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Chart 1

Nominal Currency Exchange Values

Dollar prices of foreign currencies and weighted average values of U.S. dollar
(Averages for week ending Wednesday, ratio scale, March 1973 = 100)

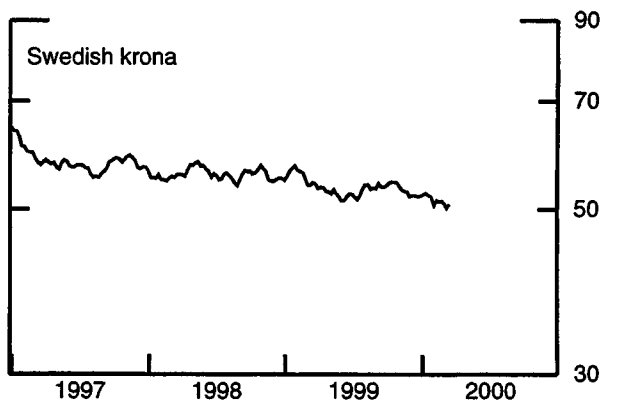
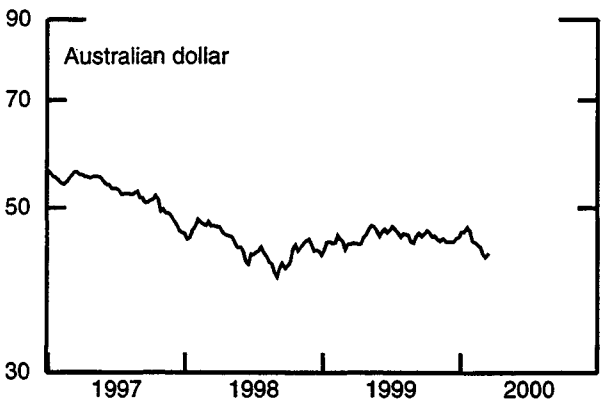
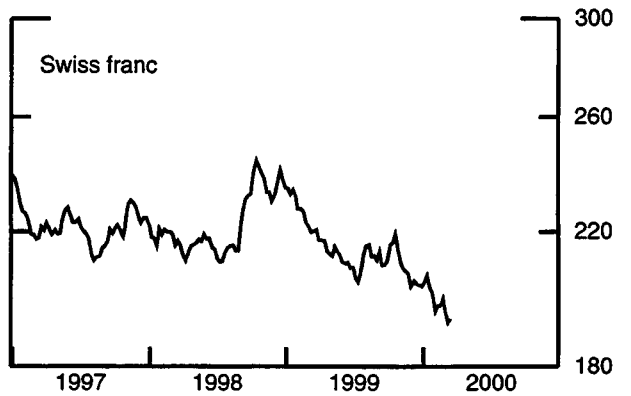
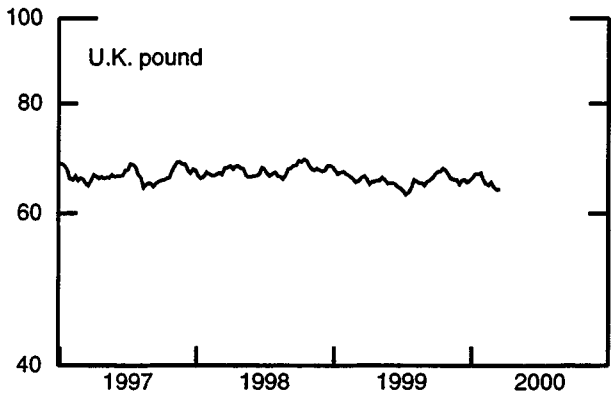
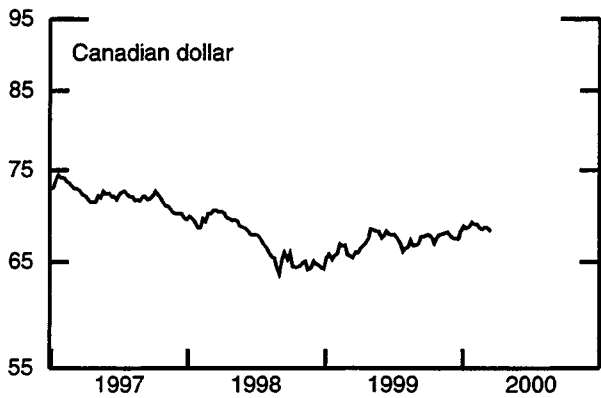
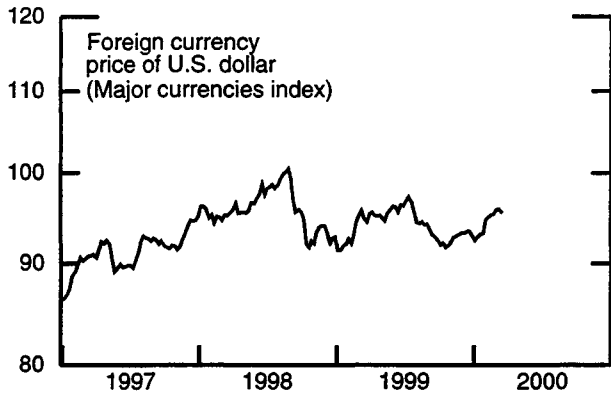


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3-Month Forward Exchange Rates
Premium (+) or (-)
(Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

