

Canada & Ontario in the Global Economy: Challenges in a Changing World

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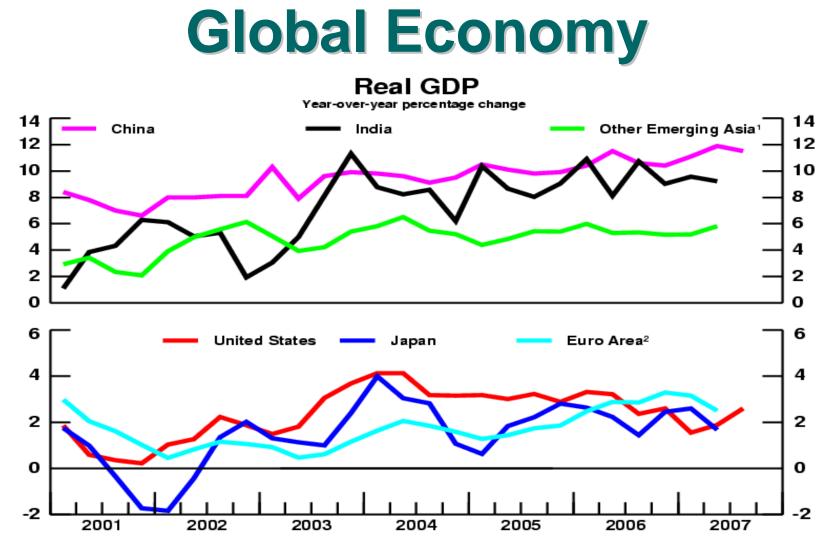


Outline

Global economic and financial trends

- Implications for Canada
 - Canadian economy
 - Ontario economy





1 Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand 2 Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain

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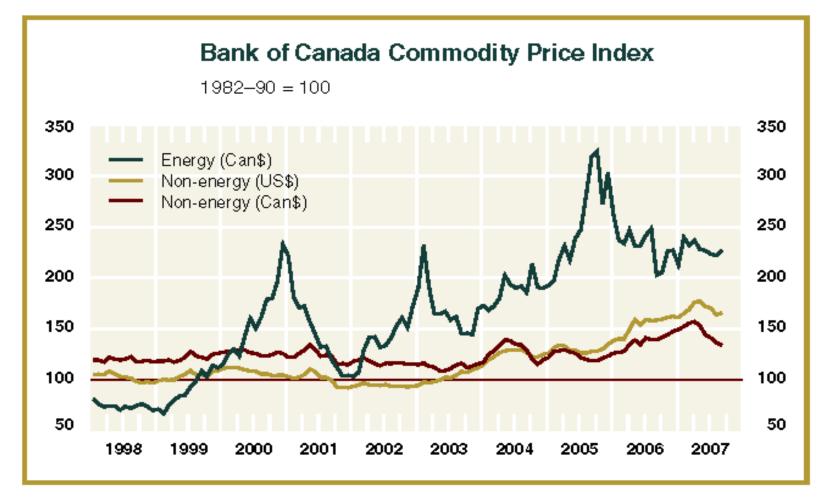
Projection for Global Economic Growth					
	Share of roal	Expected growth (per cent) ^b			
	of real global GDPª (per cent)	2006	Projection		
			2007	2008	2009
United States	20	2.9 (3.3)	1.9 (2.1)	2.1 (3.0)	3.0 (3.0)
European Union	19	2.9 (2.8)	2.6 (2.6)	2.0 (2.2)	2.2 (2.1)
Japan	6	2.2 (2.2)	2.0 (2.6)	1.7 (1.9)	1.8 (1.8)
China and Asian NIEs ^c	18	10.0 (9.8)	10.0 (9.3)	9.4 (9.0)	8.0 (8.2)
Others	37	6.3 (6.2)	6.3 (5.9)	5.8 (5.7)	5.1 (5.3)
World	100	5.4 (5.4)	5.2 (5.0)	4.8 (4.8)	4.5 (4.6)

 GDP shares are based on the purchasing-power-parity (PPP) valuation of country GDPs for 2006. Source: IMF, WEO Database, April 2007

b. Numbers in parentheses are projections used for the July 2007 MPR Update.

