markets. In this context, it is crucial to remember one of the most basic functions provided by banks: maturity transformation. Banks transform liquid short-term liabilities into illiquid longerterm loans. To the extent that other institutions develop to perform the same activity (e.g., money market funds), then they are essentially performing the same role as banks, with the same risks for both the institution and the system as a whole.

## The Key Determinant: Capital Market Conditions for Bank Paper

The estimates from our models of the three leading financial systems is that, in total, banks will need to raise $\$ 0.7$ trillion of common equity and issue $\$ 5.4$ trillion, net, of long-term debt over the period 2010-15 in order to meet the capital and liquidity rules currently likely to be part of a scenario of regulatory reform, relative to their funding needs from these markets in a scenario of no regulatory reform (Charts 6 and 7).


* Derived as difference in core Tier 1 equity of banking system in 2015 in regulatory change scenario relative to no change scenario


Source: IIF Estimates

These amounts are large, and will lead to an increase in the cost of funding to banks through these two channels. The absolute size of these demands also raises questions about whether these amounts are feasible:

- In the case of debt, the increase cost of funding will take the form of higher debt spreads on bank issued paper. In our models, we assume that spreads widen 140 basis points, on average, in order for this paper to be placed with investors. As noted, it is an open issue as to whether the issuance of such large amounts of bank paper even at such higher spreads is a feasible outcome, however. The appetite of investors in bank paper in the future will be heavily influenced by the outcome of the regulatory debate. This hinges not so much on the capital and liquidity discussion (although the need to achieve a minimum Net Stable Funding Ratio is a key reason for so much debt issuance). Rather, the uncertainty relates to the greater risk now likely to be associated with bank debt, since such creditors are now widely expected to suffer significant haircuts under new resolution regimes in the event of
market-based run on the banking system ${ }^{8}$. A bondholder assessing the risk of exposure to any individual bank will, therefore, need to assess the likelihood of a capital market run on not just that bank, but also to (global) banking sector, which could come back to affect the value of his or her investment.
- New equity investors in banks will seek a higher ex ante rate of return on equity in order to be attracted to purchase such securities. We model this ex ante rate of return (which we call the "shadow" price of equity) as the sum of four components: - a core objective of ( $12.5 \%$ for the US, $10 \%$ for Euro Area and $5 \%$ for Japan); - plus half of the difference between the rate of growth of bank equity and nominal GDP in each period; this term captures the "upward sloping" component of the bank equity supply curve ${ }^{9}$;
- minus half the difference between the realized rate of return on equity and the core objective in the previous period ${ }^{10}$;
- minus half of the difference between the banking system's actual capital ratio and the ratio set by local supervisors ${ }^{11}$.
The resulting "shadow price" of equity enters the bank lending pricing term as the "cost" of equity that the bank charges in setting rates to borrowers (see Appendix for more details).

As with the supply of debt, however, we have concerns that the absolute supply of bank equity may not be as smooth and continuous as our model assumes. Bank equity has become a more risky asset class in recent years. In contrast to bondholders, who have generally been supported by government guarantee and lending programs, equity holders have suffered considerable losses (as should be the case). Looking ahead, policy makers are determined that bank equity holders will bear relatively more of what risk banks are allowed to take. This means either that investors are likely to demand a higher ex ante rate of return (i.e. our core objective term could be too low, especially in Japan), or that an adequate equity rate of return may be hard to achieve if prudential limits on banks are tightened significantly (i.e. banking is forced more into the "utility space"). Moreover, dividend payments by banks are much diminished, and likely to remain so as banks re-build core capital. Finally, some jurisdictions are tightening limits on the potential investors in bank equity. For example, the new Solvency II requirements in Europe will reduce of insurance companies' scope to hold bank equity.

[^5]If the supply curves for either bank capital or long-term debt liabilities were to become inelastic (i.e. investors became unwilling to buy more of either instrument at any price), then the banking system would be faced with a "sudden stop": i.e. the need to produce a sudden reduction in bank assets very quickly. This is liable to be very damaging to the economy, especially since banks would be forced to cut short-term lending facilities, which typically support working capital. The burden of the adjustment could also fall heavily on households and small and medium-sized enterprises ${ }^{12}$.

It is helpful to scale the amounts of likely future capital needs against the aggregate amounts of capital raised since the onset of the crisis in the middle of 2007. According to (widely cited) Bloomberg estimates, banks have raised about \$1 trillion of capital from all sources over a three year horizon since the onset of the financial crisis (Chart $8)^{13}$. This covers all banks and not just those in the three leading jurisdictions.

## Chart 8

Net New Bank Capital Issued 2007Q3-2010Q1


Sep 07
Sep 08
Sep 09
Source: Bloomberg, IIF Estimates
Banks have raised capital from three main sources. In 2007-2008H1, sovereign wealth funds were key providers, buying a total of \$56 billion, or $13 \%$ of bank equity issued in 2007Q3-2008Q3 (Chart 9). In 2008Q4-2009Q2, governments in the mature economiesprimarily the United States and the United Kingdom—became major providers of bank equity. In the case of the United States, however, most of this has since been repaid

[^6](accounting of the negative purchases in 2009Q2-2010Q1). The residual, which can be interpreted as the amount of common equity issued to traditional buyers of bank equity, has averaged about $\$ 60$ billion per quarter since 2007Q3.

Chart 9
Net New Bank Capital Issued 2007Q3-2010Q1


## Avoiding Pro-cyclicality in the Reform Effort

The recent weakness in bank lending has been a hindrance to the global recovery. While the tightening in bank lending standards across the major jurisdictions appears to be over, bank lending caution seems inevitable for the foreseeable future, in part driven by tougher oversight by supervisors criticized for missing unduly lax bank lending practices in the last cycle.

Against this backdrop, there would appear to be significant risks relating to enforcing too much restrictiveness on banks too early in the business cycle. There are multiple plausible (nominal) paths that the global economy could follow in the years ahead. The most likely one seems to be one where the mature economies, in aggregate, grow quite slowly in nominal demand terms, while emerging economies grow quite rapidly ${ }^{14}$. The implication of this is that nominal credit growth in the mature economies will be relatively subdued, while it will be more brisk in emerging economies ${ }^{15}$. But it is also

[^7]quite plausible that too much restrictiveness on bank lending in mature economies would lead to a deflationary path for nominal GDP, which could then become a selfreinforcing spiral that even an extremely easy monetary policy stance might find it impossible to escape.

Japan offers a vivid example of how this can happen (see Chapter 5). While the reasons for Japan's extensive experience with weak nominal GDP are not fully understood (if they were, the economy would probably have been able to escape them by now), the correlation between the collapse in Japanese credit growth and the economy's potential growth rate is quite striking (Chart 10).

Chart 10
Japan: Money Supply and Potential GDP Growth


Sources: Bank of Japan, OECD
Several commentators, including central bank officials, have argued that the threat of contractionary effects of tighter bank regulation should not be a concern since these can be offset by central bank easing ${ }^{16}$. This view seems too blasé for four important reasons. First, it ignores the example of Japan, where a decade of zero interest rates has not worked to counter nominal weakness in the broader economy. Second, this view (in our opinion) tends to underestimate the likely impact of proposed regulatory reform in raising lending rates to private sector borrowers. Third, the scope to lower central bank interest rates in coming years will likely be limited, given their low starting point. Finally, there are broader distortionary implications likely to result from a situation where domestic bank lending margins in mature economies are higher, but key central bank lending rates are held close to zero (as in Japan) for an extended period. Those

[^8]distortions could show up in another credit bubble in the unregulated financial sector in mature markets or, more likely, in a bubble in emerging economies.

## Sequencing Policy Tightening

Another argument for caution in rapid implementation of reforms that would constrain bank lending is that the likely implementation phase (2011-2012) will correspond to the early stages of a synchronized and, probably quite protracted, effort at fiscal consolidation in the mature economies ${ }^{17}$.

The explosion of budget deficits in mature economies coincided with the recent credit shock, especially the phase of severe stress following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008. In other words, the growth in the leverage of the public sector has been something of the mirror image of the deleveraging of the private sector. Some of the rise in budget deficits is due to the direct fiscal costs of the financial sector interventions ${ }^{18}$. Some was also due to explicit counter-cyclical policy easing. Most, however, seems to have been the result of cyclical factors, operating mainly through swings in tax revenue. In the last cycle, strong tax revenues look to have been driven by credit fueled asset price gains, and the rapid evaporation of the latter led to a plunge in the former.

While it would be undesirable to try to return to a state where rapid asset price inflation was propping up nominal tax growth, there seems little doubt that the process of public sector de-leveraging would be helped by a process of private sector re-leveraging ${ }^{19}$. Put another way, the process of public sector deficit reduction in the years ahead will be made a lot harder if the private sector remains cautious about debt accumulation and seeks to run a persistent financial surplus. The likely outcome would be very subdued nominal GDP growth and, thus, weak growth in tax revenue. Once again, Japan stands out as a case of how not to do it.

## Stability Benefits of Reform

Our study focuses on a specific angle of the reform debate, namely the plausible estimates of costs associated with imposing a particular type of banking sector reform over a specific time horizon. Our study is thus not a full cost-benefit analysis.

[^9]The stability benefits of regulatory reform are potentially very large, although as conceptually challenging to measure as the costs (which are the focus of this study). The benefits come mainly in the form of lower systemic risk. In this context, it is worth bearing several key points in mind, however:

- Previous efforts at global reform of international banking regulation have evidently not been met with the stability success that had been hoped for by their authors ${ }^{20}$. Moreover, their implementation led to the creation of a number of unintended consequences, many of which-in retrospect-are now seen to have been very undesirable ${ }^{21}$. Just as the costs of reform are very hard to quantify and subject to considerable uncertainty and debate, so too are the benefits.
- The severe and generalized economic costs associated with the debacle credit boom and bust of recent years were sufficiently extreme to underline that major changes were indeed needed in international banking practices. From early on in the crisis, the members of IIF have been active in taking the lead in promoting improved industry-wide market practices, and we believe that these improved practices and behaviors will be a major ingredient in supporting the more sustainable, stable banking flows necessary for future economic growth ${ }^{22}$. From the official sector perspective, the case for improvements in supervisory practices (i.e., the enforcement of existing regulation) would seem to be at least as important as the case for more regulation.
- A typical by-product of greater regulation of the banking industry is the encouragement of disintermediation - i.e. the transfer of credit flows from the regulated bank sector to the unregulated non-bank sector. The creation of the "shadow" banking system in the years leading up to July 2007 is a good example of such a development. The ability of non-bank credit intermediaries to step in for the banks and thus provide non-bank borrowers with a healthy supply of competitivelypriced credit is often cited as a reason why the damage from any extra layers of regulation on banks will be minimal. But this assertion would seem to risk confusing the institutions that are classified as banks with the function which is the hallmark of banking, namely the transformation of liquid short-term liabilities into less liquid longer-term assets. To the extent that the function of banks is increasingly carried out by non-bank intermediaries, then this would seem to be simply shifting systemic risk, rather than reducing it. In such circumstances, the benefits of a more regulation

[^10](in the form of a more tightly managed banking system) might turn out to be illusory ${ }^{23}$.

- One outcome of the need for banks to meet higher liquidity requirementsespecially in the Euro Area-is the likelihood that they will purchase substantially higher amounts of low yielding government debt. This is indeed already happening (Chart 11). This would make banks vulnerable to two new sets of risks: (i) duration risk resulting from potential losses on holdings of higher coupon longer-term bonds funded by shorter-term liabilities; and (ii) sovereign credit risk, which has risen quite sharply in recent months (Chart 12).


Chart 12
5-Year Sovereign CDS Spreads
basis points


## Advantages to the IIF Methodology

We believe that our approach to assessing the plausible macroeconomic impact of key banking sector reforms is a helpful and informed contribution to the debate that will better inform policy makers in their analysis as they move ahead with the global reform process in the months ahead. In our view, its advantages are four-fold:

- By starting with a detailed analysis of the banking system, we are able to impose a series of regulatory changes and assess their plausible impact on bank lending conditions. In turn, we are able to map those lending conditions into key macroeconomic outcomes. The approach thus blends the "micro" bank level

[^11]approach, as typically performed by bank analysts, with the macroeconomic analysis needed to produce whole economy results.

- The analysis is rooted in data, and takes the current reality as the starting point. It is not a theoretical analysis of a long-run steady state.
- The framework is common across the major jurisdictions and thus allows for contrasts and comparisons.
- The framework is transparent. Because we use a spreadsheet-based approach, our time series, projections, model frameworks and parameter values are readily observable.


## Drawbacks to the IIF Methodology

While we feel that our approach offers many useful insights into the possible cumulative macroeconomic effects of the reforms likely to be proposed by the Basel Committee, we are aware that our approach suffers from a number of shortcomings. While we do not feel that these shortcomings invalidate our core results, they are a reminder that all results should be treated as a preliminary assessment. These shortcomings will serve as the basis of our future research agenda in this area:

- The output of any framework of analysis is only as good as the inputs that serve to go into it. One problem that we have had in constructing our models is data availability (see box). For some countries, we have found adequate sources of data that meet our requirements. In other cases, however, we have been required to mix and match data from a variety of sources. The macro data issue raises important concerns, since many of the data that we use in our study would presumably be central to the process of macro prudential supervision.
- Our model incorporates a number of important behavioral linkages, but more needs to be done to develop these models in two ways. First, while we have made our best efforts to estimate relationships using historical data, we have also been required to impose coefficients in other equations that we believe to be sensible, but which obviously condition the results of our work ${ }^{24}$. Second, the links between the banking sector and macroeconomic blocks in our models is very basic and driven simply through a credit channel. Moreover, our macroeconomic block is missing some important linkages, including the feedback from outcomes in the credit markets to monetary policy. As outlined above, a scenario in which regulatory reform leads to a weaker outcome for aggregate credit growth and, thus, the broader economy could

[^12]be avoided by an offsetting reduction in official interest rates. In our model, rates are set exogenously, but some kind of feedback mechanism could be specified.

- Our models are also explicitly national in construction. We project the evolution of each banking system's external assets and liabilities. We are also mindful of the spillover effects of several national banking systems all trying to raise substantial amounts of common equity and long-term debt in global markets simultaneously. Otherwise, however, interactions between national models are lacking.
- Our scenarios projecting the impact of various regulatory reforms capture only a part of the changes now being discussed (see Chapter 2). In part, this is because our focus is on measures that are likely to be agreed internationally under the auspices of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision; in part, it also reflects the not fully specified nature of some of the nationally-based proposals; in part, it also reflects the difficulty in amending our framework to capture adequately the implications of the proposals in question ${ }^{25}$.
- Our framework focuses on the consolidated national banking system and cannot differentiate between type of bank or borrower. In our view, however, some of the regulatory measures proposed are likely to have an importantly differentiated effect across both lending institution and, especially, type of borrower. This topic is discussed in each country chapter, but the general point would be that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are typically far more dependent on bank financing than other forms of credit intermediation (especially securities issuance). A set of regulatory changes that encourages disintermediation from the banking system is thus almost certain to bias credit flows away from SMEs to larger companies that enjoy direct access to public securities markets ${ }^{26}$.

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## Box 2: Data Issues

One of the major challenges of our exercises was building datasets for each country which pull together-at the whole economy level-data on the banking system in a usable form for our analysis. Country specific data issues, and how we handled them, are covered in the appendices to following chapters.

Our biggest headache has been constructing the banking sector's overall balance sheets, such that assets are appropriately divided (e.g. into banking book and trading book), and the other side of the balance sheet is appropriately split into regulatory capital and liabilities. In view of the significance to be placed in meeting aggregate capital requirements, we have found it surprising (and perhaps telling) that such data are so hard to find on a consistent, cross-country basis ${ }^{27}$.

The challenge of collecting off-balance sheet data was so overwhelming that, for now, we have not addressed this issue. This is a problem, as the proposal to introduce an aggregate leverage ratio, with total assets defined to include off balance sheet positions is an important part of the Basel Committee proposals. Unfortunately, we have found no way of assessing the macroeconomic effects of this proposal on a comprehensive, global basis ${ }^{28}$.

Indeed, we would strongly recommend that macroprudential supervisors place a far greater emphasis on the collection (and dissemination) of timely whole economy data on banking sector balance sheets, profit and loss statements and, especially, capital structures. An ideal place for this would be a data annex of each country's Financial Stability Report (usually produced by the local central bank). It is, of course, possible to build up a macro picture bank-by-bank, but our efforts to do this (using publicly available databases such as Bankscope) produced challenges with varying sample sizes.

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## Appendix: The IIF Projection Model in Outline

In order to simulate plausible effects of regulatory changes on the major economies, we have built a series of spreadsheet-based projection models, which attempt to capture an appropriate combination of detail, behavior and adding-up constraints. Although each country model has its own local flavor, they all have a similar structure, which is described below.

The model is built from four basic blocks: (a) a banking sector balance sheet model; (b) a core capital supply model; (c) a banking sector profit and loss model; and (d) a macroeconomic block, which links the output from the balance sheet model to the broader economy.

Proposed regulatory reforms are imposed as a series of shocks to the banking sector's balance sheet, which - ex ante -- have the effect of squeezing banking sector profit margins. Faced with capital market disciplines, banks then pass on this squeeze to private-sector borrowers. This squeeze then reduces bank credit supply to the private sector, which weakens economy-wide private sector credit growth, nominal real GDP growth and, thus, real GDP growth and employment.

## Banking Sector Balance Sheet Model

The banking sector is modeled as a single unit. In this context, banks can be thought of as providing a specific function: taking in deposits from the public with a generally shortterm tenor, and transforming those deposits into longer-term loans to the private sector (businesses and households). There are other parts of the financial system that provide credit intermediation services between borrowers and lenders, and the behavior and response of these to proposed regulatory reforms is an important consideration for the outcome of the macro framework (see below). But our detailed focus is on the banking system.

We start with the basic balance sheet definition:
(1) ASSETS $=\mathrm{LIAB}+\mathrm{CAP}$

Banking sector assets are categorized into three significant categories: (a) liquid assets (cash and government securities), which are safe (zero risk weighted) but low yielding; (b) loans to, and holdings of securities issued by, the non-financial corporate sector (these are risky, but more profitable); and (c) external assets (which can be either safe or risky depending on the nature of the ultimate borrower). This asset mix can be written as follows:
ASSETS = CASH + GOV + IB + CORP + HH + EXTA + OTHERA

The path of liquid assets (CASH+GOV) is determined by the need to maintain a specific liquid asset ratio. In turn, this is one of mechanisms through which some of the liquidity provisions of proposed regulatory reform can be introduced.

The path of private sector credit (CORP +HH ) is one of the key outputs of the model, since it is, in turn, a key driver of output growth, inflation and employment. Its path is determined by the combination of nominal GDP growth in the previous year, the change in the real lending rate charged by banks on their loans and the difference between the real rate level in the regulatory versus the base scenario. This amounts to saying that there is a downward sloping demand curve for bank credit with respect to price, and upward sloping with respect to activity:
(3) $\quad \Delta \mathrm{CORP}+\mathrm{HH}=\mathrm{f}\left(\Delta \mathrm{NOMGDP} / \mathrm{NOMGDP}_{\mathrm{t}-1}, \Delta\right.$ REALRATE, [REALRATE REG $^{-}$ REALRATE $_{\text {BASE }}$ ])

For the banking sector as a whole, therefore, one key decision variable is what rate to charge on their lending. As will be seen below, this lending rate is determined by the profit and loss and bank capital supply blocks. But the (monopoly) banking sector is assumed to face a downward sloping demand curve for credit, and essentially picks where it wants to be on that demand curve (i.e. there is no credit rationing in our framework).

Another key way in which regulatory reform enters the model is for higher capital requirements to make banks want to choose a point on the private sector's credit demand curve that is more to the north-west (i.e. higher price, lower quantity). This amounts to saying that regulatory reforms will lead to a leftward shift in the bank lending supply curve.

External assets (EXTA and OTHERA, which includes banks' fixed assets) are assumed to evolve along a path determined by nominal GDP, although the allocation of external assets between "safe" and "risky" allocations (i.e. to foreign holdings of OECD area government bonds versus lending to emerging economies) is viewed as a bank decision variable that will affect the use of regulatory capital.

Finally, it should be noted that both interbank lending and exposures to the corporate sector are split into trading book and banking book components:
(4) $\mathrm{IB}=\mathrm{IB}(\mathrm{TB})+\mathrm{IB}(\mathrm{BB})$
(5) $\quad \operatorname{CORP}=\operatorname{CORP}(\mathrm{TB})+\operatorname{CORP}(\mathrm{BB})$

This is relevant since the two components are assigned different weights in a riskweighted asset framework, and an increase in risk weightings of trading book assets from 2011 onwards is one of the regulatory changes underway.

The liabilities side of the balance sheet is broken into four main components. Retail deposits (M1) are projected to evolve along a path determined by nominal GDP. This amounts to assuming that banks are takers of all deposits that "walk in the door". Similarly, inter-bank borrowing (M2) and external liabilities (EXTL) are projected to evolve along neutral, nominal GDP paths. Finally, wholesale market borrowing (M3) is determined as a residual, since it amounts to the extra amount of funding needed to support banks' assets, given the capital structure and funding achieved from other sources.
(6) $\quad \mathrm{LIAB}=\mathrm{M} 1+\mathrm{M} 2+\mathrm{M} 3+E X T L$

Wholesale funding, in turn, is split into short-term and long-term:
(7) $\quad M 3=M 3(L T)+M 3(S T)$

Making this split allows us to identify another way in which regulatory reform affects bank behavior, as the net stable funding requirements (part of the liquidity reforms) will require banks to hold relatively more long-term wholesale funding. Since interest payments on M3(LT) exceed M3(ST), this implies an additional squeeze on net interest margins and, thus profitability.

Finally, banking sector capital is broken into a number of key subcomponents: balance sheet capital (CAP), regulatory capital (REGCAP), Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital (T1 and T2) and core-Tier 1 capital (TCE):
(8) $\mathrm{CAP}=$ REGCAP + REGADJ
(9) REGCAP $=T 1+T 2$
(10) $\mathrm{T} 1=\mathrm{TCE}+\mathrm{NONCORE}$

In turn, these drive certain key balance sheet ratios, where risk-weighted assets (RWA) are generally the denominator. Realized capital ratios can be written as the sum of specified minima (BIS and BIS(T1)) and national buffers (BUFCAP and BUFCAP(T1)). Note that we further break the Tier 1 national buffer into two components: a buffer required by national supervisors under Pillar 2 arrangements, and an excess maintained by the banking system, presumably for its own prudential purposes. This is relevant in the context of the bank capital supply model (see below):
(11) $\quad$ RWA $=\Sigma w_{i} * A^{\prime}$ ASET $_{i}$
(12) REGCAP/RWA = BIS + BUFCAP
(13) $\mathrm{T} 1 / \mathrm{RWA}=\mathrm{BIS}(\mathrm{T} 1)+\mathrm{BUFCAP}(\mathrm{T} 1)$
(14) BUFCAP (T1) = REQ (P2) + EXCESS

## Banks' Core Capital Supply Model

The banking sector capital supply model is focused on the evolution of the flow variables that drive the stock of core Tier 1 capital, or tangible common equity (TCE).

There are three variables that drive the evolution of TCE:

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\begin{equation*}
\Delta T C E=\text { NEWTCE + PROFRET + REDEF } \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

where NEWTCE is new (market) issuance of TCE and PROFRET is the amount of undistributed profits, when PROFRET $>0$, and is the amount of shareholder capital extinguished when banks (in aggregate) make a loss. The third variable, REDEF, is driven by the way in which core Tier 1 capital is affected by redefinitions of capital. These are usually negative.

The variable NEWTCE is assumed to be a decision variable, in aggregate, for banks. Capital markets are willing to supply capital to banks at an appropriate price and this pricing, in turn, drives banking sector loan pricing, which is a key variable in the banking sector profit and loss (P\&L) model (see below).

This appropriate price is a "shadow price", or an ex ante aspiration of the rate of return on equity that banks try to achieve ( $\mathrm{ROE}_{\text {shadow }}$ ). In our work, we have assumed that this variable is, in turn, driven by four factors:

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\begin{align*}
& \text { ROE }_{\text {shadow }}=\text { Target }+\theta_{1}(\text { TCE growth }- \text { Nominal GDP growth })_{t-1}+\theta_{2} \text { (Target - }  \tag{16}\\
& \text { Realized } \operatorname{ROE})_{t-1}+\theta_{3}\left(\text { EXCESS }_{t-1}\right.
\end{align*}
$$

where each of the $\theta_{i}$ elasticities is $>0$. Banks thus aspire to make a target ROE to keep shareholders happy, but this aspired return is increased when (in the previous period):

- the growth in bank core equity has exceeded the growth in nominal GDP (this is akin to an upward sloping supply curve for TCE to the banking system from global capital markets);
- the realized rate of return on equity in the previous period falls short of the aspired rate (in the case of the U.S. this is $12.5 \%$, for the Euro Area $10 \%$ and for Japan 5\%) - this variable is a proxy to a "punishment" variable; and
- the realized capital ratio in the previous period short of the ratio (minimum plus national buffer) required by local supervisors (i.e. EXCESS, as defined from equation (14) above, is negative). This last variable rewards banks for being "safer" (i.e. having more capital) and punishes them for falling short on this front.


## Banking Sector Profit and Loss Model

The profit and loss model is very straightforward, although it is something of the engine room of the model. Its two key outputs are the amount of profit retained (PROFRET) and
thus added to core Tier 1 equity (TCE), and the spread charged by banks on their loans to households and businesses, which is the main driver of the key variable REALRATE (see equation (3) above).

Banking sector profits are straightforwardly defined as net interest earnings (NIE), plus net other earnings (OOE; e.g. fees, commissions and trading income), less non-interest costs (mainly labor costs), less credit losses (CREDLOSS), plus other items:
(21) $\operatorname{INTEARN~=~FFUNDS~*~CASH~+~BOND~*~GOV~+~BOND~*~IB(TB)~+~(BOND~+~}$ SPREAD) * IB(BB) + (BOND + SPREAD) ${ }^{*} \mathrm{CORP}+(\mathrm{BOND}+\mathrm{SPREAD}) * \mathrm{HH}+$ EXTARATE* EXTA
(22) $\quad$ INTCOST = (FFUNDS + M1FUNDSPREAD) * M1 + (FFUNDS + M2FUNDSPREAD) * M2 + (FFUNDS + M3FUNDSPREAD) * M3(ST) + (BOND + M3FUNDSPREAD) * M3(LT) + EXTLRATE * EXTL

In our projections, the share of profits retained, $\pi$, is a decision variable, and CREDLOSS is tied to the business cycle. OOE and NIC are projected to evolve along paths driven by nominal GDP.

Most projection paths for most interest rates in the model are set by assumption. The term structure of official interest rates - the official policy rate at the short end (FFUNDS) and the 10-year bond yield at the longer end (BOND) form the basis for most interest rate calculations.

The key model-determined variable in the P\&L block is the spread over official rates to be charged by banks in their lending to private sector borrowers (SPREAD). This is determined by taking the overall profit equation (17), dividing it through by CAP (to give return on equity), setting the left-hand side of the resulting equation equal to the shadow cost of equity (equation (16)), and then re-arranging that equation to solve out for the one unknown: SPREAD. The real borrowing rate thus facing the private sector (which shapes the evolution of bank credit growth to the private sector) is then given by:
REALRATE = BOND + SPREAD - PGDPG

Where PGDPG is the inflation rate in the GDP deflator.

## Macroeconomic Framework

The macroeconomic framework is based on a straightforward idea that nominal GDP growth is supported by nominal credit growth. There are a multitude of theories that can be used to support this proposition, but our approach is more pragmatic: activity needs credit, and vice versa. For each country model, we have estimated a simple equation, where we link nominal GDP growth to bank credit growth to businesses and households, as well as to credit growth from other sources. The path of nominal GDP (NOMGDP) growth is deflated to produce a path for real GDP (RGDP) growth. The GDP deflator (PGDP) is driven by an output gap model. Finally, the path of real GDP drives a path for (whole economy) employment (EMPL):
(24) $\Delta$ NOMGDP/NOMGDP $=f(\Delta$ CORP/CORP; $\Delta H H / H H$; $\Delta$ NONBKCRED/NONBKCRED), where $f^{\prime}>0$
(25) $\quad \Delta$ NONBKCRED/NONBKCRED $=\mathrm{f}(\Delta(\mathrm{CORP}+\mathrm{HH}) /(\mathrm{CORP}+\mathrm{H}))$
(26) $\Delta$ PGDP/PGDP $=f$ (Output Gap), $f^{\prime}>0$
(27) $\quad \Delta$ RGDP/RGDP $=\Delta$ NOMGDP/NOMGDP $-\Delta$ PGDP/PGDP
(28) $\Delta E M P L / E M P L=f(\Delta R G D P / R G D P)$

This reduced form approach of macro modeling could clearly be enriched over time, in part to allow other feedback mechanisms and interactions to develop. For example, the policy rate and government bond yield are set exogenously in our framework, but could be made endogenous in future research.

One additional important area for future research is the evolution of non-bank credit channels and, in particular, the ability of non-bank credit to substitute for bank credit as regulatory reform crimps the ability of banks to lend. Currently, the path for non-bank credit growth is driven by bank credit growth.

## Chapter 2

## Planned Regulatory Measures

A very wide array of measures is currently under consideration by policy makers. While the industry broadly supports the goals of stronger, more consistent regulatory capital and liquidity norms, the likely changes in regulation will impose significant new burdens on the banks, place constraints on balance sheets, affect their cost of capital, perhaps make it more difficult to get assets off balance sheet, change asset preferences as well as business behavior, and hence have potential implications for the supply of credit. For the purposes of this exercise it is appropriate to distinguish among the measures currently under consideration on a number of dimensions: the clarity with which the proposals have been articulated, the directness of any effect on the banking system and the likely timing of their implementation.

- Clarity of the proposals. None of the regulatory changes under consideration by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) has yet been calibrated ${ }^{29}$. That will await the outcome of the Basel QIS and other impact studies. However there is, even at this stage, much more specificity about the thrust of some measures than others. It is clear, for example, that there will be significant adjustments to the quantity and quality of Tier 1 capital requirements, even though the final scope of the detailed proposals published by the BCBS and the magnitude of the ultimate new requirements have yet to be specified. Detailed proposals have been made on a leverage ratio and on liquidity, but the final shape of those regimes is still far from clear. It seems likely that the BCBS will change the proposal from gross calculation of the ratio into a net calculation more akin to those already in use in Canada, Switzerland, and the US. Comments from the BCBS have also indicated that, while the two liquidity ratios currently proposed had broad support, attention would need to be given to the many specifics of the proposals that have been criticized by the industry. In contrast, only directional indications have been published on capital buffers and macro prudential regulation, to be fleshed out later this year. And it is possible, though still far from certain, that direct limits (in addition to those implied by capital, leverage and liquidity requirements) may be placed on the size of banks or the scope of their activities, probably outside of the Basel structure.

An unexpected addition to the lack of clarity has come from the U.S. Senate, where a last-minute amendment promoted by the FDIC and opposed by the Fed would, if it

[^15]survives the reconciliation process with the House and is included in the final law, take away from major US banks any benefit of the advanced Basel II capital calculations, requiring them to be subject to at least the capital requirements produced by the standardized approach for smaller banks. It would also mandate that only common equity could be included in Tier 1 (not what Basel calls Other Going Concern Capital such as trust preferred). These amendments would greatly complicate the US role in the negotiation of the final Basel revisions due to be finalized by the end of the year.

- Directness of effect. Significant changes in the quantity or quality of required capital or liquidity will directly affect firms' lending behavior. At the opposite extreme, requirements for detailed recovery or resolution plans could also directly affect individual banks significantly, particularly if they lead supervisors to require some restructuring of banks' operations.
- Timing of the proposal. There is some uncertainty about the timing of the capital proposals. The aim is that they will be introduced by $2012^{30}$ (as per the commitment by the G-20), but the BCBS has made it clear that general imposition of requirements will depend in part on assessment of the recovery of the system. The Secretary General of the BCBS has recently underscored the Committee's intent to meet the deadlines of completion of fully calibrated proposals by the end of 2010 and implementation in 2012, subject to analysis of the impact on recovery. Regarding grandfathering, the Basel documents foresee some grandfathering of existing capital instruments, but without specificity. The industry is also arguing for phasing in the more drastic capital and liquidity requirements. The timing of non-Basel changes, including those that may involve changes to the structure of the banking industry, is much less certain and the industry would argue ought to be subject to extensive grandfathering.

In the remainder of this section (and in the following paper) therefore proposed regulatory changes are classified according to whether they are category 1,2 or 3 according to the following criteria (Table 4).

[^16]| Table 4 <br> Category | Definition | Measures included |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | High level of conceptual clarity (albeit <br> unquantified) | Quantity of capital <br> Quality of capital (including deductions) <br> Substantial technical changes possible, but <br> clear direct effect on lending <br> High/reasonable clarity regarding timing |
|  | Trading book changes <br> Leverage ratio <br> Liquidity changes <br> Countercyclical buffers |  |
|  | Fair degree of clarity regarding concept <br> Clear potential effect on lending <br> Low clarity regarding timing | Capital requirements on systemic firms <br> Recovery and Resolution plans |
|  | 'Volcker' and other plan to limit scope or size |  |

## Category 1 Measures

Most of the capital and liquidity proposals currently under consideration by the BCBS qualify as category 1 in terms of the above classification. The following needs to be borne in mind however:

- A detailed and extensive list of proposals has been published. The list is not final however and some proposed measures may be dropped or amended in the light of discussion (or others added);
- None of the measures has yet been calibrated;
- The final package is likely to involve elements of a trade off-for example with changes in required capital levels depending to some degree on the extent to which necessary increases in prudential standards are achieved through changes in the capital calculation requirements and definition of capital used in the Basel formula;
- The liquidity, leverage, and certain other technical points have been the subject of extensive criticism and are likely to be revised as to many details as well perhaps as some important, basic design elements, but are likely to survive in revised form.