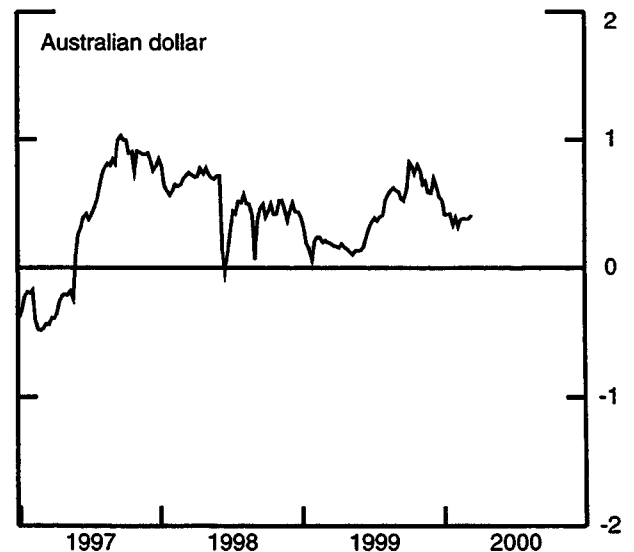
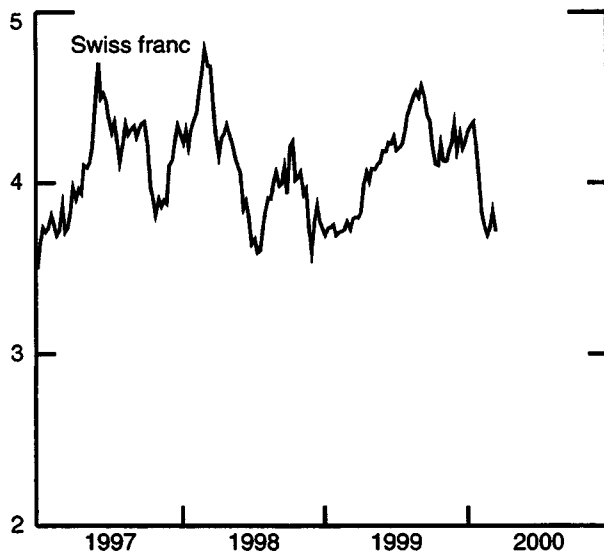
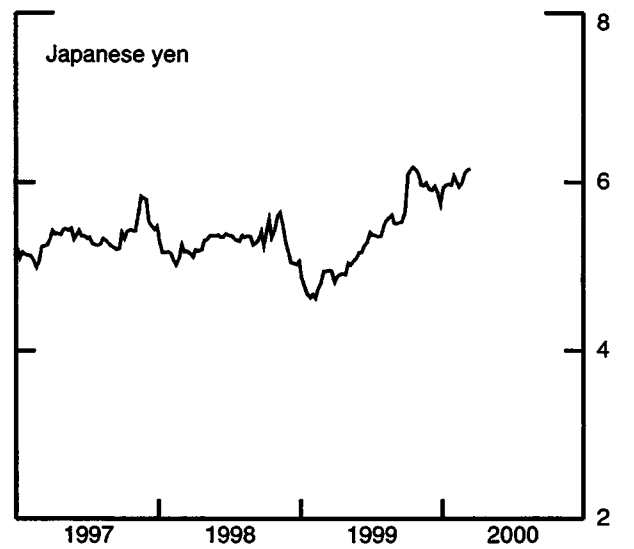
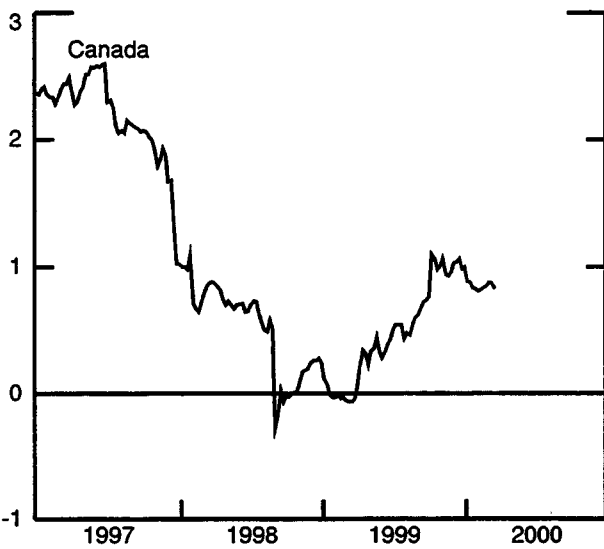
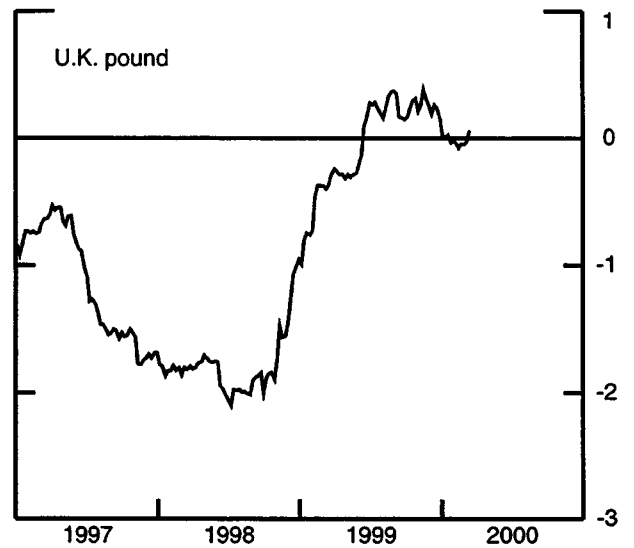


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Price of Gold in London
(Averages for week ending Wednesday)

