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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)

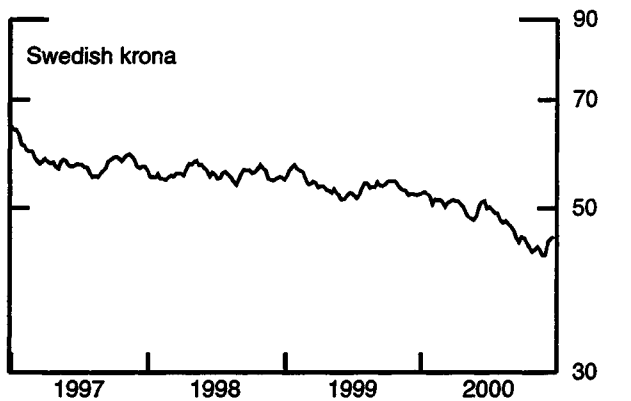
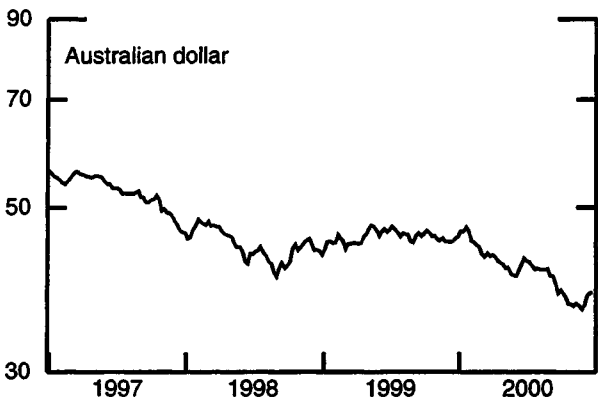
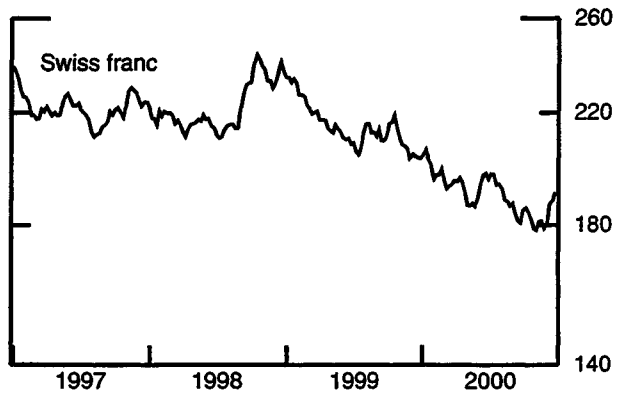
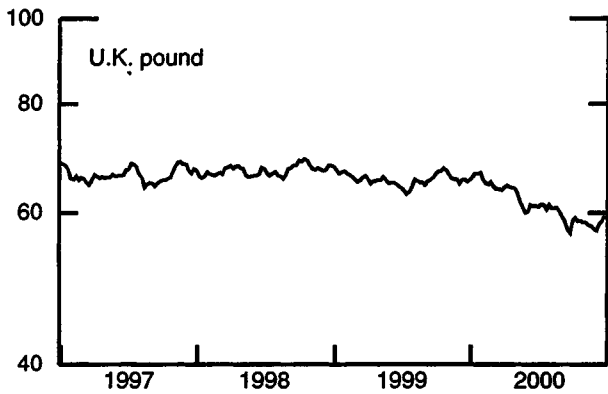
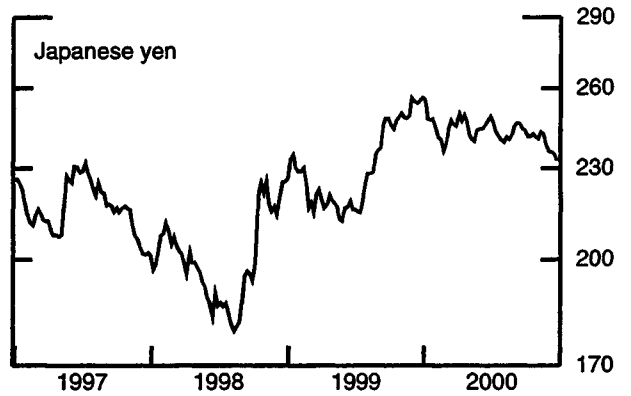
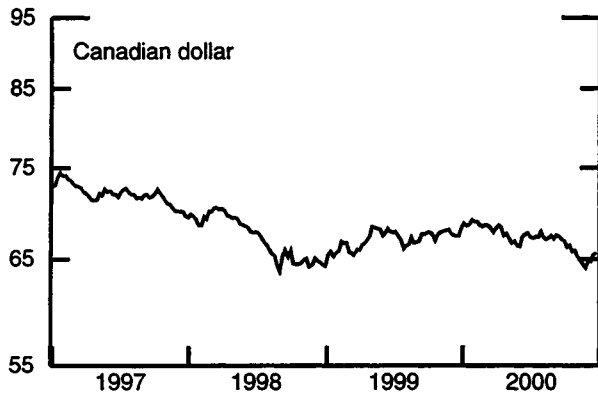
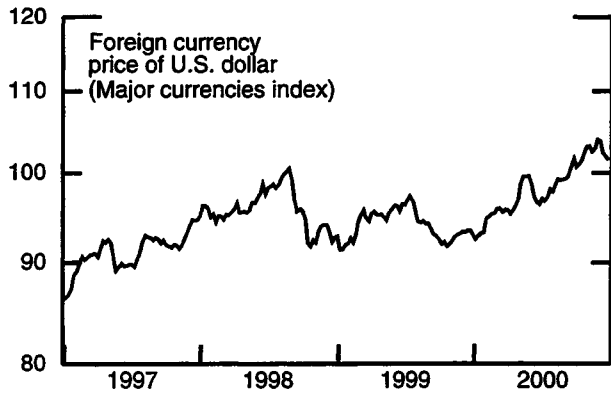