## Total Minimum Capital

The current requirement is that banks hold total minimum capital equivalent to $8 \%$ of risk weighted assets. This is potentially subject to revision and could increase to $9 \%$ or even $10 \%$.

## Tier 1 Capital

Tier 1 capital under the Basel proposal consists of retained earnings and common equity, both subject to deductions (see below) as well as "additional going concern capital", which up to now has meant hybrid instruments. The current requirement is that Tier 1 capital is equivalent to $4 \%$ of risk weighted assets. This may increaseperhaps to $6 \%$. Under the present standards, as little as half of the Tier 1 requirement can be accounted for by retained earnings and common equity (before regulatory deductions). The intention in the new regime is that Tier 1 should consist "predominantly" of common equity and retained earnings. "Predominant" has not been defined, but could be as much as $85 \%$ of total Tier 1, according to some reports.

## Additional Going Concern Capital

There is a much increased focus in new proposals on the 'loss absorption' capacity of hybrid capital instruments on the basis of stringent criteria that would preclude various previously used instruments, although the full impact will depend on final requirements including the definition of "predominantly", as discussed above.

- The current 'Sydney' definition allows hybrids up to $50 \%$ of Tier 1 , but there is wide variation in the allowance and interpretation of acceptable instruments across jurisdictions.
- "Innovative hybrid" instruments, now allowed at up to $15 \%$ of total Tier 1 would be phased out altogether under current proposals.
- The new criteria generally make the instruments more equity-like and reduce investors' formal or informal seniority and protections. Debt instruments recognized for Other Going Concern purposes would need conversion or write-down features.
- These changes would reduce banks' flexibility in offering instruments to different classes of investors other than equity investors, and probably increase costs by making it more difficult to issue tax-deductible instruments.

The effects of these changes will vary greatly across banks, depending both on their existing capital structures and the appetite of their primary markets for Tier 1 instruments. Many banks have relied extensively on "hybrid" securities to provide Tier 1 capital, often on a tax-deductible basis.

The impact on banks will come from (a) the level at which "predominant" is set (in many countries banks were hitherto allowed to have up to $50 \%$ of Tier 1 in hybrids, so that a higher requirement would have a significant effect on capital costs), and (b) the much more demanding minimum requirements for "other going concern capital", which would greatly affect the markets for such instruments, albeit in ways that cannot yet fully be understood. There are thus uncertainties about the amount of equity a given bank would have to have and about the pricing of and market for the new instruments.

The BCBS is considering the terms of grandfathering existing hybrids, but there are as yet no specifics and, furthermore, it is unclear how markets and rating agencies will
treat banks that attempt to continue to rely on grandfathered instruments for a protracted period.

## Tier 2 Capital

Tier 2 "gone concern" subordinated debt capital, which would provide resources available in the event of the winding up of a firm, is being simplified in the Basel proposals. There is concern that prescriptive Basel proposals may limit the terms on which banks can sell such instruments (e.g., minimum maturity and amortization periods), and hence make it more difficult to raise such capital. There is also concern that, although both banks and supervisors should have an incentive to raise goneconcern capital, the focus on Tier 1 and Predominant Tier 1 by supervisors and markets may erode the value of Tier 2 for regulatory and market purposes.

## Contingent Capital

It is likely that contingent capital-that is debt which is convertible into equity in certain prescribed stressed conditions-will be allowed or possibly even required. As yet the features of permissible instruments and their maximum permitted share in total capital (and whether they would count as Tier 1 or Tier 2 ) are unclear, as are pricing and whether there would be a market for them.

There are extensive debates in the official and private sector both about the characteristics of such instruments, including such fundamental questions as whether they should convert into going-concern capital (equity) or convert only upon insolvency to provide gone-concern resources; the levels at which conversion triggers should be set (well above, near, or at the point where the firm might enter into the "recovery" phase, or at insolvency), and whether triggers of conversion should be objective and mandatory, optional with management, or under the control of regulators.

In terms of their financial impacts on banks, the question is whether such instruments could be priced to be attractive for banks to issue (relative to the cost of equity) and yet compensate investors for the "insurance" risk of conversion. The final contours of the instruments will determine whether they have any attraction to fixed-income investors or the investors who have been interested in hybrids hitherto; some forms might be attractive to hedge funds but not to traditional bank investors. If, as is sometimes suggested, banks would be obliged by regulators to issue such instruments, efforts by numerous banks to sell them in large amounts would certainly have effects on the banks' cost of capital.

## Definition of Capital: Deductions

The Basel proposal aims to harmonize regulatory adjustments to capital, such as deduction of goodwill, which are not covered by current international minima, and hence vary substantially across jurisdictions. A number of items are likely to become subject to much more severe treatment as a result.

The current proposal is that goodwill, minority interests in majority-owned subsidiaries, deferred tax assets and other "intangibles" such as mortgage servicing rights should all be deducted in full from core Tier 1. If agreed, the effect of this would be to reduce the banks' current levels of capital from which the new higher quantitative requirements would have to be met. The distribution of such impacts would be highly variable across firms and across markets. Many European firms would see a substantial reduction of their Tier 1 capital as calculated absent any revision of the proposals on exclusion of minority interests. Many US banks have substantial mortgage servicing rights that the proposals would require to be deducted as intangibles and full deduction of deferred tax assets would have a substantial effect on firms in many countries, again with wide variations. The fallout from the changes, depending on their final contours, could have appreciable to substantial impact on different banks, again with different effects in different countries.

## Forward-Looking Provisioning

There is a proposal that banks should be required to determine provisions on the basis of recognition of "expected losses" over the life of a portfolio, as opposed to the current standard requiring recognition of "incurred losses". This would be complementary to the countercyclical capital buffers mentioned below. While the BCBS has put forth clear proposals for forward-looking provisions, their design is up to the international accounting standard setters. Intensive discussions on the accounting front are ongoing but it is not clear that the result will be what the BCBS wants. It is likely that the net result will be an improvement over the narrow interpretation of "incurred loss" (i.e., banks will be able to take provisions sooner, with somewhat less volatility) but there remains a danger that the US and international standard-setters will not agree on a common approach, which will at the least make comparison of major banks more difficult.

## Countercyclical Capital Buffers

The current proposal has two very general provisions for banks to hold capital buffers above the regulatory minimum for Tier 1 capital. One is a "fixed" buffer, which would be determined by the supervisor and maintained through the cycle, to be drawn down at times of stress (with "capital conservation" limitations on dividends, share buy-backs and discretionary employee bonuses when a bank is below a buffer range determined by the regulator). In common with the rest of the package, the fixed capital buffers have not yet been calibrated. A tentative working assumption is that the buffer could amount to an additional $1 \%$ on total capital. There is also the risk that this could-contrary to the stated expectations of regulators-become a permanent buffer throughout the cycle.

There is a further "macro prudential" buffer proposal whereby an additional variable buffer would be established by reference to macroeconomic conditions, by means to be determined. Such a regime would be explicitly designed to curtail "excessive credit growth". No specifics have been provided on how this would work, but the general idea
would be to give discretion to ratchet up capital requirements if the judgment of the official sector is that credit is expanding too rapidly or terms are becoming too lax.

## Leverage Ratio

There are three issues: how would the leverage ratio be calculated; at what level the ratio requirement would be set; and whether it would be mandatory regulatory requirement or a point of supervisory evaluation.

Current proposals include a measure based on gross exposure. On current proposals, the leverage ratio would be calculated on a very strict basis (in terms of the non allowance of credit risk mitigants, full value for written derivatives, and the treatment of off balance sheet items). If the current proposals disallowing netting and credit-risk mitigation, treatment of derivatives, and sweeping in wide ranges of off-balance-sheet transactions were maintained, stated exposures would be highly inflated as compared to (net) economic exposures as banks (and regulators) have traditionally analyzed them. Where they exist, leverage ratios have always been determined on a net basis (note: the Senate and House versions of the US financial reform bill includes provisions for the calculation of the leverage ratio that do not seem to take cognizance of the Basel proposals, which may be expected to complicate negotiation of the final accord)

The level at which the ratio is set-and at which it therefore could in principle become the binding constraint-is equally critical, especially of course if the radical gross calculation is maintained. The effect on banks' balance sheets could be significant, all the more so, of course, if a conservative ratio such as the conditional ratio that regulators could systemically important firms in the House version of the US reform bill (15:1) were adopted.

Official-sector pronouncements have often said that the leverage ratio, which by definition is not risk-adjusted, ought to be a "backup" measure to the risk-based capital accord; however, there appears to be a substantial risk that, depending on final definition and calibration, the leverage ratio will become the binding measure.

These negative effects would be all the more likely if, as proposed, the leverage ratio is required to "migrate" to become a fixed Pillar 1 requirement, rather than remaining subject to supervisory discretion in Pillar 2. Banks have advocated a Pillar 2 approach, pursuant to which the bank would assess its leverage among other risk metrics and its supervisors would evaluate the evolution of its leverage over time.

The effects on banks are thus hard to predict and will vary considerably depending on mix of business and mix of assets. This is all the more the case as it is not apparent that the leverage-ratio proposals have taken into account the effects of the liquidity requirements, which will likely push banks to more lower-yielding government obligations.

While there is sentiment in the BCBS to revise the proposal to put it on a net basis, it is impossible at present to predict what such a net ratio would look like, what its calibration would be, or what effects it would have; it is, however, clear that the Committee intends a significant constraint on leverage compared to the pre-crisis period.

## Trading Book Capital

Specific changes to regulatory capital requirements for trading book activities have already been issued, based on the results of a QIS that the BCBS has undertaken, and are to be implemented at the end of 2010. Further adjustments are still required, but the new requirements will include:

- An incremental risk charge-reflecting the risk that a trading counterparty will default;
- Punitive provisions on complex securitizations;
- A charge for credit migration risk-reflecting losses potentially arising from internal or external ratings changes; and
- Additional VaR calculations to include inputs taken from periods of significant market stress ("Stress VaR" as well as the current VaR requirements).

The effects of these measures will vary widely from bank to bank but early estimates are that, on an industry wide basis, regulatory capital supporting trading activities could increase by three times or more.

## Counterparty Risk

This is the risk that a counterparty defaults on a derivative contract prior to maturity. The capital charge is intended to cover effective potential exposure to a counterparty in the future, estimated using data that takes account of period of past stress. These estimates will also be subject to add-ons to cover risks that third party guarantors may be unable to meet their obligations. These proposals, if maintained, would pose significant methodological challenges, which the BCBS has said it would address. Present proposals would, however, have very substantial effects on trading firms.

## Liquidity

Current proposals are for two binding ratios:

- A Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) would specify the quantity of high quality liquid assets that banks would need to hold to ensure that they could survive short acute stress, reflected in exceptional net cash outflows over a 30 day period.
- A Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) is intended to ensure that firms manage mismatches in funding profiles conservatively over longer time horizons, discouraging reliance on shorter-term wholesale funding. As such it imposes a number of requirements upon banks' structural long term funding, including detailed behavioral assumptions for client business. The NSFR requires a one year buffer against a scenario of moderate though significant stress.

The requirements as currently drafted are extremely strict—in terms of both the calibration of the pressures on firms' likely liquidity needs and the assets eligible to be counted as liquid. It will certainly have effects on both short-term and medium-term markets and also change the market among banks for other banks paper, which is generally treated less than favorably. Finally, it will increase competition for retail assets, which are treated as a more stable source of funding (perhaps undermining the basis of the assumption of deposit "stickiness" in the process).

The assumption is that such requirements would raise banks' cash holdings significantly. Insofar as the proposals push banks toward lower-yielding "safer" government obligations (which may not look as safe today as they did in December), require more expensive, longer-term funding, and will have substantial but unpredictable effects on funding markets and markets for bank paper, it would necessarily have a substantial effect on banks' costs, and on their appetite for various types of assets, generally lowering their ability to provide their traditional intermediation function.

## Category 2 Measures

## "Surcharges" for Systemically Important Firms

A separate sub group of the BCBS is currently considering whether firms judged to be systemically relevant should be required to hold additional regulatory capital, and additional liquidity, to reduce the probability of their default to a level below that of non-systemic banks. There are currently no firm proposals though proposals are expected after the July BCBS meeting. Even if proposals do emerge, there is no indication of the likely timing of implementation. There are proposals in the US and other national reform packages that would give micro prudential regulators and perhaps also new macro prudential authorities the power to impose such additional requirements. Other parts of the Basel proposal also suggest that there may be scope to impose less-favorable risk-weighting and liquidity treatment on large institutions, with clear implications for the basis on which they are able to do business.

As a working assumption, however, it might be postulated that the type of capital and liquidity surcharges envisioned could amount to an average of $1.5 \%$ to $2.5 \%$ on the minimum capital requirements of the 30 to 40 largest global banks.

## Limits on the Scope of Banks' Activities

There are a number of proposals for limiting the scope of banks' activities. These include the 'Volcker plan' for preventing deposit taking institutions from undertaking proprietary trading or participating in hedge funds, private equity, together with a variety of other 'narrow banking' proposals ${ }^{31}$. These ideas have been spelled out with some clarity in the context of the proposed US legislation-a version is included in the US Senate's bill and a more aggressive amendment that was not adopted by the Senate is still being promoted through the conference process. There is a reasonable chance of final adoption, at least in the US. Such ideas do not however command global supportneither is there any realistic prospect of this. In the event of any of them being adopted, the macro economic implications could be considerable-over a considerable time scale. The ability of affected banks to extend credit (in all its forms) would be reduced and regulatory arbitrage would inevitably result in a reconfiguration of financial intermediation. The macro economic effects would be substantial but are difficult to quantify at present.

In addition, the Volcker plan in the US would put an additional cap on the size that any bank group could attain in the US, and there has been discussion of more radical plans to limit bank size and market share, though the latter do not appear to be likely to pass at this writing.

## Category 3 Measures

## Limits on Banks' Geographic Reach

These include proposals to require banks to limit their overseas activities, possibly through requirements that they operate through subsidiaries, or to hold substantial amounts of capital or liquidity in local markets regardless of form of organization. Here too, plans have not been fully articulated and the subsidiarization idea in particular could have modest effects or large ones depending on how it is configured. In principle, heavy handed approaches could weaken global trade (and global business more generally) and slow development in emerging markets. Macro economic effects could, in consequence, be substantial but they are difficult to quantify at present.

## Separation of Derivatives

A provision in the US Senate version of the US reform bill would also require any group that includes a bank taking insured deposits to divest or fence-off all derivatives activities. This would have a substantial effect on the profitability of banks that are heavily involved in derivatives businesses, and on derivatives markets. This point is expected to be hotly debated in the conference process leading up to a final law. There is no global consensus about the appropriateness of such a measure and little prospect that it would be adopted more widely.

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## Recovery and Resolution Plans

There has been extensive debate about these measures and it is highly likely that some version will be introduced as a matter of general norms and national legislation. While the measures are not yet finalized in terms of an international standard, supervisors in several countries have already conducted discussions of such plans with their banks, and are requiring work on the lines discussed below. The ultimate cost implications will depend critically on the model adopted, how aggressively supervisors interpret the requirements, and the tax implications of required changes.

- Recovery plans are intended to allow the institution to continue as a going concern in the event of financial distress, and return to financial health. They will typically involve strengthening liquidity and capital and curtailing-or divesting-parts of the business.
- Resolution plans are about making provision for an institution to fail in a way which does not create systemic risk and require it to be rescued using public funds.

Putting such plans into place entails three types of cost. Putting in place the elements of the plan itself - making improvements to 'knowing your business', responding to the information needs of regulators and colleges involve some cost, which would range from minor to relatively material depending on what ongoing information requirements are imposed. To the extent that firms are then obliged to make changes to the business-to simplify structures, develop new IT and reporting, or to put in place additional assured sources of liquidity or capital, this will involve significant additional costs, including higher tax burdens, on the institutions concerned.

The third, and probably most substantial, set of costs arises from the resolution or winding down of failed institutions. Such costs may arise from a variety of sources, including the need for working capital or the costs associated with transferring systemically important activities to a bridge institution. There is general agreement (including from the industry) that such costs should not fall to taxpayers and that the industry should pay. Much current debate focuses on whether these costs should be met from resolution funds set up in advance, or by means of recovering costs from the financial sector following resolution.

This has become a major political issue in the US, but it appears that the ultimate financial reform law might include an ex-post approach. The balance of opinion within the industry is also for an ex-post approach (though this view is not universally held). An ex-ante fund would in effect constitute an additional tax on the industry, regardless of the basis of assessment. The IMF has recently proposed a wider array of tax ideas, discussed below.

## Taxes on Banks

The IMF recently proposed two broad types of taxes on financial institutions. ${ }^{32}$

- A 'financial stability contribution' to meet the costs of support for the financial sector. This would be imposed initially on a flat rate-but subsequently on a risk based-basis.
- A 'financial activities tax' which would be levied on institutions' profits and/or remuneration.

It remains unclear whether the proceeds of such taxes would go to general tax revenue or form part of an ex ante fund to finance future bank resolutions. The IMF found no compelling arguments for a financial transactions tax (or 'Tobin' tax to be paid on specific types of financial transactions).

There is at present no consensus regarding the desirability of any specific new tax on financial institutions, let alone the form this might take. Meanwhile a number of national measures have been implemented or proposed.

- The proposed 'Obama levy' is for a fee totally $0.15 \%$ of covered liabilities defined as total assets less Tier 1 capital less FDIC insured deposits. Although ostensibly designed to repay TARP costs to the taxpayer, it has also been described as a charge on an implicit guarantee for banks with wholesale funding (thus perpetuating the idea of 'too big to fail') and as a measure to discourage leverage through wholesale market funding. This provision was not included in the Senate financial reform proposal but is still under active legislative consideration.
- Taxes on bankers' bonuses. Both the UK and France have announced plans for one-off taxes on bank bonuses. The UK measure, which was proposed as a oneoff, imposes a $50 \%$ tax on bonuses in excess of $£ 25000$ and was expected to raise around $£ 550 \mathrm{mn}$.
- The new UK government has in the past proposed a tax on banks amounting to around $£ 1$ bn per annum which would be paid into general taxes.

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## Chapter 3

## Impact on the United States Economy

## Introduction and Summary

- The US banking system has adjusted rapidly since the onset of the phase of financial stress in the middle of 2007.
- The crisis of 2008-09 produced a substantial increase in both liquidity and capital ratios of the US banking system. In both cases, these sharp increases have been driven not only by policy steps such as the Supervisory Capital Assessment Program (SCAP) and the Fed's extraordinary liquidity provision but also by banks' desire to cope with market pressures and position themselves for likely regulatory tightening.
- In comparing two forward-looking scenarios—one with ten specific aspects of regulatory change and a base scenario-we have to make a series of assumptions. Although we assume that banks are able to run lower capital and liquidity ratios in our base scenario relative to our reform scenario, it would nonetheless involve banks making dramatic changes in their behavior and risk management practices that reduce systemic risk.
- Through a variety of channels, reform measures would be passed on to bank borrowers in the form of a higher lending rate. All other things equal, this dampens the demand for bank credit, overall (nominal) credit, which then affects nominal GDP, real GDP and employment.
- The imposition of tighter regulatory controls over the next five years raises core Tier 1 capital requirements for US banks by about $\$ 250$ billion by 2015. This, and a variety of other changes in funding costs, would lead to an increase in bank lending rates of about 193 basis points by 2014.
- As a result, the path of real GDP would be lower than in a scenario of no regulatory change, with the negative impact rising fastest in the next five years when the economy is struggling to resume a solid growth against the headwinds of a fiscal policy reversal. By 2015, the downward deviation would be about 2.6\%.
- The loss in jobs in the regulatory change scenario (relative to the base) is about 4.6 million by 2015. This slower recovery in employment and output can be viewed as
a significant price to pay for a more heavily-regulated and arguably more stable system.
- Given that bank intermediation accounts for less than one quarter of total credit intermediation in the US, the macroeconomic impact of bank regulatory change hinges critically on the ability of the non-bank financial sector to substitute for banks in the credit intermediation process.
- Among the important constraints on the non-bank sector to do so, the most significant include the very limited potential for growth in the assets of government-sponsored financial enterprises, wholesale market funded finance companies, and securitization activity. High dependency on banks of small and medium sized businesses, which typically create $70 \%$ of new jobs, presents another key issue.


## The Starting Point: Rapid Adjustment Achieved

The US banking system has adjusted rapidly since the onset of the phase of financial stress in the middle of 2007 (Table 5). Most notably, there has been a significant decline in the number of banks, with a total of FDIC insured banks falling by 511 in the two and half years after June 2007. Whereas shrinkage of the number of banks has been a standard feature of the US landscape for many years, what was most striking about 2008 and, especially, 2009 was the number of banks that failed, as distinct from being merged. A further 57 banks have failed so far in $2010^{33}$.

Table 5
The U.S. Banking System in Summary

|  | Jun 07 | Dec 07 | Dec 08 | Dec 09 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Banks | 7350 | 7283 | 7086 | 6839 |
| Bank Failures (total over previous 12 months ) | 1 | 3 | 25 | 140 |
| Total Assets |  |  |  |  |
| FDIC Data (\$ trillion ) | 10.411 | 11.176 | 12.309 | 11.846 |
| $\quad$ \%oya | 8.4 | 10.7 | 10.1 | -3.8 |
| Federal Reserve Data (\$ trillion ) | 10.07 | 10.786 | 12.282 | 11.681 |
| $\quad$ \%oya | 8.9 | 10.9 | 13.9 | -4.9 |
| Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA, \$ trillion ) | 8.121 | 8.606 | 9.021 | 8.736 |
| $\quad$ \%oya | 11.0 | 10.8 | 4.8 | -3.2 |
| Capital Ratios (all expressed as \% of RWA ) |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Regulatory Capital | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 14.2 |
| Tier 1 Capital | 9.6 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 11.4 |
| $\quad$ Core Tier 1 Capital | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 10.5 |
| Liquid Asset Ratio | 14.4 | 12.8 | 17.3 | 19.3 |
| Share of Banks in Credit Intermediation (\%) | 23.6 | 24.0 | 24.2 | 23.6 |
| Sorces: Federal Reserve FDC |  |  |  |  |

[^19]There has also been a dramatic increase in liquidity and capital ratios (Chart 13). We have defined a (narrow) liquid asset ratio, consisting of banks' balances at the Federal Reserve and banks' holdings of Treasury debt relative to total assets. This ratio rose sharply in the past two years, from 12.8 percent, to 19.3 percent. In large part, this was because of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy which left banks with substantial excess reserves (about \$1 trillion, or 8.5 percent of total assets). Regulatory capital ratios have risen by about 2 percentage points of risk-weighted assets in the past two years, with the rise concentrated on core Tier 1 equity (or tangible common equity).

## Chart 13

U.S. Banks' Liquid Asset and Core Tier 1 Capital Ratios


Part of the increase in capital ratios will have been driven by the prospects of regulatory reform as well as the strictures of the SCAP. Some also reflects an increase in market pressures, with banks responding to systemic solvency concerns by building up buffers in the midst of the recession.

Total banking system assets have actually risen (on both an unadjusted and a riskweighted basis) since the onset on the crisis in 2007Q3. In part this is because of the need by banks to re-intermediate credit back on to their balance sheets, especially in the second half of 2007 and 2008. Most measures of bank credit have been falling for the past year or so, however (Charts 14 and 15).

Chart 14
Trends in U.S. Bank Lending to Businesses
\% change over latest 6 months, saar


## Chart 15

Trends in U.S. Bank Lending to Consumers
$\%$ change over latest $6 m$, saar (both scales)


## Modeling Regulatory Change: Anticipation versus Market Discipline

In modeling the impact of regulatory change on the economy, we have created a simple spreadsheet model and used it to make two detailed projections of the US banking system and the economy: one with reform and one without. We interpret the difference between the two scenarios as the "cumulative impact".

In our model, the detail of the banking system is more extensive than the detail of the economy, so our economic results are best interpreted as broadly indicative of trends, rather than precise estimates. The US model, together with detailed results of each scenario, is presented in the appendix to this Chapter, while the generic description of the IIF models is given in the appendix to Chapter 1.

The specifics on the regulatory change scenario and its implications for the US banking and financial system and economy and reviewed in the next two sections, but it is important to note that the base scenario of "no change" involves, in itself, important assumptions of change from the current situation.

As noted above, the crisis of 2008-09 produced a substantial increase in both liquidity and capital ratios of the US banking systems. In both cases, these sharp increases appear to have been driven in part by a desire on the part of banks to position themselves as "ultra-safe", so as to reassure regulators, supervisors, equity investors, wholesale funders and depositors. From a regulatory standpoint, the push for safety was carried out through the enforcement of the Supervisory Capital Assessment Program (SCAP) by the Federal Reserve, the successful implementation of which represented an important
turning point in the financial crisis ${ }^{34}$. The capital increases appear also to have been driven in part by a desire to anticipate, and thus position for, higher regulatory capital and liquidity requirements ${ }^{35}$. Banks' liquidity positions have been boosted by the $\$ 1$ trillion of excess reserves that were put into the system by the Federal Reserve. These are projected to be run down to more normal levels in both scenarios.

## Specifics of Regulatory Change Scenario ${ }^{36}$

In our quantitative work to date, we have focused on modeling those measures which have both a high level of clarity (albeit so far unquantified) and likelihood of occurrence (see Chapter 2). We have also focused on the Basel III proposals (see Chapter 2), which can be put into our framework in a relatively straightforward manner. In the light of the recent stepped up effort to pass US-specific reform legislation, we have endeavored to capture the impact of these additional measures, although our framework is not wellpositioned to capture some of the most radical proposals, including those to limit bank size and severely restrict use of derivatives.

In assessing the cumulative effects of regulatory change on the US economy, our specific assumptions can be broken into two groups. The first is the changes that are part of the globally-coordinated efforts through the BCBS:

1) An increase in trading book capital at the end of 2010. Our estimate is that the commercial banking system held about $\$ 751$ billion in trading book assets at the end of 2009. This was already well down from a peak of $\$ 829$ billion at the end of 2008, and we expect this decline to continue through 2010, in large part in anticipation of the increase in the capital charges against holding these assets. Based on industry estimates, we project the capital charge levied against these holdings to rise by about three fold, which we capture by raising the average risk weighting assigned to such trading book securities from $10 \%$ to $30 \%$ for securities of financial firms held in the trading book), and from $25 \%$ to $75 \%$ for securities of non-financial firms.
2) A two percentage point increase in the minimum Tier 1 and overall regulatory capital ratios, to $6 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively, to take place in 2012. If this change were enacted today, then the increase would have little immediate direct impact

[^20]on US banks, since they currently hold capital (on both definitions) well in excess of BIS regulatory minima (at the end of 2009, the ratios were $10.5 \%$ and $14.2 \%$, respectively). More at issue is what to assume about the buffer over the minimum that would be required by the national authorities in the two scenarios. As far as the "regulatory change" scenario is concerned, this issue is covered in the discussion of counter-cyclical buffers (see below). For the base scenario, however, we assume that US regulators maintain about the same average buffers in 2011-20 as prevailed from 1992-2008 (these buffers were 4.5 percentage points on total and 5.9 percentage points on Tier 1 capital). This would allow the core Tier 1 capital ratio to fall steadily from $12.5 \%$ at the end of 2010 to $11.6 \%$ in 2015-16.
3) Quality of capital. The greater emphasis on "core" Tier 1 equity (TCE) versus total Tier 1 would not greatly stress US banks, given their holdings of TCE amounted to $92 \%$ of total Tier 1 capital at the end of 2009. Redefinition effects are more of an issue (i.e. items currently counted as part of Tier 1 capital will no longer be eligible for such treatment under new regulations). Based on estimates from brokers' reports, we anticipate that about $\$ 120$ billion of what is currently eligible to be counted as Tier 1 capital is re-classified (as Tier 2 capital) over a 3 year horizon from 2012 to 2014 (i.e. $\$ 40$ billion per year).
4) Countercyclical buffers. We project a countercyclical buffer, in the form of a higher Tier 1 capital buffer, to be imposed as the business cycle unfolds. In the absence of a clear guidance from the BCBS on this matter, we have assumed that this would take the form of an additional 1 percentage point increase in the Tier 1 minimum for the expected "central phase" of the next business cycle, which we would interpret as years 3 through years 6 of the expansion. In the upcoming cycle, this period would be 2012 through 2015. This period would correspond to the phase 2004-2007 in the last cycle, which is clearly the phase when, retrospectively, it would have been desirable to impose some brakes on the expansion phase of the credit cycle. Of course, it is always easy to see the strong phase of a business cycle in retrospect, and far more challenging to be so decisive on an ex ante basis. Importantly, we assume that that these leads to an equivalent increase in observed capital ratios during this period of the expansion.
5) Higher holdings of liquid assets as a result of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR). The Liquidity Coverage Ratio will require that banks hold sufficient liquid assets to ensure that they can survive a period of extreme stress. In our framework, we set the overall liquid asset ratio, so at to ensure that banks comfortably meet the LCR through the projection horizon in the regulatory change scenario. In the base scenario, the LCR is not a binding constraint. Specifically, in that scenario banks target a stable liquid asset ratio through the next five years (2010-2014), followed by a steady decline back to $15 \%$ thereafter. For the regulatory reform scenario, we project the liquid asset ratio to be increased to $22 \%$ in 2012, maintained at that level through 2013, and trimmed steadily back to 18\% thereafter.
6) A greater reliance on longer-term over short-term wholesale funding, as a result of the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR). The new liquidity provisions will also apply on the liabilities' side of banks' balance sheets. We assume that the NSFR will be introduced in 2012, and that this will have the effect (in the 2010-2012 period) of shifting the split of banks' wholesale funding from short-term to long term, and maintaining it there through the forecast horizon.

The second set of changes is those that are US-specific, at least currently (although USspecific changes are apt to become part of a new global standard and spread to other countries). These proposals are currently developing in the Financial Reform Bill, different versions of which have now passed the House and the Senate ${ }^{37}$. This will now go to Conference (a joint committee of both parts of the legislature) for reconciliation. This process could be completed by July $4^{\text {th }}, 2010$. There are 118 new regulations in the Senate bill, so it is impossible to capture the likely myriad of changes embodied in the new legislation fully in our framework. Nonetheless, we believe that the first two of the points below incorporate some of the effects of the legislation. The other two changes reflect what we believe to be plausible other developments (part from the Financial Reform Bill) that need consideration:
7) Higher cost of wholesale bank funding. While there are considerable uncertainties as to the final shape of the legislation, one key aim is to increase resolution powers of the FDIC. In principle, financial support programs for institutions suffering any kind of "run" would be forbidden, and a large financial institution in difficulty-or perceived to be in difficulty-would be put in the hands of the FDIC and wound down in an "orderly" way. The main implication of this proposal would be to raise the cost of wholesale funding, since debt holders would now be far more vulnerable to losses resulting from disorderly financial market conditions, and would not enjoy the support provided by government guarantees in the 2008 crisis. This effect of raising the cost of wholesale market funding-the result of reduced demand for bank debt by investors-would come on top of the increased supply of long-term paper caused by the net stable funding rule. Our framework assumes that there is always some price at which investors will be willing to buy longer-term bank debt, so the increase in the supply of such securities leads to an increase in overall funding costs ${ }^{38}$. In our projections, we have assumed an added cost of long-term bank wholesale funding of 200 basis points. It is possible, of course, that such marginal wholesale funding might not be available (at any reasonable prices), in which case the banking system would be forced to cut its assets more aggressively than our projections envisage.
8) Lower growth in credit from non-bank sources. There are many other provisions of the legislation, but many of them center on reducing the ability of banks to

[^21]engage in securities sales and trading activities, including severe limits on banks abilities to engage in derivatives business. While there is no straightforward way to model the impact of these measures within our framework, we believe that it is reasonable that the combination of these measures would be sufficient to raise the cost of non-bank credit intermediation sufficiently to trim the growth in non-bank credit to be one percentage point lower than in a "no change" scenario between 2011-15. Given the importance of non-bank credit intermediation to the US economy, this slower rate of growth in non-bank credit cumulates to a significant restraint on the economy.
9) Financial Crisis Responsibility Fee (FCRF). In January 2010, President Obama proposed a fee on all banks and finance companies with more than $\$ 50$ billion in assets in order to recoup the costs of the TARP program ${ }^{39}$. According to industry estimates, annual revenues from the tax could amount to about $\$ 11$ billion ${ }^{40}$. While the universe of firms covered by the tax is not quite the same as the banking sector in our model, the pre-tax net income of banks in our model averages $\$ 265$ billion in 2010-11. If enacted, the FCRF would thus amount to an additional marginal tax rate of about 10 percent. We assume that this tax is imposed as a one-off levy in 2011, but this tax could easily be made permanent. Indeed, one provision of the original Senate legislation was the creation of a $\$ 50$ billion fund to meet the cost of possible future financial crises. This did not make it into the final bill. The House bill creates a pre-funded Dissolution Fund of $\$ 150$ billion paid for by taxes on banks. While this is also unlikely to make it into final legislation, there is growing momentum to make the FCRF permanent, rather than one-off. If this were done, it would obviously add to our estimates of the GDP growth and employment effects of regulatory change.
10) Greater pressure on compensation. We assume that the regulatory change scenario will lead to greater pressure on banks to restrain employee compensation. In our model, employee compensation is part of the "noninterest cost" component of the profit and loss and account. In 2009, overall non-interest costs were $\$ 353$ billion. In our base scenario, we assume that this component grows in line with nominal GDP. In our regulatory change scenario, we assume that non-interest costs rise by 2.5 percentage points less than nominal GDP between 2011-16 (given that employee compensation is only a part of this cost line, the implied decline in employee compensation would be more significant).