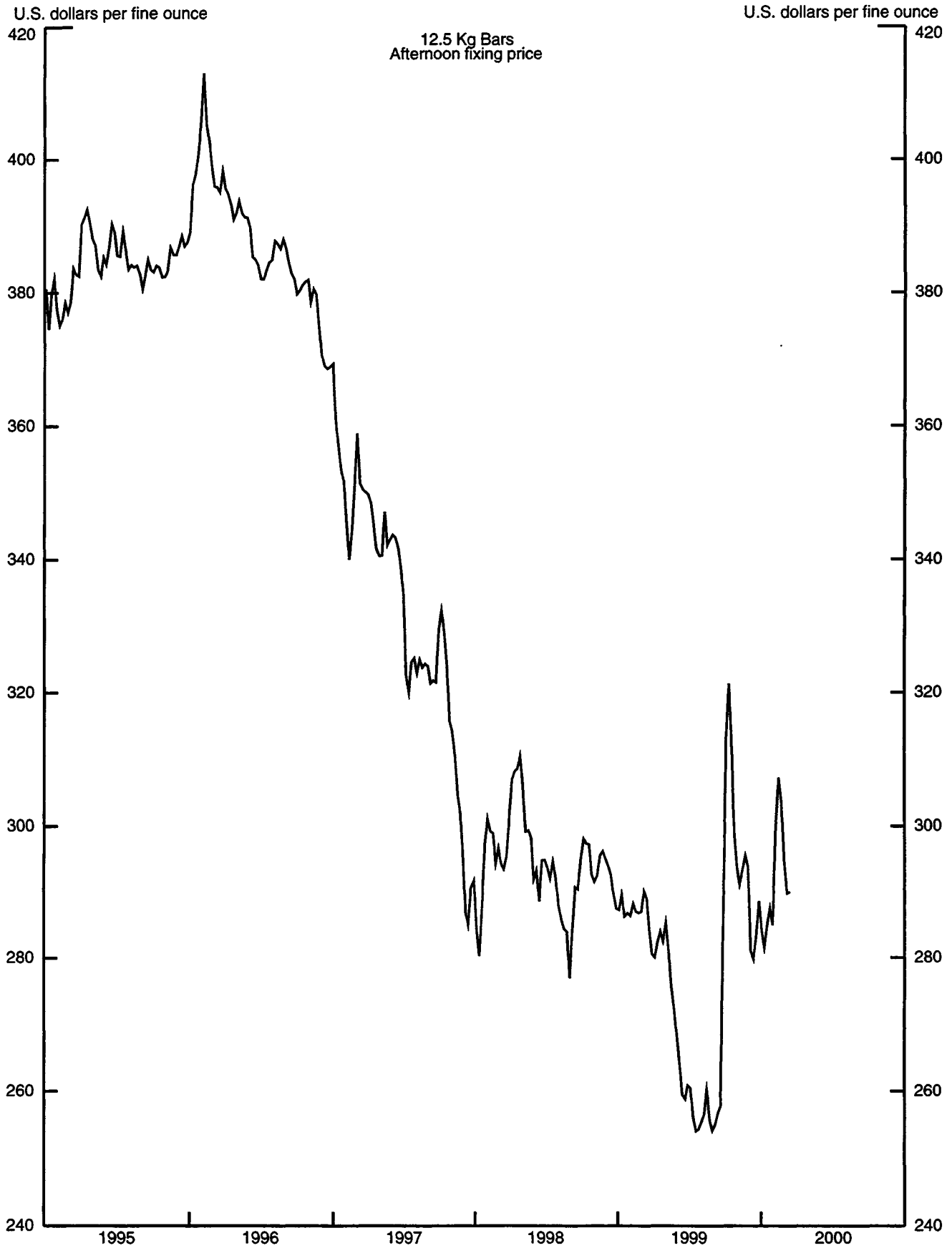
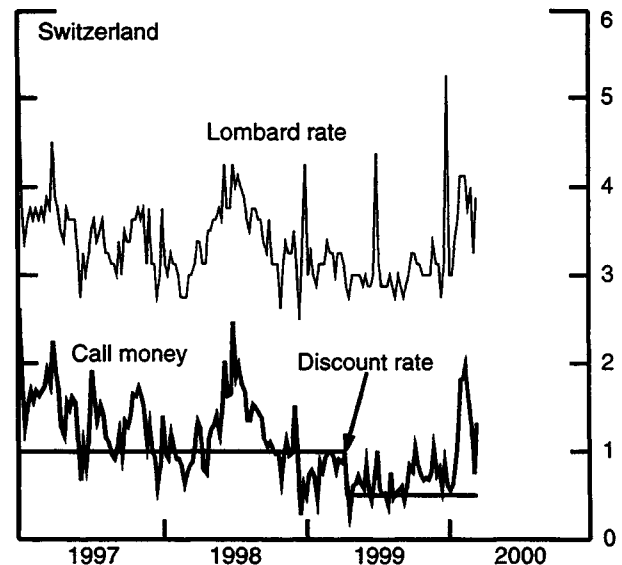
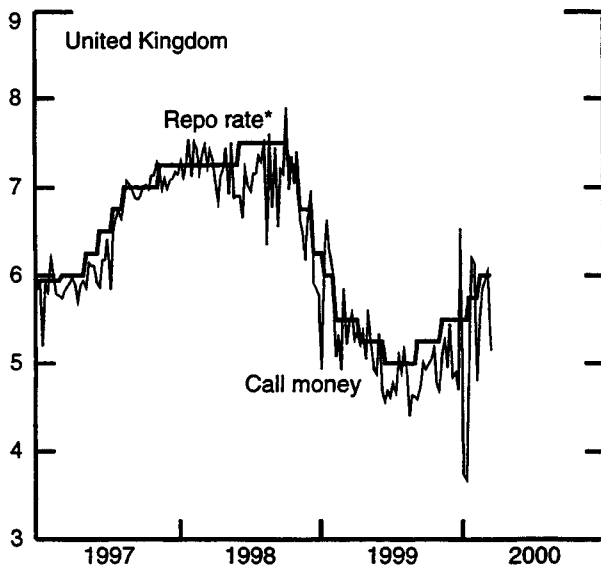
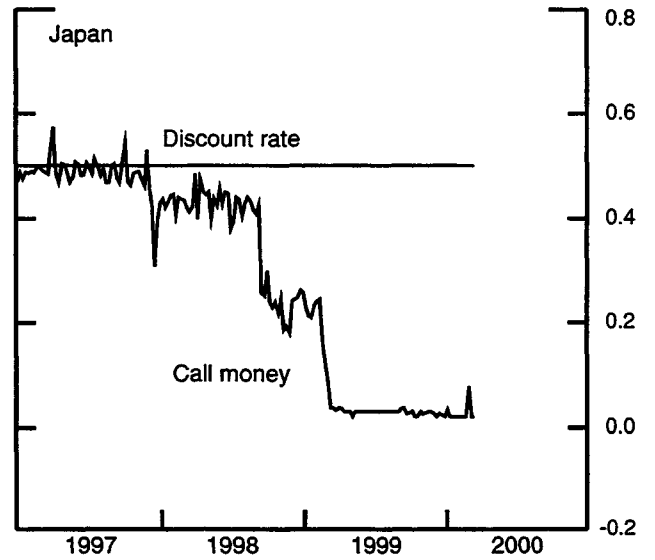