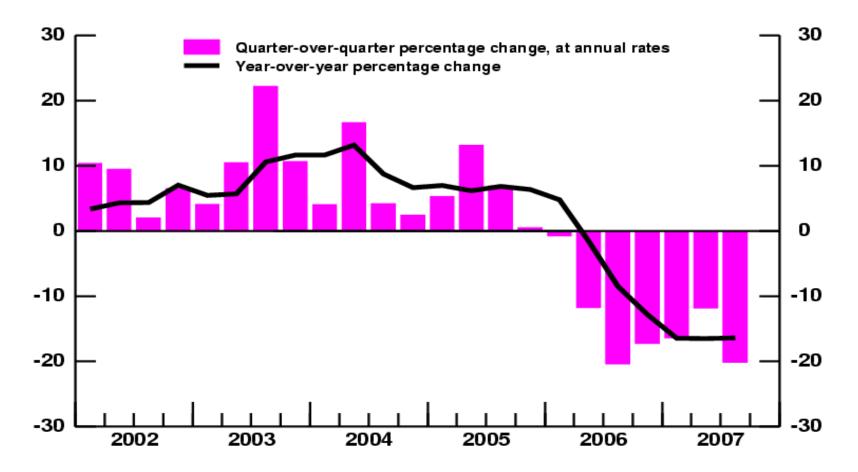
c. NIEs are newly industrialized economies. These include Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region), South Korea, Taiwan (Province of China), and Singapore. Source: Bank of Canada