Our regulatory change scenario does not capture all of the proposals that could be part of the financial reform legislation. For example, when President Obama proposed the "Volcker Rule" in January (a ban on banks trading for their own book or owning hedge funds), he also suggested that there should be limits imposed on the overall size of banks and the degree of concentration in the banking industry ${ }^{41}$. Presumably, this could

[^22]be expressed in the form of limits on the share of overall wholesale funding. Such a "hard stop" (forcing banks to shed assets and wholesale liabilities) could be quite disruptive.

## Our Results in Outline

In its simplest terms, the model operates through tighter regulatory requirements squeezing the banking sector's net interest margins. This squeeze is then passed on to borrowers in the form of a higher lending rate. All other things equal, this dampens the demand for bank credit, overall (nominal) credit, which then affects nominal GDP, real GDP and employment ${ }^{42}$.

A comparison between the outcome for many key variables from both the banking sector and the economy is presented in Table 6 (below), which cover projections through 2020.

Not surprisingly, the main differential between the two scenarios opens up over the next 5 years, when the regulatory measures take hold. Over the first five years of the regulatory change scenario, real growth (and employment) is appreciably weaker and prices lower. Economic performance is more even later in the decade, in part because counter-cyclical buffers are reversed.

The imposition of tighter regulatory controls over the next five years, however, would act to raise core Tier 1 capital requirements for US banks by about $\$ 250$ billion by 2015. Through an increase in what we call the shadow price of bank equity, this would lead to an increase in bank lending rates of about 193 basis points by 2014 (Chart 16).

This would contribute to a halving in the rate of growth of bank (and total) credit to the private sector over that time horizon. In turn, this would cumulate in the loss of about $\$ 860$ billion of nominal GDP by 2014, after which time this nominal loss would continue to rise, albeit it more slowly (Chart 17). Note that this income loss is not absolute but relative (i.e. by 2014, nominal GDP is projected to be $\$ 860$ billion lower than it would otherwise be).

[^23]Table 6
United States: Cumulative Effects Results

|  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | $\begin{array}{r} A v g \\ 2011-20 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real GDP (2010 = 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100 | 102.7 | 105.2 | 108.1 | 110.6 | 113.6 | 116.7 | 119.5 | 122.5 | 125.6 | 128.8 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100 | 101.4 | 103.4 | 105.8 | 107.7 | 110.7 | 113.8 | 116.5 | 119.5 | 122.4 | 125.3 |  |
| Difference (\%) | 0.0 | -1.2 | -1.7 | -2.1 | -2.6 | -2.6 | -2.5 | -2.5 | -2.5 | -2.5 | -2.7 |  |
| Real GDP (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Regulatory change | 3.0 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| GDP deflator ( $2010=100)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100 | 102.0 | 104.6 | 107.6 | 110.6 | 113.7 | 116.9 | 120.1 | 123.5 | 126.9 | 130.4 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100 | 101.6 | 103.6 | 106.1 | 108.5 | 111.3 | 114.4 | 117.6 | 120.9 | 124.2 | 127.5 |  |
| GDP deflator (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| Regulatory change | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 |


| Nominal GDP (\$ trillion) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 14.938 | 15.647 | 16.434 | 17.374 | 18.261 | 19.284 | 20.369 | 21.441 | 22.605 | 23.817 | 25.080 |  |
| Regulatory change | 14.881 | 15.324 | 15.936 | 16.707 | 17.401 | 18.333 | 19.376 | 20.393 | 21.496 | 22.631 | 23.783 |  |
| Difference (\$bn) | -56 | -323 | -498 | -667 | -860 | -951 | -993 | -1048 | -1109 | -1186 | -1297 |  |
| Employment (millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 129.7 | 131.3 | 132.4 | 133.6 | 134.6 | 135.7 | 137.1 | 138.2 | 139.3 | 140.4 | 141.5 |  |
| Regulatory change | 129.4 | 129.7 | 129.5 | 130.1 | 130.3 | 131.1 | 132.6 | 133.7 | 134.7 | 135.7 | 136.6 |  |
| Difference ('000) | -274 | -1620 | -2844 | -3525 | -4242 | -4585 | -4516 | -4474 | -4539 | -4655 | -4867 |  |
| Private sector credit (2010 = 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100 | 108.0 | 113.0 | 119.9 | 125.8 | 133.1 | 140.3 | 146.9 | 154.3 | 161.8 | 169.6 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100 | 103.9 | 106.1 | 110.2 | 112.9 | 118.4 | 125.0 | 130.8 | 137.3 | 143.8 | 150.0 |  |
| Private sector credit growth (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | -0.9 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| Regulatory change | -2.1 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| Bank assets (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | -1.6 | 7.9 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| Regulatory change | -1.4 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 4.1 | -1.4 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 | 4.1 |


| Risk-weighted assets (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | -2.0 | 9.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Regulatory change | -2.3 | 9.7 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Bank credit growth to the private sector (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | -2.2 | 8.0 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| Regulatory change | -2.7 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| Core equity shadow price (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 19.0\% | 7.5\% | 10.0\% | 9.4\% | 10.2\% | 10.2\% | 10.4\% | 10.8\% | 11.2\% | 11.6\% | 12.4\% | 10.4\% |
| Regulatory change | 19.0\% | 12.9\% | 12.8\% | 12.3\% | 13.7\% | 12.1\% | 11.5\% | 11.6\% | 11.6\% | 12.0\% | 12.7\% | 12.3\% |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Real lending rate (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | $3.7 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $2.6 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ |
| Regulatory change | $4.0 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $4.5 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $3.4 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $3.1 \%$ | $3.2 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| Difference (bps) | 31 | 170 | 163 | 171 | 193 | 146 | 119 | 103 | 98 | 93 | 99 | 136 |


| Regulatory capital ratio (\% of RWA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 15.2\% | 13.8\% | 13.1\% | 12.5\% | 12.1\% | 11.6\% | 11.1\% | 10.6\% | 10.1\% | 9.6\% | 9.1\% | 11.4\% |
| Regulatory change | 16.5\% | 15.4\% | 15.9\% | 16.3\% | 16.9\% | 16.3\% | 15.7\% | 15.1\% | 14.6\% | 14.0\% | 13.6\% | 15.4\% |
| Core Tier 1 Capital (\$ billion) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 918 | 918 | 918 | 935 | 953 | 970 | 986 | 1003 | 1018 | 1031 | 1045 |  |
| Regulatory change | 1023 | 1068 | 1103 | 1164 | 1199 | 1217 | 1236 | 1254 | 1272 | 1288 | 1305 |  |
| Difference | 105 | 150 | 185 | 229 | 246 | 247 | 249 | 252 | 254 | 257 | 260 |  |
| Core Tier 1 capital ratio (\% of RWA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 11.2\% | 10.2\% | 9.8\% | 9.4\% | 9.2\% | 8.9\% | 8.6\% | 8.3\% | 8.0\% | 7.7\% | 7.4\% | 8.7\% |
| Regulatory change | 12.5\% | 11.9\% | 11.9\% | 12.1\% | 12.3\% | 11.8\% | 11.4\% | 11.0\% | 10.6\% | 10.2\% | 9.9\% | 11.3\% |
| Return on bank equity (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 15.5\% | 11.4\% | 12.9\% | 12.7\% | 13.8\% | 13.0\% | 12.3\% | 12.2\% | 11.4\% | 9.8\% | 10.3\% | 12.0\% |
| Regulatory change | 15.3\% | 10.5\% | 11.2\% | 10.7\% | 11.9\% | 10.8\% | 10.6\% | 10.5\% | 9.9\% | 8.9\% | 9.2\% | 10.4\% |

Sources: IIF Estimates

## Chart 16



Chart 17
Estimated "Cost" of Regulatory Reform on U.S. Economy
\$ billion


Source: IIF Estimates

The employment implications of this loss in income are driven by real GDP, which is less severely hit than nominal GDP, since inflation in the regulatory change scenario is weaker throughout. In part, this reflects lower nominal credit growth; in part, the higher
(negative) output gap. Once again, this is a relative not an absolute story. That said the relative loss in jobs under a regulatory change scenario is quite striking (and sustained; see Chart 18).

The most concerning development of the negative economic developments resulting from the regulatory change scenario is not just their scale, but their timing. The maximum hit comes in 2011-2014 when the tougher new regulatory policies are assumed to be imposed. This is the period, however, when the US (and global) economies are expected to be struggling to sustain a healthy recovery from the damage of the deep recession of 2008-09. Particularly concerning are the risks associated with deflation, and high and rising budget deficits. A scenario that contributes to weaker nominal growth and subdued leverage in the private sector would seem, at face value, to be one that could add to the downward pressures on the price level and upward pressures on government debt.

Chart 18
U.S. Employment Implications of Regulatory Reform
thousands


Source: IIF Estimates

## Non-Bank Credit Intermediation: The "Spare Tire" Theory

One critical issue shaping the macroeconomic impact of bank regulatory change is the ability of the non-bank financial sector to substitute for banks in the credit intermediation process. This is particularly important in the United States, where the share of bank intermediation (as measured by the proportion of total financial sector credit market instruments held by commercial banks) is less than one-quarter
(Chart 19). This share had been falling steadily between 1974 and 2004, but actually rose slightly between 2003Q4 and 2008Q4. It fell again through 2009, however.
The ability of the non-bank sector to substitute for the bank sector at times of weakness was widely seen as a major strength of the US financial system, at least until recently. It was even given a name: the "Spare Tire" theory ${ }^{43}$.

These "spare tire" effects became most evident at two points between 1997 and 2003 (Chart 20). During the Asian-Russian-LTCM crisis in 1998-99, bank credit slowed, but this effect was offset by acceleration in credit growth by non-bank entities. Indeed, it was at this time that the "spare tire" phrase was conceived, in part to highlight the diversity of credit supply sources in the United States, as well as to underline why the financial crisis had been so traumatic to East Asian economies, since they had been over-dependent on large banking systems and, thus, vulnerable to the sudden downturn in the banking sector's fortunes ${ }^{44}$.

## Chart 19



Source: Federal Reserve

The second episode was the recession and debt reduction phase of 2001-03, when a sharp dip in bank credit growth was offset by acceleration in credit from other sources.

[^24]Major corporate bankruptcies (especially Enron and WorldCom) did thus not have a devastating impact on the overall credit supply process, presumably helping dampen the depth and duration of the 2001 recession.

In both of these "spare tire" episodes, the bank credit expanded, at the margin, by less than non-bank credit. In both episodes, however, Government Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs) and Agency and GSE-insured mortgage pools contributed about one-third of total credit creation (Table 7). Outside these episodes, there were some phases during the period 1996-2002 that growth rates in bank lending and non-bank lending were positively correlated. But, for the period as a whole, there was essentially no correlation between the (year ago) growth rates of the two variables.

| Table 7 |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Change in Credit in Two "Spare Tire" Phases |  |  |
| \$ billion, unless stated |  |  |
| Overall financial system | $1999 Q 2-1998 Q 2$ | 2000Q4-2003Q4 |
| Banks | 1814 | 5550 |
| Contribution (\%) | 246 | 991 |
| Non-bank | $13.6 \%$ | $17.9 \%$ |
| Contribution (\%) | 1523 | 4404 |
| o/w GSE and Agencies | $84.0 \%$ | $79.3 \%$ |
| Contribution (\%) | 610 | 1608 |
| ABS issuers | $33.6 \%$ | $29.0 \%$ |
| Money market funds | 249 | 711 |
| Finance companies | 187 | 154 |
| Contribution (\%) | 118 | 367 |
| Others | $64.1 \%$ | $51.2 \%$ |
| Contribution (\%) | 361 | 1564 |
|  | $19.9 \%$ | $28.2 \%$ |
| Contribution (\%) |  | 155 |

Sources: Federal Reserve, IIF Estimates

More recently, however, the view that bank and non-bank credit are offsetting alternatives has not held. Since 2003Q1, the positive correlation between the (year ago) growth in bank and non-bank credit has been a relatively high 84 percent. Significantly, the plunge in credit growth from non-bank sources preceded the drop in bank credit in the most recent downturn (Chart 20).

As has been well documented, some of the most buoyant forms of non-bank credit in the latest upswing came in the form of a rapid expansion of on and off balance sheet activity by the (housing-related) GSEs, as well as rapid growth in credit assets held issuers of asset backed securities (ABS) and wholesale market funded finance companies. These institutions had also been very supportive of overall credit growth during the "spare tire" episodes mentioned above (Table 7). In retrospect, however,
policy makers and market participants came away from the 1998-99 and, especially, the 2001-03 episodes with too sanguine a view towards the system stabilizing properties of the non-bank financial sector. In the latest downturn, it became a key source of, rather than protection against, financial instability. ${ }^{45}$

Chart 20
Credit Instruments Held by Domestic Financial Sector percent change over a year ago


Although the overall decline in non-bank credit over the past year matched that of banks, the severity of the decline in some key components of non-bank credit over that time has been quite dramatic (Table 8). Savings banks, money market funds, ABS issuers, finance companies, broker-dealers and funding corporations all suffered double digit declines. Key stabilizing forces were GSEs, insurance companies and pension funds and, especially, mutual funds (excluding money market funds) ${ }^{46}$.

This diversity in recent performance is a salutary reminder that the non-bank credit sector in the United States is far from a homogenous block. This makes projecting a plausible path for the sector over the years ahead quite challenging.

In constructing our two scenarios, we developed a model for aggregate non-bank credit growth whose main ingredient is the same factors that drive bank credit growth. In

[^25]addition (as noted above), we assumed that non-bank credit grows by a percentage point per year less in the regulatory change scenario relative to the base scenario. The resulting two paths (neither of which is strong) are shown in Chart 21.

| Table 8 <br> Total Credit Market Instruments Held in Financial Sector |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dec-09 |  | Change since (\%saar) |  |
|  | \$ billion | \% of total | Dec-08 | Dec-06 |
| Commercial banks | 9.005 | 23.6 | -4.5 | 3.8 |
| Federal Reserve | 1.988 | 5.2 | 101.6 | 36.7 |
| Savings banks and credit unions | 1.804 | 4.7 | -10.6 | -5.8 |
| Insurance companies | 3.883 | 10.2 | 4.3 | 2.4 |
| Pension funds (public and private) | 1.939 | 5.1 | 0.8 | 5.1 |
| Money market funds | 2.031 | 5.3 | -24.1 | 9.2 |
| Mutual \& closed end funds \& ETFs | 2.896 | 7.6 | 17.5 | 10.9 |
| GSE and GSE-backed pools | 8.087 | 21.2 | 1.2 | 8.0 |
| ABS issuers | 3.333 | 8.7 | -16.7 | -6.5 |
| Finance companies | 1.550 | 4.1 | -11.8 | -5.1 |
| Real estate investment trusts | 0.172 | 0.5 | -4.7 | -13.5 |
| Brokers and dealers | 0.530 | 1.4 | -26.2 | -3.2 |
| Funding corporations | 0.875 | 2.3 | -14.6 | 34.8 |
| Total | 38.092 |  | -2.0 | 4.4 |
| Memo: Excluding banks and Fed | 27.100 | 71.1 | -4.8 | 3.2 |

Source: Federal Reserve

Chart 21


As with banks, it is also difficult to determine the relative roles of changed behavior versus the fear of future regulation in shaping recent conservative behavior by some non-bank intermediaries.

In the case of non-bank financial intermediaries, however, there are two specific institutions that seem certain to shrink their balance sheets over coming years. First, the Federal Reserve (which is not part of our non-bank credit aggregate) will most likely endeavor to reduce its balance sheet back towards its pre-crisis size. This would imply a reduction of about $\$ 1$ trillion. Second, likely GSE reform will be accompanied by an overall reduction in those institutions' aggregate balance sheets. Both of these balance sheet declines would be concentrated on one specific asset-mortgage backed securities. Other sectors may well continue to shrink (e.g., ABS issuers). For the overall non-bank aggregate to grow at anything like the rate of nominal GDP, therefore, we would need to see steady, significant growth in the assets of "healthy" non-bank credit intermediaries (e.g. mutual funds and insurance companies) ${ }^{47}$.

There are two ways in which the regulatory reform agenda would likely restrain nonbank credit flows relative to a base scenario of no change:

- Most obviously, reforms are understandably geared to achieving a safer overall financial system, and a key part of this will be ensuring that no new "shadow" banking system will be created. In particular, this is liable to constrict the growth of money market funds, whose ability to engage in bank-like maturity transformation (e.g. by holding the commercial paper of ABS issuers) will be limited.
- There will be efforts to curtail the growth in off-balance activities of banksprimarily through the introduction of a leverage ratio, where the assets to be included in the numerator are likely to be off balance sheet positions measured on a gross notional basis ${ }^{48}$. This would likely lead to a sharp reduction in banks' offbalance sheet positions, which would probably spill-over not only on to their willingness to hold inventories of securities, since these would be more costly to hedge in a less liquid derivatives market. In turn, this could dampen financial intermediation through the bond market. Moreover, thinner derivatives markets

[^26]might well make it more costly for non-banks to manage bond portfolios, directly reducing intermediation flows through this channel.

## Distributional Issues: The Bank Dependency of Small and Medium Sized Firms

Our modeling work focuses on macro aggregates, treating the banking sector, the nonbank financial sector and the non-financial sector (businesses and households) as uniform blocks. In the real world, of course, each major sector is made up of many individual actors, be they firms or households.

Small businesses are more relatively dependent on bank financing than large businesses, and can only access capital markets indirectly through securitization ${ }^{49}$. The tightening in lending conditions for credit cards and small business loans will thus have no doubt acted as a significant restraint on small business activity in the past few quarters. A further tightening in bank credit conditions relative to those for non-bank credit would be liable to favor larger businesses relative to smaller businesses. It should be noted that small businesses account for the creation of 60 to 80 percent of net new jobs annually ${ }^{50}$. This makes it likely that our estimates for net job losses resulting from tighter lending conditions could well be too low, since they are based on broad macro aggregates and do not take these likely adverse compositional effects into account.

[^27]
## Appendix: United States Data Sources

| Type of Data | Sources |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | FDIC database of Statistics on Banking http://www2.fdic.gov/SDI/SOB/ |
| Balance Sheet | Maturity structure of wholesale liabilities was determined based on a sample of top 20 commercial banks, ranked by asset size. Data retrieved via Bloomberg and Bankscope |
| Capital | FDIC database of Statistics on Banking http://www2.fdic.gov/SDI/SOB/ |
| P\&L Model | FDIC database of Statistics on Banking http://www2.fdic.gov/SDI/SOB/ |
| Macroeconomic Data | Bureau of Economic Analysis |
|  | Bureau of Labor Statistics |
|  | Federal Reserve Statistical Release - Flow of Funds Accounts of the United States, March 2010 http://federalreserve.gov/releases/z1/Current/z1.pdf |
|  | OECD Economic Outlook 86 database |

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| \$ billion |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| RATEM2 | Key policy rate | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
|  | Spread over official | -0.07\% | -0.08\% | -0.07\% | -0.05\% | -0.04\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
|  | Wholesale (non-capital) | 72 | 118 | 146 | 90 | 40 | 73 | 85 | 110 | 122 | 141 | 140 | 138 | 147 | 142 | 144 | 150 |
| RATEM3 | Short-term | 39 | 79 | 96 | 36 | -12 | 3 | 11 | 23 | 31 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 49 | 49 | 57 | 59 |
|  | Key policy rate | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
|  | Spread over official | -1.47\% | -1.86\% | -1.65\% | -0.90\% | -0.58\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
|  | Long-term | 33 | 39 | 49 | 54 | 53 | 70 | 74 | 86 | 91 | 102 | 100 | 97 | 98 | 93 | 87 | 90 |
| RATEM4 | 10 yr bond yield | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
|  | Spread over official | -1.47\% | -1.86\% | -1.65\% | -0.90\% | -0.58\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
|  | External | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| RATEEXTL | Average interest rate | -0.13\% | -0.15\% | -0.16\% | -0.10\% | -0.07\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% |
|  | Implied Interest Expense | 157 | 256 | 308 | 201 | 114 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest earnings |  | 268 | 285 | 303 | 320 | 360 | 408 | 335 | 368 | 371 | 400 | 395 | 393 | 399 | 392 | 372 | 392 |
| OOE | Other earnings | 203 | 217 | 211 | 194 | 243 | 254 | 266 | 280 | 296 | 311 | 328 | 347 | 365 | 385 | 405 | 427 |
| NIC | Non-interest costs | 276 | 290 | 314 | 331 | 353 | 370 | 387 | 407 | 430 | 452 | 477 | 504 | 531 | 559 | 589 | 621 |
| Operating profits (pre-credit losses) |  | 194 | 212 | 200 | 183 | 250 | 293 | 214 | 241 | 237 | 259 | 246 | 235 | 233 | 218 | 188 | 198 |
| CREDLOSS | Credit Losses (-) | -27 | -26 | -57 | -153 | -230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Other | 0 | -1 | -1 | -14 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Income before tax |  | 168 | 185 | 142 | 16 | 19 | 293 | 214 | 241 | 237 | 259 | 246 | 235 | 233 | 218 | 188 | 198 |
|  | Tax | 54 | 59 | 43 | 6 | 4 | 88 | 64 | 72 | 71 | 78 | 74 | 71 | 70 | 65 | 56 | 59 |
|  | Extraordinary gains, net | 0 | 3 | -2 | 5 | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Income |  | 114 | 128 | 98 | 15 | 12 | 205 | 150 | 168 | 166 | 181 | 172 | 165 | 163 | 152 | 131 | 138 |
| ROE | Return on Equity | 12.87\% | 13.02\% | 9.12\% | 1.32\% | 0.85\% | 15.50\% | 11.43\% | 12.94\% | 12.70\% | 13.76\% | 12.97\% | 12.33\% | 12.19\% | 11.36\% | 9.80\% | 10.32\% |
| ROA | Return on Assets | 1.30\% | 1.33\% | 0.93\% | 0.13\% | 0.09\% | 1.74\% | 1.23\% | 1.31\% | 1.23\% | 1.28\% | 1.17\% | 1.07\% | 1.03\% | 0.93\% | 0.77\% | 0.78\% |
| Macroeconomic Framework |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal GDP growth |  | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 2.6 | -1.3 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
|  | Residual |  |  |  |  |  | 2.5 | -1.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RGDPG | Real growth | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 0.4 | -2.4 | 3.3 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| PGDPG | GDP deflator | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
|  | Output gap | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | -0.9 | -4.9 | -2.8 | -1.4 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
|  | Employment (thousands) | 133694 | 136086 | 137588 | 136777 | 130901 | 129697 | 131304 | 132382 | 133607 | 134588 | 135717 | 137094 | 138189 | 139263 | 140399 | 141482 |
|  | \%oya | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.1 | -0.6 | -4.3 | -0.9 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Risk-weighted assets | \%oya | 11.3 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 4.8 | -3.2 | -2.0 | 9.2 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| Bank assets |  | 9040 | 10092 | 11176 | 12309 | 11846 | 11654 | 12578 | 13056 | 13814 | 14424 | 15056 | 15661 | 16168 | 16752 | 17337 | 18245 |
|  | \%oya | 7.4 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 10.1 | -3.8 | -1.6 | 7.9 | 3.8 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 5.2 |
|  | \%GDP | 71.5 | 75.3 | 79.4 | 85.2 | 83.1 | 78.0 | 80.4 | 79.4 | 79.5 | 79.0 | 78.1 | 76.9 | 75.4 | 74.1 | 72.8 | 72.7 |
| Bank credit to private sector |  | 4894 | 5484 | 6059 | 6339 | 6058 | 5924 | 6400 | 6671 | 7061 | 7373 | 7785 | 8253 | 8679 | 9162 | 9656 | 10165 |
|  | \%oya | 10.2 | 12.0 | 10.5 | 4.6 | -4.4 | -2.2 | 8.0 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 |
| Other credit | \%GDP | 38.7 | 40.9 | 43.0 | 43.9 | 42.5 | 39.7 | 40.9 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 40.4 | 40.4 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 40.5 |
|  |  | 22627 | 24656 | 27013 | 28476 | 27100 | 26948 | 29092 | 30490 | 32365 | 33968 | 35980 | 37881 | 39617 | 41560 | 43542 | 45571 |
|  | \%oya | 8.0 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 5.4 | -4.8 | -0.6 | 8.0 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
|  | \%GDP | 179.0 | 184.0 | 191.9 | 197.2 | 190.1 | 180.4 | 185.9 | 185.5 | 186.3 | 186.0 | 186.6 | 186.0 | 184.8 | 183.8 | 182.8 | 181.7 |
| Private sector credit | \$ billion | 27522 | 30140 | 33072 | 34815 | 33157 | 32872 | 35492 | 37162 | 39426 | 41341 | 43765 | 46133 | 48296 | 50722 | 53198 | 55735 |
|  | \%oya | 8.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 5.3 | -4.8 | -0.9 | 8.0 | 4.7 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| Nominal GDP |  | 12638 | 13399 | 14078 | 14441 | 14258 | 14938 | 15647 | 16434 | 17374 | 18261 | 19284 | 20369 | 21441 | 22605 | 23817 | 25080 |

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| \$ billion |  | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Bank Balance Sheet Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | New riskweighting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Assets |  | 9040 | 10092 | 11176 | 12309 | 11846 | 11682 |  | 12417 | 12896 | 13431 | 13239 | 13955 | 14531 | 15280 | 15813 | 16632 | 17420 |
| LIQ | Cash | 400 | 433 | 482 | 1042 | 976 | 876 | 0\% | 869 | 838 | 806 | 728 | 698 | 727 | 764 | 791 | 832 | 871 |
| GOV | Government bonds | 1058 | 1088 | 950 | 1088 | 1311 | 1460 | 0\% | 1738 | 1999 | 2149 | 1920 | 2093 | 2034 | 2139 | 2056 | 2162 | 2265 |
| LIQ/TA | Liquid asset ratio | 16.1\% | 15.1\% | 12.8\% | 17.3\% | 19.3\% | 20.0\% |  | 21.0\% | 22.0\% | 22.0\% | 20.0\% | 20.0\% | 19.0\% | 19.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% |
| 1 B | Domestic financial | 132 | 92 | 86 | 67 | 75 | 75 |  | 75 | 50 | 50 | 52 | 56 | 60 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 |
| IB (TB) | Trading Book | 99 | 69 | 64 | 50 | 56 | 50 | 30\% | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| IB (BB) | Banking Book | 33 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 19 | 25 | 25\% | 25 | 25 | 25 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| CORP | Domestic non-financial | 2301 | 2613 | 2976 | 3114 | 2779 | 2703 |  | 2819 | 2881 | 3001 | 3079 | 3245 | 3444 | 3621 | 3821 | 4020 | 4211 |
| CORP (TB) | Trading Book | 575 | 653 | 744 | 778 | 695 | 676 | 75\% | 600 | 550 | 575 | 600 | 625 | 650 | 675 | 675 | 675 | 675 |
| CORP (BB) | Banking Book | 1726 | 1960 | 2232 | 2335 | 2084 | 2027 | 100\% | 2219 | 2331 | 2426 | 2479 | 2620 | 2794 | 2946 | 3146 | 3345 | 3536 |
|  | \%oya | 13.1 | 13.6 | 13.9 | 4.6 | -10.7 | -2.7 |  | 9.4 | 5.1 | 4.1 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| HH | Household | 2593 | 2871 | 3082 | 3225 | 3278 | 3189 |  | 3325 | 3398 | 3540 | 3632 | 3827 | 4063 | 4272 | 4507 | 4742 | 4968 |
| MORT | Mortgages | 1755 | 2013 | 2123 | 2226 | 2299 | 2300 | 100\% | 2300 | 2315 | 2330 | 2350 | 2400 | 2450 | 2500 | 2550 | 2600 | 2650 |
| CC | Other | 838 | 858 | 959 | 999 | 980 | 889 | 100\% | 1025 | 1083 | 1210 | 1282 | 1427 | 1613 | 1772 | 1957 | 2142 | 2318 |
| EXTA | External | 2049 | 2428 | 2981 | 2978 | 2595 | 2559 |  | 2720 | 2825 | 2942 | 2900 | 3057 | 3183 | 3347 | 3464 | 3643 | 3816 |
| EXTA (HG) | High-grade | 615 | 729 | 894 | 893 | 778 | 768 | 25\% | 816 | 847 | 883 | 870 | 917 | 955 | 1004 | 1039 | 1093 | 1145 |
| EXTA (EM) | Risky (EM) | 1434 | 1700 | 2086 | 2085 | 1816 | 1791 | 100\% | 1904 | 1977 | 2059 | 2030 | 2140 | 2228 | 2343 | 2424 | 2550 | 2671 |
|  | Fixed Assets | 92 | 97 | 105 | 110 | 111 | 109 | 100\% | 116 | 120 | 125 | 123 | 130 | 136 | 143 | 148 | 155 | 162 |
|  | Other Assets | 414 | 470 | 514 | 686 | 721 | 711 | 100\% | 756 | 785 | 817 | 806 | 849 | 884 | 930 | 962 | 1012 | 1060 |
| RWA | Risk-weighted assets | 7002 | 7764 | 8606 | 9021 | 8736 | 8199 |  | 8994 | 9250 | 9634 | 9751 | 10279 | 10848 | 11408 | 11971 | 12601 | 13209 |
| IRWA | Implied RWA | 6575 | 7455 | 8442 | 8868 | 8389 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Liabilities |  | 8128 | 9062 | 10033 | 11155 | 10515 | 10267 |  | 10965 | 11365 | 11794 | 11524 | 12217 | 12769 | 13493 | 14003 | 14799 | 15565 |
| M1 | Retail | 4256 | 4511 | 4764 | 5462 | 5896 | 6154 |  | 6337 | 6590 | 6909 | 7196 | 7581 | 8013 | 8433 | 8889 | 9359 | 9835 |
| M2 | Domestic financial | 92 | 120 | 122 | 172 | 150 | 157 |  | 162 | 168 | 176 | 183 | 193 | 204 | 215 | 227 | 239 | 251 |
| M3 | Wholesale (non-capital) | 3600 | 4157 | 4835 | 5202 | 4153 | 3627 |  | 4127 | 4255 | 4340 | 3761 | 4037 | 4124 | 4394 | 4412 | 4702 | 4954 |
|  | Short-term | 2387 | 2739 | 2925 | 3165 | 2216 | 1523 |  | 1403 | 1064 | 868 | 564 | 606 | 619 | 659 | 441 | 470 | 495 |
|  | Long-term | 1214 | 1418 | 1909 | 2037 | 1937 | 2104 |  | 2724 | 3191 | 3472 | 3197 | 3431 | 3505 | 3735 | 3971 | 4232 | 4458 |
| EXTL | External | 179 | 273 | 312 | 318 | 315 | 329 |  | 339 | 352 | 369 | 384 | 405 | 428 | 451 | 475 | 500 | 525 |
| Capital |  | 912 | 1030 | 1143 | 1154 | 1332 | 1415 |  | 1453 | 1531 | 1636 | 1715 | 1738 | 1762 | 1786 | 1810 | 1832 | 1855 |
| T2 | Tier II | 173 | 201 | 240 | 271 | 244 | 250 |  | 240 | 280 | 320 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 |
| T1 | Tier I | 690 | 759 | 812 | 877 | 994 | 1102 |  | 1149 | 1188 | 1253 | 1291 | 1315 | 1339 | 1363 | 1386 | 1409 | 1432 |
| TCE | Core | 604 | 666 | 715 | 755 | 918 | 1023 |  | 1068 | 1103 | 1164 | 1199 | 1217 | 1236 | 1254 | 1272 | 1288 | 1305 |
| T1-TCE | Non-core | 85 | 93 | 97 | 122 | 76 | 79 |  | 81 | 85 | 89 | 92 | 97 | 103 | 108 | 114 | 120 | 126 |
| REGCAP | Regulatory | 863 | 960 | 1052 | 1148 | 1237 | 1352 |  | 1389 | 1468 | 1573 | 1651 | 1675 | 1699 | 1723 | 1746 | 1769 | 1792 |
| REGADJ | Regulatory Adjustments | 50 | 70 | 91 | 6 | 94 | 64 |  | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 | 64 |
| Key Capital ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGCAP/RWA | Regulatory Capital | 12.3\% | 12.4\% | 12.2\% | 12.7\% | 14.2\% | 16.5\% |  | 15.4\% | 15.9\% | 16.3\% | 16.9\% | 16.3\% | 15.7\% | 15.1\% | 14.6\% | 14.0\% | 13.6\% |
| BIS | Regulatory minimum | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 10.0\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% |
| BUFCAP | National buffer (\%pts) | 4.3\% | 4.4\% | 4.2\% | 4.7\% | 6.2\% | 8.5\% |  | 7.4\% | 5.9\% | 5.3\% | 5.9\% | 5.3\% | 4.7\% | 5.1\% | 4.6\% | 4.0\% | 3.6\% |
| T1/RWA | Tier I | 9.8\% | 9.8\% | 9.4\% | 9.7\% | 11.4\% | 13.4\% |  | 12.8\% | 12.8\% | 13.0\% | 13.2\% | 12.8\% | 12.3\% | 11.9\% | 11.6\% | 11.2\% | 10.8\% |
| TCE/RWA | Core Tier I | 8.6\% | 8.6\% | 8.3\% | 8.4\% | 10.5\% | 12.5\% |  | 11.9\% | 11.9\% | 12.1\% | 12.3\% | 11.8\% | 11.4\% | 11.0\% | 10.6\% | 10.2\% | 9.9\% |
| BIS(T1) | Regulatory minimum | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 6.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% |
| BUFCAP (T1) | National buffer (\%pts) | 5.8\% | 5.8\% | 5.4\% | 5.7\% | 7.4\% | 9.4\% |  | 8.8\% | 6.8\% | 6.0\% | 6.2\% | 5.8\% | 5.3\% | 5.9\% | 5.6\% | 5.2\% | 4.8\% |
|  | Required buffer | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% |  | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% |
| LEVRAT | Leverage ratio | 10.5 | 10.5 | 10.6 | 10.7 | 9.6 | 8.6 |  | 8.9 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 9.7 |