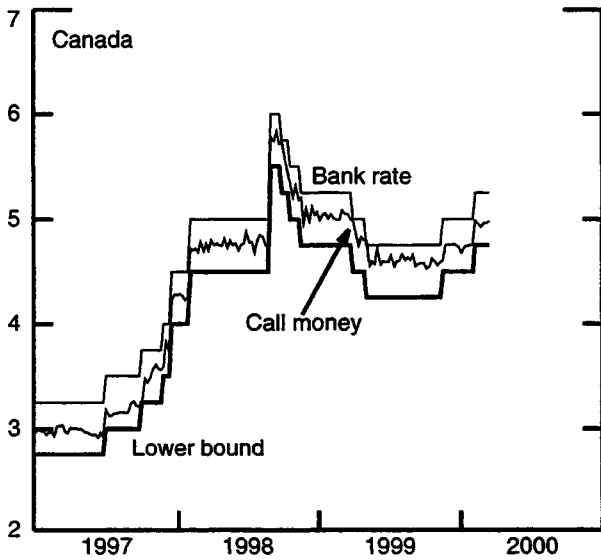
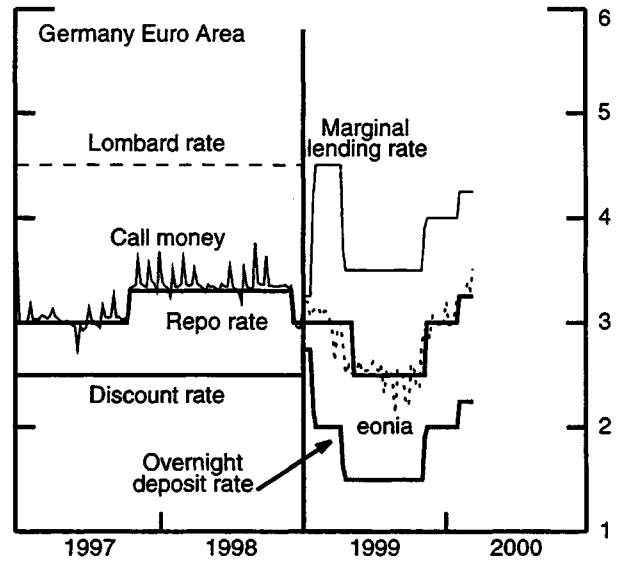
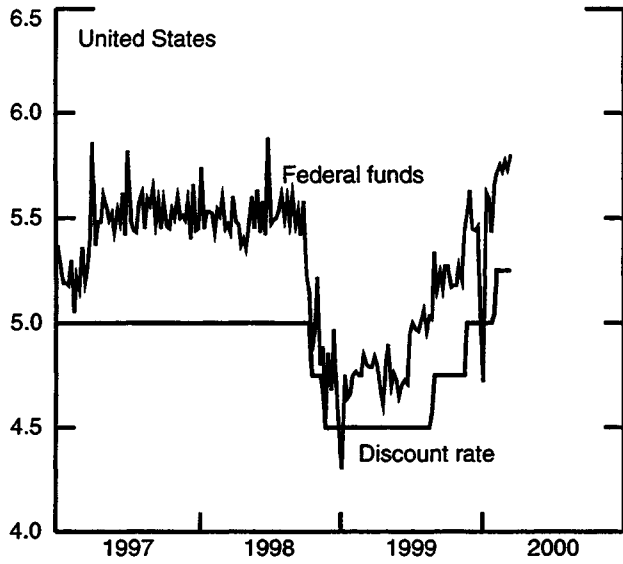