Chart 2

3-Month Forward Exchange Rates

Premium (+) or (-)
(Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

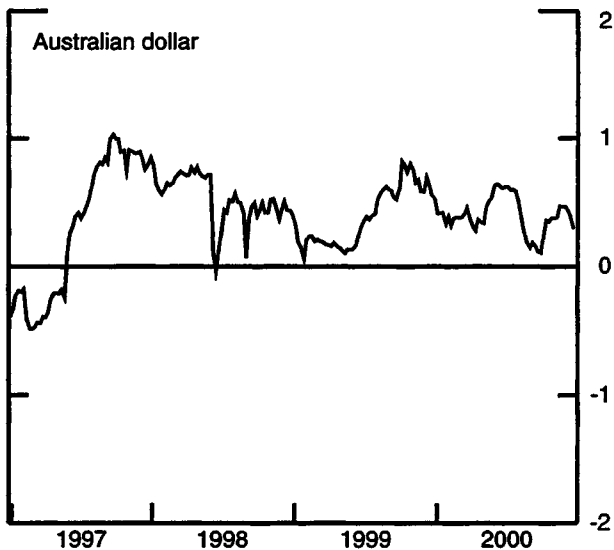
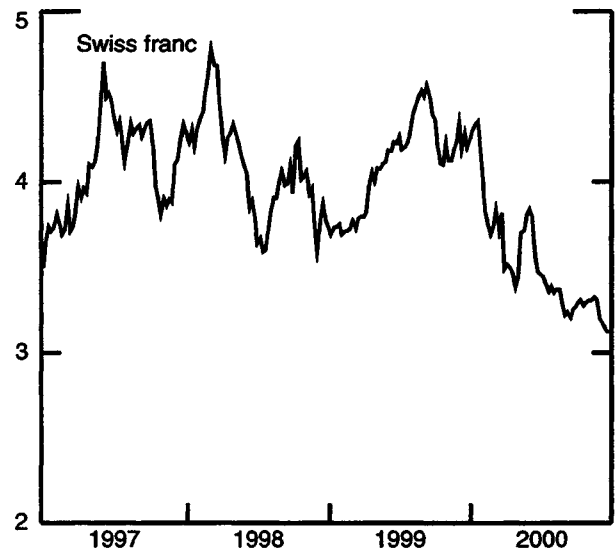
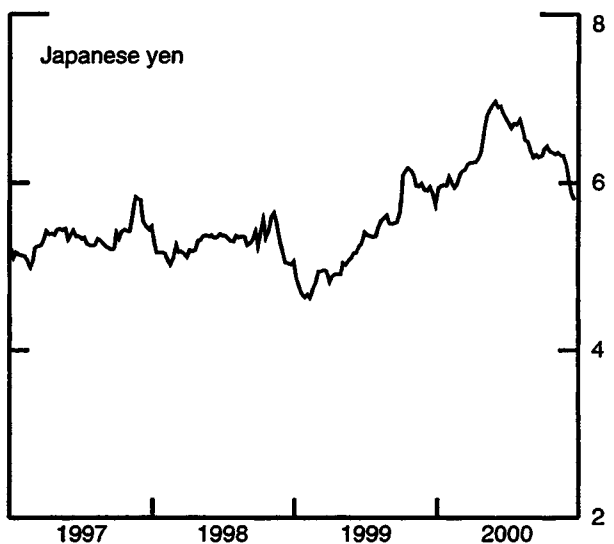
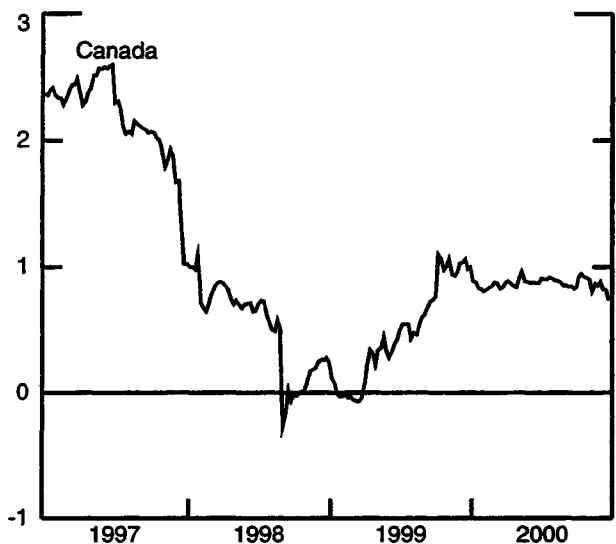
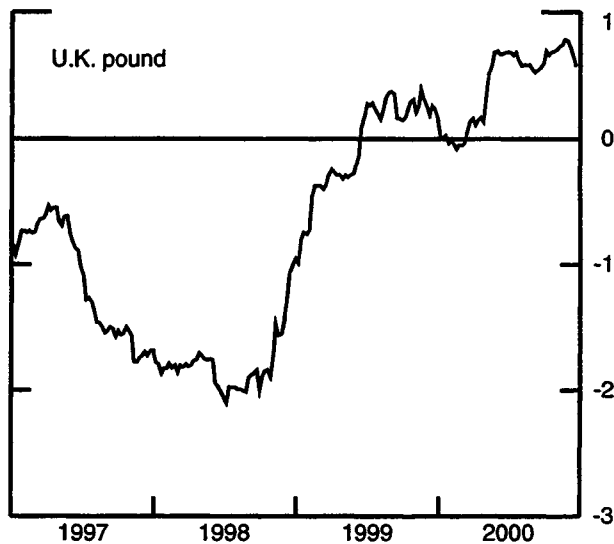