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| \$ billion |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period$2010$ | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
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| Key Liquidity ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Liquidity coverage ratio |  |  |  |  |  | 100.2 | 113.1 | 134.0 | 144.7 | 143.1 | 142.3 | 134.7 | 134.0 | 135.9 | 135.3 | 134.8 |
|  | Net stable funding ratio |  |  |  |  |  | 91.5 | 94.7 | 99.1 | 101.3 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 99.2 | 98.9 | 98.6 |
|  | Cash/Assets | 4.4\% | 4.3\% | 4.3\% | 8.5\% | 8.2\% | 7.5\% | 7.0\% | 6.5\% | 6.0\% | 5.5\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% |
| Bank Core Capital Supply Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total new Core C |  |  |  |  |  |  | 105 | 45 | 35 | 61 | 35 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| NEWTCE | Required new issuance |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | 25 | 50 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RROE | Core equity shadow price | 12.5\% | 12.3\% | 14.4\% | 15.5\% | 19.7\% | 19.0\% | 12.9\% | 12.8\% | 12.3\% | 13.7\% | 12.1\% | 11.5\% | 11.6\% | 11.6\% | 12.0\% | 12.7\% |
| REDEF | Redefinition effects |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0 | -40 | -40 | -40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROFRET | Retained income | 50 | 48 | 18 | -27 | -33 | 105 | 45 | 50 | 51 | 50 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| PROFRET/PROF | \% of profits retained | 44\% | 37\% | 18\% | -180\% | -284\% | 50\% | 30\% | 30\% | 30\% | 25\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% |
| Banking Sector P\&L Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest earnings |  | 433 | 548 | 611 | 530 | 482 | 578 | 602 | 688 | 734 | 803 | 778 | 785 | 834 | 843 | 866 | 913 |
|  | Cash | 13 | 21 | 23 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 17 |
| FFUNDS | Rate of return | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
|  | Government bonds | 46 | 51 | 47 | 37 | 39 | 53 | 64 | 79 | 88 | 92 | 85 | 83 | 83 | 79 | 74 | 77 |
| BOND | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
|  | Domestic financial | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
|  | Trading Book | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| BOND | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
|  | Banking Book | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
|  | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| SPREAD (BANK) | Lending spread | 0.79\% | 0.75\% | 0.77\% | 0.78\% | 0.79\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% |
|  | Domestic non-financial | 118 | 170 | 189 | 148 | 128 | 146 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Trading Book | 29 | 42 | 47 | 37 | 32 | 37 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 40 | 39 | 38 | 41 | 40 | 39 | 40 |
|  | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| SPREAD (CORP) | Lending spread | 1.15\% | 2.12\% | 2.14\% | 1.23\% | 1.11\% | 1.49\% | 1.38\% | 1.73\% | 1.87\% | 2.33\% | 2.07\% | 2.00\% | 2.12\% | 2.16\% | 2.34\% | 2.39\% |
|  | Banking Book | 88 | 127 | 142 | 111 | 96 | 110 | 114 | 136 | 146 | 168 | 161 | 162 | 176 | 180 | 189 | 203 |
|  | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| SPREAD (CORP) | Lending spread | 1.15\% | 2.12\% | 2.14\% | 1.23\% | 1.11\% | 1.49\% | 1.38\% | 1.73\% | 1.87\% | 2.33\% | 2.07\% | 2.00\% | 2.12\% | 2.16\% | 2.34\% | 2.39\% |
|  | Household | 136 | 189 | 201 | 154 | 141 | 173 | 175 | 201 | 212 | 245 | 236 | 237 | 255 | 259 | 270 | 286 |
|  | Mortgages | 90 | 130 | 140 | 106 | 98 | 123 | 124 | 138 | 142 | 160 | 150 | 145 | 152 | 149 | 150 | 155 |
|  | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| SPREAD (HH) | Lending spread | 1.15\% | 2.12\% | 2.14\% | 1.23\% | 1.11\% | 1.49\% | 1.38\% | 1.73\% | 1.87\% | 2.33\% | 2.07\% | 2.00\% | 2.12\% | 2.16\% | 2.34\% | 2.39\% |
|  | Other | 46 | 59 | 61 | 48 | 43 | 50 | 51 | 63 | 70 | 85 | 86 | 91 | 104 | 110 | 120 | 131 |
|  | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| SPREAD (HH) | Lending spread | 1.15\% | 2.12\% | 2.14\% | 1.23\% | 1.11\% | 1.49\% | 1.38\% | 1.73\% | 1.87\% | 2.33\% | 2.07\% | 2.00\% | 2.12\% | 2.16\% | 2.34\% | 2.39\% |
|  | Real borrowing rate | 2.10\% | 3.64\% | 3.91\% | 2.73\% | 3.05\% | 3.99\% | 3.83\% | 3.99\% | 3.69\% | 4.53\% | 3.75\% | 3.22\% | 3.35\% | 3.11\% | 3.09\% | 3.21\% |
|  | External | 110 | 98 | 159 | 182 | 211 | 201 | 207 | 226 | 241 | 244 | 244 | 252 | 264 | 269 | 274 | 288 |
|  | High grade | 11 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 27 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 28 | 29 | 31 | 32 | 34 |
|  | Rate of return | 1.82\% | 1.01\% | 1.84\% | 2.33\% | 3.22\% | 3.00\% | 2.80\% | 2.80\% | 2.80\% | 2.80\% | 2.80\% | 3.00\% | 3.00\% | 3.00\% | 3.00\% | 3.00\% |
|  | Risky (EM) | 100 | 91 | 144 | 161 | 184 | 178 | 185 | 203 | 217 | 220 | 219 | 224 | 234 | 238 | 243 | 255 |
|  | Rate of return | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| SPREAD (EXTA) | Lending spread | 2.92\% | 1.02\% | 2.97\% | 4.10\% | 6.18\% | 6.00\% | 6.00\% | 6.20\% | 6.50\% | 6.25\% | 6.25\% | 6.25\% | 6.25\% | 6.25\% | 6.25\% | 6.25\% |
|  | Implied Interest Earnings | 428 | 534 | 624 | 540 | 523 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FFUNDS | Key policy rate | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
| BOND | 10 yr bond yield | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| Interest expenses |  | 165 | 263 | 308 | 211 | 122 | 164 | 263 | 345 | 392 | 424 | 422 | 435 | 479 | 495 | 536 | 566 |
|  | Retail | 83 | 133 | 156 | 108 | 74 | 83 | 109 | 145 | 169 | 194 | 203 | 214 | 247 | 260 | 297 | 312 |
|  | Key policy rate | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
| RATEM1 | Spread over official | -1.19\% | -1.93\% | -1.68\% | 0.04\% | 1.18\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% |
|  | Domestic financial | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |

United States: Regulatory Change Scenario

| \$ billion |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| RATEM2 | Key policy rate | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
|  | Spread over official | -0.07\% | -0.08\% | -0.07\% | -0.05\% | -0.04\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
|  | Wholesale (non-capital) | 72 | 118 | 146 | 90 | 40 | 80 | 152 | 197 | 220 | 227 | 216 | 217 | 228 | 231 | 235 | 249 |
|  | Short-term | 39 | 79 | 96 | 36 | -12 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| RATEM3 | Key policy rate | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% | 0.13\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 1.25\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
|  | Spread over official | -1.47\% | -1.86\% | -1.65\% | -0.90\% | -0.58\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
|  | Long-term | 33 | 39 | 49 | 54 | 53 | 78 | 145 | 185 | 208 | 217 | 207 | 208 | 217 | 222 | 226 | 239 |
|  | 10 yr bond yield | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% | 3.86\% | 4.00\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| RATEM4 | Spread over official | -1.47\% | -1.86\% | -1.65\% | -0.90\% | -0.58\% | 0.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |
|  | External | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RATEEXTL | Average interest rate | -0.13\% | -0.15\% | -0.16\% | -0.10\% | -0.07\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% | 0.10\% |
|  | Implied Interest Expense | 157 | 256 | 308 | 201 | 114 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest earnings |  | 268 | 285 | 303 | 320 | 360 | 414 | 339 | 344 | 343 | 378 | 356 | 350 | 355 | 348 | 329 | 347 |
| OOE | Other earnings | 203 | 217 | 211 | 194 | 243 | 253 | 261 | 271 | 284 | 296 | 312 | 330 | 347 | 366 | 385 | 405 |
| NIC | Non-interest costs | 276 | 290 | 314 | 331 | 353 | 368 | 370 | 376 | 384 | 391 | 402 | 415 | 436 | 460 | 484 | 509 |
| Operating profits (pre-credit losses) |  | 194 | 212 | 200 | 183 | 250 | 299 | 230 | 240 | 243 | 284 | 266 | 265 | 266 | 254 | 230 | 243 |
| CREDLOSS | Credit Losses (-) | -27 | -26 | -57 | -153 | -230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Other | 0 | -1 | -1 | -14 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Income before tax |  | 168 | 185 | 142 | 16 | 19 | 299 | 230 | 240 | 243 | 284 | 266 | 265 | 266 | 254 | 230 | 243 |
|  | Tax | 54 | 59 | 43 | 6 | 4 | 90 | 80 | 72 | 73 | 85 | 80 | 79 | 80 | 76 | 69 | 73 |
|  | Extraordinary gains, net | 0 | 3 | -2 | 5 | -4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Income |  | 114 | 128 | 98 | 15 | 12 | 209 | 150 | 168 | 170 | 199 | 186 | 185 | 186 | 178 | 161 | 170 |
| ROE | Return on Equity | 12.87\% | 13.02\% | 9.12\% | 1.32\% | 0.85\% | 15.25\% | 10.47\% | 11.24\% | 10.72\% | 11.85\% | 10.79\% | 10.59\% | 10.49\% | 9.88\% | 8.85\% | 9.23\% |
| ROA | Return on Assets | 1.30\% | 1.33\% | 0.93\% | 0.13\% | 0.09\% | 1.78\% | 1.25\% | 1.32\% | 1.29\% | 1.49\% | 1.37\% | 1.30\% | 1.25\% | 1.14\% | 0.99\% | 1.00\% |
| Macroeconomic Framework |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal GDP growth |  | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 | 2.6 | -1.3 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.1 |
|  | Residual |  |  |  |  |  | 2.5 | -1.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RGDPG | Real growth | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 0.4 | -2.4 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| PGDPG | GDP deflator | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
|  | Output gap | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | -0.9 | -4.9 | -3.1 | -2.6 | -1.5 | -0.4 | -0.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
|  | Employment (thousands) | 133694 | 136086 | 137588 | 136777 | 130901 | 129423 | 129684 | 129538 | 130082 | 130346 | 131131 | 132578 | 133716 | 134724 | 135744 | 136615 |
|  | \%oya | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.1 | -0.6 | -4.3 | -1.1 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Risk-weighted assets | \%oya | 11.3 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 4.8 | -3.2 | -2.3 | 9.7 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 4.8 |
| Bank assets |  | 9040 | 10092 | 11176 | 12309 | 11846 | 11682 | 12417 | 12896 | 13431 | 13239 | 13955 | 14531 | 15280 | 15813 | 16632 | 17420 |
|  | \%oya | 7.4 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 10.1 | -3.8 | -1.4 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 4.1 | -1.4 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 4.7 |
|  | \%GDP | 71.5 | 75.3 | 79.4 | 85.2 | 83.1 | 78.5 | 81.0 | 80.9 | 80.4 | 76.1 | 76.1 | 75.0 | 74.9 | 73.6 | 73.5 | 73.2 |
| Bank credit to private sector |  | 4894 | 5484 | 6059 | 6339 | 6058 | 5892 | 6143 | 6279 | 6541 | 6710 | 7072 | 7507 | 7893 | 8328 | 8762 | 9179 |
|  | \%oya | 10.2 | 12.0 | 10.5 | 4.6 | -4.4 | -2.7 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| Other credit \%GDP |  | 38.7 | 40.9 | 43.0 | 43.9 | 42.5 | 39.6 | 40.1 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 38.6 | 38.6 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 38.7 | 38.6 |
|  |  | 22627 | 24656 | 27013 | 28476 | 27100 | 26555 | 27572 | 28155 | 29212 | 29919 | 31344 | 33039 | 34544 | 36223 | 37894 | 39503 |
|  | \%oya | 8.0 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 5.4 | -4.8 | -2.0 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.2 |
| Private sector credit | \%GDP | 179.0 | 184.0 | 191.9 | 197.2 | 190.1 | 178.4 | 179.9 | 176.7 | 174.8 | 171.9 | 171.0 | 170.5 | 169.4 | 168.5 | 167.4 | 166.1 |
|  | \$ billion | 27522 | 30140 | 33072 | 34815 | 33157 | 32447 | 33715 | 34434 | 35753 | 36630 | 38416 | 40546 | 42437 | 44551 | 46656 | 48682 |
|  | \%oya | 8.4 | 9.5 | 9.7 | 5.3 | -4.8 | -2.1 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.3 |
| Nominal GDP |  | 12638 | 13399 | 14078 | 14441 | 14258 | 14881 | 15324 | 15936 | 16707 | 17401 | 18333 | 19376 | 20393 | 21496 | 22631 | 23783 |

United States: Historical Dataset

Bank Balance Sheet Model
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United States: Historical Dataset


United States: Historical Dataset

|  |  | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
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| RATEM2 | Key policy rate | 3.49\% | 3.00\% | 4.21\% | 5.83\% | 5.27\% | 5.30\% | 5.35\% | 5.00\% | 6.25\% | 3.93\% | 1.68\% | 1.12\% | 1.35\% | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% |
|  | Spread over official | -0.08\% | -0.01\% | -0.15\% | -0.14\% | -0.14\% | -0.15\% | -0.10\% | -0.12\% | -0.13\% | -0.09\% | -0.07\% | -0.06\% | -0.07\% | -0.07\% | -0.08\% | -0.07\% | -0.05\% | -0.04\% |
|  | Wholesale (non-capital) | 30 | 34 | 40 | 61 | 58 | 65 | 79 | 76 | 105 | 74 | 36 | 27 | 31 | 72 | 118 | 146 | 90 | 40 |
|  | Short-term | 20 | 22 | 22 | 44 | 42 | 47 | 59 | 51 | 77 | 47 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 39 | 79 | 96 | 36 | -12 |
| RATEM3 | Key policy rate | 3.49\% | 3.00\% | 4.21\% | 5.83\% | 5.27\% | 5.44\% | 5.35\% | 5.00\% | 6.25\% | 3.93\% | 1.68\% | 1.12\% | 1.35\% | 3.19\% | 4.96\% | 5.05\% | 2.08\% | 0.12\% |
|  | Spread over official | -0.74\% | -0.09\% | -1.52\% | -1.55\% | -1.72\% | -1.88\% | -1.32\% | -1.74\% | -1.89\% | -1.35\% | -1.17\% | -1.01\% | -1.29\% | -1.47\% | -1.86\% | -1.65\% | -0.90\% | -0.58\% |
|  | Long-term | 10 | 12 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 24 | 29 | 27 | 27 | 25 | 30 | 33 | 39 | 49 | 54 |  |
|  | 10 yr bond yield | 7.00\% | 5.85\% | 7.08\% | 6.57\% | 6.43\% | 6.34\% | 5.25\% | 5.64\% | 6.02\% | 5.00\% | 4.59\% | 4.00\% | 4.26\% | 4.28\% | 4.79\% | 4.63\% | 3.64\% | 3.24\% |
| RATEM4 | Spread over official | -0.74\% | -0.09\% | -1.52\% | -1.55\% | -1.72\% | -1.88\% | -1.32\% | -1.74\% | -1.89\% | -1.35\% | -1.17\% | -1.01\% | -1.29\% | -1.47\% | -1.86\% | -1.65\% | -0.90\% | -0.58\% |
|  | External | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| RATEEXTL | Average interest rate | 0.00\% | -0.02\% | -0.27\% | -0.27\% | -0.27\% | -0.26\% | -0.16\% | -0.18\% | -0.18\% | -0.11\% | -0.09\% | -0.09\% | -0.12\% | -0.13\% | -0.15\% | -0.16\% | -0.10\% | -0.07\% |
|  | Implied Interest Expense | 109 | 95 | 102 | 144 | 144 | 160 | 178 | 172 | 226 | 183 | 106 | 81 | 82 | 157 | 256 | 308 | 201 | 114 |
| Net interest earnings |  | 134 | 139 | 147 | 154 | 163 | 175 | 183 | 192 | 204 | 214 | 236 | 240 | 249 | 268 | 285 | 303 | 320 | 360 |
| OOE | Other earnings | 66 | 75 | 76 | 82 | 94 | 104 | 124 | 145 | 154 | 159 | 172 | 187 | 185 | 203 | 217 | 211 | 194 | 243 |
| NIC | Non-interest costs | 131 | 140 | 144 | 150 | 161 | 170 | 195 | 205 | 217 | 223 | 234 | 246 | 258 | 276 | 290 | 314 | 331 | 353 |
| Operating profits (pre-credit losses) |  | 68 | 75 | 79 | 87 | 96 | 109 | 113 | 132 | 141 | 150 | 175 | 181 | 176 | 194 | 212 | 200 | 183 | 250 |
| CREDLOSS | Credit Losses (-) | -26 | -17 | -11 | -13 | -16 | -20 | -22 | -22 | -30 | -43 | -48 | -35 | -26 | -27 | -26 | -57 | -153 | -230 |
|  | Other | 4 | 3 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | -2 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -14 | -1 |
| Income before tax |  | 46 | 61 | 67 | 75 | 80 | 91 | 93 | 111 | 109 | 111 | 133 | 151 | 153 | 168 | 185 | 142 | 16 | 19 |
|  | Tax | 14 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 28 | 32 | 32 | 39 | 38 | 37 | 44 | 49 | 49 | 54 | 59 | 43 | 6 |  |
|  | Extraordinary gains, net | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | -2 | 5 | -4 |
| Net Income |  | 32 | 43 | 45 | 49 | 52 | 59 | 62 | 72 | 71 | 74 | 89 | 103 | 104 | 114 | 128 | 98 | 15 | 12 |
| ROE | Return on Equity | 12.98\% | 15.33\% | 14.61\% | 14.66\% | 14.44\% | 14.67\% | 13.94\% | 15.30\% | 13.99\% | 13.15\% | 14.42\% | 15.33\% | 13.71\% | 12.87\% | 13.02\% | 9.12\% | 1.32\% | 0.85\% |
| ROA | Return on Assets | 0.93\% | 1.20\% | 1.15\% | 1.17\% | 1.19\% | 1.23\% | 1.19\% | 1.31\% | 1.18\% | 1.16\% | 1.32\% | 1.40\% | 1.30\% | 1.30\% | 1.33\% | 0.93\% | 0.13\% | 0.09\% |




















Macroeconomic Framework

## Residual <br> Nominal GDP growth <br> RGDPG PGDPG

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Risk-weighted assets } & \text { \%oya } \\ \text { Bank assets } & \text { \%oya }\end{array}$
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\%GDP
$\begin{array}{ll} & \begin{array}{l}\text { \%oya } \\ \text { \%GDP }\end{array} \\ & \begin{array}{l}\text { \%oya } \\ \text { \%GDP }\end{array} \\ & \begin{array}{l}\text { \$ billion } \\ \text { \%oya }\end{array} \\ & \end{array}$
Bank credit to private sector
Other credit

## Chapter 4

## Impact on the Euro Area Economy

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## Introduction and Summary

- The Euro Area banking system is the largest in the world. Total on-balance sheet assets of Euro Area banks were $€ 31.1$ trillion at the end of 2009, which was almost 350 percent of regional nominal GDP. In the first decade of the Euro, lending growth to the private sector was vigorous, averaging about 8\% per year from 1999 to 2008.
- Euro Area banks have recently improved their capital positions, through a combination of capital raising activities (including state injections) and, in 2009, through a reduction in risk-weighted assets. From December 2007 through December 2009, Euro Area banks' aggregate total regulatory capital ratio rose from $10.6 \%$ of risk-weighted assets to $12.5 \%$ of risk-weighted assets, while the aggregate Tier 1 capital ratio rose from $7.7 \%$ to $9.4 \%$ of risk-weighted assets.
- In assessing the impact of regulatory reform on Euro Area banks, we focus on the implementation of the Basel III proposals, which are likely to be reflected in European Union law quite soon after agreement.
- For Euro Area banks, the redefinition of capital is significant issue (especially the handling of minority interests).

[^28]- Based on our framework, the Euro Area economy could be hit quite hard by projected regulatory changes. For 2011-2020 as a whole, average annual growth would be reduced by about 0.5 percentage points per year, which would compound to a cumulative loss of about 4.5 percentage points. Nominal GDP would end up about $€ 853$ billion lower by the end of the decade. In turn, this would imply a trajectory for employment that would lead to about 4.8 million less jobs being created over the next 10 years or so than might otherwise be the case.
- The Euro Area would thus appear to be quite vulnerable to regulatory reform. Intuitively, this should not be too surprising, since the Euro Area banking system is large both relative to the economy (about 350\%) and as source of debt financing for the economy (about $75 \%$ of total debt financing), and this all in an economy where financial structures are relatively heavily geared to debt rather than equity.
- While the magnitude of these results is eye-catching in itself, their dynamic is also quite concerning. In our regulatory change scenario, restraint imposed on banks is sufficiently severe to keep the economy in or close to recession through 2014.
- While our model may be overstating the sensitivity of the economy to banking flows, there are three reasons to worry that the outcome could be even worse than projected.
- First, banks do not fully meet new liquidity ratio requirements into our regulatory reform scenario, which might imply the need for even more lending restraint.
- Second, this banking restraint will come against the backdrop of a significant trend towards fiscal retrenchment across the Euro Area. Indeed, we suspect that it will be very difficult to achieve a lowering in public sector leverage without a resumption of growth in private leverage. Regulatory reform will limit the latter possibility.
- Third, regulatory reform could weaken bank lending flows to Emerging Europe, which could then feedback to weaken Euro Area growth through lower exports.


## Euro Area Banks Dominate the Region's Financial System

The Euro Area banking system has a number of important characteristics. First, and most importantly, it is the largest banking system in the world. Total on-balance sheet assets of Euro Area banks were $€ 31.1$ trillion at the end of 2009, which was almost 350 percent of regional nominal GDP (Table 9) ${ }^{52}$. At the end of 2009, the Euro Area banking system was about 3.75 times the size of the US banking system ${ }^{53}$. Second, banks dominate the credit intermediation process in the Euro Area. Banks account for about three-quarters of intermediation in the Euro Area (and non-banks thus account for about 25 percent of the total). In the United States, these relative shares are reversed.

Table 9
The Euro Area Banking System in Summary

|  | Dec 06 | Dec 07 | Dec 08 | Dec 09 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Banks | 6,130 | 6,127 | 6,596 | 6458 |
| Number of Banks that Left the System* | 251 | 198 | 334 | 233 |
| Total Assets ( $€$ trillion ) | 25.945 | 29.440 | 31.837 | 31.147 |
| $\quad$ \%oya | 9.8 | 13.5 | 8.1 | -2.2 |
| \%GDP | 303.2 | 326.9 | 343.8 | 346.6 |
| Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA, € trillion ) | 14.134 | 14.385 | 15.795 | 15.302 |
| $\quad$ \%oya | 11.3 | 1.8 | 9.8 | -3.1 |
| Capital Ratios (all expressed as \% of RWA ) |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Regulatory Capital | 11.2 | 10.6 | 11.6 | 12.5 |
| $\quad$ Tier 1 Capital | 8.0 | 7.7 | 8.6 | 9.4 |
| $\quad$ Core Tier 1 Capital | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 8.0 |
| Liquid Asset Ratio | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| Share of Banks in Credit Intermediation (\%) | 73.8 | 74.4 | 74.8 | 73.8 |

* total over previous 12 months

Source: European Central Bank

Finally, the Euro Area banking system supplies the broad money stock of a unique monetary area-one where a single currency was introduced into national economies, whose banking systems had developed for centuries along national lines. A decade after the introduction of the Euro, banking systems remain relatively diverse across the region, with most countries maintaining relatively large domestic banking systems (Table 10). The share of each banking system in total assets broadly matches the share of each country's GDP in the regional total. Among the major countries, France, Germany and the Netherlands have relatively large systems, while Italy's is relatively small (Table 10). Some of the smaller countries have banking systems that are vast relative to their national economies (e.g., Luxembourg and Ireland).

[^29]Table 10
Euro Area: Banking Sector by Country 2008

|  | Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number of Credit Institutions | Total Assets (€ billion) | as \% of <br> National <br> GDP | Asset Size ( $€$ billion per bank) | Share of <br> Euro-16 <br> Total Assets | Nominal GDP (€ billion) | Share of Euro-16 GDP |
| Austria | 803 | 1,071.9 | 380\% | 1.335 | 3.4\% | 281.9 | 3.0\% |
| Belgium | 105 | 1,276.3 | 370\% | 12.155 | 4.0\% | 344.7 | 3.7\% |
| Cyprus | 163 | 118.1 | 685\% | 0.725 | 0.4\% | 17.2 | 0.2\% |
| Finland | 357 | 396.2 | 215\% | 1.110 | 1.2\% | 184.2 | 2.0\% |
| France | 728 | 7,710.6 | 395\% | 10.591 | 24.2\% | 1,950.1 | 21.1\% |
| Germany | 1,989 | 7,892.7 | 316\% | 3.968 | 24.7\% | 2,495.8 | 27.0\% |
| Greece | 66 | 464.5 | 194\% | 7.038 | 1.5\% | 239.1 | 2.6\% |
| Ireland | 501 | 1,731.5 | 952\% | 3.456 | 5.4\% | 181.8 | 2.0\% |
| Italy | 818 | 3,687.7 | 235\% | 4.508 | 11.6\% | 1,567.9 | 16.9\% |
| Luxembourg | 153 | 1,271.8 | 3232\% | 8.312 | 4.0\% | 39.3 | 0.4\% |
| Malta | 23 | 42.3 | 743\% | 1.839 | 0.1\% | 5.7 | 0.1\% |
| Netherlands | 302 | 2,231.5 | 374\% | 7.389 | 7.0\% | 595.9 | 6.4\% |
| Portugal | 175 | 482.1 | 290\% | 2.755 | 1.5\% | 166.4 | 1.8\% |
| Spain | 362 | 3,409.4 | 313\% | 9.418 | 10.7\% | 1,088.5 | 11.8\% |
| Slovakia | 26 | 65.5 | 101\% | 2.519 | 0.2\% | 64.8 | 0.7\% |
| Slovenia | 25 | 49.0 | 132\% | 1.960 | 0.2\% | 37.1 | 0.4\% |
| Euro Area (16) | 6,596 | 31,901.1 | 344\% | 4.836 | 100\% | 9,260.4 | 100\% |

Source: European Central Bank

The region's banking system—which was the sum of the individual parts at the onset of monetary union-was relatively large at the outset of the union. In the first decade of the Euro, it grew relatively rapidly. Bank lending to the private sector was relatively vigorous, averaging about 8 percent per year between 1999 and September 2008, even though this included a difficult recession and debt-deflation phase (2001-03; Chart 22).

In the post-Lehman period, however, the Euro Area bank lending environment has changed dramatically. Credit had been up 8.8 percent in the year through September 2008. In the year through October 2009, it was down 1.3 percent. At the same time as this 10 percentage point reversal in bank credit growth, Euro Area nominal GDP changed course. It contracted 3 percent in 2009, having risen by 2.8 percent in 2008.

There has recently been some sign of improvement, consistent with the hesitant signs of revival in the Euro Area economy. Lending to households has begun to rise again, and the lending to businesses has stopped contracting (Chart 23). These developments highlight that swings in nominal bank lending remain highly reflective of swings in underlying economic activity.

Chart 22
Euro Area Bank Lending to Private Sector
percent change over latest 6m, saar


Source: European Central Bank

## Chart 23

Euro Area: Bank Credit to Households and Businesses


Source: European Central Bank
Euro Area banks have improved their capital positions, through a combination of capital raising activities (including state injections) and, in 2009, through a reduction in riskweighted assets. From December 2007 through December 2009, Euro Area banks' aggregate total regulatory capital ratio rose from $10.6 \%$ of risk-weighted assets to $12.5 \%$
of risk-weighted assets, while the aggregate Tier 1 capital ratio rose from $7.7 \%$ to $9.4 \%$ of risk-weighted assets. By way of reference, Euro Area real GDP fell by a cumulative 3.5\% in 2008-09, a performance that was about 6\% points less than trend.

## Specifics of Regulatory Change Scenario

In our quantitative work to date, we have focused on modeling those measures which have both a high level of clarity (albeit so far unquantified) and likelihood of occurrence (see Chapter 2). For the Euro Area, this means focusing on the proposed revisions to the Basel II framework (see Chapter 2). As part of the European Union, the Euro Area is likely to adopt any revisions to the Basel Accords in their entirety, since it is standard EU practice to embody the recommended regulatory approach of the Basel Committee into a Capital Requirements Directive, when then has the force of law across EU member states. For example, the EU was an early adopter of Basel II. The European Commission has launched a consultation for a new Directive ("CRD IV") which would incorporate the new Basel proposals into EU law ${ }^{54}$.

In assessing the cumulative effects on the Euro Area economy, our specific assumptions are:

1) An increase in trading book capital at the end of 2010. Our estimate is that the Euro Area banking system held about $€ 2.5$ trillion in trading book assets at the end of 2009. This total has jumped since the end of 2007, when it was $€ 1.8$ trillion partly because Euro Area banks have brought trading assets on to their balance sheets previously held off balance sheet by special purpose vehicles. Based on industry estimates, we project the capital charge levied against these holdings to rise by about three fold, which we capture by raising the average risk weighting assigned to such trading book securities from $10 \%$ to $30 \%$ for securities of financial firms held in the trading book), and from $25 \%$ to $75 \%$ for securities of non-financial firms.
2) A two percentage point increase in the minimum Tier 1 and overall regulatory capital ratios, to $6 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively, to take place at the end of 2012. We assume that Euro Area supervisors will enforce broadly the same average ("fixed") buffers of actual capital over these regulatory minima in 2012-2020, as were applied to 2001-07. In 2001-07, the average buffer between total regulatory capital and the BIS minimum was 3.4 percentage points; for Tier 1, the average buffer was 4.4 percentage points.
3) Capital redefinition effects. Euro Area banks seem quite likely to be significantly affected by provisions to adjust the regulatory capital-notably the exclusion of minority interests and deferred tax assets from Tier 1 capital. To an extent, this

[^30]reflects the unique institutional structure of some key Euro Area systems, which is hard to fit into a "one size fits all" structure ${ }^{55}$. While there is considerable uncertainty about how much these possible deductions amount to in the aggregate, we have estimated them to total $€ 180$ billion (which amounts to about $15 \%$ of core Tier 1 equity as of December 2009). We thus project that about $€ 180$ billion of what is currently eligible to be counted as Tier 1 capital is re-classified (as Tier 2 capital) over a 3 year horizon from 2012 to 2014 (i.e., €60 billion per year).
4) No countercyclical buffer. In principle, we would expect regulators to introduce a one percentage point counter-cyclical ("variable") capital buffer in the midst of the next cyclical upswing. For the Euro Area, however, we judge growth prospects to be sufficiently muted over coming years, that it is hard to project any enthusiasm among policy makers to introduce such an additional "variable" buffer. Of course, policy makers will not know this ex ante, so they might well go ahead and introduce such a restriction anyway. But, for now, we have left this out of our Euro Area regulatory change scenario.
5) Higher holdings of liquid assets as a result of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR). The Liquidity Coverage Ratio will require that banks hold sufficient liquid assets to ensure that they can survive a period of extreme stress. In the base scenario, the LCR is not a binding constraint. But in our regulatory change scenario, we adjust the overall liquid asset ratio (the ratio of cash and government bonds held to total assets), in an effort to allow banks to meet the LCR through the projection horizon in the regulatory change scenario. Our dilemma in the Euro Area framework is that we find it very difficult to set a plausible path for liquid assets that allows the Euro Area banking system, in aggregate, to hit the minimum $100 \%$ LCR through the projection horizon (see next section).
6) A greater reliance on longer-term over short-term wholesale funding, as a result of the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR). The new liquidity provisions will also apply on the liabilities' side of banks' balance sheets. We assume that the NSFR will be introduced in 2012, and that this will have the effect (in the 2010-2012 period) of shifting banks' wholesale funding to longer-term debt. Once again, however, we find it hard to see how the Euro Area banking system can achieve the mandated 100\% NSFR through the projection horizon (see next section).
7) A region-wide bank levy. Proposals are developing for a region-wide bank levy to pre-fund a Bank Resolution fund. Current details are sketchy, but we assume this will amount to an annual tax of $€ 5$ billion from 2012 onwards.