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Overnight Funding Rates and Official Interest Rates
 (Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)



* Money-market dealing rate prior to March 1997.

Chart 5

3-Month Interest Rates

(Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

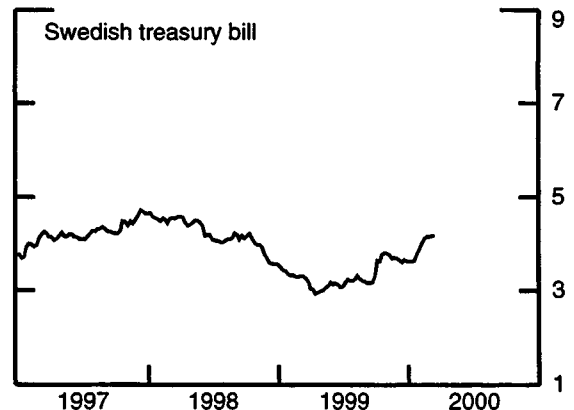
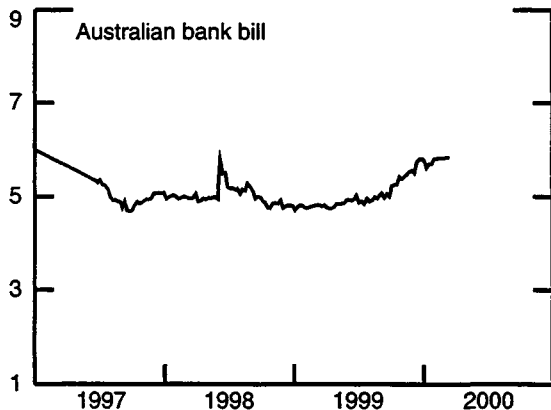
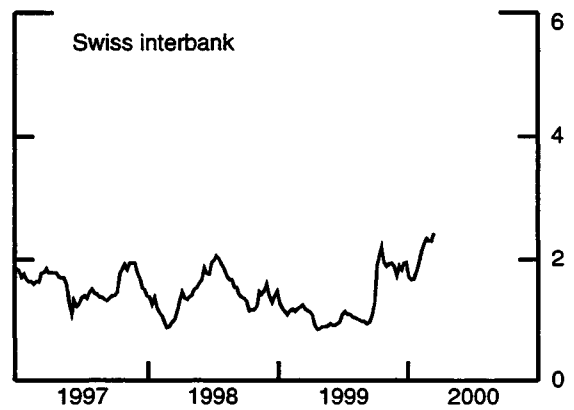
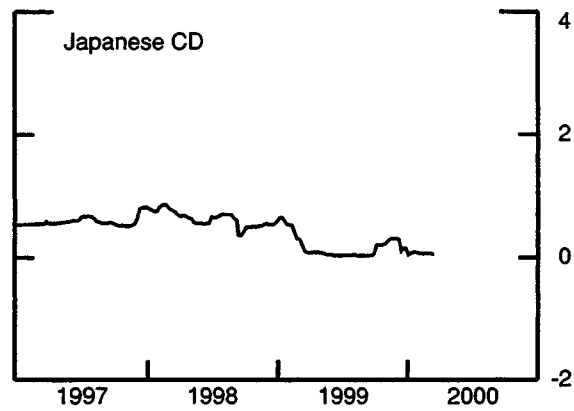
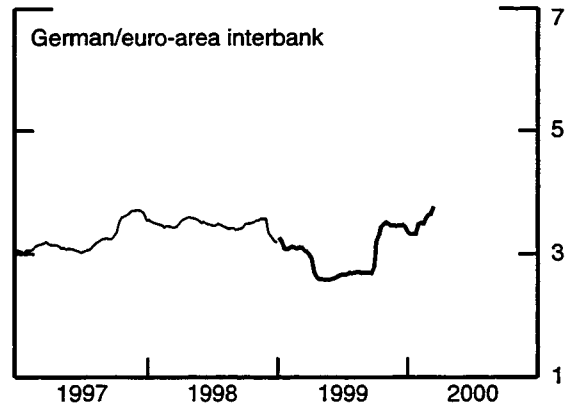
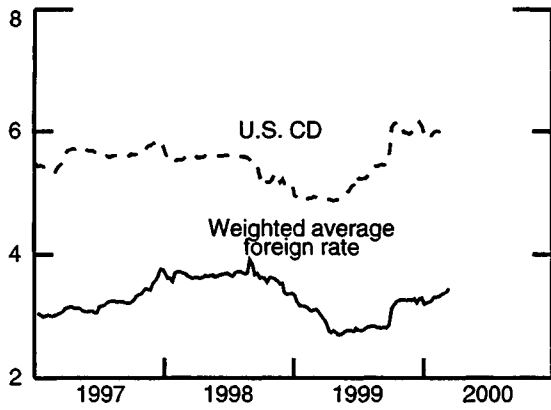


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Long-Term Government Bond Yields (Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