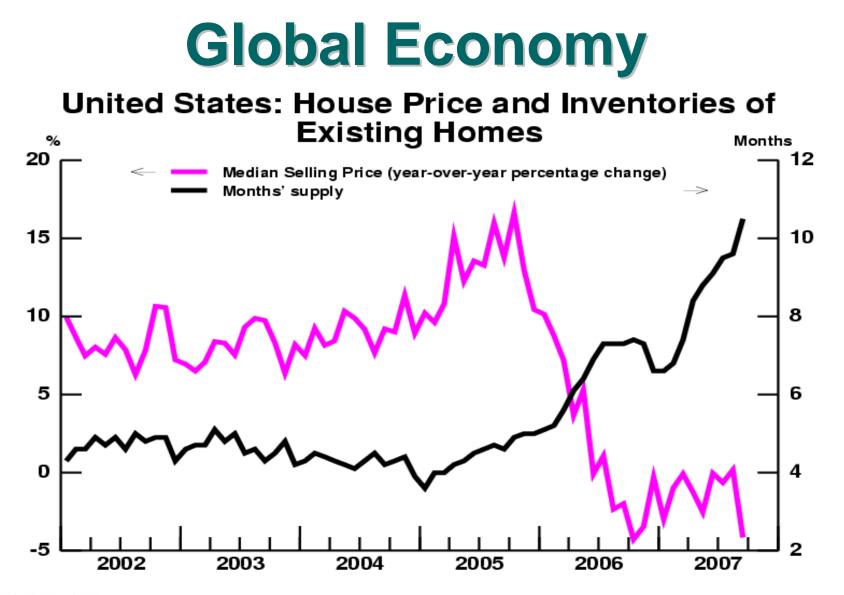




United States: Real Residential Investment

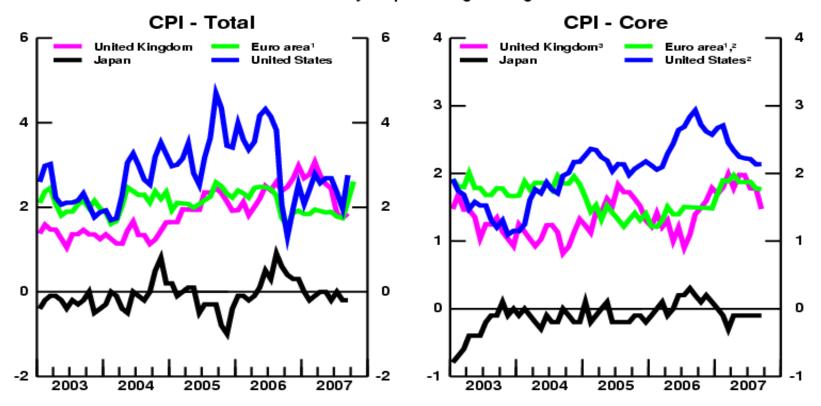








International Inflation Comparisons Year-over-year percentage change



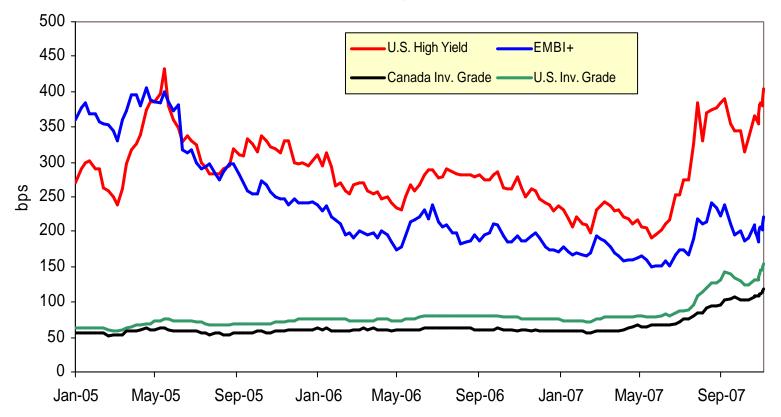
1 Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain 2 Excluding food and energy.

3 Excluding food, energy, alcohol and tobacco.



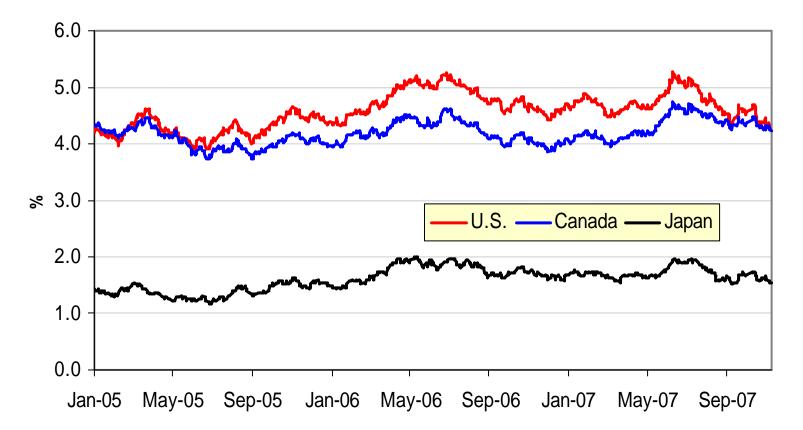
Corporate Bond Spreads

(basis points over government yields)