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## The Results in Outline

Based on our framework, the Euro Area economy could be hit quite hard by projected changes. For 2011-2020 as a whole, average annual growth would be reduced by about 0.5 percentage points per year, which would compound to a cumulative loss of about 4.5 percentage points (Table 11). Nominal GDP would end up about $€ 853$ billion lower by the end of the decade (Chart 24). In turn, this would imply a trajectory for employment that would lead to about 4.8 million less jobs being created over the next 10 years or so than might otherwise be the case (Chart 25). It should be noted that most of these losses occur over the next 5 years.

The Euro Area would thus appear to be quite vulnerable to the impact of regulatory reform. Intuitively, this should not be too surprising, since the Euro Area banking system is large both relative to the economy (about 350\%) and as source of debt financing for the economy (about $75 \%$ of total debt financing), and this all in an economy where financial structures are relatively heavily geared to debt rather than equity.

Chart 24
Estimated "Cost" of Regulatory Reform on Euro Area Economy
€ billion


Source: IIF Estimates

While the magnitude of these results is eye-catching in itself, their dynamic is also quite concerning. In our regulatory change scenario, restraint imposed on banks is sufficiently severe to keep the regional economy in or close to recession through 2014, during which time the main differential between the "base" and "regulatory" scenarios opens up (Charts 24 and 25). Through 2014, the loss in nominal income would be about $€ 690$ billion, which would imply a loss in tax revenue of about $€ 300$ billion, or about 3 percent of GDP.

| Table 11 <br> Euro Area: Cumulative Effects Results |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | $\begin{array}{r} A v g \\ 2011-20 \end{array}$ |
| Real GDP (2010 $=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100.0 | 101.1 | 102.0 | 104.4 | 106.0 | 106.3 | 106.9 | 108.8 | 109.7 | 111.4 | 112.7 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100.0 | 100.5 | 99.1 | 100.0 | 101.0 | 101.7 | 103.0 | 104.5 | 105.1 | 106.6 | 107.7 |  |
| Difference (\%) | 0.0 | -0.6 | -2.8 | -4.2 | -4.7 | -4.3 | -3.7 | -3.9 | -4.2 | -4.3 | -4.4 |  |
| Real GDP (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Regulatory change | 1.0 | 0.5 | -1.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| GDP deflator (2010 $=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100.0 | 101.4 | 102.9 | 105.0 | 107.4 | 109.6 | 111.7 | 114.0 | 116.3 | 118.7 | 121.2 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100.0 | 101.3 | 102.2 | 103.6 | 105.2 | 107.0 | 109.0 | 111.3 | 113.5 | 115.9 | 118.3 |  |
| GDP deflator (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Regulatory change | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Nominal GDP ( $€$ trillion) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 9.183 | 9.407 | 9.641 | 10.064 | 10.456 | 10.695 | 10.975 | 11.389 | 11.708 | 12.140 | 12.546 | 3.2 |
| Regulatory change | 9.181 | 9.338 | 9.303 | 9.510 | 9.760 | 9.988 | 10.307 | 10.683 | 10.950 | 11.342 | 11.694 | 2.4 |
| Difference ( $€$ bn) | -2 | -69 | -338 | -554 | -696 | -708 | -667 | -706 | -758 | -798 | -853 |  |
| Employment (millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 141.238 | 142.471 | 143.678 | 145.721 | 147.808 | 148.766 | 149.511 | 151.109 | 152.542 | 154.163 | 155.835 |  |
| Regulatory change | 141.225 | 142.070 | 141.615 | 141.934 | 143.100 | 144.084 | 145.365 | 147.041 | 148.167 | 149.550 | 151.009 |  |
| Difference ('000) | -13 | -401 | -2064 | -3787 | -4708 | -4682 | -4146 | -4069 | -4375 | -4613 | -4825 |  |
| Private sector credit (2010 $=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100.0 | 103.0 | 105.6 | 111.4 | 116.7 | 119.2 | 122.4 | 128.0 | 131.8 | 137.7 | 143.1 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100.0 | 101.8 | 99.6 | 101.6 | 104.4 | 106.7 | 110.6 | 115.4 | 118.4 | 123.4 | 127.8 |  |
| Private sector credit growth (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| Regulatory change | 3.1 | 1.8 | -2.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 2.5 |
| Bank assets (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Regulatory change | 2.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| Risk-weighted assets (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Regulatory change | 2.0 | 8.1 | -1.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Bank credit growth to the private sector (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Regulatory change | 2.7 | 1.4 | -3.1 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 2.0 |
| Core equity shadow price (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 17.7\% | 12.2\% | 11.4\% | 10.2\% | 7.8\% | 8.5\% | 9.8\% | 8.9\% | 8.6\% | 9.5\% | 8.4\% | 9.5\% |
| Regulatory change | 17.7\% | 12.2\% | 15.6\% | 17.2\% | 15.6\% | 15.1\% | 13.9\% | 13.2\% | 12.7\% | 12.5\% | 10.2\% | 13.8\% |
| Real lending rate (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.9\% | 3.8\% | 4.1\% | 3.5\% | 3.1\% | 3.5\% | 3.7\% | 3.4\% | 3.5\% | 3.2\% | 3.1\% | 3.5\% |
| Regulatory change | 3.9\% | 4.1\% | 5.5\% | 5.3\% | 4.9\% | 4.8\% | 4.5\% | 4.0\% | 4.1\% | 3.7\% | 3.5\% | 4.4\% |
| Difference (bps) | 0 | 28 | 135 | 183 | 185 | 137 | 80 | 65 | 60 | 50 | 47 | 97 |
| Regulatory capital ratio (\% of RWA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 12.6\% | 12.5\% | 12.6\% | 12.4\% | 12.3\% | 12.4\% | 12.4\% | 12.1\% | 12.0\% | 11.8\% | 11.5\% | 12.2\% |
| Regulatory change | 12.6\% | 12.3\% | 13.1\% | 13.6\% | 14.2\% | 14.6\% | 14.7\% | 14.6\% | 14.7\% | 14.3\% | 14.2\% | 14.0\% |
| Core Tier 1 Capital ( $£$ billion) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1272 | 1313 | 1362 | 1398 | 1432 | 1461 | 1484 | 1505 | 1525 | 1525 | 1525 |  |
| Regulatory change | 1274 | 1391 | 1435 | 1503 | 1578 | 1671 | 1786 | 1896 | 2003 | 2049 | 2093 |  |
| Difference | 2 | 78 | 73 | 105 | 146 | 210 | 303 | 391 | 479 | 524 | 568 |  |
| Core Tier 1 capital ratio (\% of RWA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 8.2\% | 8.2\% | 8.4\% | 8.2\% | 8.1\% | 8.2\% | 8.2\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 7.7\% | 7.5\% | 8.0\% |
| Regulatory change | 8.2\% | 8.2\% | 8.6\% | 8.8\% | 9.1\% | 9.5\% | 9.9\% | 10.2\% | 10.6\% | 10.5\% | 10.5\% | 9.6\% |
| Return on bank equity (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 5.8\% | 6.8\% | 9.4\% | 11.4\% | 10.4\% | 8.9\% | 9.9\% | 9.4\% | 8.4\% | 8.7\% | 8.6\% | 9.2\% |
| Regulatory change | 6.1\% | 5.0\% | 3.8\% | 5.3\% | 5.4\% | 5.7\% | 6.7\% | 6.3\% | 5.9\% | 6.5\% | 6.2\% | 5.7\% |

[^32]
## Chart 25

## Euro Area Employment Implications of Regulatory Reform



Source: IIF Estimates

The main mechanism through which the regulatory change measures outlined above affect the economic outlook through our framework is via an increase in bank lending rates to the private sector. In turn, this rate rise is driven by a combination of an increase in the cost of funding to banks - explicitly as long-term funding rates rise, and implicitly as the "shadow cost" of equity rises as banks are required to issue substantial amounts of equity to meet new capital requirements and definitions (Chart 26). In our regulatory change scenario, banks are required to raise about $€ 150$ billion (relative to the base) by the end of 2014. Moreover, interest earnings are reduced by a requirement to hold lower yielding government debt as a way of achieving new liquidity requirements. The result is a rise in lending rates to the private sector, which peaks at about 185 basis points in 2014 (Chart 27). Note that the ECB is not well-positioned to provide any offset to this rising cost of bank intermediation over this time horizon, since it starts with rates at just $1 \%$.

Given the Euro Area's bank dependency, the effect of such a rise in bank lending rates could be quite severe. The path of bank lending to the private sector could be quite weak through 2014 (Chart 28). Given the maturity structure of private sector lending, this would imply very weak marginal lending decisions. In Germany, for example, 17\% of loans are short-term (one-year maturity of less), $14 \%$ are medium-term (one to five year maturity) and $69 \%$ long-term ( 5 year or more) ${ }^{56}$.

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## Chart 26

Shadow Cost of Bank Equity
percent (see Appendix for defintion)


## Chart 27

Change in Real Lending Rate to Private Sector Borrowers
basis points


Chart 28
Euro Area: Bank Credit to the Private Sector
percent, y/y


Source: IIF Estimates

It is certainly possible that private sector bank lending conditions will not be as weak as we project in a regulatory change scenario. It is also possible that the Euro Area economy will be able to grow with less credit.

Unfortunately, however, it is also possible that the outcome of the regulatory reform scenario for the economy could be bleaker. For one thing, our estimates show that the Euro Area banking system will, in aggregate, fall significantly short of achieving both the $100 \%$ Liquidity Coverage Ratio and the $100 \%$ Net Stable Funding Ratio in our regulatory change scenario even though that scenario embodies significant lending restraint (Chart 29). If banks were left with no alternative but to achieve these ratios, then there would be little option for them but to impose yet more severe restraint on bank lending to the private sector.

## Banking Restraint against a Backdrop of Fiscal Restraint

A second source of downside risk to the economic projections in Table 11 is that the scenario for banking restraint is scheduled to play out at the same time as a significant and widespread effort to lower Euro Area government budget deficits, in an effort to hit the targets of the Stability and Convergence Pact-an effort that has been thrown into heightened significance by the recent turmoil surrounding Greece (Table 12).

## Chart 29

Euro Area: Key Liquidity Ratios under Regulatory Reform Scenario percent


Table 12
Stability and Convergence Programs: Government Deficits
percent of GDP

|  | 2009 | $2010 f$ | $2011 f$ | $2012 f$ | $2013 f$ | 2014 f |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| France | 7.5 | 8.2 | 6.0 | 4.6 | 3.0 | - |
| Germany | 3.3 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 | - |
| Greece | 13.6 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 2.8 | 2.0 | - |
| Ireland | 14.3 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 7.2 | 4.9 | 2.9 |
| Italy | 5.3 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 2.7 | - | - |
| Portugal | 9.4 | 8.3 | 6.6 | 4.6 | 2.8 | - |
| Spain | 11.2 | 9.8 | 7.5 | 5.3 | 3.0 | - |

Source: European Commission

To an extent, the mandate for banks to boost holdings of liquid assets and improve riskweighted capital ratios is favoring bank lending to governments and, thus, somewhat reducing the pressure on governments to reduce deficits. In 2009, Euro Area banks' holdings of government debt rose by $€ 238$ billion, and we project them to rise by an average of $€ 600$ billion per year between 2009 and 2014 as banks strive to meet higher liquidity requirements. Of course, this greater allocation of bank lending towards governments crowds out lending to the private sector.

It should be noted that these substantially higher holdings of government debt—which are likely to have a national bias-may add to the riskiness of the banking sector in two important ways. First, it will increase the duration risk of banks, which are likely to want to hold higher yielding government bonds, the value of which could sink as bond yields
rise. Second, and more concerning, banks would be exposing themselves more squarely to the liquidity and solvency risks of Euro Area governments. A year or two ago, that might have seemed a trivial risk, but the recent turmoil in Greek and some other smaller Euro Area government debt markets has served as a graphic reminder that the riskiness of Euro Area government debt may be significantly higher than previously believed ${ }^{57}$.

Indeed, the recent sharp ratings downgrade of Greece (and possible downgrades of some other smaller Euro Area countries) raises interesting questions about how the new liquidity framework will handle sovereign ratings migrations. If banks were forced sellers of countries when they had been downgraded, then this could intensify sovereign credit difficulties.

It is also possible that an environment of significant bank lending restraint will also create a situation in which it is very difficult for governments to achieve budget deficit reductions. The government budget deficit is the mirror image of the financial imbalances of the private sector and external sector (Chart 30). Since 2007, the sharp rise in the budget deficit has had its main counterpart in a rise in the saving-investment surplus of the private sector-mainly as a result of the collapse in credit-driven investment spending. The Euro Area could engineer a massive swing in its external surplus, thus helping to reduce the budget deficit without a rise in domestic private investment relative to private saving. This would seem to be an unlikely development, however, absent a massive decline in the Euro. If this occurred, it could spark tensions between the Euro Area and some of its trading partners.

It is more likely, therefore, that any meaningful budget deficit reduction will be difficult without a reduction in the private sector financial surplus-i.e., a revival in private investment and/or reduction in private saving. It is difficult to see this happening without the Euro Area private sector feeling comfortable about increasing, rather than reducing its leverage and, absent the sudden creation of significant non-bank means of debt intermediation, this would require a revival in bank lending activity.

[^34]Chart 30
Euro Area Sector Imbalances
percent of GDP


Source: Eurostat

## Cross-Border Lending Issues

A final source of downside risk relates to the external environment. In 2007-08, Euro Area growth was reduced by extreme weakness in Emerging Europe. Rapid growth in Emerging Europe had been an important source of buoyancy for the Euro Area in 200407, so the sudden reversal in fortunes for Emerging Europe was a blow to the West.

A contraction in credit flows from west to east was an important mechanism through which the subprime crises rippled through Emerging Europe. According to IIF estimates, net bank lending to eight large borrowing countries in Emerging Europe shifted from an inflow of $\$ 172$ billion in 2007 to an outflow of $\$ 47$ billion in $2009{ }^{58}$.

Emerging European countries were able to stabilize themselves quite well in 2009, however. In part, this reflected impressive policy adjustments in Emerging European economies, often helped by support from official creditors (especially the IMF). Emerging European stabilization was also helped by the commitment of many commercial banks based in the Euro Area to maintain strong support for local affiliates operating in Emerging European economies. Having fallen sharply between the middle

[^35]of 2008 and the early months of 2009, the consolidated claims of Euro Area banks on Emerging Europe began to rise again early in 2009 (Chart 31) ${ }^{59}$.


As is well known, Austrian banks have disproportionately large exposure to Emerging Europe, mainly through the local lending activity of foreign affiliates (Chart 32). Other Euro Area countries with large absolute exposures include France, Germany and Italy. Greek banks also have relatively large exposures in Emerging Europe.

There must be some concern that the full imposition of the Basel III proposals would add a new negative twist to bank credit flows to Emerging Europe in the years ahead. Restraint could operate through two channels:

- The increase in capital requirement would imply greater charges allocated to credit extended to lower rated credits in Emerging Europe;
- Maintaining operations in Emerging Europe with minority interests from local partners would become more expensive.

The main concern is how the new regulations will affect the parent banks in the Euro Area and their ability to continue to provide funding to Emerging European affiliates. There is general understanding that foreign funding from parent banks will be much

[^36]more restricted than in the past and that, as a result, affiliates will have to increase reliance on local funding sources, mainly deposits.

Chart 32
Consolidated Foreign Claims on Emerging Europe, by Nationality of Bank
\$ billion, December 2009 (numbers above bars reflect \% GDP)


Source: BIS

## Appendix: Euro Area Data Sources

| Type of Data | Sources |
| :---: | :---: |
| Balance Sheet | European Central Bank - Aggregated balance sheet of Euro Area monetary financial institutions, excluding the Eurosystem http://www.ecb.int/stats/money/aggregates/bsheets/html/outst anding amounts 2010-03.en.html |
|  | Liabilities of Eurosystem to Euro Area credit institutions related to monetary policy operations are used as a proxy for cash: <br> Consolidated financial statement of the Eurosystem http://www.ecb.int/press/pr/wfs/2010/html/fs100302.en.html |
|  | BIS Quarterly Review, Table 9B Consolidated foreign claims by nationality of reporting banks, immediate borrower basis http://www.bis.org/statistics/consstats.htm |
| Capital | Estimated the composition of regulatory capital by using the capital ratios for Euro Area large and complex banking groups based on ECB Financial Stability Review 2004-2009 http://www.ecb.int/pub/fsr/html/index.en.html |
| P\&L Model | OECD Bank Profitability Statistics http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=BPF1 |
| Macroeconomic Data | Eurostat |
|  | European Central Bank - Monthly Bulletins |
|  | OECD Economic Outlook 86 database |

Euro Area: Base Scenario

|  |  | 2005 | 2006 |  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 |  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Bank Balance Sheet Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Current } \\ \text { risk- } \\ \text { weighting } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { No new } \\ \text { risk- } \\ \text { weighting } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Assets |  | 23634 | 25945 |  | 29440 | 31837 | 31147 | 31546 |  | 31994 | 32346 | 33303 | 34150 | 34474 | 34918 | 35795 | 36339 | 37245 | 38047 |
| LIQ | Cash | 156 | 174 | 0\% | 379 | 456 | 369 | 347 | 0\% | 336 | 323 | 333 | 342 | 345 | 349 | 358 | 363 | 372 | 380 |
| GOV | Government bonds | 1432 | 1279 | 5\% | 1197 | 1245 | 1483 | 1546 | 5\% | 1584 | 1617 | 1665 | 1708 | 1724 | 1746 | 1790 | 1817 | 1862 | 1902 |
| LIQ/TA | Liquid asset ratio | 6.7\% | 5.6\% |  | 5.4\% | 5.3\% | 5.9\% | 6.0\% |  | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% |
| 1 B | Domestic financial | 7996 | 8612 |  | 9966 | 10835 | 10657 | 10600 |  | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 |
| IB (TB) | Trading Book | 652 | 732 | 10\% | 896 | 1016 | 1015 | 1000 | 10\% | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| IB (BB) | Banking Book | 7344 | 7880 | 25\% | 9070 | 9820 | 9642 | 9600 | 25\% | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 |
| CORP | Domestic non-financial | 4656 | 5285 |  | 6212 | 7012 | 6996 | 7188 |  | 7379 | 7528 | 7934 | 8294 | 8432 | 8620 | 8992 | 9224 | 9608 | 9949 |
| CORP (TB) | Trading Book | 552 | 646 | 25\% | 953 | 1407 | 1498 | 1539 | 25\% | 1400 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 |
| CORP (BB) | Banking Book | 4105 | 4639 | 100\% | 5259 | 5606 | 5498 | 5649 | 100\% | 5979 | 6178 | 6584 | 6944 | 7082 | 7270 | 7642 | 7874 | 8258 | 8599 |
|  | \%oya | 7.7 | 13.0 |  | 13.4 | 6.6 | -1.9 | 2.8 |  | 5.8 | 3.3 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 3.0 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| HH | Household | 4182 | 4523 |  | 4796 | 4889 | 4955 | 5092 |  | 5227 | 5332 | 5620 | 5875 | 5972 | 6106 | 6370 | 6533 | 6806 | 7047 |
| MORT | Mortgages | 2911 | 3203 | 50\% | 3429 | 3490 | 3550 | 3750 | 50\% | 3750 | 3760 | 3780 | 3790 | 3800 | 3850 | 3900 | 3950 | 4000 | 4000 |
| CC | Other | 1271 | 1320 | 50\% | 1367 | 1398 | 1405 | 1342 | 50\% | 1477 | 1572 | 1840 | 2085 | 2172 | 2256 | 2470 | 2583 | 2806 | 3047 |
| EXTA | External | 3656 | 4337 |  | 4879 | 4754 | 4264 | 4319 |  | 4380 | 4429 | 4560 | 4676 | 4720 | 4781 | 4901 | 4975 | 5099 | 5209 |
| EXTA (HG) | High-grade | 2815 | 3339 | 25\% | 3756 | 3501 | 3096 | 3136 | 25\% | 3180 | 3215 | 3310 | 3395 | 3427 | 3471 | 3558 | 3612 | 3702 | 3782 |
| EXTA (EM) | Risky (EM) | 841 | 998 | 100\% | 1122 | 1253 | 1168 | 1183 | 100\% | 1200 | 1213 | 1249 | 1281 | 1293 | 1310 | 1343 | 1363 | 1397 | 1427 |
|  | Fixed Assets | 166 | 173 | 100\% | 206 | 212 | 219 | 222 | 100\% | 225 | 228 | 235 | 241 | 243 | 246 | 252 | 256 | 262 | 268 |
|  | Other Assets | 1391 | 1563 | 100\% | 1806 | 2435 | 2204 | 2232 | 100\% | 2263 | 2288 | 2356 | 2416 | 2439 | 2470 | 2532 | 2571 | 2635 | 2692 |
| RWA |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15579 |  | 16006 | 16296 | 16984 | 17591 | 17824 | 18142 | 18772 | 19162 | 19812 | 20388 |
|  | RWATotal Assets | $54 \%$ | $54 \%$ |  | $49 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $49 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Liabilities |  | 22319 | 24491 |  | 27757 | 30070 | 29231 | 29555 |  | 29957 | 30254 | 31165 | 31959 | 32223 | 32637 | 33483 | 34000 | 34870 | 35663 |
| M1 | Retail | 7374 | 8026 |  | 8994 | 9881 | 10160 | 10384 |  | 10637 | 10902 | 11380 | 11824 | 12094 | 12410 | 12879 | 13239 | 13728 | 14187 |
| M2 | Domestic financial | 5547 | 5938 |  | 6842 | 7686 | 7040 | 7195 |  | 7371 | 7555 | 7886 | 8193 | 8380 | 8599 | 8924 | 9174 | 9513 | 9831 |
| M3 | Wholesale (non-capital) | 3844 | 4234 |  | 4631 | 4848 | 4920 | 4708 |  | 4503 | 4166 | 3934 | 3666 | 3283 | 2942 | 2666 | 2320 | 2020 | 1714 |
|  | Short-term (<1 year) | 357 | 427 |  | 597 | 633 | 496 | 475 |  | 454 | 420 | 397 | 370 | 331 | 297 | 269 | 234 | 204 | 173 |
|  | Long-term ( $>1$ year) | 3487 | 3806 |  | 4034 | 4215 | 4424 | 4234 |  | 4049 | 3746 | 3537 | 3297 | 2952 | 2645 | 2397 | 2086 | 1817 | 1541 |
| EXTL | External | 3526 | 3991 |  | 4538 | 4403 | 4098 | 4188 |  | 4291 | 4398 | 4590 | 4769 | 4878 | 5006 | 5195 | 5340 | 5537 | 5723 |
|  | Other Liabilities | 2027 | 2302 |  | 2751 | 3252 | 3013 | 3080 |  | 3155 | 3233 | 3375 | 3507 | 3587 | 3680 | 3820 | 3926 | 4071 | 4208 |
| Capital |  | 1315 | 1454 |  | 1684 | 1767 | 1915 | 1991 |  | 2038 | 2092 | 2138 | 2191 | 2252 | 2281 | 2312 | 2340 | 2375 | 2385 |
| T2 | Tier II | 385 | 452 |  | 417 | 475 | 465 | 465 |  | 465 | 465 | 465 | 475 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 | 525 | 525 |
| T1 | Tier I | 1031 | 1134 |  | 1109 | 1358 | 1443 | 1493 |  | 1540 | 1594 | 1641 | 1684 | 1719 | 1748 | 1780 | 1807 | 1817 | 1827 |
| TCE | Core | 876 | 963 |  | 943 | 1155 | 1227 | 1272 |  | 1313 | 1362 | 1398 | 1432 | 1461 | 1484 | 1505 | 1525 | 1525 | 1525 |
| T1-TCE | Non-core | 155 | 170 |  | 166 | 204 | 216 | 221 |  | 227 | 232 | 242 | 252 | 258 | 264 | 274 | 282 | 292 | 302 |
| REGCAP | Regulatory | 1416 | 1586 |  | 1526 | 1834 | 1908 | 1958 |  | 2005 | 2059 | 2106 | 2159 | 2219 | 2248 | 2280 | 2307 | 2342 | 2352 |
| REGADJ | Regulatory Adjustments | -101 | -132 |  | 157 | -66 | 7 | 33 |  | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| Key Capital ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGCAP/RW | Regulatory Capital | 11.2\% | 11.2\% |  | 10.6\% | 11.6\% | 12.5\% | 12.6\% |  | 12.5\% | 12.6\% | 12.4\% | 12.3\% | 12.4\% | 12.4\% | 12.1\% | 12.0\% | 11.8\% | 11.5\% |
| BIS | Regulatory minimum | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |
| BUFCAP | National buffer (\%pts) | 3.2\% | 3.2\% |  | 2.6\% | 3.6\% | 4.5\% | 4.6\% |  | 4.5\% | 4.6\% | 4.4\% | 4.3\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.1\% | 4.0\% | 3.8\% | 3.5\% |
| T1/RWA | Tier I | 8.1\% | 8.0\% |  | 7.7\% | 8.6\% | 9.4\% | 9.6\% |  | 9.6\% | 9.8\% | 9.7\% | 9.6\% | 9.6\% | 9.6\% | 9.5\% | 9.4\% | 9.2\% | 9.0\% |
| TCE/RWA | Core Tier I | 6.9\% | 6.8\% |  | 6.6\% | 7.3\% | 8.0\% | 8.2\% |  | 8.2\% | 8.4\% | 8.2\% | 8.1\% | 8.2\% | 8.2\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 7.7\% | 7.5\% |
| BIS(T1) | Regulatory minimum | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |
| BUFCAP (T1) | National buffer (\%pts) | 4.1\% | 4.0\% |  | 3.7\% | 4.6\% | 5.4\% | 5.6\% |  | 5.6\% | 5.8\% | 5.7\% | 5.6\% | 5.6\% | 5.6\% | 5.5\% | 5.4\% | 5.2\% | 5.0\% |
|  | Required buffer | 4.4\% | 4.4\% |  | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% |  | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% |
| LEVRAT | Leverage ratio | 16.7 | 16.4 |  | 19.3 | 17.4 | 16.3 | 16.1 |  | 16.0 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 15.8 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.7 | 15.8 | 15.9 | 16.2 |

Euro Area: Base Scenario

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| EUR billion | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Key policy rate | 2.02\% | 2.78\% | 3.85\% | 3.88\% | 1.25\% | 1.00\% | 1.16\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.25\% | 2.50\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% |
| RATEM2 Spread over official | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% |
| Wholesale (non-capital) | 209 | 234 | 303 | 298 | 262 | 263 | 269 | 274 | 256 | 241 | 221 | 199 | 174 | 155 | 130 | 112 |
| Short-term | 11 | 15 | 25 | 30 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Key policy rate | 2.02\% | 2.78\% | 3.85\% | 3.88\% | 1.25\% | 1.00\% | 1.16\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.25\% | 2.50\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% |
| RATEM3 Spread over official | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% |
| Long-term | 199 | 219 | 278 | 268 | 249 | 253 | 259 | 263 | 246 | 231 | 211 | 189 | 164 | 146 | 122 | 105 |
| 10 yr bond yield | 3.38\% | 3.78\% | 4.23\% | 4.00\% | 3.27\% | 3.10\% | 3.50\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| RATEM4 Spread over official | 2.61\% | 2.22\% | 2.87\% | 2.50\% | 2.50\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% |
| External | 146 | 168 | 149 | 134 | 128 | 145 | 148 | 152 | 157 | 164 | 169 | 173 | 179 | 184 | 190 | 197 |
| RATEEXTL Average interest rate | 4.60\% | 4.47\% | 3.49\% | 3.00\% | 3.00\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| Implied Interest Expense | 635 | 803 | 1057 | 1116 | 642 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest earnings | 281 | 294 | 311 | 306 | 391 | 331 | 356 | 427 | 446 | 449 | 454 | 470 | 423 | 427 | 410 | 421 |
| OOE Other earnings | 237 | 296 | 291 | 254 | 270 | 276 | 282 | 289 | 302 | 314 | 321 | 329 | 342 | 351 | 364 | 377 |
| NIC Non-interest costs | 337 | 357 | 373 | 347 | 354 | 354 | 356 | 358 | 366 | 373 | 374 | 376 | 383 | 386 | 393 | 398 |
| Operating profits (pre-credit losses) | 182 | 233 | 229 | 214 | 307 | 253 | 283 | 359 | 382 | 389 | 400 | 423 | 382 | 392 | 382 | 400 |
| CREDLO§Credit Losses (-) | -30 | -37 | -48 | -218 | -245 | -110 | -111 | -116 | -80 | -108 | -154 | -143 | -113 | -147 | -125 | -144 |
| Income before tax | 152 | 196 | 181 | -5 | 61 | 143 | 172 | 242 | 302 | 281 | 246 | 280 | 269 | 245 | 257 | 256 |
| Tax | 30 | 35 | 28 | 0 | 12 | 29 | 34 | 48 | 60 | 56 | 49 | 56 | 54 | 49 | 51 | 51 |
| Net Income | 122 | 161 | 153 | -4 | 49 | 114 | 137 | 194 | 242 | 225 | 197 | 224 | 215 | 196 | 205 | 205 |
| ROE Return on Equity | 9.65\% | 11.63\% | 9.74\% | -0.22\% | 2.65\% | 5.84\% | 6.82\% | 9.39\% | 11.42\% | 10.38\% | 8.86\% | 9.88\% | 9.36\% | 8.43\% | 8.71\% | 8.60\% |
| ROA Return on Assets | 0.54\% | 0.65\% | 0.55\% | -0.01\% | 0.16\% | 0.36\% | 0.43\% | 0.60\% | 0.74\% | 0.67\% | 0.57\% | 0.65\% | 0.61\% | 0.54\% | 0.56\% | 0.54\% |
| Macroeconomic Framework |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal GDP growth | 3.8 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 2.8 | -3.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Residual |  |  |  |  |  | -0.7 | -0.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RGDPG Real growth | 1.8 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 0.5 | -4.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| PGDPG GDP deflator | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Output gap | -0.5 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.7 | -4.5 | -4.3 | -3.5 | -2.8 | -0.4 | 0.9 | -0.3 | -0.8 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Employment (thousands) | 136958 | 139705 | 142478 | 144188 | 141860 | 141238 | 142471 | 143678 | 145721 | 147808 | 148766 | 149511 | 151109 | 152542 | 154163 | 155835 |
| \%oya | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | -1.6 | -0.4 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Risk-weighted \%oya | 11.5 | 11.3 | 1.8 | 9.8 | -3.1 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| Bank assets | 23634 | 25945 | 29440 | 31837 | 31147 | 31546 | 31994 | 32346 | 33303 | 34150 | 34474 | 34918 | 35795 | 36339 | 37245 | 38047 |
| \%oya | 10.7 | 9.8 | 13.5 | 8.1 | -2.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| Bank credit to private sector | 290.3 | 303.2 | 326.9 | 343.8 | 346.6 | 343.5 | 340.1 | 335.5 | 330.9 | 326.6 | 322.3 | 318.2 | 314.3 | 310.4 | 306.8 | 303.3 |
|  | 8838 | 9807 | 11008 | 11901 | 11951 | 12280 | 12605 | 12860 | 13555 | 14169 | 14404 | 14726 | 15362 | 15757 | 16413 | 16996 |
| \%oya | 9.3 | 11.0 | 12.2 | 8.1 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 3.5 |
| \%GDP | 108.6 | 114.6 | 122.2 | 128.5 | 133.0 | 133.7 | 134.0 | 133.4 | 134.7 | 135.5 | 134.7 | 134.2 | 134.9 | 134.6 | 135.2 | 135.5 |
| Nonbank credit to private sector | 2037 | 2153 | 2139 | 2217 | 2327 | 2443 | 2562 | 2680 | 2849 | 3015 | 3148 | 3296 | 3485 | 3655 | 3862 | 4069 |
| \%oya | 3.9 | 5.7 | -0.6 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.4 |
| \%GDP | 25.0 | 25.2 | 23.8 | 23.9 | 25.9 | 26.6 | 27.2 | 27.8 | 28.3 | 28.8 | 29.4 | 30.0 | 30.6 | 31.2 | 31.8 | 32.4 |
| Private sector (EUR billion)\%oya | 10874 | 11960 | 13147 | 14118 | 14278 | 14723 | 15168 | 15540 | 16403 | 17184 | 17552 | 18022 | 18847 | 19412 | 20276 | 21065 |
|  | 8.2 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| Nominal GDP | 8141 | 8558 | 9006 | 9259 | 8985 | 9183 | 9407 | 9641 | 10064 | 10456 | 10695 | 10975 | 11389 | 11708 | 12140 | 12546 |