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Price of Gold in London
(Averages for week ending Wednesday)

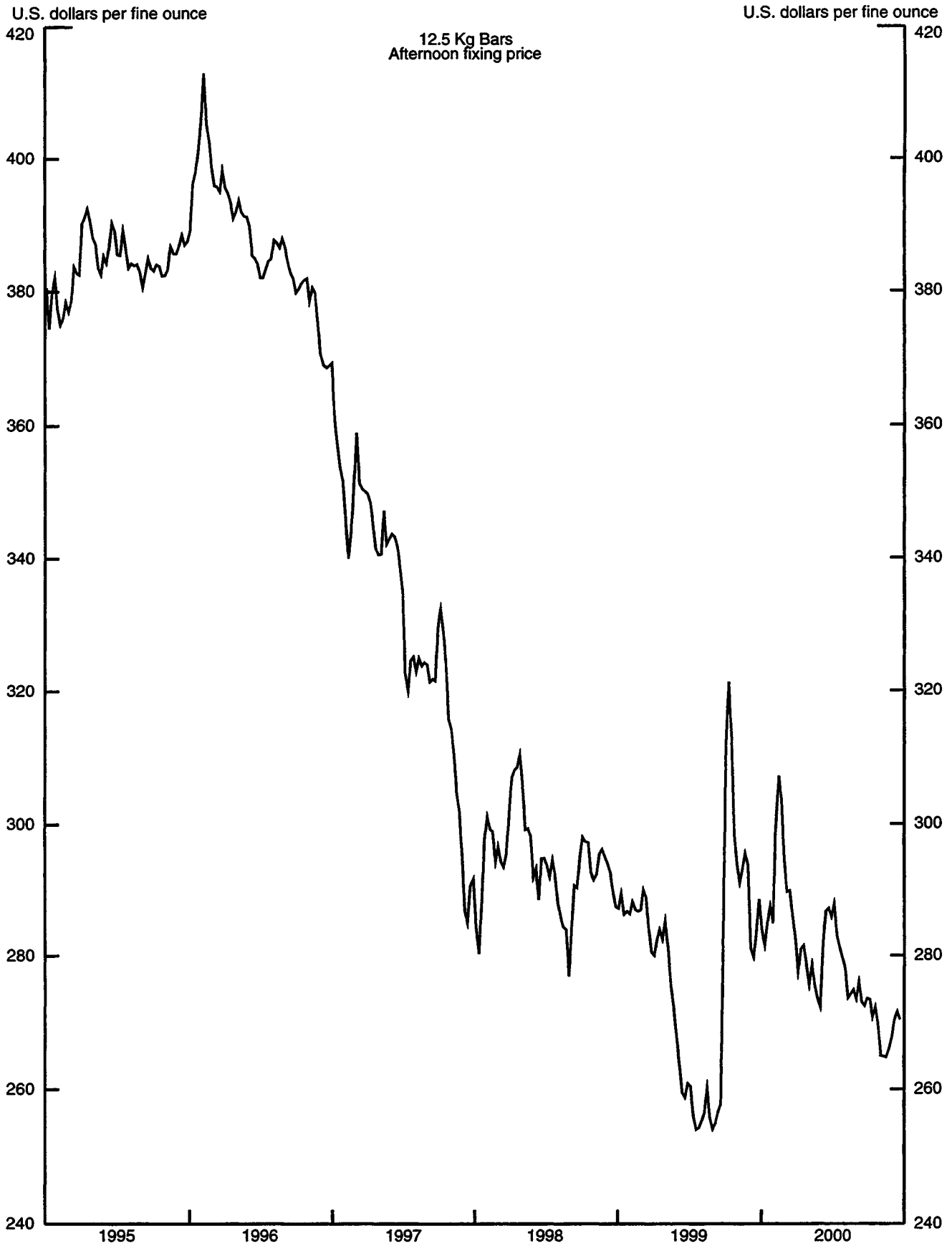
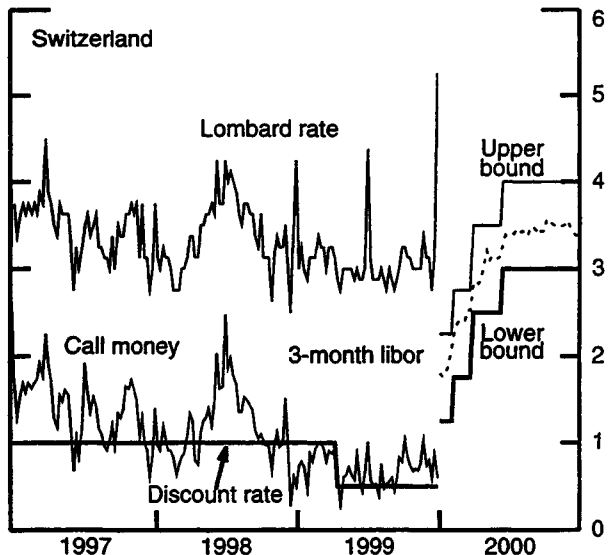