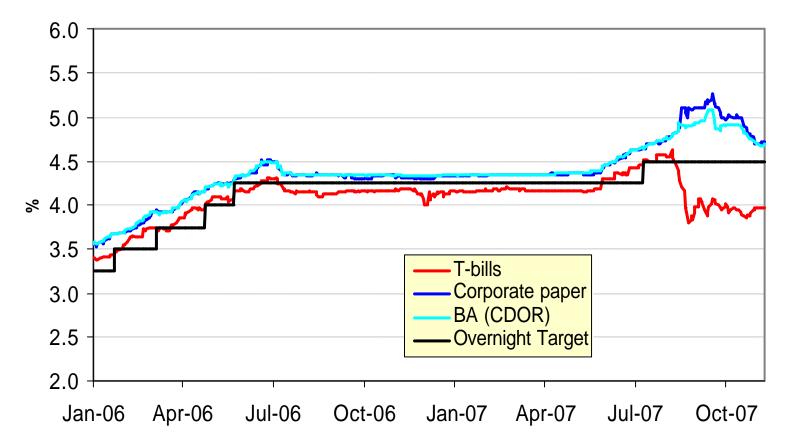


10 Year Government Yields

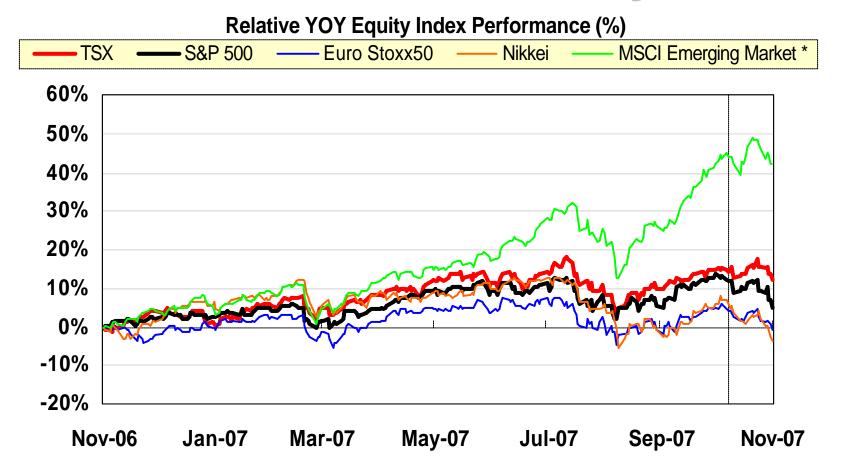




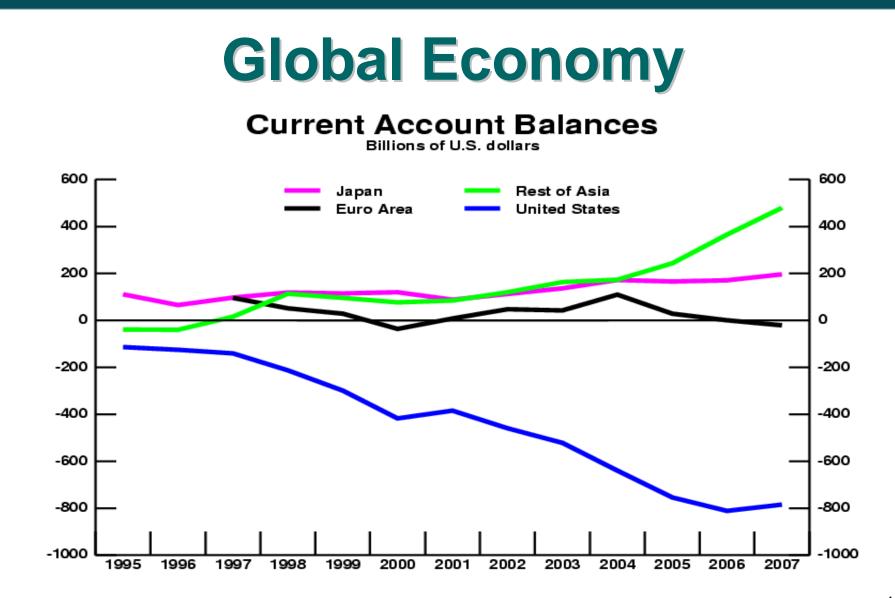
3 Month Canadian Money Market Rates