Euro Area: Regulatory Change Scenario

|  |  | 2005 | 2006 |  | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 |  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Bank Balance Sheet Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} \text { Current } \\ \text { risk- } \\ \text { weighting } \end{array}\right\|$ |  |  |  |  | New riskweighting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Assets |  | 23634 | 25945 |  | 29440 | 31837 | 31147 | 31758 |  | 33002 | 33734 | 35414 | 35860 | 36218 | 36956 | 37881 | 38408 | 39364 | 40166 |
| LIQ | Cash | 156 | 174 | 0\% | 379 | 456 | 369 | 397 | 0\% | 462 | 506 | 708 | 807 | 905 | 924 | 947 | 960 | 984 | 1004 |
| GOV | Government bonds | 1432 | 1279 | 5\% | 1197 | 1245 | 1483 | 1667 | 5\% | 2508 | 3542 | 4604 | 4572 | 4527 | 4619 | 4735 | 4801 | 4921 | 5021 |
| LIQ/TA | Liquid asset ratio | 6.7\% | 5.6\% |  | 5.4\% | 5.3\% | 5.9\% | 6.5\% |  | 9.0\% | 12.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% |
| IB | Domestic financial | 7996 | 8612 |  | 9966 | 10835 | 10657 | 10600 |  | 10600 | 10600 | 10600 | 10550 | 10500 | 10500 | 10500 | 10500 | 10500 | 10500 |
| IB (TB) | Trading Book | 652 | 732 | 10\% | 896 | 1016 | 1015 | 1000 | 30\% | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |
| IB (BB) | Banking Book | 7344 | 7880 | 25\% | 9070 | 9820 | 9642 | 9600 | 25\% | 9600 | 9600 | 9600 | 9550 | 9500 | 9500 | 9500 | 9500 | 9500 | 9500 |
| CORP | Domestic non-financial | 4656 | 5285 |  | 6212 | 7012 | 6996 | 7185 |  | 7283 | 7057 | 7166 | 7328 | 7456 | 7701 | 8015 | 8179 | 8503 | 8768 |
| CORP (TB) | Trading Book | 552 | 646 | 25\% | 953 | 1407 | 1498 | 1538 | 75\% | 1400 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 | 1350 |
| CORP (BB) | Banking Book | 4105 | 4639 | 100\% | 5259 | 5606 | 5498 | 5647 | 100\% | 5883 | 5707 | 5816 | 5978 | 6106 | 6351 | 6665 | 6829 | 7153 | 7418 |
|  | \%oya | 7.7 | 13.0 |  | 13.4 | 6.6 | -1.9 | 2.7 |  | 4.2 | -3.0 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 3.7 |
| HH | Household | 4182 | 4523 |  | 4796 | 4889 | 4955 | 5090 |  | 5159 | 4999 | 5076 | 5191 | 5282 | 5455 | 5677 | 5794 | 6023 | 6210 |
| MORT | Mortgages | 2911 | 3203 | 50\% | 3429 | 3490 | 3550 | 3750 | 50\% | 3750 | 3700 | 3700 | 3750 | 3800 | 3850 | 3900 | 3950 | 4000 | 4000 |
| CC | Other | 1271 | 1320 | 50\% | 1367 | 1398 | 1405 | 1340 | 50\% | 1409 | 1299 | 1376 | 1441 | 1482 | 1605 | 1777 | 1844 | 2023 | 2210 |
| EXTA | External | 3656 | 4337 |  | 4879 | 4754 | 4264 | 4348 |  | 4423 | 4406 | 4504 | 4622 | 4730 | 4882 | 5060 | 5186 | 5372 | 5538 |
| EXTA (HG) | High-grade | 2815 | 3339 | 25\% | 3756 | 3501 | 3096 | 3157 | 25\% | 3273 | 3256 | 3354 | 3472 | 3580 | 3707 | 3860 | 3961 | 4122 | 4263 |
| EXTA (EM) | Risky (EM) | 841 | 998 | 100\% | 1122 | 1253 | 1168 | 1191 | 100\% | 1150 | 1150 | 1150 | 1150 | 1150 | 1175 | 1200 | 1225 | 1250 | 1275 |
|  | Fixed Assets | 166 | 173 | 100\% | 206 | 212 | 219 | 224 | 100\% | 232 | 238 | 249 | 253 | 255 | 260 | 267 | 271 | 277 | 283 |
|  | Other Assets | 1391 | 1563 | 100\% | 1806 | 2435 | 2204 | 2247 | 100\% | 2335 | 2387 | 2505 | 2537 | 2562 | 2614 | 2680 | 2717 | 2785 | 2842 |
| RWA | Risk-weighted assets | 12699 | 14134 |  | 14385 | 15795 | 15302 | 15611 |  | 16874 | 16685 | 17043 | 17312 | 17525 | 17975 | 18542 | 18859 | 19442 | 19929 |
|  | RWA/Total Assets | 54\% | 54\% |  | 49\% | 50\% | 49\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Liabilities |  | 22319 | 24491 |  | 27757 | 30070 | 29231 | 29765 |  | 30888 | 31517 | 33064 | 33369 | 33629 | 34288 | 35145 | 35608 | 36544 | 37293 |
| M1 | Retail | 7374 | 8026 |  | 8994 | 9881 | 10160 | 10381 |  | 10560 | 10519 | 10754 | 11036 | 11294 | 11655 | 12080 | 12382 | 12825 | 13223 |
| M2 | Domestic financial | 5547 | 5938 |  | 6842 | 7686 | 7040 | 7193 |  | 7317 | 7289 | 7452 | 7647 | 7826 | 8076 | 8371 | 8580 | 8887 | 9163 |
| M3 | Wholesale (non-capital) | 3844 | 4234 |  | 4631 | 4848 | 4920 | 4924 |  | 5620 | 6345 | 7331 | 6961 | 6603 | 6399 | 6239 | 5979 | 5856 | 5652 |
|  | Short-term (<1 year) | 357 | 427 |  | 597 | 633 | 496 | 496 |  | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 | 400 |
|  | Long-term (> 1 year) | 3487 | 3806 |  | 4034 | 4215 | 4424 | 4427 |  | 5220 | 5945 | 6931 | 6561 | 6203 | 5999 | 5839 | 5579 | 5456 | 5252 |
| EXTL | External | 3526 | 3991 |  | 4538 | 4403 | 4098 | 4187 |  | 4259 | 4243 | 4338 | 4452 | 4556 | 4701 | 4873 | 4995 | 5173 | 5334 |
|  | Other Liabilities | 2027 | 2302 |  | 2751 | 3252 | 3013 | 3079 |  | 3132 | 3120 | 3189 | 3273 | 3350 | 3457 | 3583 | 3672 | 3804 | 3922 |
| Capital |  | 1315 | 1454 |  | 1684 | 1767 | 1915 | 1993 |  | 2114 | 2217 | 2350 | 2491 | 2590 | 2667 | 2736 | 2800 | 2820 | 2872 |
| T2 | Tier II | 385 | 452 |  | 417 | 475 | 465 | 465 |  | 465 | 525 | 585 | 645 | 645 | 600 | 550 | 500 | 465 | 465 |
| T1 | Tier I | 1031 | 1134 |  | 1109 | 1358 | 1443 | 1495 |  | 1616 | 1659 | 1732 | 1813 | 1912 | 2035 | 2154 | 2267 | 2322 | 2375 |
| TCE | Core | 876 | 963 |  | 943 | 1155 | 1227 | 1274 |  | 1391 | 1435 | 1503 | 1578 | 1671 | 1786 | 1896 | 2003 | 2049 | 2093 |
| T1-TCE | Non-core | 155 | 170 |  | 166 | 204 | 216 | 221 |  | 225 | 224 | 229 | 235 | 241 | 248 | 257 | 264 | 273 | 282 |
| REGCAP | Regulatory | 1416 | 1586 |  | 1526 | 1834 | 1908 | 1960 |  | 2081 | 2184 | 2317 | 2458 | 2557 | 2635 | 2704 | 2767 | 2787 | 2840 |
| REGADJ | Regulatory Adjustments | -101 | -132 |  | 157 | -66 | 7 | 33 |  | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| Key Capital ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGCAP/RW | Regulatory Capital | 11.2\% | 11.2\% |  | 10.6\% | 11.6\% | 12.5\% | 12.6\% |  | 12.3\% | 13.1\% | 13.6\% | 14.2\% | 14.6\% | 14.7\% | 14.6\% | 14.7\% | 14.3\% | 14.2\% |
| BIS | Regulatory minimum | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% |
| BUFCAP | National buffer (\%pts) | 3.2\% | 3.2\% |  | 2.6\% | 3.6\% | 4.5\% | 4.6\% |  | 4.3\% | 3.1\% | 3.6\% | 4.2\% | 3.6\% | 3.7\% | 3.6\% | 4.7\% | 4.3\% | 4.2\% |
| T1/RWA | Tier I | 8.1\% | 8.0\% |  | 7.7\% | 8.6\% | 9.4\% | 9.6\% |  | 9.6\% | 9.9\% | 10.2\% | 10.5\% | 10.9\% | 11.3\% | 11.6\% | 12.0\% | 11.9\% | 11.9\% |
| TCE/RWA | Core Tier I | 6.9\% | 6.8\% |  | 6.6\% | 7.3\% | 8.0\% | 8.2\% |  | 8.2\% | 8.6\% | 8.8\% | 9.1\% | 9.5\% | 9.9\% | 10.2\% | 10.6\% | 10.5\% | 10.5\% |
| BIS(1) | Regulatory minimum | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% |
| BUFCAP (T1) | National buffer (\%pts) | 4.1\% | 4.0\% |  | 3.7\% | 4.6\% | 5.4\% | 5.6\% |  | 5.6\% | 3.9\% | 4.2\% | 4.5\% | 3.9\% | 4.3\% | 4.6\% | 6.0\% | 5.9\% | 5.9\% |
|  | Required buffer | 4.4\% | 4.4\% |  | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% |  | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% | 4.4\% |
| LEVRAT | Leverage ratio | 16.7 | 16.4 |  | 19.3 | 17.4 | 16.3 | 16.2 |  | 15.9 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 14.6 | 14.2 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 13.9 | 14.1 | 14.1 |

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| EUR billion |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period$2010$ | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RATEM2 | Key policy rate | 2.02\% | 2.78\% | 3.85\% | 3.88\% | 1.25\% | 1.00\% | 1.16\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.25\% | 2.50\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% |
|  | Spread over official | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% | 0.75\% |
|  | Wholesale (non-capital) | 209 | 234 | 303 | 298 | 262 | 269 | 335 | 475 | 561 | 572 | 541 | 502 | 459 | 429 | 387 | 376 |
|  | Short-term | 11 | 15 | 25 | 30 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| RATEM3 | Key policy rate | 2.02\% | 2.78\% | 3.85\% | 3.88\% | 1.25\% | 1.00\% | 1.16\% | 1.50\% | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.25\% | 2.50\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% | 2.75\% |
|  | Spread over official | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 2.00\% | 1.50\% | 1.25\% | 1.25\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% | 1.00\% |
|  | Long-term | 199 | 219 | 278 | 268 | 249 | 259 | 326 | 461 | 547 | 557 | 527 | 488 | 444 | 414 | 372 | 361 |
|  | 10 yr bond yield | 3.38\% | 3.78\% | 4.23\% | 4.00\% | 3.27\% | 3.10\% | 3.50\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
| RATEM4 | Spread over official | 2.61\% | 2.22\% | 2.87\% | 2.50\% | 2.50\% | 2.75\% | 3.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.50\% | 4.25\% | 4.25\% | 4.00\% | 3.75\% | 3.50\% | 3.25\% | 3.25\% |
|  | External | 146 | 168 | 149 | 134 | 128 | 145 | 148 | 149 | 150 | 154 | 158 | 162 | 168 | 173 | 178 | 184 |
| RATEEXTL | L Average interest rate | 4.60\% | 4.47\% | 3.49\% | 3.00\% | 3.00\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% | 3.50\% |
|  | Implied Interest Expense | 635 | 803 | 1057 | 1116 | 642 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net interest earnings |  | 281 | 294 | 311 | 306 | 391 | 328 | 308 | 317 | 288 | 288 | 301 | 312 | 285 | 298 | 278 | 274 |
| OOE O | Other earnings | 237 | 296 | 291 | 254 | 270 | 276 | 280 | 279 | 285 | 293 | 300 | 309 | 321 | 329 | 340 | 351 |
| NIC N | Non-interest costs | 337 | 357 | 373 | 347 | 354 | 344 | 332 | 314 | 306 | 299 | 291 | 285 | 281 | 274 | 271 | 265 |
| Operating profits (pre-credit losses) |  | 182 | 233 | 229 | 214 | 307 | 260 | 256 | 281 | 268 | 282 | 310 | 336 | 324 | 352 | 348 | 360 |
| CREDLO§ | Credit Losses (-) | -30 | -37 | -48 | -218 | -245 | -111 | -127 | -172 | -112 | -113 | -124 | -109 | -106 | -140 | -114 | -133 |
| Income before tax |  | 152 | 196 | 181 | -5 | 61 | 149 | 129 | 109 | 157 | 170 | 186 | 227 | 218 | 212 | 233 | 227 |
| Tax o/w Bank Fund Levy |  | 30 | 35 | 28 | 0 | 12 | 30 | 26 | $\begin{array}{r} 27 \\ 5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ 5 \end{array}$ | 39 | $\begin{array}{r} 42 \\ 5 \end{array}$ | 50 | 49 5 | $\begin{array}{r} 47 \\ 5 \end{array}$ | 52 | 50 |
| Net Income |  | 122 | 161 | 153 | -4 | 49 | 119 | 103 | 82 | 120 | 131 | 144 | 177 | 169 | 165 | 182 | 176 |
| Roe | Return on Equity | 9.65\% | 11.63\% | 9.74\% | -0.22\% | 2.65\% | 6.10\% | 5.02\% | 3.80\% | 5.27\% | 5.40\% | 5.66\% | 6.72\% | 6.27\% | 5.95\% | 6.47\% | 6.19\% |
| ROA | Return on Assets | 0.54\% | 0.65\% | 0.55\% | -0.01\% | 0.16\% | 0.38\% | 0.32\% | 0.25\% | 0.35\% | 0.37\% | 0.40\% | 0.48\% | 0.45\% | 0.43\% | 0.47\% | 0.44\% |
| Macroeconomic Framework |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nominal GDP growth |  | 3.8 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 2.8 | -3.0 | 2.2 | 1.7 | -0.4 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 3.6 | 3.1 |
| Residual |  |  |  |  |  |  | -0.7 | -0.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RGDPG | Real growth | 1.8 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 0.5 | -4.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | -1.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| PGDPG | GDP deflator | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
|  | Output gap | -0.5 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.7 | -4.5 | -4.3 | -4.0 | -5.5 | -3.9 | -2.3 | -2.0 | -1.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
|  | Employment (thousands) | 136958 | 139705 | 142478 | 144188 | 141860 | 141225 | 142070 | 141615 | 141934 | 143100 | 144084 | 145365 | 147041 | 148167 | 149550 | 151009 |
|  | \%oya | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | -1.6 | -0.4 | 0.6 | -0.3 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Risk-weighted \%oya |  | 11.5 | 11.3 | 1.8 | 9.8 | -3.1 | 2.0 | 8.1 | -1.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 2.5 |
| Bank assets |  | 23634 | 25945 | 29440 | 31837 | 31147 | 31758 | 33002 | 33734 | 35414 | 35860 | 36218 | 36956 | 37881 | 38408 | 39364 | 40166 |
|  | \%oya | 10.7 | 9.8 | 13.5 | 8.1 | -2.2 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| \%GDPBank credit to private sector |  | 290.3 | 303.2 | 326.9 | 343.8 | 346.6 | 345.9 | 353.4 | 362.6 | 372.4 | 367.4 | 362.6 | 358.5 | 354.6 | 350.7 | 347.1 | 343.5 |
|  |  | 8838 | 9807 | 11008 | 11901 | 11951 | 12275 | 12442 | 12055 | 12243 | 12519 | 12738 | 13156 | 13693 | 13973 | 14526 | 14978 |
|  | \%oya | 9.3 | 11.0 | 12.2 | 8.1 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 1.4 | -3.1 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 3.1 |
|  | \%GDP | 108.6 | 114.6 | 122.2 | 128.5 | 133.0 | 133.7 | 133.2 | 129.6 | 128.7 | 128.3 | 127.5 | 127.6 | 128.2 | 127.6 | 128.1 | 128.1 |
| Nonbank credit to private sector |  | 2037 | 2153 | 2139 | 2217 | 2327 | 2442 | 2546 | 2598 | 2711 | 2839 | 2965 | 3120 | 3295 | 3447 | 3639 | 3826 |
|  | \%oya | 3.9 | 5.7 | -0.6 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 2.0 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Private sector (EUR billion) |  | 25.0 | 25.2 | 23.8 | 23.9 | 25.9 | 26.6 | 27.3 | 27.9 | 28.5 | 29.1 | 29.7 | 30.3 | 30.8 | 31.5 | 32.1 | 32.7 |
|  |  | 10874 | 11960 | 13147 | 14118 | 14278 | 14717 | 14988 | 14653 | 14954 | 15358 | 15703 | 16276 | 16988 | 17420 | 18165 | 18804 |
| \%oya |  | 8.2 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 1.8 | -2.2 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.6 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Nominal GDP |  | 8141 | 8558 | 9006 | 9259 | 8985 | 9181 | 9338 | 9303 | 9510 | 9760 | 9988 | 10307 | 10683 | 10950 | 11342 | 11694 |

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Bank Balance Sheet Model










| Bank Assets |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| LIQ | Cash |
| GOV | Government bonds |
| LIQ/TA | $\quad$ Liquid asset ratio |
| IB | Domestic financial |
| IB (TB) | Trading Book |
| IB (BB) | Banking Book |
| CORP | Domestic non-financial |
| CORP (TB) | Trading Book |
| CORP (BB) | Banking Book |
|  | $\quad$ \%oya |
| HH | Household |
| MORT | Mortgages |
| CC | Other |
| EXTA | External |
| EXTA (HG) | High-grade |
| EXTA (EM) | Risky (EM) |
|  | Fixed Assets |
| RWA | Other Assets |
|  | Risk-weighted assets |
|  | RWATotal Assets |

Bank Liabilities

| M2 | Domestic financial |
| :---: | :---: |
| M3 | Wholesale (non-capital) |
|  | Short-term (<1 year) |
|  | Long-term (> 1 year) |
| EXTL | External |
|  | Other Liabilities |
| Capital |  |
| T2 | Tier II |
| T1 | Tier I |
| TCE | Core |
| T1-TCE | Non-core |
| REGCAP | Regulatory |
| REGADJ | Regulatory Adjustments |

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Euro Area: Historical Dataset
PROFRET/PRI \% of profits retained

Euro Area: Historical Dataset


## Chapter 5

## Impact on the Japanese Economy

## Introduction and Summary

- Japan's relatively large and concentrated banking system stands out among the major economies as having been one of the most resilient through the latest crisis.
- There were no major banking failures in 2007-09: the number of banking institutions remained relatively stable through the crisis. The provision of emergency support to the domestic banking system through the crisis period was minimal. The disorder in Japan's money markets was nothing of the kind experienced in either the United States or Euro Area.
- There is, of course, a reason why Japan's banks, in aggregate, were able to avoid the troubles that many their US, Euro Area and UK counterparts encountered after July 2007. The sector had experienced over ten years of trauma, following the excessive lending boom in the 1980s.
- After the lost decade of the 1990 s, the Japanese regulatory authorities launched various counter-measures to revive the financial sector. These measures could serve as a good road map for others to follow, especially subsequent developments showed that Japan's banks avoided the mistakes of other banking systems in the latest credit cycle-which was the first under this new regulatory regime.
- The Japanese economy will be adversely affected by changes projected under the reforms to Basel II, although not dramatically so. For 2011-2020 as a whole, average annual growth would be reduced by about two tenths, with the cumulative impact amounting to about $1.5 \%$ points through 2020. As with other jurisdictions, the dynamic of the hit from the regulatory change is quite adverse through 2013-14, which is when the maximum impact of higher capital charges (combined with negative redefinition effects) is felt.
- Moreover, these negative developments growth are apt to worsen two basic problems facing Japan: deflation and high budget deficits and public debt.
- One key unknown is whether Japanese banks will find investors will to buy the extra $¥ 15$ trillion of Tier 1 (common) equity we project as necessary in the five
years through 2015. In our framework, equity issuance is possible, but at a price, which banks then pass on to their borrowing customers. If this is not possible, however, then banks would be forced to be more aggressive in cutting their balance sheets in the years ahead, adding yet further to downside deflation risks.


## Resilient in the Latest Episode

Japan's relatively large and concentrated banking system stands out among the major economies as having been one of the most resilient through the latest crisis ${ }^{60}$. This can be highlighted in a number of ways:

- There were no major banking failures in Japan in 2007-09: the number of banking institutions remained relatively stable through the crisis (Table 13);

Table 13
The Japanese Banking System in Summary

|  | Dec 06 | Dec 07 | Dec 08 | Dec 09 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Banks (JBA measure)* | 150 | 147 | 148 | 148 |
| City Banks | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Regional Banks | 111 | 110 | 109 | 108 |
| Other Banks | 33 | 31 | 33 | 34 |
| Total Assets ( $¥$ trillion ) | 749 | 769 | 813 | 800 |
| \%oya | 0.2 | 2.6 | 5.8 | -1.6 |
| \%GDP | 147.7 | 149.1 | 161.0 | 168.8 |
| Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA, ¥ trillion ) | 550 | 561 | 592 | 556 |
| \%oya | 2.1 | 2.1 | 5.5 | -6.1 |
| Capital Ratios (all expressed as \% of RWA ) |  |  |  |  |
| Regulatory Capital | 7.3 | 7.6 | 9.7 | 9.6 |
| Tier 1 Capital | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 | 6.8 |
| Core Tier 1 Capital | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.1 |
| Liquid Asset Ratio | 12.9 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 16.0 |
| Share of Banks in Credit Intermediation | 41.3 | 50.1 | 52.6 | 52.6 |

* end March

Sources: Bank of Japan, Japanese Bankers Association (JBA), Individual bank reports, IIF Staff estimates

- The provision of emergency support to the Japanese banking system through the crisis period was minimal (Charts 33 and 34). Some commitments of support were made, but there were no outright disbursements whether in the form of capital injections, asset purchases or guarantees. This is in stark contrast to most other G7 countries, especially the United States and United Kingdom.
- Credit losses reported by Japanese banks (and Asian bank more generally) have been relatively modest since the beginning of 2007 (Chart 35). Overall Asian credit

[^38]losses have been just 3.5 percent of those in the Americas, the overwhelming amount of which was in the United States.

- The disorder in Japan's money markets was significant, but nothing of the kind experienced in either the United States or Euro Area (Chart 36). As a result, the Bank of Japan was required to provide less in the way of liquidity support facilities and thus expanded its overall balance by far less than other major central banks.
- Finally, it should be noted that Japan's banking system became part of the solution in 2008Q4. The capital injection by MUFG into Morgan Stanley at the end of September is widely acknowledged to have been an important support, stopping the domino-like collapse of US investment banks ${ }^{61}$.


## Chart 33

Bank Rescue Package Outlays 2007-09
as percent of bank assets


Source: Panetta et al. (2009)

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## Chart 34

Bank Rescue Package Commitments 2007-09
as percent of bank assets


Source: Panetta et al. (2009)

## Chart 35

Reported Losses at Financial Institutions*

*Includes writedowns and credit losses for banks/brokers, insurance companies and U.S. mortgage market GSEs. Losses since beginning of 2007.

## Chart 36

G3: 3-Month Libor - Overnight Index Swaps basis points


Source: Bloomberg

## Seen it, Done it

There is, of course, a reason why Japan's banks, in aggregate, were able to avoid the troubles that many their US, Euro Area and UK counterparts encountered after July 2007. The sector had experienced over ten years of trauma, following the excessive lending boom in the 1980s. A number of years passed between the bursting of the bubble (in 1989-90) and the first casualties in the banking system (1994). Once the financial system began to contact, however, a very painful 7 years ensued, during which time there was a major restructuring of the banking industry amid a phase of very poor financial performance (Chart 37) ${ }^{62}$.

## Chart 37

Rates of Return on Bank Equity: G3 Economies
net income relative to shareholders' capital


Source: National sources and IIF estimates

After the lost decade of the 1990s, the Japanese regulatory authorities launched various counter-measures to revive the financial sector. It could be argued that this combination of measures would serve as a good road map for others to follow, especially subsequent developments showed that Japan's banks avoided the mistakes of other banking systems in the latest credit cycle-which was the first under this new regulatory regime ${ }^{63}$. As illustrated above, the system has been quite resilient through the downturn, although the same cannot be said for the economy - which is an important

[^40]reminder that macro stability does not follow on automatically from banking sector stability. These measures included:

- The separation of non-performing loans from the balance sheet by imposing strict risk assessment;
- The introduction of safety nets such as deposit insurance;
- The introduction of far more rigorous supervision;
- The introduction of a bankruptcy resolution framework that insulated against the "too big too fail" problem.

Significantly, these measures were introduced ahead of subsequent measures to boost capital. Caution was also taken with regard to the implementation of stricter capital regulation (e.g. the improvement of the quality of capital) so that it would not undermine banks' ability to intermediate credit. Indeed, Japan's banks went into the latest crisis with both relatively low capital ratios (by global standards) and with a capital structure that would be viewed as poor quality.

Alongside these regulatory reforms, there were a whole host of mergers: some forced; others voluntary. The resulting banking system can be broken into two broad groups: several large "City" banks (often known as "mega-banks"), and a set of smaller regional banks (Table 13). Private banks account for about a half of the credit intermediation process in the economy, which broadly lies about half way between the United States and the Euro Area. These private banks can then be combined with co-operative-type private financial institutions to form the universe of private depository institutions ${ }^{64}$. These private institutions then combine with relatively large public sector financial institutions (including, most prominently, Japan Post Bank) to make up the overall debt intermediation system.

While its relative recent stability has been important, there are two other, less encouraging aspects about the banking system that need bearing in mind when considering proposals for regulatory reform:

- Japan's banking system is relatively unprofitable, even after taking into account the credit losses associated massive decade-long cleaning up operation following the collapse of the 1908s bubble ${ }^{65}$. It should be noted that it is hard to blame poor cost control for Japanese bank profitability. Rather, the main challenge is the

[^41]combination of the low interest rate environment (official short-term policy rates have been close to zero throughout the past decade), and the weak demand for credit resulting from the sustained massive financial surpluses in the private sector primarily in the corporate sector. There has been a significant decline in the household saving ratio, but this has been accompanied by a reduction in (previously very large) household financial assets, rather than an increase in consumer borrowing. The outcome is very low net interest margins. Importantly, the weak profitability of Japan's banks, even in the good times, makes it both hard for Japan's banks to earn their way to higher capital through retained earnings, as well as raise common equity in public markets, as the return on equity is structurally low (see Chart 37).

- The post-bubble environment has been one of low money and bank credit growth. It has also been one where Japan's potential growth rate has been much weaker (Chart 38). The correlation of these two developments does not imply causality: low potential growth may have led to weak money and credit demands; or both might have been pushed lower by a common, third factor. It is hard to identify what occurred in the early 1980s-aside from a dramatic change in the credit environment-that could have led to such a dramatic change in Japanese growth performance over the subsequent 20 years.


## Chart 38

Japan: Money Supply and Potential GDP Growth


Sources: Bank of Japan, OECD

## Specifics of Regulatory Change Scenario

In our quantitative work to date, we have focused on modeling those measures which have both a high level of clarity (albeit so far unquantified) and likelihood of occurrence (see Chapter 2). For Japan, this means focusing on the Basel III proposals (see Chapter 2). In assessing the cumulative effects on the Japanese economy, our specific assumptions are:

1) An increase in trading book capital at the end of 2010. Our estimate is that the Japanese banking system held about $¥ 88$ trillion in trading book assets at the end of 2009, the overwhelming proportion of which were interbank claims. Based on industry estimates, we project the capital charge levied against these holdings to rise by about three fold, which we capture by raising the average risk weighting assigned to such trading book securities from $10 \%$ to $30 \%$ for securities of financial firms held in the trading book), and from $25 \%$ to $75 \%$ for securities of non-financial firms.
2) A two percentage point increase in the minimum Tier 1 and overall regulatory capital ratios, to $6 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively, to take place at the end of 2012. In our other country models, we have assumed that supervisors will enforce broadly the same "fixed" buffers of actual capital over these regulatory minima in 2012-2020, as were applied historically. In Japan, however, bank capital ratios were generally too low in the 1990s through 2007, so we assume instead that it is the 2009 buffers which are broadly maintained in 2012-20 in both scenarios. These 2009 buffers are 1.6 percentage points over total regulatory capital and 2.8 percentage points over the Tier 1 minimum.
3) Redefinition effects. Japanese banks will be significantly affected by redefinition effects which exclude a series of components that hitherto banks have been able to count as capital. Historically, Japanese banks had relied on unrealized capital gains on asset holdings, especially equities, but the sustained weakness in Japanese equity prices after 1990 underlined how quickly such valuations could disappear. In more recent years, however, other components of capital have become more prominent, the most significant of which are minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries. While there is considerable uncertainty about how much these possible deductions amount to in the aggregate, we have estimated them to total $¥ 12$ trillion (which amounts to about $30 \%$ of Tier 1 equity as of December 2009). We project that this amount is re-classified (as Tier 2 capital) over a 3 year horizon from 2012 to 2014 (i.e. $¥ 4$ trillion per year). This allows Tier 2 capital to be sustained at current levels, even though redefinition effects and rule changes which will make Tier 2 instruments less attractive both to banks and investors might otherwise reduce it.
4) No countercyclical buffer. In principle, we would expect regulators to introduce a one percentage point counter-cyclical capital buffer in the midst of the next cyclical upswing. As with the Euro Area, however, we judge Japanese growth
prospects to be sufficiently muted over coming years in the regulatory change scenario, that it is hard to project any enthusiasm among policy makers to introduce such an additional buffer. Of course, policy makers will not know this ex ante, so they might well go ahead and introduce such a restriction anyway. But, for now, we have left this out of our regulatory change scenario.
5) Higher holdings of liquid assets as a result of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR). The Liquidity Coverage Ratio will require that banks hold sufficient liquid assets to ensure that they can survive a period of extreme stress. In the base scenario, the LCR is not a binding constraint. But in our regulatory change scenario, we adjust the overall liquid asset ratio (the ratio of cash and government bonds held to total assets), in an effort to allow banks to meet the LCR through the projection horizon in the regulatory change scenario. At the end of 2009, Japanese banks held about 16\% of total assets in the form of liquid assets (cash plus government bonds). In our regulatory change scenario, we project banks to lift this ratio to $18 \%$, which allows banks to meet the $100 \%$ LCR minimum.
6) A greater reliance on longer-term over short-term wholesale funding, as a result of the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR). The new liquidity provisions will also apply on the liabilities' side of banks' balance sheets. We assume that the NSFR will be introduced in 2012, and that this will have the effect (in 2010-2012) of shifting banks' wholesale funding to longer-term debt. Japan's banks shift their wholesale issuance towards longer-term debt through the regulatory change projection.

## The Results in Outline

Based on our framework, the Japanese economy will be adversely affected by projected changes, although not dramatically so. For 2011-2020 as a whole, average annual growth would be reduced by about two tenths, with the cumulative impact amounting to about $1.5 \%$ points through 2020 (Table 14).

As with other jurisdictions, the dynamic of the hit from the regulatory change is quite adverse through 2013-14, which is when the maximum impact of higher capital charges (combined with negative redefinition effects) is felt. In 2013, the difference between nominal GDP in the regulatory reform and base scenarios amounts to about $¥ 15$ trillion (Chart 39).

