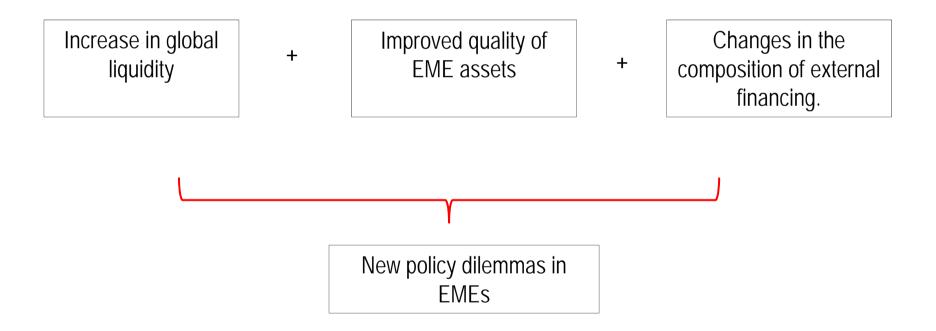




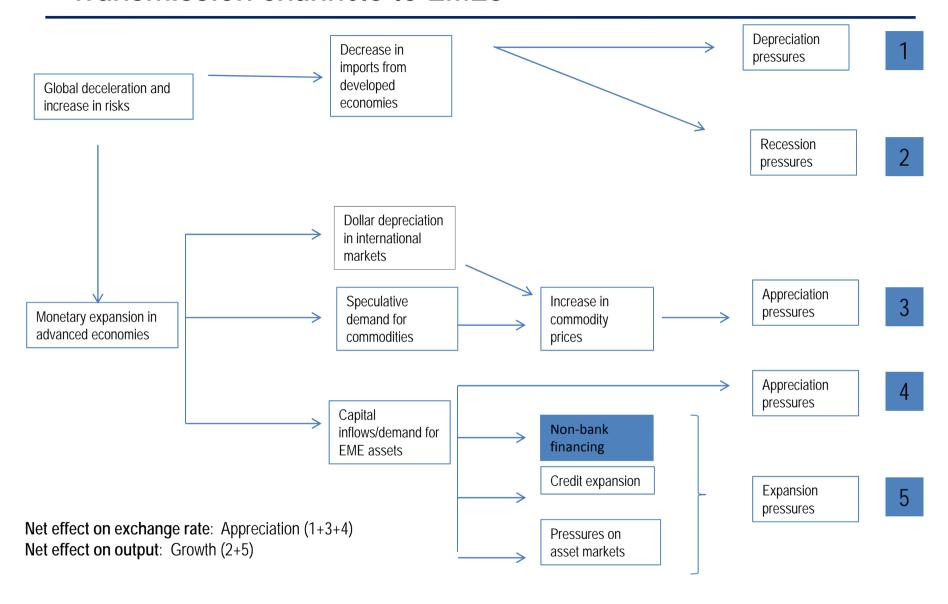
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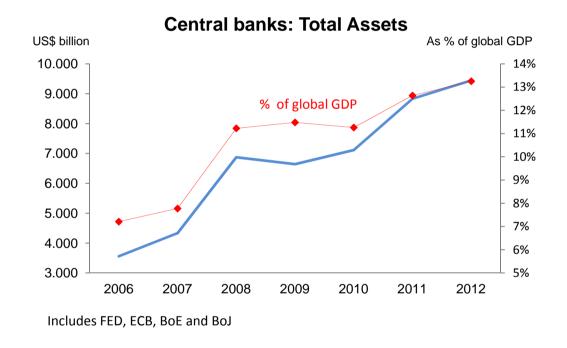
The new conditions facing emerging market economies (EMEs) create new challenges

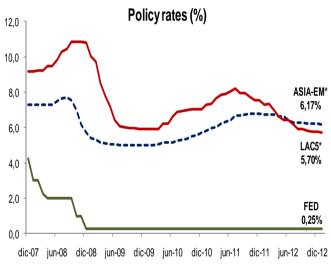


Transmission channels to EMEs

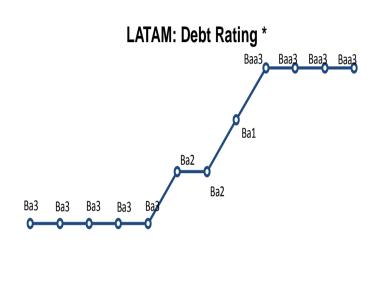


International money markets are currently dominated by record global liquidity and high interest rate differentials in favor of EMEs.