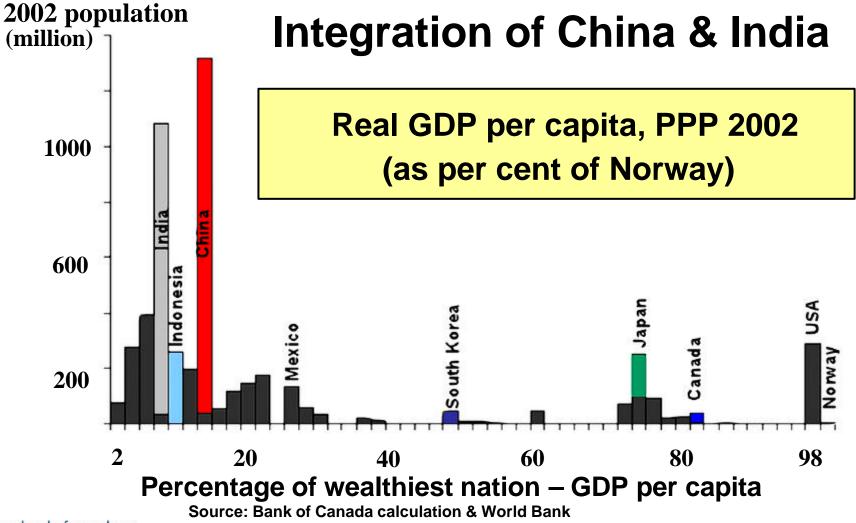






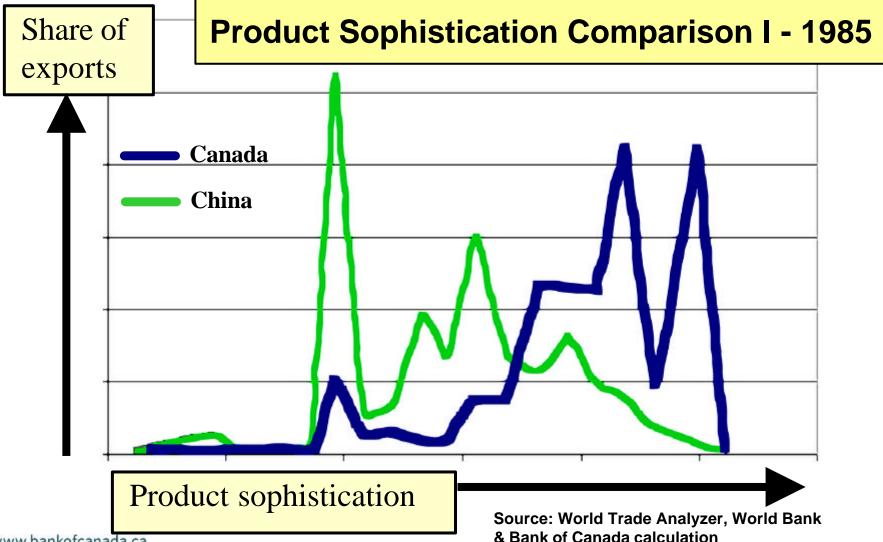
Global Economy Exchange Rates in U.S. Dollar Terms China Japan Canada Euro Area Australia