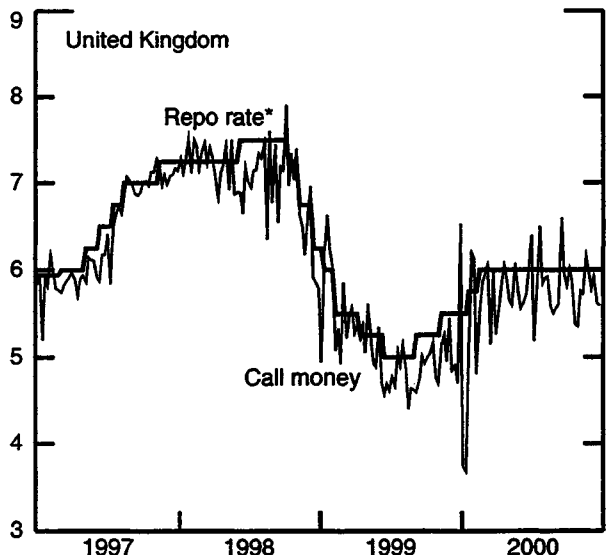
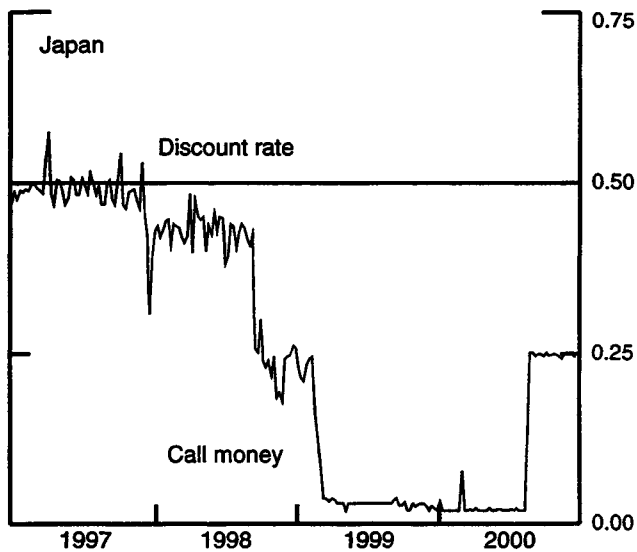
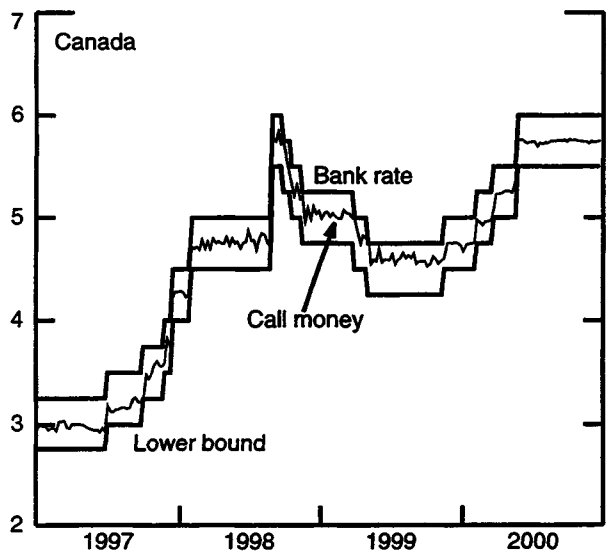
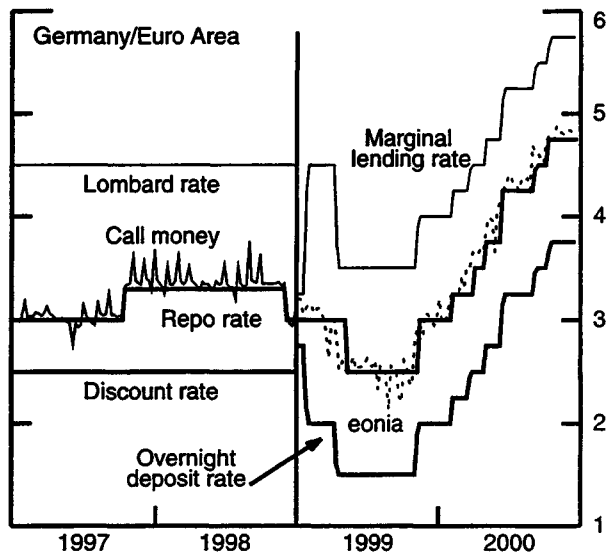
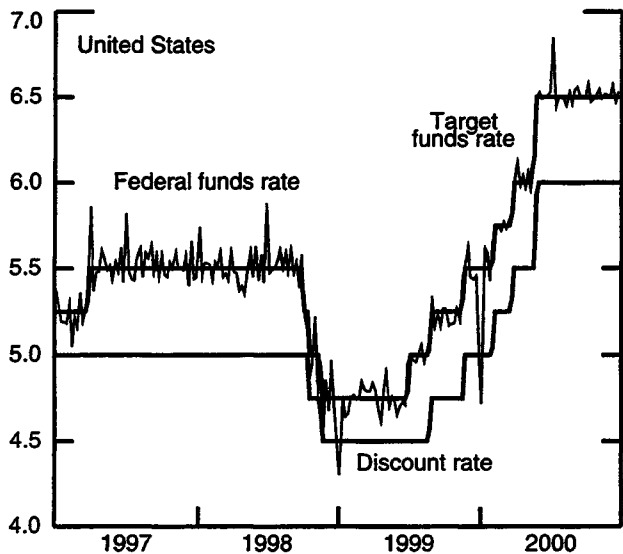