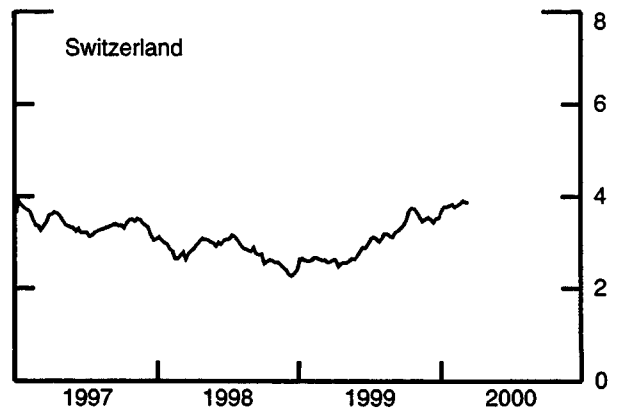
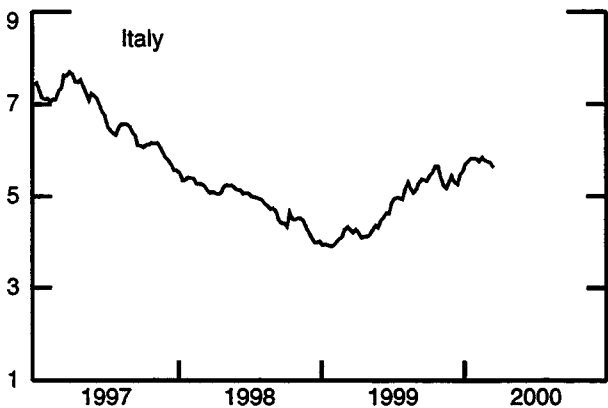
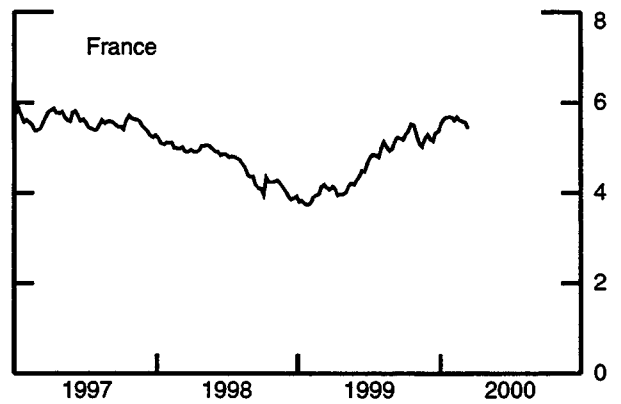
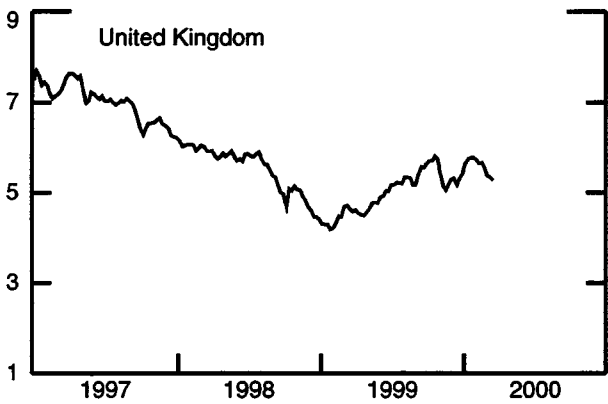
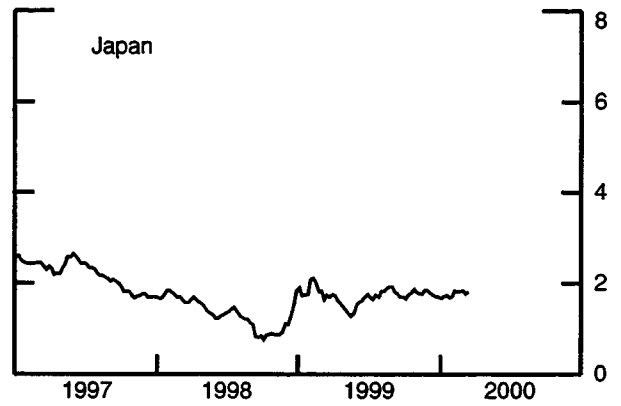
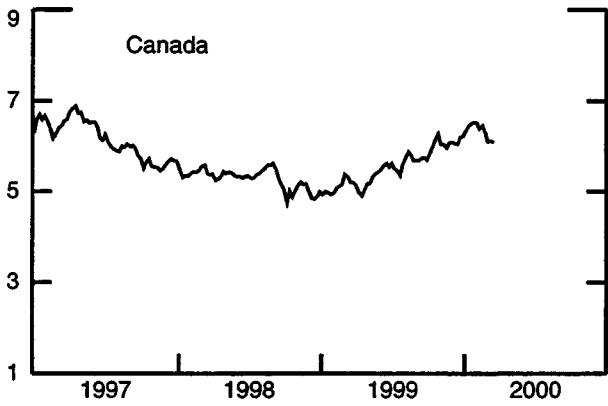
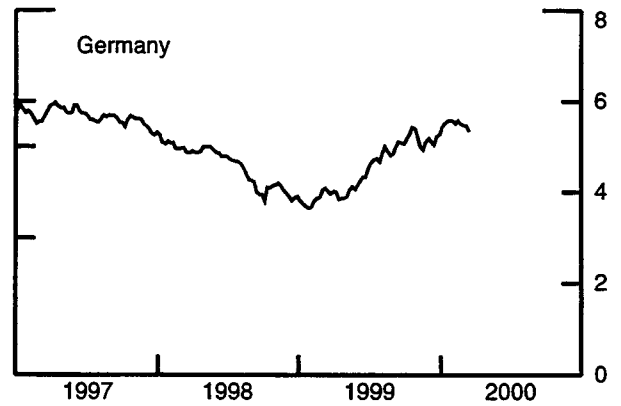
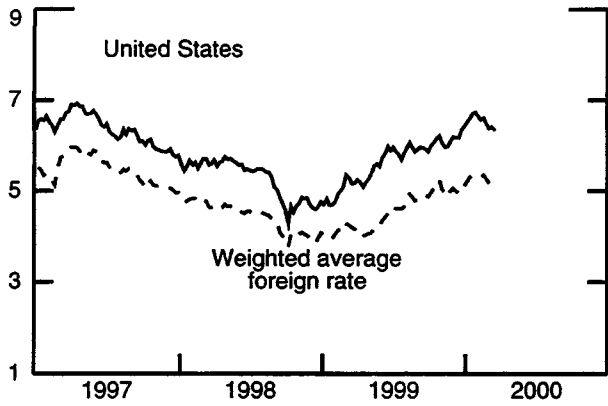