In contrast with past decades, Latin America's improved fundamentals have put the region on the investors' radar.

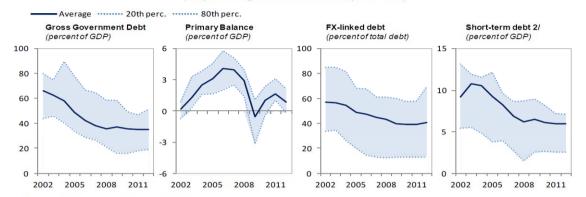


^{2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 *}Moody's debt rating: median for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, and

- a. Eight Latam economies improved their credit rating in the pre-crisis period (2001-2007). Six continued to improve during the crisis.
- b. As of 2001, Moody's had given investment grade only Mexico and Chile. Today, six Latam economies have it (Chile, Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Uruguay, Panama, Colombia, and Costa Rica)
- c. As of 1981, only eleven emerging economies were rated by Moody's vs. 82 today.

Low inflation, sustained growth, and a solid fiscal and external position support improved market sentiment.

Figure 1. Latin America. Key Fiscal Indicators, 2002-12 1/ (simple average and 20th and 80th percentiles)

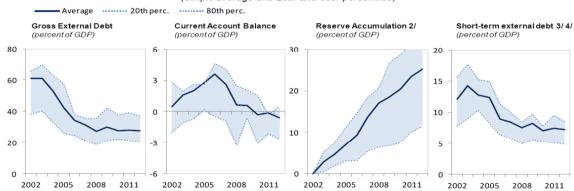


Sources: IMF International Financial Statistics, and country desks.

1/Latin America includes Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuel a.

2/Excludes Bolivia and Paraguay.

Figure 2. Latin America. Key External Indicators, 2002-12 1/ (simple average and 20th and 80th percentiles)



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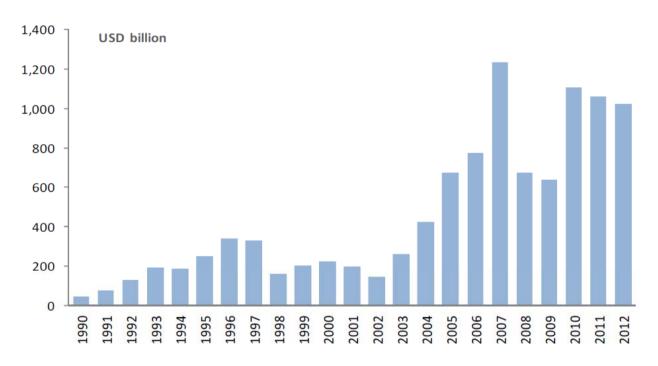
2/Cumulative flow of gross international reserves since 2002.

3/At residual maturity.

4/Excludes Bolivia and Paraguay.

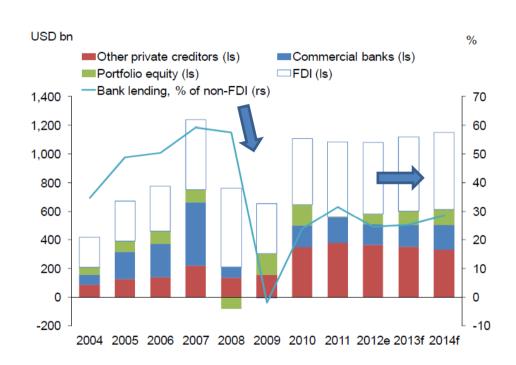
In this context, capital inflows are back to historical peaks, although with a different composition.