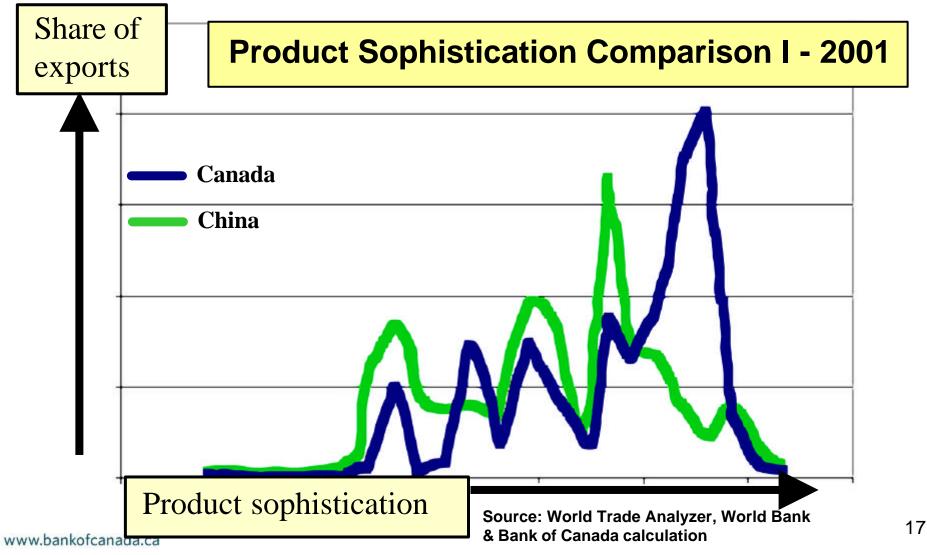
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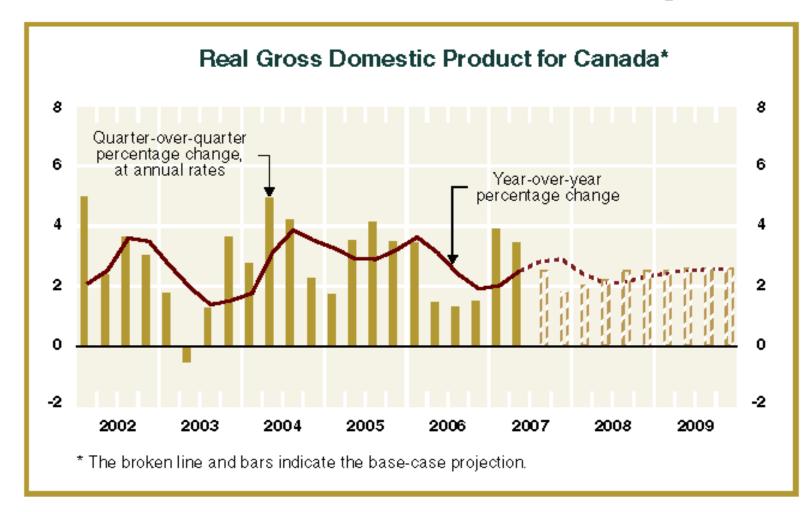


- Issues facing the Canadian economy:
 - Sharp appreciation and volatility of the Canadian dollar
 - Magnitude of recent appreciation appears to be stronger than historical experience would have suggested
 - Weakening of prospects for the U.S. economy
 - Tightening of credit conditions



- The Canadian economy is operating above its production capacity
- Momentum in domestic demand has been strong, but net exports have been exerting a significant drag on growth