Table 14
Japan: Cumulative Effects Results

|  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Avg } \\ 2011-20 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real GDP (2010 $=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100 | 102.0 | 103.6 | 105.0 | 105.7 | 107.2 | 108.7 | 110.1 | 111.6 | 113.0 | 114.5 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100 | 101.9 | 102.6 | 102.4 | 104.3 | 105.2 | 106.6 | 109.1 | 110.3 | 111.5 | 112.8 |  |
| Difference (\%) | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.9 | -2.5 | -1.3 | -1.9 | -1.9 | -1.0 | -1.2 | -1.4 | -1.5 |  |
| Real GDP (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.4 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Regulatory change | 3.4 | 1.9 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| GDP deflator (2010 = 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100 | 99.5 | 99.1 | 98.9 | 98.5 | 98.2 | 97.8 | 97.4 | 97.1 | 96.8 | 96.4 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100 | 99.5 | 99.0 | 98.6 | 98.1 | 97.7 | 97.3 | 97.1 | 96.8 | 96.4 | 96.1 |  |
| GDP deflator (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | -0.8 | -0.5 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Regulatory change | -0.8 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.4 |
| Nominal GDP ( $¥$ trillion) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 486 | 494 | 500 | 505 | 506 | 512 | 517 | 522 | 527 | 532 | 537 |  |
| Regulatory change | 486 | 493 | 494 | 491 | 498 | 500 | 505 | 515 | 519 | 523 | 527 |  |
| Difference ( $¥$ trillion) | 0 | -1 | -5 | -15 | -8 | -12 | -13 | -7 | -8 | -9 | -10 |  |
| Employment (millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 62.0 | 62.5 | 62.7 | 62.8 | 62.8 | 62.7 | 62.8 | 62.8 | 62.9 | 63.0 | 63.0 |  |
| Regulatory change | 62.0 | 62.5 | 62.5 | 62.3 | 62.1 | 62.2 | 62.2 | 62.4 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 62.6 |  |
| Difference ('000) | -4 | -18 | -134 | -480 | -608 | -460 | -578 | -463 | -319 | -378 | -427 |  |
| Private sector credit (2010 = 100) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 100 | 102.1 | 103.7 | 105.2 | 104.7 | 106.0 | 107.2 | 108.4 | 109.6 | 110.6 | 111.8 |  |
| Regulatory change | 100 | 101.9 | 101.5 | 99.3 | 101.3 | 101.1 | 102.2 | 105.5 | 106.3 | 106.9 | 107.8 |  |
| Private sector credit growth (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.4 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | -0.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Regulatory change | 3.4 | 1.9 | -0.3 | -2.2 | 2.1 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Bank assets (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.6 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | -0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Regulatory change | 3.5 | 1.6 | 2.3 | -2.3 | 1.8 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 |


| Risk-weighted assets (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 3.7 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | -0.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Regulatory change | 3.7 | 4.9 | -0.4 | -2.8 | 1.9 | -0.5 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Bank credit growth to the private sector (\%y/y) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 3.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | -0.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Regulatory change | 3.6 | 1.9 | -0.6 | -2.7 | 2.1 | -0.4 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 |


| Core equity shadow price (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 9.8\% | 6.3\% | 6.8\% | 6.3\% | 6.4\% | 5.2\% | 4.8\% | 4.7\% | 4.6\% | 4.5\% | 4.4\% | 5.4\% |
| Regulatory change | 9.8\% | 6.4\% | 12.1\% | 22.2\% | 13.8\% | 14.8\% | 13.8\% | 7.5\% | 7.1\% | 7.7\% | 7.5\% | 11.3\% |
| Real lending rate (percent) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 1.3\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% | 0.7\% | 1.2\% | 1.1\% | 1.1\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% |
| Regulatory change | 1.4\% | 1.1\% | 1.4\% | 2.2\% | 1.8\% | 2.1\% | 2.0\% | 1.3\% | 1.3\% | 1.4\% | 1.4\% | 1.6\% |
| Difference (bps) | 2 | 6 | 56 | 151 | 67 | 99 | 89 | 24 | 29 | 37 | 38 | 60 |
| Regulatory capital ratio (\% of RWA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 9.3\% | 9.3\% | 9.2\% | 9.2\% | 9.3\% | 9.2\% | 9.1\% | 9.1\% | 9.0\% | 9.0\% | 8.9\% | 9.1\% |
| Regulatory change | 9.3\% | 9.4\% | 10.2\% | 10.5\% | 10.6\% | 11.8\% | 11.9\% | 11.6\% | 11.6\% | 11.5\% | 11.5\% | 11.1\% |
| Core Tier 1 Capital ( $¥$ trillion) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 23 | 23 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 |  |
| Regulatory change | 23 | 25 | 30 | 30 | 32 | 38 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |  |
| Difference | 0 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |  |
| Core Tier 1 capital ratio (\% of RWA) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | 4.0\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 3.7\% | 3.9\% |
| Regulatory change | 4.0\% | 4.2\% | 5.0\% | 5.1\% | 5.4\% | 6.5\% | 6.6\% | 6.4\% | 6.4\% | 6.4\% | 6.3\% | 5.8\% |
| Return on bank equity (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Base | -1.7\% | -1.4\% | 0.6\% | 1.8\% | 3.0\% | 2.9\% | 3.3\% | 3.6\% | 3.8\% | 4.0\% | 4.2\% | 2.6\% |
| Regulatory change | -1.8\% | -1.3\% | 3.7\% | -0.7\% | 6.2\% | 7.3\% | 6.9\% | 4.3\% | 4.5\% | 4.9\% | 5.0\% | 4.1\% |

[^42]
## Chart 39

## Estimated "Cost" of Regulatory Reform on Japanese Economy <br> $¥$ trillion



Source: IIF Estimates

The employment implications of regulatory reform are also modestly negative, especially through 2014 (Chart 40). In the regulatory reform scenario, the level of employment is about 610k lower in 2014 than in the base scenario, which amounts to about 1 percent of 2010 employment levels.

## Chart 40

## Japan Employment Implications of Regulatory Reform

thousands


[^43]The significance of these negative developments is not so much that they are large in an absolute sense, but they seem to be quite a significant price to pay for an economy where the banking system did not perform poorly through the recent crisis, or reveal itself to be a source of global systemic risk, relatively low levels of capital notwithstanding ${ }^{66}$.

This is particularly the case, since these negative developments are apt to worsen two basic problems facing Japan:

- Weaker growth in credit and nominal income will further intensify deflation risks in Japan. The path for prices is a relatively weak one in both our base and regulatory change scenarios, with prices falling throughout the next 10 years in both scenarios. The regulatory change environment is modestly weaker, however, which goes against the grain of everything that the Bank of Japan is otherwise trying to achieve. From a perspective of both national and global financial stability, it is far from clear that a policy change that adds to the downside risks to deflation is a particularly appropriate one.
- Lower growth in nominal income will weaken tax revenue growth and compound the Japanese government's budget deficit and debt difficulties. The path of regulatory reform implies a nominal income loss which averages about $¥ 12$ trillion in 2013-16, which would translate to loss in tax revenue of about $¥ 3$ trillion, or about $0.6 \%$ of GDP.


## The Key Unknown: How Much of a Market in Japanese Bank Equity?

In tracing both the effects of regulatory change on the economy, as well as calibrating their likely scale, a key variable in our Japan framework (as in our other models) is the "shadow price" of equity - effectively the charge that the capital allocation part of the banking system makes to the lending departments which, in turn, is passed on to borrowers in the form of a higher lending rate spread. In our Japan model, this lending spread averages about 60 basis points higher through the next decade in a regulatory reform scenario, although it peaks a high as 150bp in the period of maximum stress for banks-in 2013-when their capital raising activities are at their highest (Chart 41).

In order to meet higher regulatory norms, banks are projected to issue an extra $¥ 15$ trillion of Tier 1 (common) equity in the five years through 2015. This may not sound like a large amount (it is about $3 \%$ of current GDP), but it will be quite a challenge for two simple reasons. First, the low profitability of Japanese banks makes such instruments relatively unattractive to investors, especially global equity investors. Japanese equity

[^44]investors are assumed to have different expectations than their global peers in our framework. In our shadow price of equity equation for Japan, we assume that the core rate of return on bank equity that investors aspire to is $5 \%$, in contrast to the United States (12.5\%) and Euro Area (10\%). Second, Japanese investors have a bias to debt instruments (bonds and bank deposits) relative to equity. This is one important reason why Japanese banks have their specific capital structure (relatively low common equity component and more significant component made up of subordinated debt).
The overall capitalization of the Japanese equity market is about $¥ 307$ trillion, or $\$ 3$ trillion, which is about $15 \%$ of the size of US equity market.


Source: IIF Estimates
In order to meet these new challenges, it seems likely that bank behavior will change in three ways:

- There will be a focus on boosting profitability. Banks will cut costs (including employment) and will attempt to widen loan spreads. They will also look to boost fee incomes (e.g. higher guarantee fees) and require additional charges to cover costs for financial operations, including depositary services.
- Banks will most likely take more risks, choosing to expose themselves to businesses and financial transactions that can draw higher returns compared to traditional
banking activities, but with greater risks. It is plausible that Japan would be left with a more, not less risky banking system ${ }^{67}$.
- Perhaps most likely, banks could choose to reduce the size of their balance sheets more aggressively than our current projections assume, with banks reducing repos, trading assets, loans, securities, and off-balance sheet items (such as commitments, acceptances, and letters of credit). With this new behavior by the banks in place, pricing in several key markets might be negatively affected.

Taking all this into consideration, banks seem quite likely to reduce risk assets - possibly by more than either of our scenarios suggest. Any consequent negative effects on economy are harder to assess, however. The non-bank private sector in Japan has been running a substantial net financial surplus for a number of years, and thus has had limited net borrowing needs. Reflecting this, latest BoJ lending surveys show that weak bank lending has been mainly the result of weak demand, rather than constrained supply.

[^45]
## Appendix: Japan Data Sources

| Type of Data | Sources |
| :--- | :--- |
| Balance Sheet | Bank of Japan - Financial Institutions Accounts (FA) |
| Capital | Bank of Japan - Financial Institutions Accounts (FA) <br> Financial statements of individual banks <br> IMF Global Financial Stability Report April 2010 <br> http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/gfsr/2010/01/index.htm |
| P\&L Model | Japanese Bankers' Association, Financial Statements of all Banks <br> http://www.zenginkyo.or.jp/en/stats/year2 01/index.html |
| IMF Global Financial Stability Report April 2010 <br> http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/gfsr/2010/01/index.htm |  |
| Macroeconomic Data | Bank of Japan <br> Japan Cabinet Office <br> OECD Economic Outlook 86 database |

Japan: Base Scenario

| ¥ trillion |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 |  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Bank Balance Sheet Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No new riskweighting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Assets |  | 747.994 | 749.391 | 768.602 | 813.288 | 800.269 | 828.827 |  | 832.278 | 843.192 | 853.365 | 848.371 | 851.745 | 859.527 | 861.165 | 868.491 | 869.543 | 876.534 |
| LIQ | Cash | 8.098 | 7.996 | 8.041 | 8.441 | 7.765 | 8.288 | 0\% | 8.323 | 8.432 | 8.534 | 8.484 | 8.517 | 8.595 | 8.612 | 8.685 | 8.695 | 8.765 |
| GOV | Government bonds | 96.695 | 88.346 | 80.727 | 93.566 | 120.279 | 124.324 | 0\% | 116.519 | 118.047 | 119.471 | 118.772 | 114.986 | 116.036 | 111.951 | 112.904 | 108.693 | 109.567 |
| LIQ/TA | Liquid asset ratio | 14.0\% | 12.9\% | 11.5\% | 12.5\% | 16.0\% | 16.0\% |  | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 15.0\% | 14.5\% | 14.5\% | 14.0\% | 14.0\% | 13.5\% | 13.5\% |
| 1 B | Domestic financial | 84.032 | 83.380 | 100.089 | 99.574 | 96.885 | 100.000 |  | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 |
| IB (TB) | Trading Book | 75.512 | 73.909 | 89.231 | 89.249 | 87.539 | 90.000 | 10\% | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 |
| IB (BB) | Banking Book | 8.520 | 9.471 | 10.857 | 10.325 | 9.346 | 10.000 | 25\% | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 |
| CORP | Domestic non-financial | 382.101 | 389.051 | 385.407 | 395.915 | 385.251 | 399.263 |  | 407.663 | 414.020 | 419.944 | 417.036 | 422.284 | 426.846 | 431.126 | 435.450 | 439.422 | 443.575 |
| CORP (TB) | Trading Book | 0.009 | 0.013 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.022 | 0.023 | 25\% | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 |
| CORP (BB) | Banking Book | 382.092 | 389.038 | 385.389 | 395.896 | 385.228 | 399.240 | 100\% | 407.642 | 413.999 | 419.923 | 417.015 | 422.263 | 426.825 | 431.105 | 435.429 | 439.401 | 443.554 |
|  | \%oya | 2.3 | 1.8 | -0.9 | 2.7 | -2.7 | 3.6 |  | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | -0.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| HH | Household | 113.207 | 110.745 | 111.631 | 115.593 | 114.501 | 118.666 |  | 121.162 | 123.052 | 124.813 | 123.948 | 125.508 | 126.864 | 128.136 | 129.421 | 130.602 | 131.836 |
| MORT | Mortgages | 56.603 | 55.372 | 55.815 | 57.797 | 57.251 | 58.000 | 50\% | 60.000 | 62.000 | 64.000 | 66.000 | 67.000 | 68.000 | 69.000 | 71.000 | 72.000 | 73.000 |
| CC | Other | 56.603 | 55.372 | 55.815 | 57.797 | 57.251 | 60.666 | 100\% | 61.162 | 61.052 | 60.813 | 57.948 | 58.508 | 58.864 | 59.136 | 58.421 | 58.602 | 58.836 |
| EXTA | External | 2.654 | 2.816 | 3.278 | 3.184 | 2.354 | 2.438 |  | 2.448 | 2.480 | 2.510 | 2.495 | 2.505 | 2.528 | 2.533 | 2.554 | 2.557 | 2.578 |
|  | High-grade | 2.469 | 2.602 | 3.000 | 2.906 | 2.148 | 2.224 | 25\% | 2.234 | 2.263 | 2.290 | 2.277 | 2.286 | 2.307 | 2.311 | 2.331 | 2.334 | 2.352 |
| EXTA (EM) | Risky (EM) | 0.185 | 0.213 | 0.278 | 0.278 | 0.206 | 0.213 | 100\% | 0.214 | 0.217 | 0.220 | 0.218 | 0.219 | 0.221 | 0.222 | 0.224 | 0.224 | 0.226 |
|  | Fixed Assets | 7.286 | 7.031 | 6.745 | 6.655 | 6.688 | 6.927 | 100\% | 6.956 | 7.047 | 7.132 | 7.090 | 7.118 | 7.183 | 7.197 | 7.258 | 7.267 | 7.325 |
|  | Other Assets | 53.921 | 60.026 | 72.684 | 90.361 | 66.546 | 68.921 | 100\% | 69.208 | 70.115 | 70.961 | 70.546 | 70.826 | 71.474 | 71.610 | 72.219 | 72.306 | 72.888 |
| RWA | Risk-weighted assets | 538.690 | 549.780 | 561.211 | 592.122 | 556.177 | 577.029 |  | 587.246 | 595.501 | 603.126 | 597.892 | 604.511 | 610.650 | 615.853 | 621.138 | 625.889 | 631.422 |
| Bank Liabilities |  | 710.696 | 709.091 | 725.910 | 767.866 | 746.821 | 775.078 |  | 777.906 | 788.479 | 797.969 | 792.944 | 796.146 | 803.767 | 805.249 | 812.416 | 813.315 | 820.150 |
| M1 | Retail | 541.691 | 544.356 | 558.696 | 572.733 | 587.313 | 602.690 |  | 611.551 | 619.027 | 626.233 | 627.471 | 634.282 | 640.654 | 646.863 | 653.132 | 659.193 | 665.409 |
| M2 | Domestic financial | 42.808 | 61.983 | 64.160 | 84.197 | 71.497 | 73.369 |  | 74.447 | 75.358 | 76.235 | 76.385 | 77.215 | 77.990 | 78.746 | 79.509 | 80.247 | 81.004 |
| M3 | Wholesale (non-capital) | 44.397 | 19.927 | 19.659 | 17.864 | 17.832 | 27.003 |  | 19.624 | 21.585 | 22.774 | 16.323 | 11.679 | 11.961 | 6.290 | 6.236 | 0.153 | -0.173 |
|  | Short-term | 30.423 | 13.789 | 14.842 | 13.641 | 13.410 | 20.307 |  | 14.757 | 16.232 | 17.127 | 12.275 | 8.783 | 8.995 | 4.730 | 4.689 | 0.115 | -0.130 |
|  | Long-term | 13.973 | 6.137 | 4.817 | 4.223 | 4.422 | 6.696 |  | 4.866 | 5.353 | 5.648 | 4.048 | 2.896 | 2.966 | 1.560 | 1.546 | 0.038 | -0.043 |
| EXTL | External | 18.728 | 17.504 | 21.596 | 20.479 | 17.725 | 18.189 |  | 18.457 | 18.682 | 18.900 | 18.937 | 19.143 | 19.335 | 19.523 | 19.712 | 19.895 | 20.082 |
|  | Other | 63.072 | 65.320 | 61.798 | 72.594 | 52.454 | 53.827 |  | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 | 53.827 |
| Capital |  | 37.297 | 40.301 | 42.692 | 45.422 | 53.449 | 53.749 |  | 54.372 | 54.713 | 55.396 | 55.427 | 55.599 | 55.760 | 55.916 | 56.075 | 56.228 | 56.384 |
| T2 | Tier II | 10.025 | 10.832 | 11.475 | 12.209 | 15.688 | 15.600 |  | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 |
| T1 | Tier I | 27.272 | 29.468 | 31.217 | 33.213 | 37.761 | 38.149 |  | 38.372 | 38.713 | 39.396 | 39.427 | 39.599 | 39.760 | 39.916 | 40.075 | 40.228 | 40.384 |
| TCE | Core | 17.803 | 18.366 | 18.637 | 19.462 | 22.940 | 22.940 |  | 22.940 | 23.092 | 23.593 | 23.593 | 23.593 | 23.593 | 23.593 | 23.593 | 23.593 | 23.593 |
| T1-TCE | Non-core | 9.470 | 11.103 | 12.580 | 13.751 | 14.821 | 15.209 |  | 15.432 | 15.621 | 15.803 | 15.834 | 16.006 | 16.167 | 16.323 | 16.482 | 16.635 | 16.791 |
| REGCAP | Regulatory | 37.297 | 40.301 | 42.692 | 45.422 | 53.449 | 53.749 |  | 54.372 | 54.713 | 55.396 | 55.427 | 55.599 | 55.760 | 55.916 | 56.075 | 56.228 | 56.384 |
| REGADJ | Regulatory Adjustments | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Key Capital ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGCAP/RWA | Regulatory Capital | 6.9\% | 7.3\% | 7.6\% | 7.7\% | 9.6\% | 9.3\% |  | 9.3\% | 9.2\% | 9.2\% | 9.3\% | 9.2\% | 9.1\% | 9.1\% | 9.0\% | 9.0\% | 8.9\% |
| BIS | Regulatory minimum | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |
| BUFCAP | National buffer (\%pts) | -1.1\% | -0.7\% | -0.4\% | -0.3\% | 1.6\% | 1.3\% |  | 1.3\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.3\% | 1.2\% | 1.1\% | 1.1\% | 1.0\% | 1.0\% | 0.9\% |
| T1/RWA | Tier I | 5.1\% | 5.4\% | 5.6\% | 5.6\% | 6.8\% | 6.6\% |  | 6.5\% | 6.5\% | 6.5\% | 6.6\% | 6.6\% | 6.5\% | 6.5\% | 6.5\% | 6.4\% | 6.4\% |
| TCE/RWA | Core Tier I | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 4.1\% | 4.0\% |  | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.9\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 3.8\% | 3.7\% |
| BIS(1) | Regulatory minimum | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |
| BUFCAP (T1) | National buffer (\%pts) | 1.1\% | 1.4\% | 1.6\% | 1.6\% | 2.8\% | 2.6\% |  | 2.5\% | 2.5\% | 2.5\% | 2.6\% | 2.6\% | 2.5\% | 2.5\% | 2.5\% | 2.4\% | 2.4\% |
|  | Required buffer | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% |  | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% |
| LEVRAT | Leverage ratio | 20.1 | 18.6 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 15.4 |  | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 15.5 |

Japan: Base Scenario

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Japan: Regulatory Change Scenario

| ¥ trillion |  | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Projection period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2010 |  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Bank Balance Sheet Model |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { No new } \\ \text { risk- } \\ \text { weighting } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank Assets |  | 747.994 | 749.391 | 768.602 | 813.288 | 800.269 | 828.286 |  | 841.634 | 860.726 | 841.206 | 856.045 | 853.095 | 860.565 | 884.644 | 889.717 | 893.217 | 898.539 |
| LIQ | Cash | 8.098 | 7.996 | 8.041 | 8.441 | 7.765 | 8.283 | 0\% | 8.416 | 8.607 | 8.412 | 8.560 | 8.531 | 8.606 | 8.846 | 8.897 | 8.932 | 8.985 |
| GOV | Government bonds | 96.695 | 88.346 | 80.727 | 93.566 | 120.279 | 124.243 | 0\% | 126.245 | 146.323 | 143.005 | 145.528 | 145.026 | 146.296 | 150.390 | 151.252 | 151.847 | 152.752 |
| LIQ/TA | Liquid asset ratio | 14.0\% | 12.9\% | 11.5\% | 12.5\% | 16.0\% | 16.0\% |  | 16.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% | 18.0\% |
| 1 B | Domestic financial | 84.032 | 83.380 | 100.089 | 99.574 | 96.885 | 100.000 |  | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 | 100.000 |
| IB (TB) | Trading Book | 75.512 | 73.909 | 89.231 | 89.249 | 87.539 | 90.000 | 30\% | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 | 90.000 |
| IB (BB) | Banking Book | 8.520 | 9.471 | 10.857 | 10.325 | 9.346 | 10.000 | 25\% | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 | 10.000 |
| CORP | Domestic non-financial | 382.101 | 389.051 | 385.407 | 395.915 | 385.251 | 398.953 |  | 406.624 | 404.327 | 393.408 | 401.708 | 400.058 | 404.236 | 417.704 | 420.541 | 422.499 | 425.476 |
| CORP (TB) | Trading Book | 0.009 | 0.013 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.022 | 0.023 | 75\% | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 | 0.021 |
| CORP (BB) | Banking Book | 382.092 | 389.038 | 385.389 | 395.896 | 385.228 | 398.930 | 100\% | 406.603 | 404.306 | 393.387 | 401.687 | 400.037 | 404.215 | 417.683 | 420.520 | 422.478 | 425.455 |
|  | \%oya | 2.3 | 1.8 | -0.9 | 2.7 | -2.7 | 3.6 |  | 1.9 | -0.6 | -2.7 | 2.1 | -0.4 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| HH | Household | 113.207 | 110.745 | 111.631 | 115.593 | 114.501 | 118.574 |  | 120.854 | 120.171 | 116.926 | 119.393 | 118.902 | 120.144 | 124.147 | 124.990 | 125.572 | 126.457 |
| MORT | Mortgages | 56.603 | 55.372 | 55.815 | 57.797 | 57.251 | 58.000 | 50\% | 60.000 | 62.000 | 64.000 | 66.000 | 67.000 | 68.000 | 69.000 | 71.000 | 72.000 | 73.000 |
| CC | Other | 56.603 | 55.372 | 55.815 | 57.797 | 57.251 | 60.574 | 100\% | 60.854 | 58.171 | 52.926 | 53.393 | 51.902 | 52.144 | 55.147 | 53.990 | 53.572 | 53.457 |
| EXTA | External | 2.654 | 2.816 | 3.278 | 3.184 | 2.354 | 2.436 |  | 2.475 | 2.532 | 2.474 | 2.518 | 2.509 | 2.531 | 2.602 | 2.617 | 2.627 | 2.643 |
| EXTA (HG) | High-grade | 2.469 | 2.602 | 3.000 | 2.906 | 2.148 | 2.223 | 25\% | 2.259 | 2.310 | 2.257 | 2.297 | 2.289 | 2.309 | 2.374 | 2.388 | 2.397 | 2.411 |
| EXTA (EM) | Risky (EM) | 0.185 | 0.213 | 0.278 | 0.278 | 0.206 | 0.213 | 100\% | 0.217 | 0.222 | 0.217 | 0.220 | 0.220 | 0.222 | 0.228 | 0.229 | 0.230 | 0.231 |
|  | Fixed Assets | 7.286 | 7.031 | 6.745 | 6.655 | 6.688 | 6.922 | 100\% | 7.034 | 7.193 | 7.030 | 7.154 | 7.130 | 7.192 | 7.393 | 7.436 | 7.465 | 7.509 |
|  | Other Assets | 53.921 | 60.026 | 72.684 | 90.361 | 66.546 | 68.876 | 100\% | 69.986 | 71.573 | 69.950 | 71.184 | 70.939 | 71.560 | 73.562 | 73.984 | 74.275 | 74.718 |
| RWA | Risk-weighted assets | 538.690 | 549.780 | 561.211 | 592.122 | 556.177 | 576.576 |  | 604.773 | 602.558 | 585.590 | 596.729 | 593.815 | 599.426 | 618.623 | 621.772 | 624.135 | 627.988 |
| Bank Liabilities |  | 710.696 | 709.091 | 725.910 | 767.866 | 746.821 | 774.543 |  | 784.780 | 799.234 | 779.824 | 792.504 | 783.062 | 789.153 | 812.912 | 817.852 | 821.235 | 826.421 |
| M1 | Retail | 541.691 | 544.356 | 558.696 | 572.733 | 587.313 | 602.474 |  | 610.836 | 612.398 | 608.013 | 616.969 | 618.980 | 625.096 | 637.780 | 643.022 | 647.682 | 653.080 |
| M2 | Domestic financial | 42.808 | 61.983 | 64.160 | 84.197 | 71.497 | 73.342 |  | 72.160 | 70.180 | 67.572 | 66.540 | 64.761 | 63.458 | 62.842 | 61.473 | 60.074 | 58.773 |
| M3 | Wholesale (non-capital) | 44.397 | 19.927 | 19.659 | 17.864 | 17.832 | 26.736 |  | 29.540 | 44.366 | 32.081 | 36.566 | 26.833 | 27.925 | 39.234 | 40.143 | 40.123 | 41.049 |
|  | Short-term | 30.423 | 13.789 | 14.842 | 13.641 | 13.410 | 18.715 |  | 17.724 | 24.401 | 16.040 | 16.455 | 10.733 | 9.774 | 11.770 | 10.036 | 8.025 | 8.210 |
|  | Long-term | 13.973 | 6.137 | 4.817 | 4.223 | 4.422 | 8.021 |  | 11.816 | 19.964 | 16.040 | 20.112 | 16.100 | 18.151 | 27.464 | 30.107 | 32.099 | 32.840 |
| EXTL | External | 18.728 | 17.504 | 21.596 | 20.479 | 17.725 | 18.183 |  | 18.435 | 18.482 | 18.350 | 18.620 | 18.681 | 18.866 | 19.248 | 19.407 | 19.547 | 19.710 |
|  | Other | 63.072 | 65.320 | 61.798 | 72.594 | 52.454 | 53.808 |  | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 | 53.808 |
| Capital |  | 37.297 | 40.301 | 42.692 | 45.422 | 53.449 | 53.743 |  | 56.854 | 61.493 | 61.382 | 63.541 | 70.032 | 71.412 | 71.732 | 71.864 | 71.982 | 72.118 |
| T2 | Tier II | 10.025 | 10.832 | 11.475 | 12.209 | 15.688 | 15.600 |  | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 | 16.000 |
| T1 | Tier I | 27.272 | 29.468 | 31.217 | 33.213 | 37.761 | 38.143 |  | 40.854 | 45.493 | 45.382 | 47.541 | 54.032 | 55.412 | 55.732 | 55.864 | 55.982 | 56.118 |
| TCE | Core | 17.803 | 18.366 | 18.637 | 19.462 | 22.940 | 22.940 |  | 25.440 | 30.039 | 30.039 | 31.972 | 38.413 | 39.638 | 39.638 | 39.638 | 39.638 | 39.638 |
| T1-TCE | Non-core | 9.470 | 11.103 | 12.580 | 13.751 | 14.821 | 15.203 |  | 15.414 | 15.454 | 15.343 | 15.569 | 15.620 | 15.774 | 16.094 | 16.226 | 16.344 | 16.480 |
| REGCAP | Regulatory | 37.297 | 40.301 | 42.692 | 45.422 | 53.449 | 53.743 |  | 56.854 | 61.493 | 61.382 | 63.541 | 70.032 | 71.412 | 71.732 | 71.864 | 71.982 | 72.118 |
| REGADJ | Regulatory Adjustments | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Key Capital ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| REGCAP/RWA | Regulatory Capital | 6.9\% | 7.3\% | 7.6\% | 7.7\% | 9.6\% | 9.3\% |  | 9.4\% | 10.2\% | 10.5\% | 10.6\% | 11.8\% | 11.9\% | 11.6\% | 11.6\% | 11.5\% | 11.5\% |
| BIS | Regulatory minimum | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% | 8.0\% |  | 8.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.0\% |
| BUFCAP | National buffer (\%pts) | -1.1\% | -0.7\% | -0.4\% | -0.3\% | 1.6\% | 1.3\% |  | 1.4\% | 0.2\% | 0.5\% | 0.6\% | 1.8\% | 1.9\% | 1.6\% | 1.6\% | 1.5\% | 1.5\% |
| T1/RWA | Tier I | 5.1\% | 5.4\% | 5.6\% | 5.6\% | 6.8\% | 6.6\% |  | 6.8\% | 7.5\% | 7.7\% | 8.0\% | 9.1\% | 9.2\% | 9.0\% | 9.0\% | 9.0\% | 8.9\% |
| TCE/RWA | Core Tier 1 | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 3.3\% | 4.1\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.2\% | 5.0\% | 5.1\% | 5.4\% | 6.5\% | 6.6\% | 6.4\% | 6.4\% | 6.4\% | 6.3\% |
| BIS(1) | Regulatory minimum | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% | 4.0\% |  | 4.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% |
| BUFCAP (T1) | National buffer (\%pts) | 1.1\% | 1.4\% | 1.6\% | 1.6\% | 2.8\% | 2.6\% |  | 2.8\% | 1.5\% | 1.7\% | 2.0\% | 3.1\% | 3.2\% | 3.0\% | 3.0\% | 3.0\% | 2.9\% |
|  | Required buffer | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% |  | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% | 1.2\% |
| LEVRAT | Leverage ratio | 20.1 | 18.6 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 15.4 |  | 14.8 | 14.0 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.5 |

Japan: Regulatory Change Scenario

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Government bonds
Liquid asset ratio
Domestic financial
Trading Book
Banking Book
Domestic non－financial
Trading Book
Banking Book
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Household
Mortgages
Other
External
High－grade
Risky（EM）
Fixed Assets
Other Assets
Risk－weighted assets

## Bank Assets


Japan: Historical Dataset

Japan: Historical Dataset


## Chapter 6

## Impact on Emerging Economies

## Introduction and Summary

- Large emerging economies should be an important part of discussions on global banking sector reform. After decades of turbulence, emerging market banking sectors were relatively stable in the latest episode. They may have lessons to teach.
- The total banking sector assets of a sample of large emerging economies was about $\$ 20.6$ trillion at the end of 2009 , which is more than $174 \%$ of the size of the US banking system, and about $145 \%$ of the combined GDP of these economies. This aggregate is dominated by China, where rapid growth in the banking system over the past couple of years has made it the single largest national banking system in the world.
- In assessing the direct impact of the unfolding regulatory reforms on emerging economies, we do not have the same quantitative framework used to assess the impact in large mature banking systems. Our assessment is thus more qualitative.
- Based on this assessment, it seems as though it is economic conditions in Emerging Europe that are most likely to be adversely affected by the current regulatory reform agenda. This broadly matches the message from the mature economies, where the largest impact falls on the European banking system.
- Most emerging market banking systems are relatively well capitalized and maintain ratios of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets well above the current $8 \%$ minimum of the Basel II requirements.
- This is not to say that the new BIS rules will not affect most emerging market banking systems, however. One concern about the new capital regime is the possibility that they do not fully incorporate the features of emerging capital markets and that, as a result, significant amounts of what might now be countable as Tier 1 capital might not be treatable as such in the future. Another is how local supervisors will choose to react to an increase in the internationally agreed minima in setting the appropriate local buffers for actual capital ratios. Maintaining existing buffers and thus directly passing through the increase in the minima would probably be unduly harsh.
- Excluding minority interests from capital would also raise operating costs for many mature market banks with businesses in emerging economies. The minority interest issue is a particularly important one in the emerging economies, as many have benefitted from infusion of foreign equity from mature economies into local banking systems, which has brought with it new practices to improve local banking efficiency and competition. Current Basel III proposals would significantly increase the cost of maintaining, let alone increasing, such local emerging market presence for banks based in mature countries.
- Most emerging market banking systems will be challenged by the liquidity proposals. For one thing, most domestic long-term bank funding markets are relatively thin. In some cases (especially East Asia), the supply of eligible liquid assets is also limited.
- The direct negative economic effects on emerging economies from regulatory reform will be compounded by indirect effects, which will operate mainly through the transmission mechanism of cross-border capital flows. Unused trade finance facilities would become far more expensive under the leverage ratio proposals. These indirect effects could be most adverse for Emerging Europe, but economies in Latin America and Emerging Asia would probably also be adversely affected.
- A survey of our largest emerging market member banks broadly confirms these results. Bankers generally see the implications of reform as negative, with local lending conditions likely to tighten modestly, but international banking markets expected to tighten significantly, in the aftermath of regulatory reform.


## Emerging Market Banking Systems should be a Focus

Banking systems in emerging economies should be an important part of the current discussions on global banking sector reform. The reforms of Basel I and Basel II were negotiated among, and largely shaped for, banks operating in mature economies. With the current round of reforms being designed to deliver a more stable global banking system for the next credit cycle, there are many reasons for emphasizing emerging markets.

The first is their existing scale. The total banking sector assets of a sample of 16 leading emerging economies was about $\$ 20.6$ trillion at the end of 2009 , which is more than $174 \%$ of the size of the US banking system, and about $145 \%$ of the combined GDP of these economies (Table 15). This aggregate is dominated by China, where rapid growth in banking system over past couple of years has made it the single largest national
banking system in the world ${ }^{68}$. While China dominates the EM aggregate (in banking as in most other areas), the absolute scale of assets in a number of other economies is notable, both absolutely and relative to GDP. For example, Brazilian bank assets have climbed to about $\$ 1.5$ trillion, while Korea's and India's are about $\$ 1.4$ trillion ${ }^{69}$.