Net capital inflows to emerging market economies

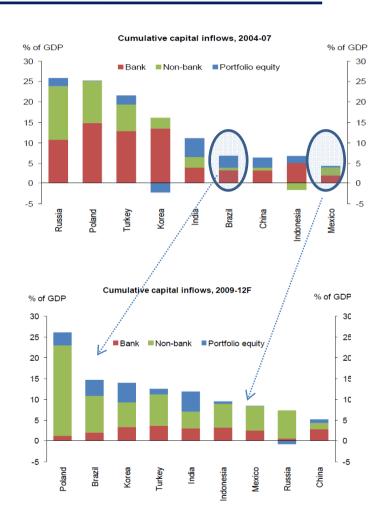


Source: IIF, DB.

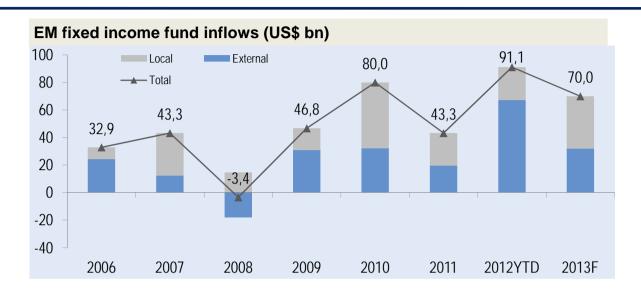
Within these flows, bank credit (relative to other financial flows) has not recovered to pre-crisis levels.



Source: IIF, Deutsche Bank.



According to JP Morgan, flows into EME currencies are likely to increase in 2013



Bankers on Wednesday's dollar deal were primarily targeting "mainstream" US funds that focus on investment grade bonds, but it was expected to attract interest from hedge funds and some cashrich emerging market fundas and taking off-benchmark positions, given the paucity of dollar-denominated sovereign supply in emerging markets

Total AUM benchmarked to J.P. Morgan EM indices (US\$ billion)