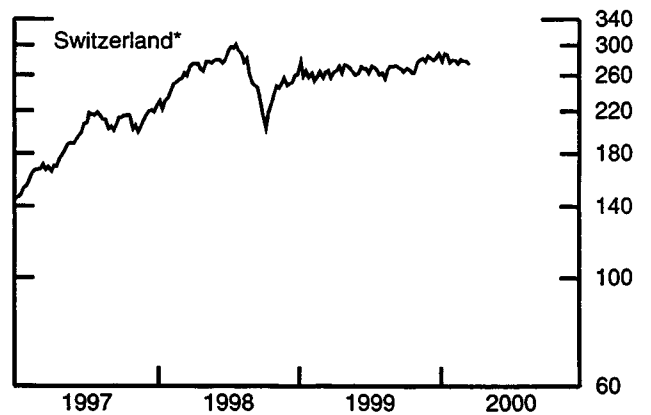
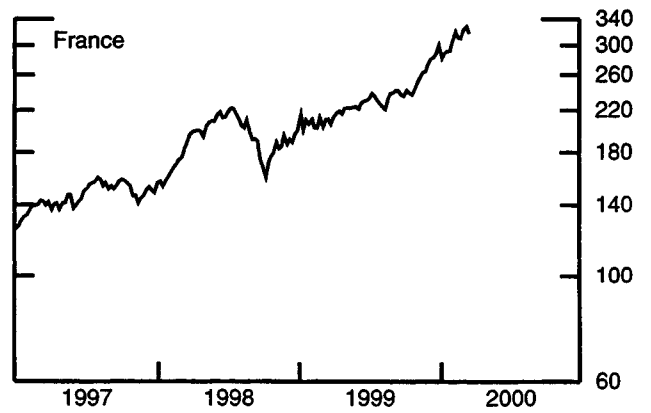
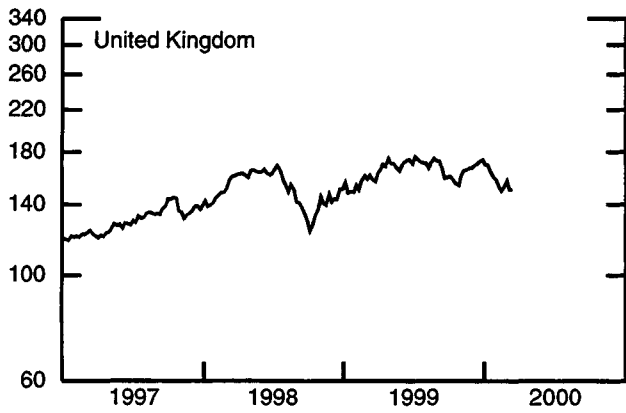
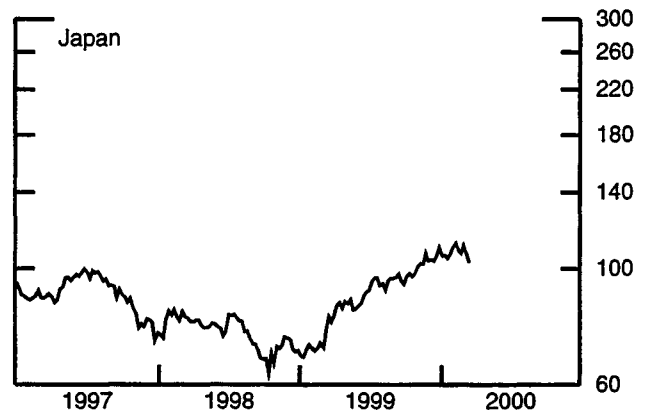
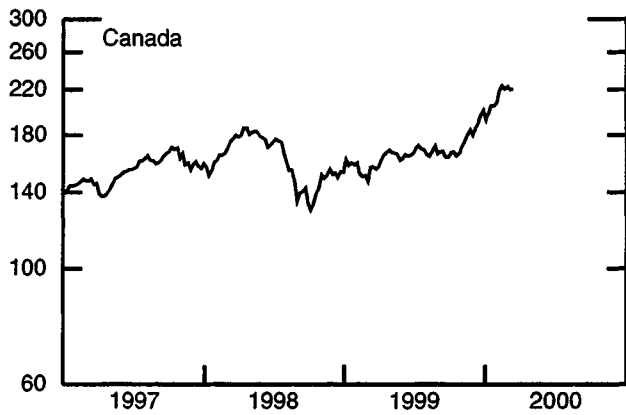
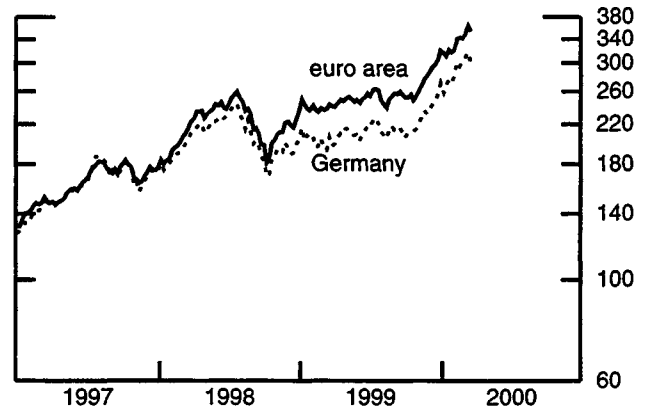
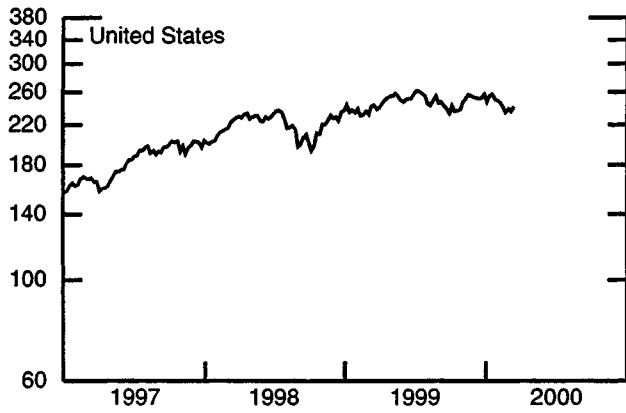