Chart 4

Interbank 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)

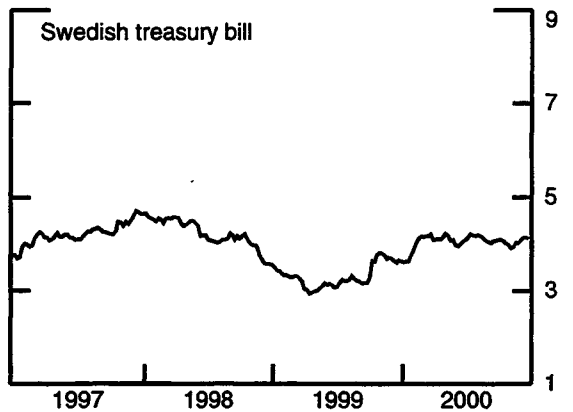
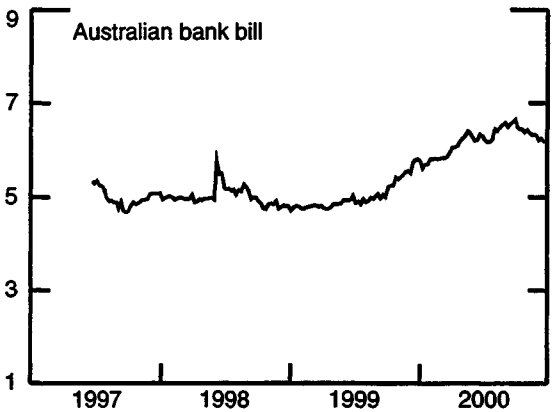
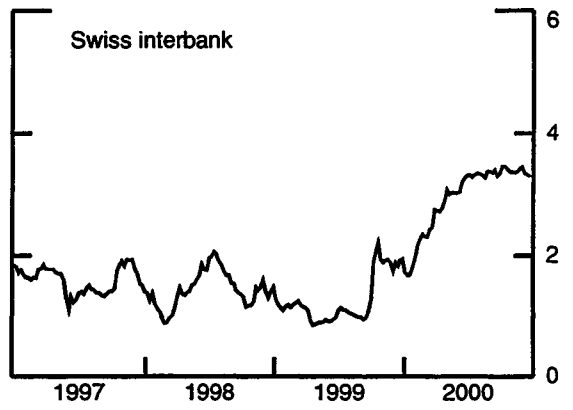
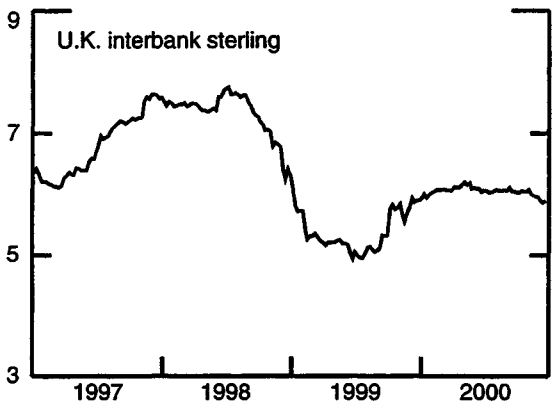
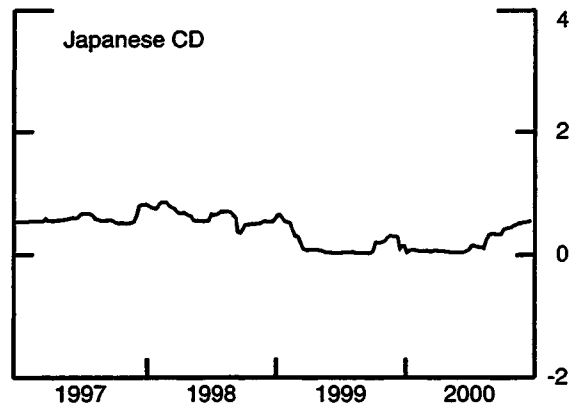
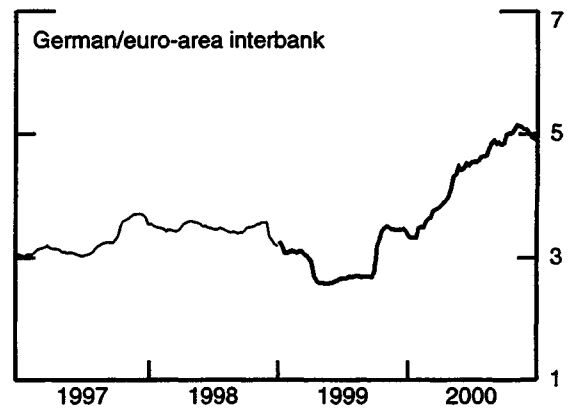
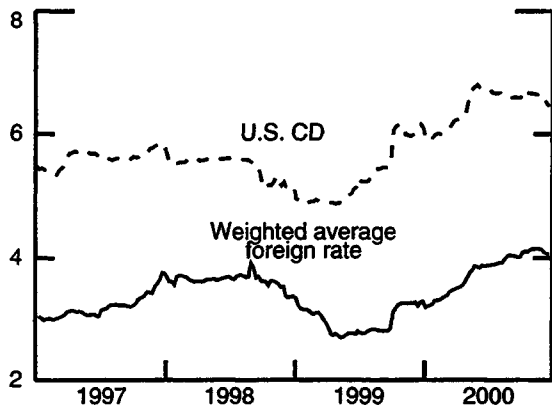