Local Currency Money Market

Corporate External Debt

External Debt

Local Market Debt

100

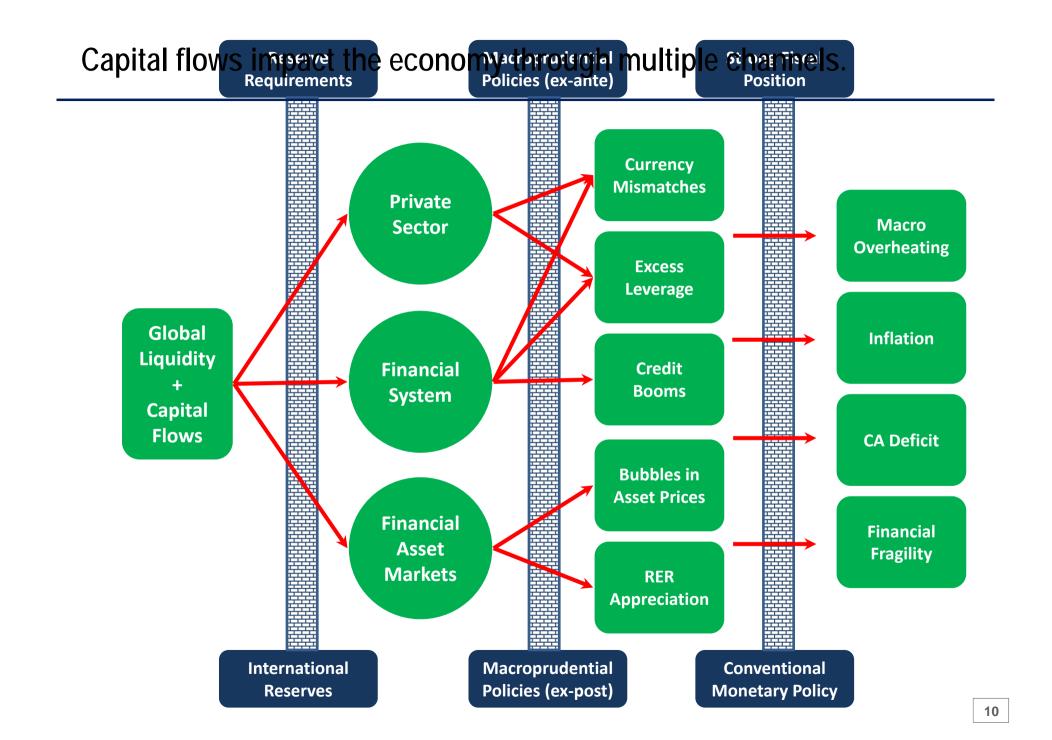
December 2010

December 2011

December 2012

Financial Times, February 20.

Source: JP Morgan.



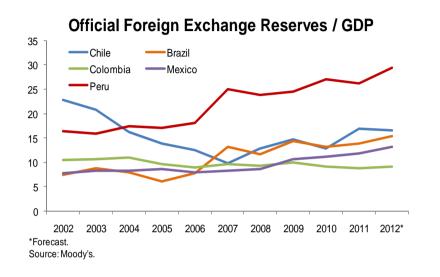
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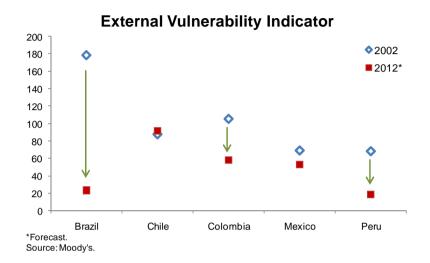
- Limiting short-term, volatile, capital flows without generating too much incentives to shadow banking is challenging.
- Both foreign investors and domestic recipients are constantly innovating in order to bypass/elude regulation.
- Thus, Central Banks and regulatory agencies have to monitor the market closely, in order to adapt prudential policies accordingly.

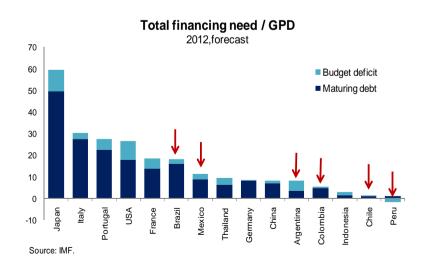
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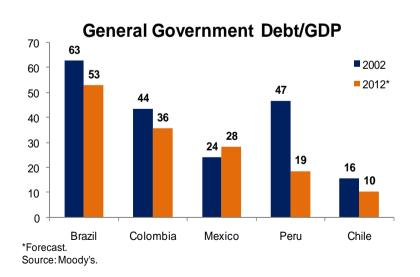
- A strong fiscal position can contribute to limit vulnerabilities by:
 - Reducing appreciation pressures on the equilibrium real exchange rate.
 - Offsetting excess demand generated by capital flows.
 - Strengthening fiscal buffers against the risk of "sudden stops".

In this context, LAC countries are improving their fiscal and external positions to face potential capital reversals.









<u>Prudential measures</u>: most Latin American economies had implemented precautionary rules even before the current surge of international capital inflows.

	Measures\Countries		Argentina	Bolivia	Brazil	Chile	Paraguay	Peru	Uruguay
Foreign Exchange Interventions	Foreign exchange market intervention	Spot	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
		Forward	4		4				4
		Swap transactions			4				
Macroprudential Policies	Reserve requirements			4	4			4	
	Modifications to net FX position limits			4	1 /		√ 2/	3 /	
	Modifications to capital requirements				4				
	Increase in the limit on investments abroad	Private Pension Funds				4		4	
		Insurance Companies		4					
	entry/exit	Entry		4					
		Exit	4	4					
	Taxes and charges on domestic asset holdings	Central Bank Notes						4	
		Fixed Income Notes			4				
		Variable Income Notes			4				
		FX Forwards						4	
	Non-remunerated deposits as percentage of capital inflows		4						
	Limits on the permanence of capital flows		4						

^{1/} Limit: the lowest of US\$ 3 bn or the level of regulated equity in the FX short position.