Chart 7

Stock Indexes

(Averages for week ending Wednesday, ratio scale, December 30, 1994 = 100)



*December 29, 1994 = 100

16-Feb-00 23-Feb-00 1-Mar-00 8-Mar-00 15-Mar-00

Chart 1. Nominal Currency Exchange Values

Noon buying rates (U.S. cents, weekly averages)

	16-Feb-00	23-Feb-00	1-Mar-00	8-Mar-00	15-Mar-00
Australian dollar	62.9640	62.6625	61.3140	60.6080	61.4420
Canadian dollar	68.807	68.635	68.866	68.751	68.427
Japanese yen	0.91826	0.90233	0.91243	0.93286	0.94616
Restated German mark and euro	98.34	99.48	97.41	95.95	96.66
Swedish krona	11.5686	11.6052	11.5104	11.3478	11.4811
Swiss franc	61.236	61.903	60.595	59.698	60.031
U.K. pound	159.72	160.62	158.91	157.87	157.69

Indexes, March 1973 base rates = 100

	16-Feb-00	23-Feb-00	1-Mar-00	8-Mar-00	15-Mar-00
Australian dollar	44.56	44.35	43.40	42.90	43.49
Canadian dollar	68.58	68.41	68.64	68.52	68.20
Japanese yen	240.43	236.26	238.90	244.25	247.74
Restated German mark and euro	141.45	143.08	140.11	138.01	139.03
Swedish krona	51.23	51.39	50.97	50.25	50.84
Swiss franc	197.00	199.15	194.94	192.05	193.13
U.K. pound	64.60	64.96	64.27	63.85	63.78

Chart 2. 3-Month Forward Exchange Rates, Premium or Discount

	16-Feb-00	23-Feb-00	1-Mar-00	8-Mar-00	15-Mar-00
Australian dollar	0.37	0.39	0.38	0.39	0.41
Canadian dollar	0.83	0.85	0.88	0.87	0.83
Euro	2.53	2.46	2.50	2.49	2.42
Japanese yen	5.95	5.99	6.11	6.14	6.16
Swiss franc	3.74	3.69	3.74	3.83	3.71
U.K. pound	-0.08	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03	0.06

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

	16-Feb-00	23-Feb-00	1-Mar-00	8-Mar-00	15-Mar-00
U.S. dollars per fine ounce	307.12	303.56	294.36	289.63	289.86

Chart 4. Overnight Funding Rates and Official Interest Rates

United States					
Federal funds	5.75	5.72	5.77	5.73	5.80
Discount rate	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
Canada					
Bank rate	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.25
Call money	4.95	4.92	4.96	4.96	4.98
Lower bound	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Euro area					
Marginal lending rate	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Eonia	3.25	3.27	3.39	3.31	3.51
Repo rate	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25
Overnight deposit rate	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
Japan					
Call money	0.02	0.02	0.08	0.02	0.02
Discount rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Switzerland					
Lombard rate	4.13	3.75	4.00	3.25	3.88
Call money	1.98	1.60	1.30	0.75	1.32
Discount rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
United Kingdom					
Call money	5.53	5.85	5.95	6.05	5.15
Repo rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

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Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	6.00	6.02	6.02	6.06	6.11
Australian bank bill	5.82	5.80	5.82	5.83	5.82
Canadian finance paper	5.27	5.27	5.30	5.34	5.41
Euro-area interbank	3.49	3.58	3.62	3.65	3.76
Japanese CD	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05
Swedish treasury bill	4.12	4.16	4.14	4.17	4.17
Swiss interbank	2.28	2.35	2.32	2.30	2.43
U.K. interbank sterling	6.08	6.07	6.08	6.08	6.06
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	3.31	3.34	3.36	3.38	3.44

Chart 6. Long Term Government Bellwether Bond Yields
10-year maturity, where available

Canada	6.46	6.30	6.10	6.13	6.09
France	5.69	5.62	5.60	5.58	5.46
Germany	5.58	5.51	5.47	5.46	5.34
Italy	5.84	5.78	5.74	5.73	5.62
Japan	1.81	1.82	1.84	1.77	1.81
Switzerland	3.80	3.84	3.91	3.87	3.86
United Kingdom	5.66	5.55	5.38	5.36	5.28
United States	6.60	6.47	6.38	6.40	6.34
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	5.35	5.27	5.17	5.16	5.11

Chart 7. Stock Indexes (Wednesday figures)

Canada	223.77	221.07	223.36	220.27	220.56
France	310.61	309.70	322.79	327.08	317.54
Germany	295.21	304.60	307.62	317.34	301.68
Euro area*	436.88	434.03	442.82	462.81	451.43
Italy	315.82	321.18	337.18	337.74	326.03
Japan	108.47	106.94	110.66	106.55	102.97
Switzerland**	275.14	280.96	278.09	278.47	273.88
United Kingdom	149.14	151.89	156.53	150.10	150.30
United States	241.08	234.57	238.89	235.61	241.10

Indices (in order, rebased to December 30, 1994, **December 29, 1994) are Toronto Composite, SBF250, FAZ Aktien, *Dow Jones EURO stock index, Banca Italiana General, Tokyo SE (Topix), Swiss Performance Index, Financial Times Ordinary, NYSE Composite