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Long-Term Government Bond Yields (Averages for week ending Wednesday, percent per annum)

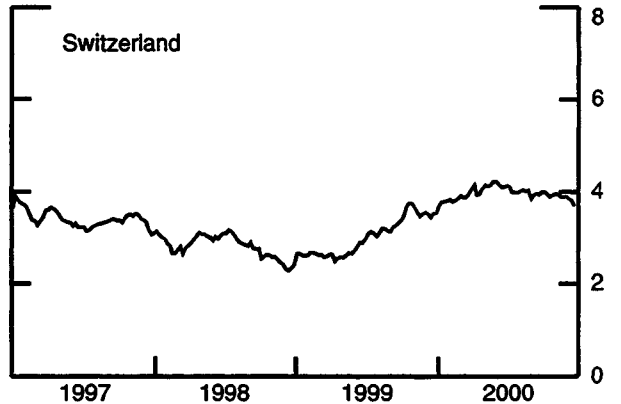
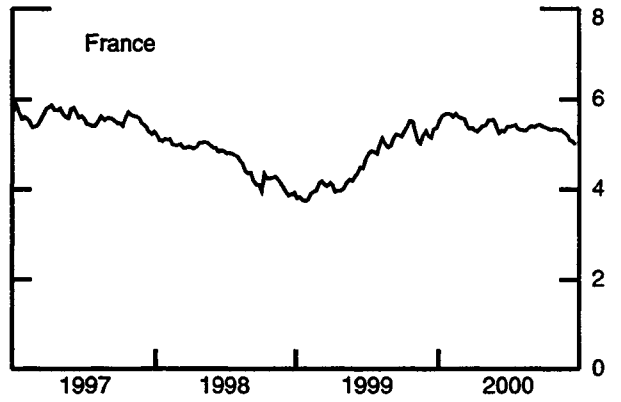
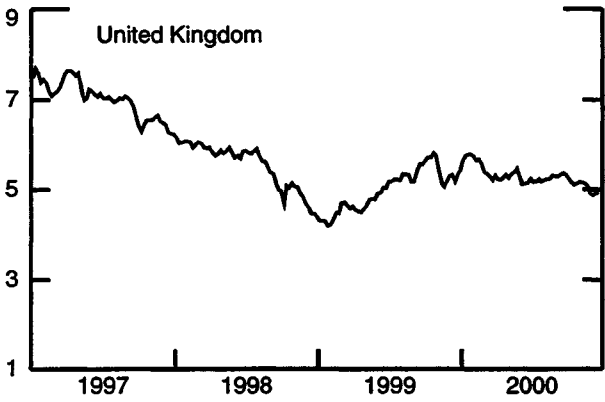
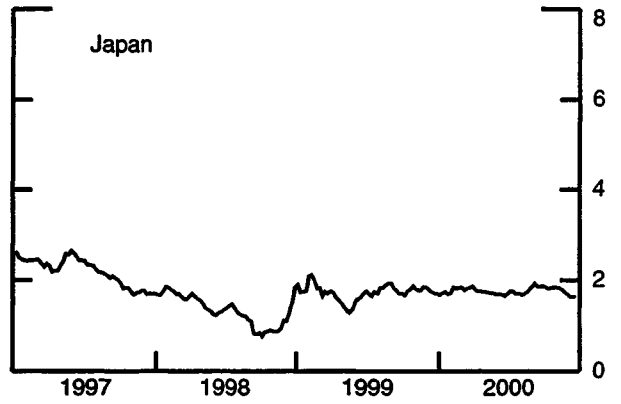
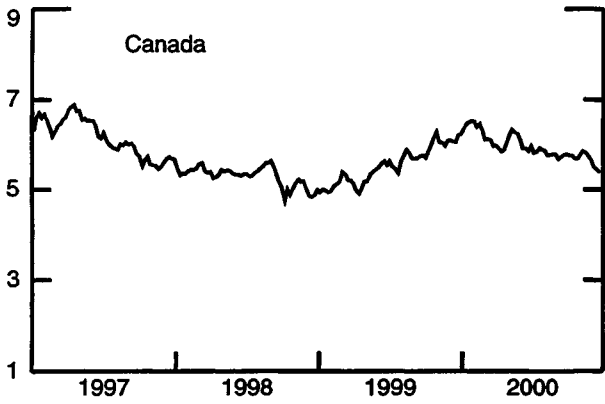
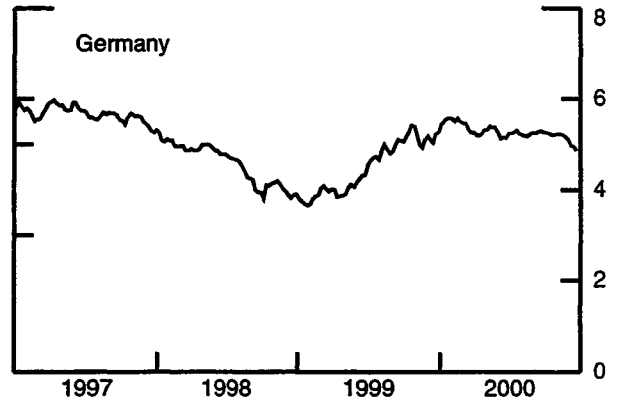
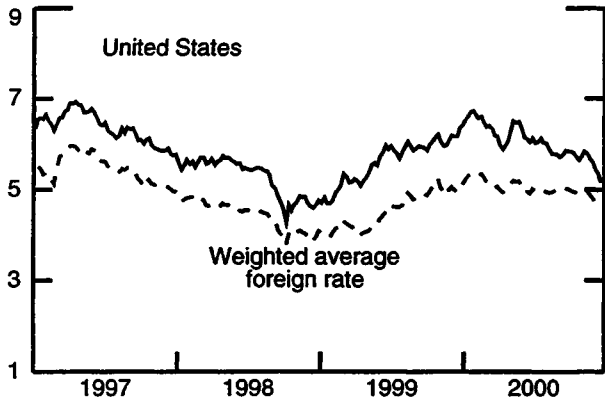