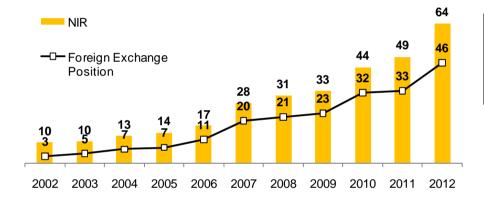
Source: central bank websites and other reports.

^{2/} Increase in the net FX position-to-effective equity ratio.

^{3/} Decrease in the aggregate FX over-purchase position and the net FX derivate position relative to the effective equity.

Official reserve accumulation and the declining dollarization of public debt have reduced Peru's exposure to foreign shocks.

Net International Reserves and Central Bank's Foreign Exchange Position: Peru (in billions of USD)



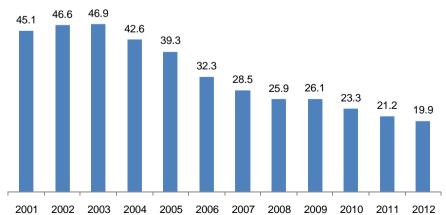
Indicators of International Soundness

	2009	2010	2011	2012
NIR/STFL ^{1/} (number of times)	4.8	5.3	5.7	5.6
NIR/(STFL ^{1/} + DLFE ^{2/}) (number of times)	1.4	1.7	1.6	2.0
NIR/GDP (as percentage)	26	29	28	34

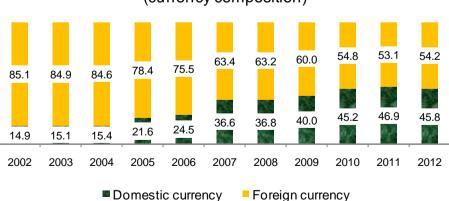
1/STFL: Short-term foreign liabilities.

2/ DLFE: Domestic liabilities in foreign exchange

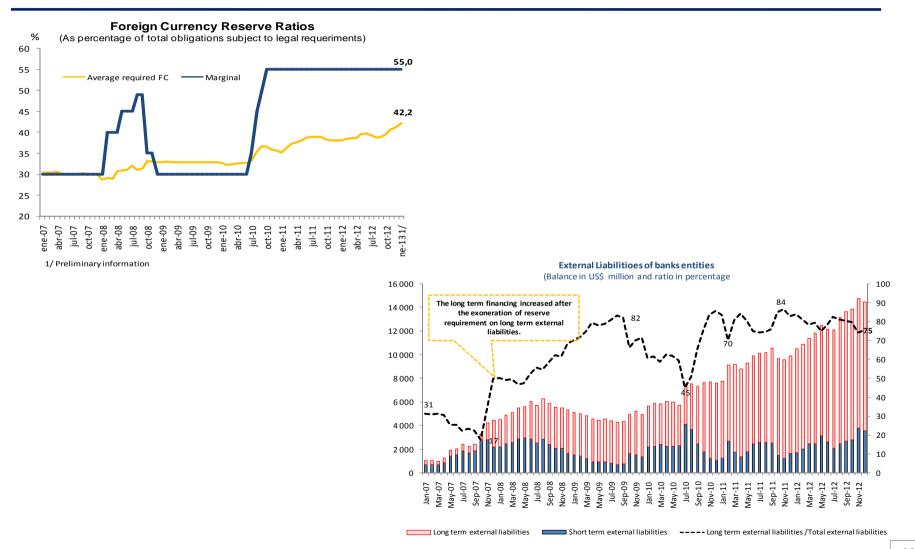
Public Debt: Peru (As percentage of GDP)



