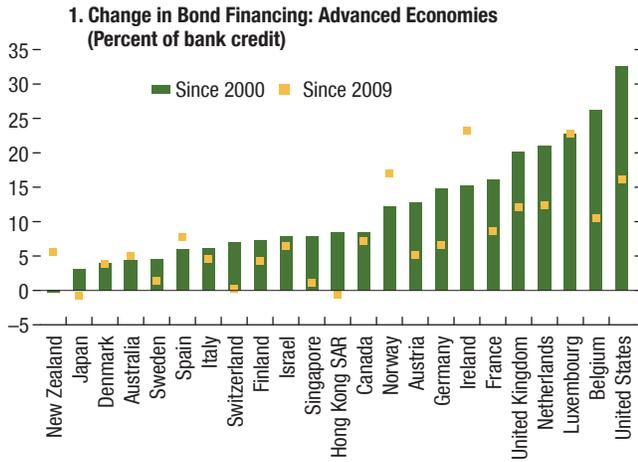
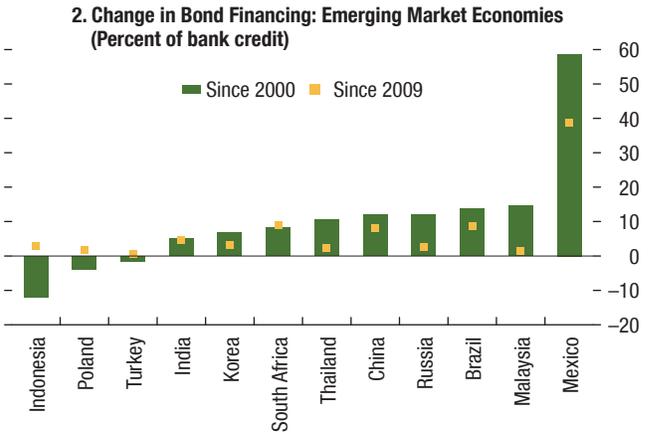


**Figure 2.1. The Relative Importance of Nonbank Financial Intermediaries**

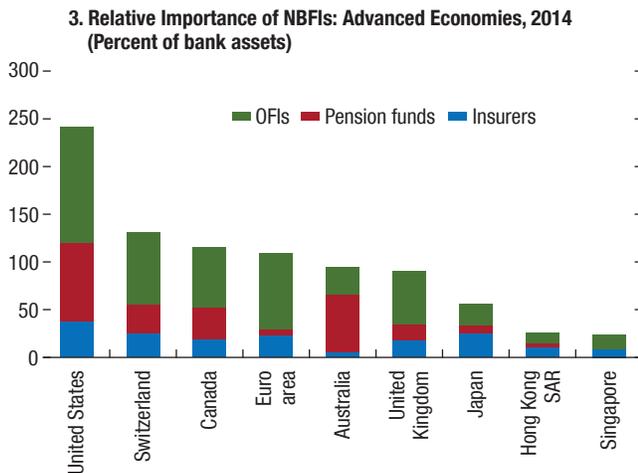
Since the 2007–09 crisis, bond financing has grown relative to bank loans in many advanced economies.



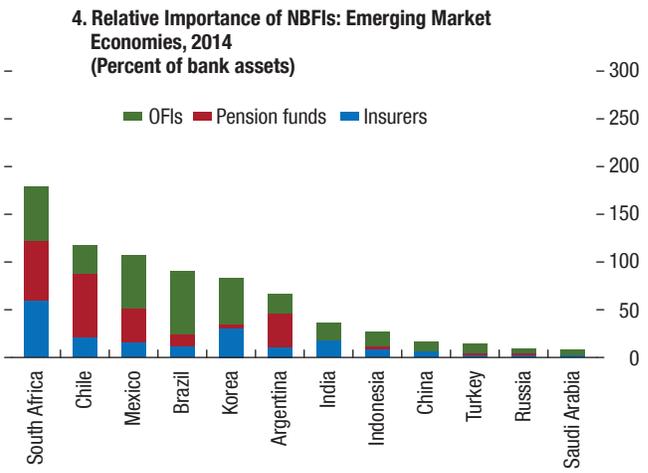
In emerging market economies, bond financing is becoming more prevalent.



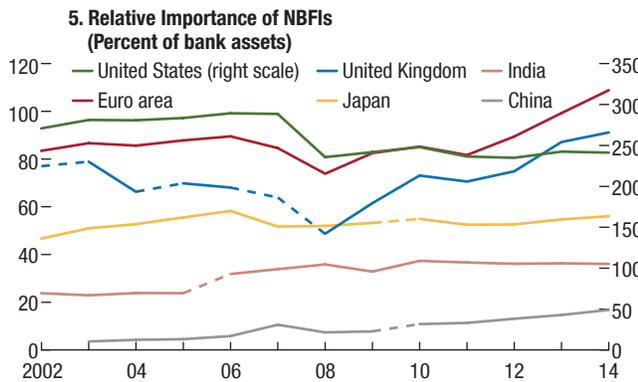
Among advanced economies, nonbanks are relatively less important in Asia.



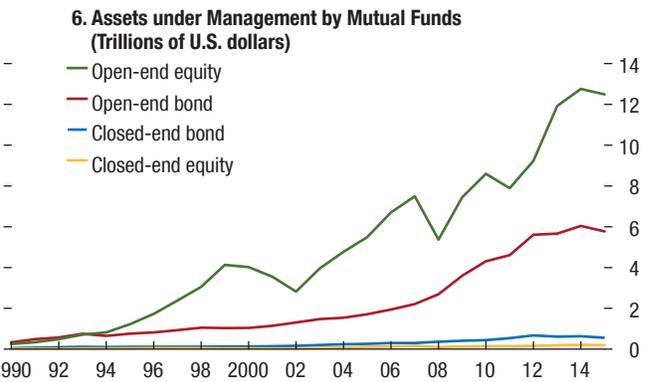
Among emerging market economies, South Africa has the largest nonbank sector relative to bank assets.



In Europe and China, nonbanks have grown in importance since the financial crisis.



Bond funds have become more important since the financial crisis.



Sources: Bank for International Settlements; Dealogic; Financial Stability Board; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; and IMF staff calculations. Note: Panels 1 and 2 show the change in the ratio of outstanding bonds issued by nonfinancial firms (by parent nationality) to outstanding bank credit to the private nonfinancial sector. The figures may overestimate (underestimate) borrowing in countries that are sources (recipients) of foreign direct investment. Nonbank financial intermediaries (NBFIs) include insurance companies, pension funds, and other financial intermediaries (OFIs). In panels 3 to 5, the relative importance of NBFIs is measured as the ratio of NBFI total assets to bank total assets. Dashed lines in panel 5 signify breaks in the underlying series.