Table 15
Emerging Market Banking Sector Assets

|  | \% of 2009 GDP | S billion |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total EM (16) | 145.1 | 20640.1 |
| Emerging Asia |  |  |
| China | 251.7 | 12354.3 |
| India | 99.9 | 1354.7 |
| Indonesia | 44.8 | 266.1 |
| Korea | 170.6 | 1419.9 |
| Emerging Europe |  | 225.8 |
| Czech Republic | 118.3 | 197.5 |
| Hungary | 139.4 | 428.9 |
| Poland | 92.6 | 963.0 |
| Russia | 74.4 | 534.8 |
| Turkey | 83.6 | 401.4 |
| Africa/Middle East |  | 365.9 |
| South Africa | 139.8 | 103.6 |
| Saudi Arabia | 99.0 | 1551.4 |
| Latin America |  | 193.5 |
| Argentina | 33.3 | 50.3 |
| Brazil | 98.6 | 229.0 |

Sources: IIF Estimates from various National sources

Second, 11 emerging markets are now formally part of the G20 process, and are thus members of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Financial Stability Board ${ }^{70}$. As such, they have active seats at the table and are able to influence directly negotiations on reform proposals, unlike Basel I and Basel II.

Third, while banking systems in some emerging economies had been subject to multiple, and often violent, periods of crisis and turbulence over recent decades, there was a much reduced incidence of EM banking sector turmoil in the latest episode. Bankers,

[^46]regulators and supervisors in emerging economies may thus have lessons to teach their counterparts in the mature economies. Indeed, this relative resilience of EM banking systems was an important global stabilizer in the 2008-09 global recession. Credit growth in emerging economies slowed but did not collapse (Chart 42). The slowing was most pronounced in Emerging Europe, which was the region most affected in 2007-09, and Latin America (Chart 43). By contrast, credit growth accelerated in Emerging Asia in 2009, largely thanks to China.

## Chart 42

Emerging Economies: Bank Lending to Private Sector
percent change over a year ago, 20 emerging economies


Sources: IIF Estimates from National Monetary Surveys, Bloomberg, Datastream

Fourth, and perhaps most importantly, it seems clear that whatever part emerging market banking systems may play in the global economy today, that role will become increasingly important in the future, and probably quite quickly. One reflection of this is the equity market capitalization of leading emerging banks: three of the five largest banks in the world by market capitalization (as at the end of 2009) were Chinese (while a fourth—HSBC—has extensive links to China); and 7 of the top 20 banks (by market capitalization) were in emerging market economies. Emerging market banking systems are thus important not only from a national systemic perspective, but now also globally.

The scope for banks in emerging economies to grow is largely domestic. Emerging economies have enjoyed relatively rapid nominal GDP growth in recent years, and this seems likely to persist, even as nominal income growth in mature economies is expected to remain quite anemic. While asset growth in many systems has been rapid even relative to high nominal GDP growth, there is still plenty of room for many banking systems to grow as banking services penetrate the economy more broadly. It is this potential for growth that has attracted a lot of foreign investment into local emerging
market banking systems, especially in Latin America and, more recently, Emerging Europe.

For most countries, the relatively small size of their banking sector to the economy is legacy of past instability; for some, it was a reflection of suppression and controls, although these constraints have become a lot less binding in recent years. Unlike mature economies, where there is scope for other forms of debt intermediation to supplant traditional commercial banking activity, many emerging economies are at the stage of financial development where the share of banks in financial intermediation is rising, in part because banks are replacing more traditional (and often very high cost) sources of informal credit.

## Chart 43

Emerging Economies: Bank Lending to Private Sector
percent change over a year ago (both scales)


Source: IIF Estimates from National Monetary Surveys, Bloomberg, Datastream

This stage of financial development presents bankers and regulators in emerging economies with a special challenge: they need to permit relatively rapid rates of credit growth to promote economic and social development (including support for both small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as large infrastructure needs), while maintaining sufficiently robust regulatory regimes to ensure financial soundness and stability.

A final way in which the global significance of emerging market banks is likely to rise in coming years is that they are almost certain to become more globally active, increasing cross-border activity. This is not to say that Chinese banks, for example, are apt to increase suddenly their appetite for foreign assets (although this did occur in the case of Japan in the 1980s). Commercial banks tend to follow their non-financial customers abroad, however, and the rising world trade share of producers based in emerging
economies will naturally promote more extensive international links. Moreover, one of the most interesting developments of recent years has been the tendency for firms located in emerging economies to undertake foreign direct investment in other countries (both mature and emerging), which is likely to promote more internationalization of emerging market banking systems (Chart 44).

Chart 44
Outflows of FDI from Emerging Economies


Source: IIF Estimates

## Applicability of Basel Reforms to Emerging Economies

In assessing the impact of likely global regulatory reforms on emerging market banking systems and their economies, one issue is how relevant these globally agreed standards are to the local banking systems across the emerging world.

As noted above, large emerging economies are party to the discussions on the revised rules on capital and liquidity now underway. More countries than just this group of 11 are likely to adopt these agreements, however. Current compliance rates with the Basel Committee Core Principles on Banking Supervision are generally around two-thirds across the emerging world (Chart 45). Compliance with the Core Principles is a much broader requirement than just meeting internationally agreed minimum requirements on capital. Indeed, capital adequacy is one of 25 core principles ${ }^{71}$. By region, current compliance rates with Basel Core Principles are highest in Emerging Europe and the

[^47]Middle East and lowest in Emerging Asia. Looking ahead, it seems reasonable to expect that regulators and supervisors in major banking systems in the emerging world will strive to meet and stay ahead of regulations that were initially established for their counterparts in the mature world.


Source: Rennhack, R. et al (2009)

## A Qualitative Impact Assessment of the Reform Proposals

In assessing the potential direct impact of the unfolding reforms on emerging economies, it should be emphasized that we do not have the same quantitative framework used to assess the impact in large mature banking systems (see Chapters 36). Our assessment is thus more qualitative. In what follows below, we assess a series of effects. In an effort to combine these effects and assess their relative importance, we have developed a simple scoring matrix (Table 16). In this matrix, we "score" various effects according to whether they are likely to be insignificant in (economic) impact (0); negative in impact (- ;-- implies significantly negative); or positive in impact (+). Five of these effects are what might be termed "direct" effects (i.e., the economic effect resulting from the application of the regulatory change to the system in question); one summarizes "indirect" effects (i.e., economic changes resulting from the application of regulatory change elsewhere).

Table 16
Qualitative Assessment of Potential Impact of Regulatory Reform on Growth Outlook


Source: IIF Estimates

The right hand column is an overall assessment based on the previous six columns. Based on this assessment, it seems as though it is economic conditions in Emerging Europe that are most likely to be adversely affected by the current regulatory reform agenda. This broadly matches the message from the mature economies, where the relatively largest impact falls on the European banking system.

## Direct Effects

## Capital

Most emerging market banking systems are relatively well capitalized and maintain ratios of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets well above the current $8 \%$ minimum of the Basel II requirements (Table 17). Capital ratios are typically higher in countries that have had a (relatively) recent history of banking sector and broader economic instability: Argentina, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia and Turkey.

- An increase in the minimum requirement of two percentage points, to $10 \%$ of riskweighted assets would not appear to be a significant burden on EM banking systems that are currently quite well capitalized, at least at face value. Higher core capital ratios would probably require banks in Emerging Asia to step up their alreadysignificant capital raising activities somewhat. Depending on how global capital markets reacted, this could act as a modest tightening in regional financial conditions ${ }^{72}$.

[^48]- What is more of an issue for most emerging market banking systems is how local supervisors choose to react to an increase in the internationally agreed minimum in setting the appropriate local buffer of actual capital ratios over the minimum. It would probably be an unduly harsh reaction to maintain existing buffers and thus directly pass through the increase in the minima, although we believe that supervisors in Latin America and Emerging Europe are somewhat apt to do this. The argument for maintaining lower buffers would simply be that emerging market banking systems had adjusted to a riskier world earlier than their mature market counterparts, mainly because of their own traumatic experiences of the 1990s ${ }^{73}$. Putting on an extra layer of capital to compensate for similar mistakes made more recently in mature economies would imply a double adjustment ${ }^{74}$.

Table 17
Emerging Market Banking Sector - Capital Ratios and Returns
percent, latest data (generally 2009)

|  | Capital Ratios |  | Return on |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Regulatory Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets | Capital to Assets | Assets | Equity |
| Emerging Asia |  |  |  |  |
| China | 12.0 | 5.4 | 1.0 | 17.1 |
| India | 13.0 | 6.6 | 1.0 | 12.5 |
| Indonesia | 16.8 | 9.4 | 2.7 | 17.4 |
| Korea | 12.3 | 9.5 | 0.5 | 7.1 |
| Emerging Europe |  |  |  |  |
| Czech Republic | 13.7 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 23.4 |
| Hungary | 12.3 | 8.1 | 1.1 | 15.3 |
| Poland | 11.7 | 7.9 | 1.1 | 15.6 |
| Russia | 18.5 | 13.6 | 0.5 | 3.6 |
| Turkey | 19.2 | 12.1 | 3.0 | 25.1 |
| Africa/Middle East |  |  |  |  |
| South Africa | 13.5 | 7.9 | 1.0 | 17.2 |
| Latin America |  |  |  |  |
| Argentina | 17.6 | 13.1 | 1.9 | 15.6 |
| Brazil | 18.5 | 9.2 | 1.1 | 11.6 |
| Chile | 13.6 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 14.7 |
| Colombia | 14.8 | 12.5 | 5.5 | 44.4 |
| Mexico | 15.2 | 9.1 | 1.2 | 12.7 |

Source: IMF Global Financial Stability Report, April 2010
economies dependent on bank credit for growth could find their prospects crimped by heavy capital demands from mature countries.
${ }^{73}$ Of course, the requirement to run higher EM capital ratios is not just that imposed by regulators or enlightened bank managements, but also that by local equity markets.
${ }^{74}$ The argument for maintaining buffers and passing higher regulatory minima through would be that the world has become a riskier place and prudence requires an acknowledgment of this, even in systems that had proven they were quite resilient in recent years.

- Probably the biggest concern about the new capital regime is the impact of new requirements relating to the composition of capital, and the possibility that significant amounts of what might now be countable as Tier 1 capital might not be treatable as such in the future. Most importantly, global proposals on exclusion of minority interests in financial institutions from the common equity component of Tier 1 capital would have serious repercussions on the way global institutions operate in emerging economies. Indeed, either partnering with or as a minority stakeholder in emerging economies is often a way for foreign banks to reduce risks associated with local expansion in emerging economies. The exclusion of minority interests could have a particularly significant effect on banking systems in Emerging Europe, where foreign ownership of local banks has become very significant in recent years. The minority interest exclusion will make it more costly for foreign owners to maintain and expand their operations in Emerging Europe, and will thus act as an unambiguous drag on activity. It should also be recognized that there are special characteristics of local capital market instruments in a number of emerging market jurisdictions-especially Latin America-which while diverse in form, comply with the general substantive principles of loss-absorbency endorsed by the BCBS proposals (for example, preferred stock with fundamentally similar loss absorbency characteristics as common stock).
- The potential application of a leverage ratio to off-balance sheet assets such as letters of credit, credit card lines, contingent lines of credit for small and mediumsized enterprises and trade finance instruments could have a penalizing effect.


## Liquidity

Many emerging market banking systems have maintained relatively high levels of liquidity (either holdings at the central bank or of government debt) in recent years, so meeting some of new liquidity-related requirements may not be that challenging. This relatively ample stock of bank liquidity is, in part, a reflection of monetary policy tools in emerging economies, which are often based around the maintenance of required reserve requirements ${ }^{75}$. It is also the result of foreign exchange intervention policies, where massive, regular intervention cannot be, or is not, fully sterilized.

Most emerging market banking systems will be challenged to meet net stable funding rule requirements, however, because long-term markets in bank paper are very thin. Enforcing the overall package of liquidity requirements could thus lead to a significant increase in banks' overall funding costs.

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## Other Considerations

Most emerging market banking systems are dominated by several large, systemically important firms. As noted, three of the world's five largest banks (by market capitalization) are Chinese banks. Global proposals to add to special capital charges on systemically-relevant institutions; to impose a bank levy (tax) on large firms; or, at the limit, to enforce a break up of large firms could have significantly negative implications for banks and economies, especially in Emerging Asia and Latin America.

## Indirect Effects

## Capital Flows

The direct negative economic effects on emerging economies from regulatory reform will be compounded by indirect effects, which will operate mainly through the transmission mechanism of cross-border capital flows.

Lending to emerging market borrowers from banks in mature market economies will be adversely affected by higher capital charges. Under BIS rules, loans and other exposures to OECD members get more favorable risk-weighting than those outside OECD. Higher capital charges will thus further tilt this bias, and lead to reduced lending to emerging market economies ${ }^{76}$.

Bank flows to emerging economies will also be adversely affected by the proposed treatment of off balance sheet items, such as trade finance instruments, which will increase the cost of trade finance. The collapse in world trade in late 2008 as a result of the evaporation of trade finance facilities was a strong reminder of the importance of bank credit in the trade finance mechanism, much of which is provided on a contingent basis. Moreover, large international banks - which will be significantly disadvantaged in this area - tend to play a key role in this market, including the provision of trade finance facilities to many of the poorest countries.

Cross-border bank lending to emerging market economies tends to move in cycles, with the latest (and greatest) surge to date peaking in 2007 (Chart 46). The collapse in crossborder lending to emerging economies was one key transmission mechanism through which the extreme turmoil in mature markets after September 2008 affected emerging economies, especially via the dislocation of trade finance. Stopping the decline in flows was more important than returning them to strong growth: Emerging economies have been able to lead the global recovery, even though there has yet to be an appreciable quickening in the pace of bank lending.

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## Chart 46

Bank Lending to Emerging Market Economies
IIF sample of 30 leading emerging economies


Source: IIF Staff Estimates

Each of the three last bank lending waves to emerging economies had a regional concentration (Chart 47). Moreover, each ended badly. In the early 1980s, the focus was on lending to Latin America, with excessive lending culminating in the 1982-83 debt crisis. In the mid 1990s, the focus was on Emerging Asia, with excess there culminating in the 1997-98 East Asia crisis. In the mid 2000s, the focus was on Emerging Europe, and the sudden reversal of these flows culminated in a sharp downturn in the region as part of the 2008-09 global recession ${ }^{77}$.

As the region most recently affected by the boom and bust in cross-border bank lending, it is Emerging Europe that stands to suffer the most from a reduction in the propensity of foreign banks to hold cross-border claims on emerging market economies. Note that this effect will compound the negative resulting from a greater leeriness on the part of banks domiciled in the Euro Area to expand their local market activities in Emerging European countries because of the higher cost of capital resulting from the exclusion of minority interests from Tier 1 capital.

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Source: IIF Estimates

It is widely accepted that proposed banking reform measures will have the effect of raising the cost of bank intermediation in mature economies and, all other things equal, the cost of credit to the private sector. Policy makers in mature economies have emphasized that they would be able to offset some of the restrictive impact of such an effect by either trimming official interest rates below where they would otherwise be. If that is not possible because if rates already being close to zero, then it would be possible to run a more expansionary monetary policy through quantitative easing. This monetary strategy has implications for capital flows emerging economies.

For one thing, a more expansionary monetary policy in mature economies (especially more quantitative easing) could lead to higher real commodity prices. This would tend to promote the flow of capital to commodity producing regions and countries (both speculative and fundamental). Depending on the size of these flows, this effect could even strengthen growth in these economies (Middle East, Africa and Latin America).

For another, wider interest differentials are apt to promote carry-trade related debt flows, and lead to expectations of currency weakness in mature economies versus emerging market currencies. Capital flows driven by expectations of long run currency appreciation seem most likely to be driven towards Emerging Asia.

Whether driven by higher commodity prices, wider interest differentials, or expectations of currency appreciation, such stronger capital flows than would otherwise prevail would then tend to boost local liquidity conditions, thus helping to offset the negatives resulting from other measures discussed above. As a result, we assigned a
zero to the "indirect" effect associated with global capital flows for Emerging Asia, Latin America and Middle East and Africa in our scoring matrix (Table 16). The effect for Emerging Europe is significantly negative, however.

## IIF Survey of Leading Emerging Market Banks

Our estimates of the impact of regulatory reform on emerging economies are less precise than those for mature economies. Nonetheless, it seems reasonable to conclude that the impact will be somewhat restrictive, although not significantly so, with the possible exception of Emerging Europe.

As a cross-check to this intuitive result, and in order to better assess the potential impact of regulatory reform on banks in emerging economies, we asked a sample of our leading emerging market member banks some basic questions on the topic ${ }^{78}$. The answers reflect the best judgments of commercial bank lending officers and other key officials. On balance, they underline the message that the likely impact of proposed regulatory reform on emerging market banks will be modestly negative, and with the greatest concerns relating to conditions in international markets. In general, the results get more negative the further away from the respondents' own institution that the questions move.

The three questions that we asked were as follows:

1) How do you believe your bank will be affected by the reforms especially on capital and liquidity being proposed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision?

The balance of respondents expect a somewhat adverse effect on their bank, although it is worth noting that two respondents expect their bank to be benefitted somewhat (Chart 48). Half of respondents view their banks as either largely unaffected or slightly help by the reforms, which underlines the likely modest nature of the magnitude of reforms. That said, two respondents see their banks as penalized considerably by the reforms.

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Source: IIF EMAC Bank Lending Survey
2) How do you expect the proposed reforms to affect bank lending conditions in your local economy in the years ahead, once fully enacted?

The majority of respondents expect lending conditions in the local economy to tighten as a result of regulatory change, although it is once again worth noting that two respondents expect some modest easing effect (Chart 49). More expect conditions to tighten considerably. Half of respondents take the view that there will be a modest tightening in local lending conditions.
3) How do you expect the proposed reforms to affect bank lending conditions in international markets in the years ahead, once fully enacted?

The most decisive message from our survey is that global bank reform is expected to lead to a tightening in lending conditions in international markets (Chart 50). This supports the view that the main impact of bank reform measures will fall on banks in mature economies, and that part of their adjustment process will be to rein in foreign lending. While this has global implications, such restraint would most hurt the region more heavily dependent on external borrowing through the banking system. In the current cycle, this has been Emerging Europe.



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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For complete reviews of the case for reform, see Brunnermeier, M., Crockett A., Goodhart C., Persaud A. and Shin, H.S. (2009) and Financial Services Authority (UK) (2009a).
    ${ }^{2}$ See Haldane (2010).
    ${ }^{3}$ For an assessment of possible effects on reform on the banking industry alone, see Abouhossein, K. et al. (2009a), (2009b) and (2009c); Barnes, R. (2010); Brennan, M. (2010); O'Donohoe et al. (2010a), (2010b) and (2010c); Samuels, S. et al (2010a), (2010b) and (2010c) ; Van Steenis, et al. (2010).

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ See Bernanke, B.S. and Lown, C.S. (1991), Bayoumi, T. and Melander O. (2008), Disyatat, P. (2010) and Cappiello, L., et al. (2010).

[^2]:    Source: IIF Estimates

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ This type of analysis is definitely a growth industry. Among the important early contributions are Barrell, R. et al. (2009a) and (2009b); Elliott, D. J. (2009) and (2010a) and (2010b); FSA (2009d).

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ There is rich, but somewhat inconclusive academic literature of the role of bank capital. See Allen, F. and Santomero, A.M. (1999), Santos, J.A.C. (2000), Shrieves, R.E. and Dahl, D. (1991) and Van Hoose, D. (2007).
    ${ }^{7}$ See Wasmer, E. and Weil, P. (2000) and Dromel, N., Kolakez, E. and Lehmann, E. (2009).

[^5]:    ${ }^{8}$ The emphasis of these resolution regime proposals is to avoid the need for use of central bank lending or any other form of government support that might imply a future direct liability for taxpayers.
    ${ }^{9}$ Nominal GDP is used as a proxy for the aggregate portfolio of potential investors in bank equity. For investors to raise their exposure to banks, they must be compensated adequately.
    ${ }^{10}$ This is a penalty/reward term: if a bank over achieves return targets in one period, it finds it cheaper to raise equity in the next (and vice versa).
    ${ }^{11}$ This is a "Modigliani-Miller" term, which recognizes that banks will be seen as less risky by investors the more capital that they hold (in excess of the regulatory minimum). The effect of this second term is to cancel out, somewhat, the first.

[^6]:    ${ }^{12}$ An extreme version of such a "sudden stop" occurred (for different reasons) following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008.
    ${ }^{13}$ Note that we have adjusted the Bloomberg data to account for repayment of equity by banks to the US Treasury under the TARP program and other measures taken to provide support to banks. According to the US Treasury, about $\$ 180$ billion of the $\$ 245$ billion that was invested in 707 banks has since been repaid.

[^7]:    ${ }^{14}$ See IMF (2010a).
    ${ }^{15}$ One corollary of this would be that banking sector risks are liable to grow in emerging economies in coming years, as credit growth booms and confidence about future growth (and thus debt-servicing capability) rises. See Chapter 6 for more discussion of emerging economies.

[^8]:    ${ }^{16}$ See Miles (2009).

[^9]:    ${ }^{17}$ See Cecchetti, S.G., Mohanty, M.S. and Zampolli, F. (2010).
    ${ }^{18}$ In the United States, for example, the addition of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac added \$291 billion, or 2 percentage points to the 2009 Federal budget deficit; see CBO (2010).
    ${ }^{19}$ Arithmetically, this need not happen since the foreign sector could, in the aggregate, build up its leverage. For the mature economies as a block, the "foreign sector" is the emerging economies, which do seem likely to experience a reduction in their external surpluses and a greater propensity to import capital in the years ahead. See Chapter 6 and Suttle et al. (2010a) and (2010b).

[^10]:    ${ }^{20}$ See Tarullo (2008) for a comprehensive summary of the recent history of international banking regulation.
    ${ }^{21}$ The most conspicuous example of this is the "regulatory arbitrage" encouraged by Basel I, which led, inter alia, to the creation of what is now commonly termed the "shadow" banking system.
    ${ }^{22}$ See IIF (2008) and IIF (2009a) and IIF (2009b).

[^11]:    ${ }^{23}$ It should be remembered that the extreme global financial instability of 2008Q4 and the resulting massive infusion of public risk was triggered by the near-collapse of the US money market fund sector. See also Tucker (2010).

[^12]:    ${ }^{24}$ An example would be the parameters associated with our equation shaping the shadow price of capital, which is, inherently, an unobservable term (see Appendix, pages 30-35).

[^13]:    ${ }^{25}$ For example, our framework would not offer a particularly useful way of assessing the costs of introducing a "narrow banking" framework.
    ${ }^{26}$ For SMEs, the main access to public securities markets is through securitization - a route that has been severely damaged in recent quarters and which regulatory reform proposals will probably weaken further.

[^14]:    ${ }^{27}$ The IMF would seem well placed to step up to perform this function. In a way, this would mirror the role played by the IMF in the aftermath of debt crises in emerging economies in the 1990s, when the provision of more complete, relevant and timely information was seen as key aspect of improving the performance of financial markets.
    ${ }^{28}$ For an assessment of the potential impact of the leverage ratio on the German economy, see Frenkel and Rudolf (2010).

[^15]:    ${ }^{29}$ For full details, see BIS (2009c) and BIS (2009d). The one exception to this is the change to the trading book arrangements which are finalized except for the treatment of correlation trading and other technical details that need attention, BIS (2009b).

[^16]:    ${ }^{30}$ With the exception of the new trading book rules which are to be implemented by the end of 2010.

[^17]:    ${ }^{31}$ See Kay (2009a) and (2009b).

[^18]:    ${ }^{32}$ See IMF (2010b).

[^19]:    ${ }^{33}$ Through April $25^{\text {th }}, 2010$ (see http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/banklist.html).

[^20]:    ${ }^{34}$ See http://www.federalreserve.gov/bankinforeg/bcreg20090507a1.pdf
    ${ }^{35}$ These two effects are probably related, as market expectations of what banks should do with regard to liquidity and, especially, capital are almost certainly shaped by an expectation of conditions that regulators are expected to set for the future.
    ${ }^{36}$ This section sets out working assumptions about regulatory developments used in the analysis. Given the number of aspects of regulatory reform which are yet to be finalized, arbitrary decisions needed to be made about what assumptions to be used. These are not predictions or expectations. In addition, as in any broad economic analysis, some of the assumptions have had to be somewhat simplified. The Institute has provided detailed comments to the Basel Committee about numerous specific issues raised by its December 2009 consultative documents on capital and liquidity.

[^21]:    ${ }^{37}$ See http://banking.senate.gov/public/_files/HR_4173_Senate_passed_as_amended.pdf
    ${ }^{38}$ A number of IIF members have questioned this assumption, pointing out that there may be no price at which all wholesale debt can be sold. This would imply the need for a more explicit deleveraging by banks.

[^22]:    ${ }^{39}$ See http://www.ustreas.gov/press/releases/tg506.htm. Note that all banks with assets in excess of \$50 billion have repaid TARP related equity injections, with the Treasury registering a significant profit on these transactions.
    ${ }^{40}$ See Glionna and Crivelli (2010)
    ${ }^{41}$ See http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-financial-reform

[^23]:    ${ }^{42}$ It should be noted that our model has no explicit feedback in (at least) one important area. We set the path of policy rates (and bond yields) exogenously, so this does not allow for the possibility that an easier Federal Reserve policy stance could offset some of the regulation-induced rise in bank lending rates. Of course, with Fed rates now close to zero (and unlikely to rise significantly in the quarters ahead), the scope for such a compensating monetary policy response is limited. Moreover, such an offsetting monetary ease (limiting the "headwinds" of regulatory reform) might well exacerbate other extremes.

[^24]:    ${ }^{43}$ See Greenspan (1999) and (2005).
    ${ }^{44}$ In retrospect, such analysis looks less correct, since East Asia's traumas in 1997-98 in many ways mirror those experienced by Western financial systems following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 1998. In East Asia, a series of local, but relatively modest, financial excesses combined to produce a breakdown in trust in the financial system. The subsequent rush for liquidity and safety produced powerful ripples across the region, including significant pressures on even the strongest links (e.g., Hong Kong and Singapore)

[^25]:    ${ }^{45}$ The same point seems relevant for credit default swaps (CDS), the markets for which handled their first major tests in the credit downturns of 1998-99 and, especially, 2001-03 (this included major corporate and sovereign bankrupcies). Having come through those tests with flying colors, policy makers and market participants were generally unfazed by the exponential growth in the CDS market after 2004.
    ${ }^{46}$ The growth of mutual funds relative to money market funds probably reflects the normalization of financial conditions as 2009 progressed, and investors re-allocated funds out of low yielding money funds and into higher-yielding bond funds.

[^26]:    ${ }^{47}$ Mutual funds and insurance companies will also be subject to additional regulatory requirements that will restrict their investment policies, in some cases significantly changing their roles in markets. Money-market funds in particular are already subject to new liquid-asset requirements that are substantially more conservative than before the crisis, generally requiring shorter-maturities and higher-quality assets. To some extent these changes run in the opposite direction to the liquidity changes for banks (generally requiring them to seek longer-maturity liabilities). While the market interaction of these changes is yet to be determined, it is important to keep in mind that these important market players will also be significantly affected when considering the markets for capital and funding in which banks will be operating (see Chapter 1 for more discussion).
    ${ }^{48}$ In the United States, banks have operated with a 20x liquidity ratio since the early 1990's. However, the current Basel proposals would radically change this ratio, which is calculated on a net, not gross, basis and disregards off-balance-sheet items (which in turn will be substantially changed by intervening regulatory and accounting changes).

[^27]:    ${ }^{49}$ See Mach, T.L. and Wolken, J.D. (2006).
    ${ }^{50}$ See Ou (2006).

[^28]:    ${ }^{51}$ Set up in 1960, the European Banking Federation is the voice of the European banking sector (European Union \& European Free Trade Association countries). The EBF represents the interests of some 5000 European banks: large and small, wholesale and retail, local and cross-border financial institutions. The EBF is committed to supporting EU policies to promote the single market in financial services in general and in banking activities in particular. It advocates free and fair competition in the EU and world markets and supports the banks' efforts to increase their efficiency and competitiveness.

[^29]:    ${ }^{52}$ Note that this does not include off-balance sheet items.
    ${ }^{53}$ The US banking system's assets were the equivalent of $€ 8.3$ trillion at the end of 2009 (see Table 5, Chapter 3).

[^30]:    ${ }^{54}$ See European Commission (2010) http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/docs/2010/crd4/consultation_paper_en.pdf

[^31]:    ${ }^{55}$ Austrian and French banks seem likely to be particularly hard hit by the minority interest deduction (see Davies et al (2010)).

[^32]:    Sources: IIF Estimates

[^33]:    ${ }^{56}$ See Frenkel and Rudolf (2010).

[^34]:    ${ }^{57}$ This is, of course, an uncanny replay of the conditions which developed in the structured credit market in 2006-07, when previously highly-rated (and low spread) product slumped in value as perceptions of the creditworthiness of the underlying borrower shifted dramatically.

[^35]:    ${ }^{58}$ See Suttle et al. (2010a). The 8 countries are Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine. Excluding Russia, there were net inflows of $\$ 106$ billion in 2007 and net outflows of $\$ 26$ billion in 2009.

[^36]:    ${ }^{59}$ Note that Chart 35 shows the consolidated foreign claims of Euro Area banks on an ultimate risk basis (Table 9D, BIS (2010)). This measure includes both cross-border claims and local claims (in both foreign and local currency) of foreign affiliates.

[^37]:    Key Capital ratios
    REGCAP/RW/Regulatory Capital $\begin{array}{ll}\text { BIS } & \text { Regulatory minimum } \\ \text { BUFCAP } & \text { National buffer (\%pts) }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 1/RWA } & \text { Tier I } \\ \text { TCE/RWA } & \text { Core Tier I }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { BIS(T1) } & \text { Regulatory minimum } \\ \text { BUFCAP (T1) } & \text { National buffer (\%pts) }\end{array}$ LEVRAT $\quad$ Required buffer

[^38]:    ${ }^{60}$ Within the G7, the systems in Canada and Japan experienced least stress.

[^39]:    ${ }^{61}$ See Paulson (2010), pp 271, 277 and 359-360.

[^40]:    ${ }^{62}$ For more details, see Nakaso, H. (2001) and Ito, T. and Sasaki, Y.N. (1998).
    ${ }^{63}$ Another aspect of Japan's experience from the 1990s that is important is the likelihood that the tightening in regulation after 1994 contributed to Japanese banks' withdrawal from international lending which, in turn, contributed to the East Asia crisis. See Brana, S. and Lahet, D. (2009).

[^41]:    ${ }^{64}$ For a detailed schema, see The Japanese Bankers' Association (http://www.zenginkyo.or.jp/en/banks/principal/index.html).
    ${ }^{65}$ See Horiuchi, C. et al. (2009a) and (2009b), Oyama and Shiratori (2001) and Loukoianova (2008).

[^42]:    Sources: IIF Estimates

[^43]:    Source: IIF Estimates

[^44]:    ${ }^{66}$ Japan's 6 "mega banks" would also seem to have many of the "too big to fail" characteristics which have seemingly become anathema. As noted, however, they were more of a source of global stability than systemic risk in the recent episode.

[^45]:    ${ }^{67}$ It should be noted that Japanese officials have made the same point about the leverage ratio: see Sato (2009).

[^46]:    ${ }^{68}$ Note that this does not include the "offshore" assets of banks based in Hong Kong.
    ${ }^{69}$ For some context, that puts Brazil slightly behind both Belgium and Luxembourg, which vie to be the sixth largest banking system (by assets) in the Euro Area (see Table 10, page 81).
    ${ }^{70}$ The G20 consists of 19 countries and the European Union (which, in turn, is a grouping including many economies from Emerging Europe). The 11 emerging market G20 members are: Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and South Africa.

[^47]:    ${ }^{71}$ See BIS (2006b)

[^48]:    ${ }^{72}$ Increased capital demands by Emerging Asian banks - especially Chinese banks - could have negative spillover effects elsewhere. Rates of return on emerging market bank equity are quite attractive, and global investors might well prefer to hold such "growth" stocks in the future, relative to equities issued by banks in mature economies. What amounts to crowding out in a global market place for bank equity could thus act as an additional drag on banks operating in low (nominal) growth mature economies, especially Japan and parts of the Euro Area. These crowding out worries are symmetric: emerging

[^49]:    ${ }^{75}$ Reserve requirements have long since been eschewed as a monetary policy instrument in mature economies.

[^50]:    ${ }^{76}$ There is an additional bias that will be reinforced, which is that BIS-related capital charges are also based on ratings, including sovereign ratings; recent IIF work has determined that sovereign ratings for emerging economies are systematically lower (all other things equal) than for mature market economies. See IIF (2010).

[^51]:    ${ }^{77}$ The Emerging Europe credit boom should probably be seen as part of a more general reallocation of capital from surplus to debtor parts of Europe, fueled by convergence euphoria resulting from the introduction of the euro, and the growing view (at least through 2008) that its extension to most countries in Emerging Europe was simply a matter of time. The Emerging European credit boom and bust was the leading edge of a process that was evident within the Euro Area and recent market tension has now focused on how some countries within the Euro Area might deal with the down leg of this cycle.

[^52]:    ${ }^{78}$ These questions were special questions in our latest (April) quarterly survey of emerging market bank lending conditions, which is conducted with the 33 leading emerging market banks that are members of the IIF's Emerging Markets Advisory Council (EMAC). The response rate to these questions in the survey was 21 banks out of the EMAC total of 33 (i.e., $63.6 \%$ ). The regional samples were not large enough to allow us to make meaningful regional comparisons.

[^53]:    Source: IIF EMAC Bank Lending Survey