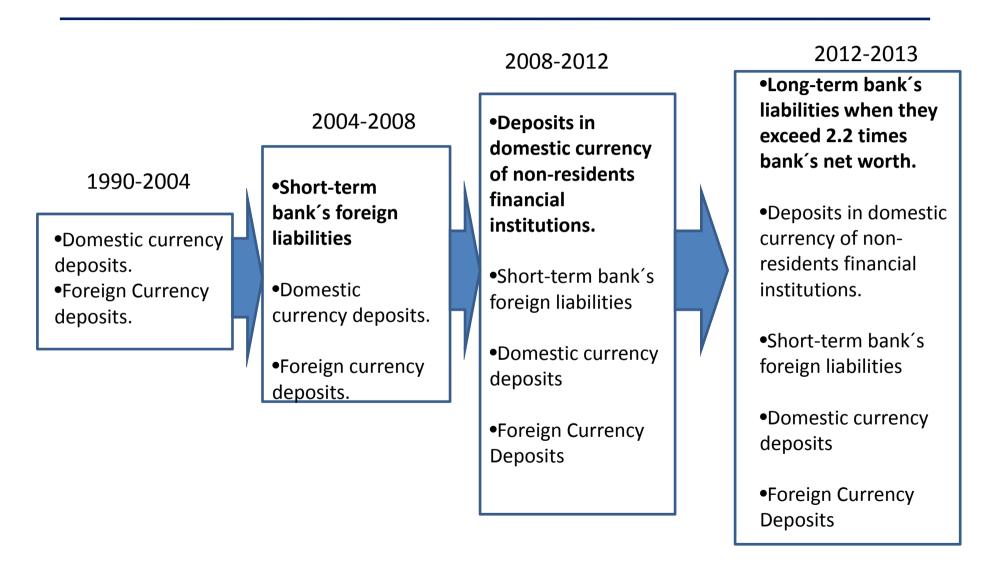
Public Debt: Peru (currency composition)



Additionally, high reserve requirements on foreign currency deposits contribute to: a) ensuring adequate liquidity; b) reducing pressures on bank credit; and c) internalizing dollarization risks.



BCRP has progressively extended the scope of reserve requirements to a larger number of banks liabilities.



<u>Macro-prudential measures (Peru)</u>: Additional resources built during cyclical expansions through <u>counter-cyclical provisioning</u> provide protection during reversal episodes.

International experiences:

- Introduced in Spain in July 2000 (modified in 2005).
- Recent introduction in the LAC region: Uruguay (2001), Colombia (2007), Peru (2000, modified in 2008), and Bolivia (2008).
- Mexico and Chile (2011) use a variant based on expected losses.
- Wezel et al. (IMF 2012): cyclical provisioning smoothes out the costs associated with severe recessions and reinforces financial stability.

• Pro-cyclical rule in Peru (since November 2008):

- Triggered when the annualized average percent variation of GDP in the last 30 months is equal to or exceeds 5%.
- Triggered when the annualized average percent variation of GDP in the last 12 months exceeds the same indicator one year before by 2 percent points.
- Triggered in two periods: (i) November 2008-September 2009 (international financial crisis); and (ii)
 October 2010 to date.
- Cannot be reverted and must be reallocated to other compulsory provisioning items.

Peru is implementing pro-cyclical capital provisioning (in line with Basel III)

Capital requirements

- Prudential capital ratio of 10% (*Tier 1* equal to or greater than 5%).
- Each entity is subject to an additional equity requirement associated with market concentration (a step towards the "too big to fail" requirement) and the economic cycle (greater requirements during the expansion phase).

Liquidity requirements in the process of being implemented

- Under implementation.
- Minimum short- and long-term liquidity requirements (liquidity coverage and net stable funding ratios, respectively), in line with Basel III recommendations.

Some lessons from the Peruvian experience (2)

- Preemptive action has proven valuable.
- International reserves accumulation and high liquidity requirements during "good" times can improve the resilience of the economy to sudden stops drastically.
- Coordination with fiscal authorities, particularly with respect to the management of their holdings of liquid foreign assets can provide yet another layer of defense against these shocks.





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