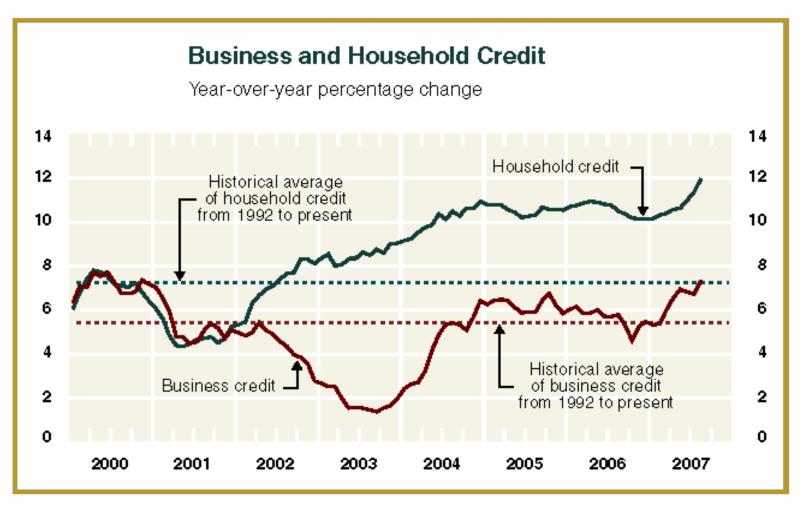






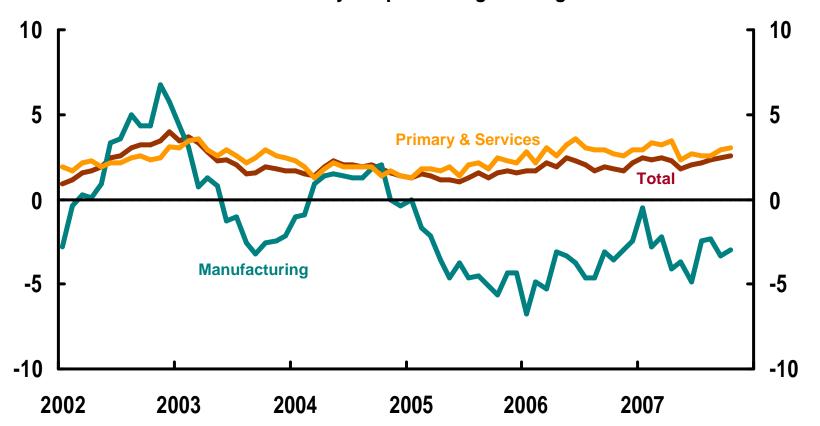




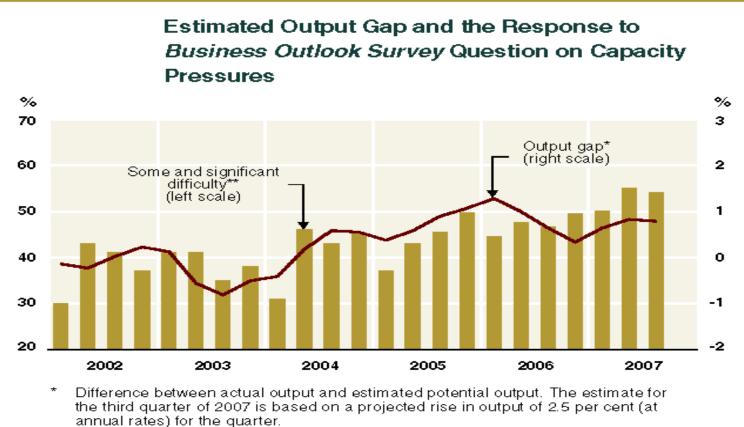




Employment Year-over-year percentage change

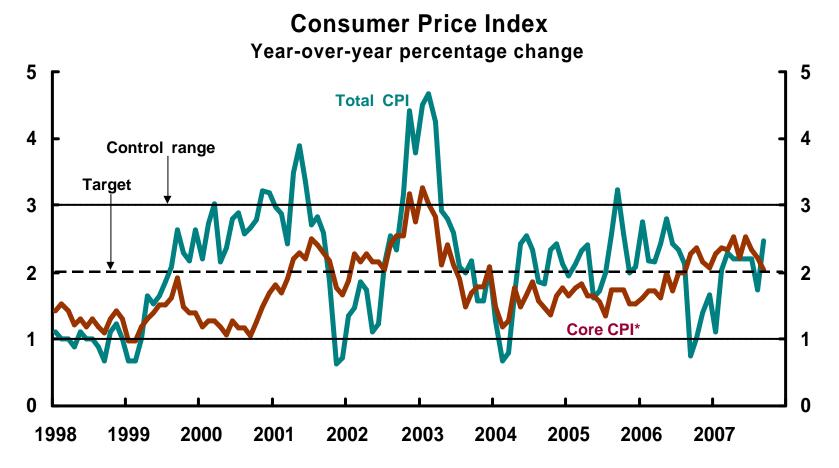






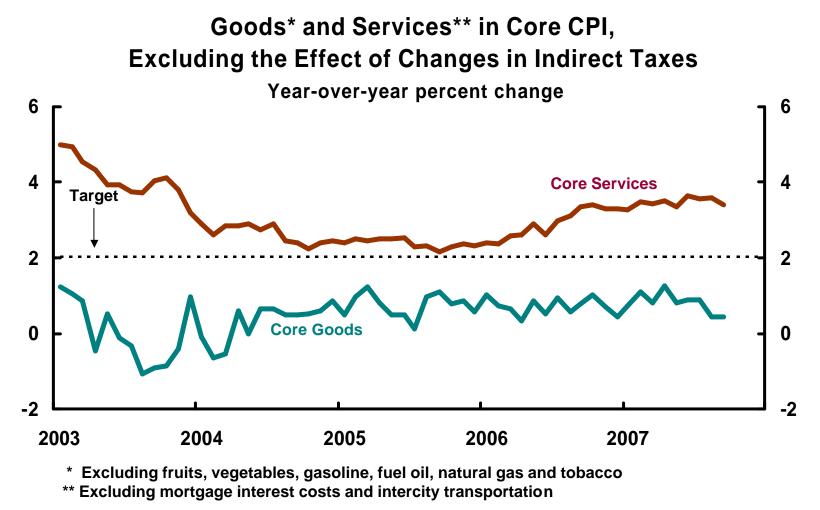
** Percentage of firms indicating that they would have either some or significant difficulty meeting an unanticipated increase in demand/sales





* CPI excluding eight of the most volatile components and the effect of changes in indirect taxes on the remaining components







Some Summary Thoughts on Global Trends and Developments

- With the rapid and significant fall in the value of the U.S. dollar, there is increased risk of disorderly adjustment to global imbalances, including the increased risk of rising protectionist sentiment
- Given the recent, rapid rise of the Canadian dollar, Canada is bearing a disproportionate share of the adjustment
- While domestic demand in Canada remains robust, if recent levels of the Canadian dollar were to persist, the risk is that output and inflation would be significantly lower



