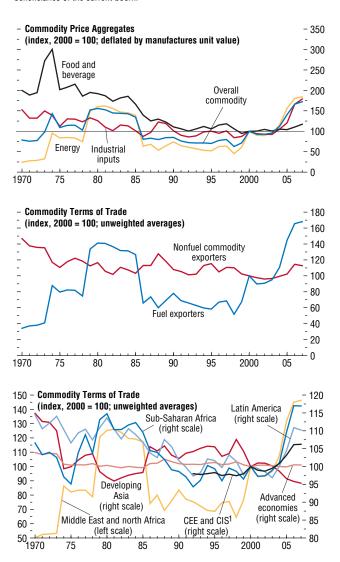
Figure 5.4. Commodity Prices

Commodity prices, especially for energy and industrial inputs, have been rising sharply since the turn of the century. The Middle East and north Africa, and to a somewhat lesser extent sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, have been the main beneficiaries of the current boom.



Sources: UNCTAD, Handbook of Statistics database; and IMF staff calculations. ¹Central and eastern Europe, and Commonwealth of Independent States.