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- All this points to the heightened need for more exchange rate flexibility on the part of other countries, particularly China and Asia more broadly
- It also points to the need for stronger domestic demand growth outside North America
- The G-20 meetings this week in South Africa offer an excellent opportunity for focused discussion of these issues
- How all of us here today assess and address these global economic forces represents an important challenge for the Canadian and Ontario economies



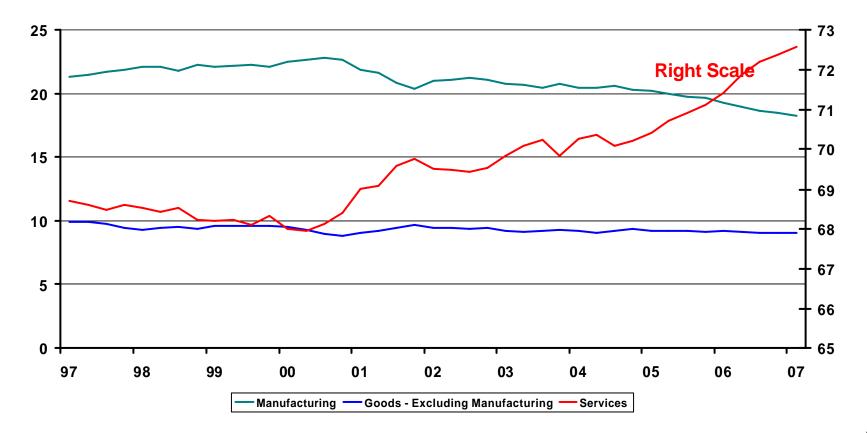
Ontario Economy

- Issues facing the Ontario economy:
 - Both cyclical and structural forces at play
 - Support for market-based adjustments
 - Importance of taking a medium-term perspective
 - Policies that encourage flexibility and adaptability
 - Focus on comparative advantage



Ontario Economy

Contribution to Real GDP by Sector (Percent)





Ontario Economy

Share of Employment by Sector (Percent)