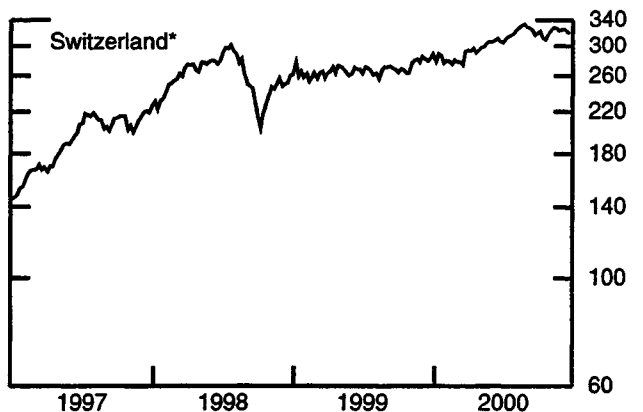
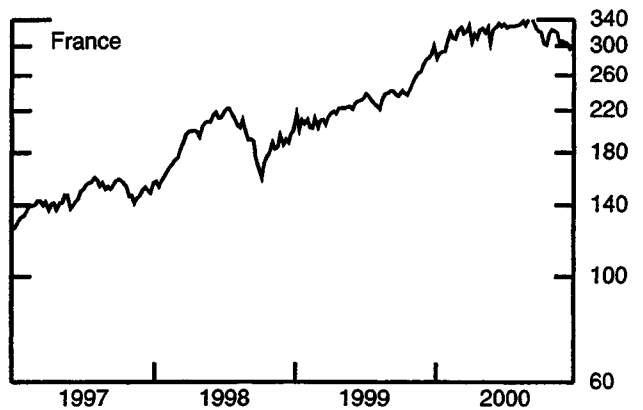
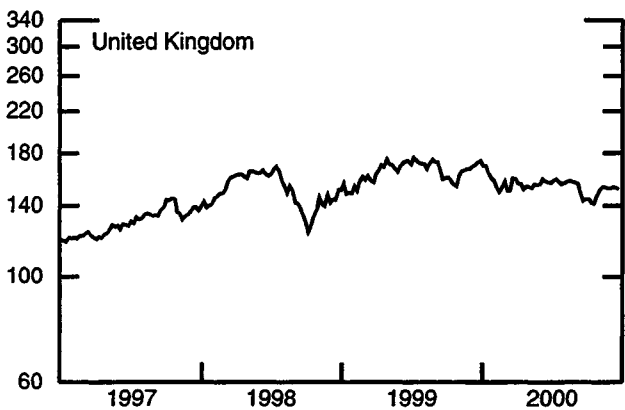
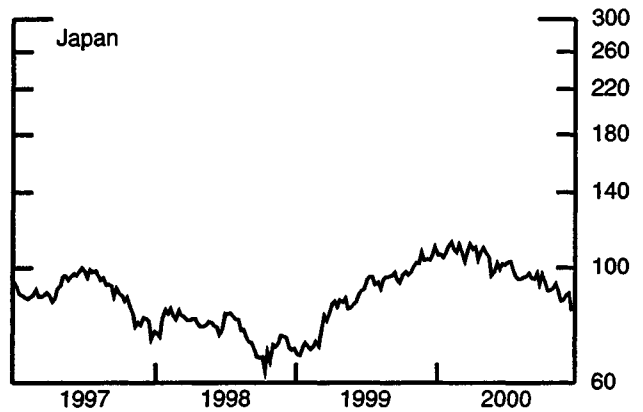
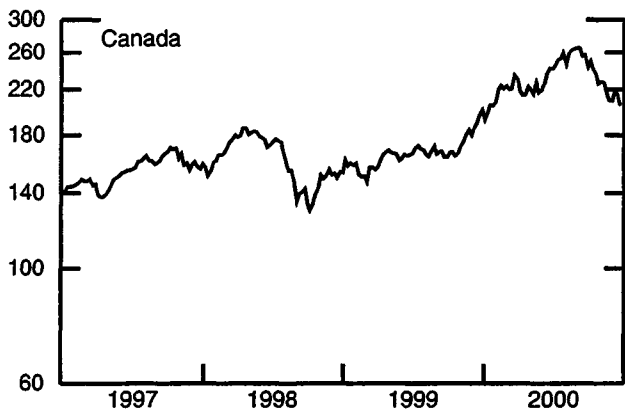
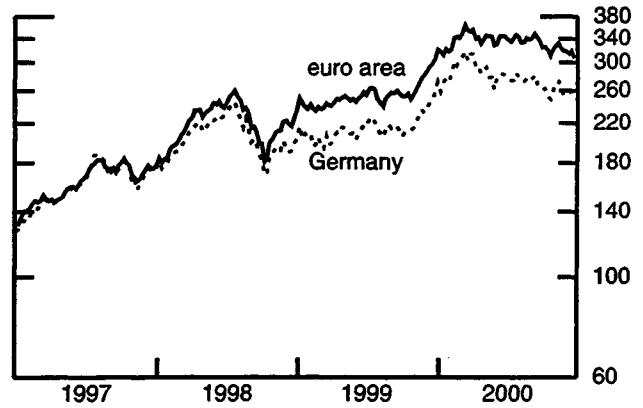
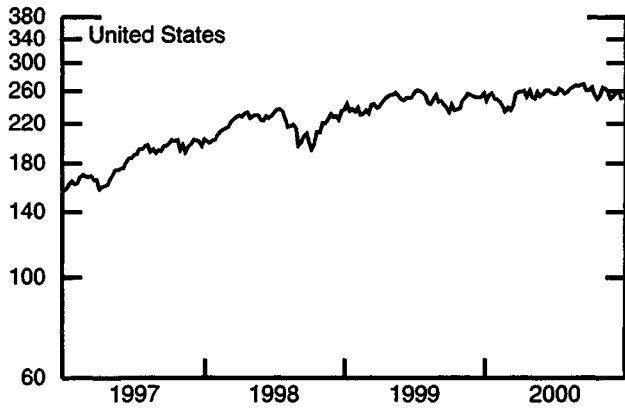


Chart 7

Stock Indexes

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



*December 29, 1994 = 100

22-Nov-00 29-Nov-00 6-Dec-00 13-Dec-00 20-Dec-00

Chart 1. Nominal Currency Exchange Values

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

	22-Nov-00	29-Nov-00	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00
Australian dollar	51.6260	52.3175	53.8360	54.2300	54.3940
Canadian dollar	64.317	65.020	64.967	65.695	65.766
Japanese yen	0.91213	0.90175	0.90160	0.89824	0.88943
Restated German mark and euro	84.83	85.02	88.03	88.06	89.46
Swedish krona	9.7801	9.7795	10.1986	10.2712	10.3459
Swiss franc	55.653	56.253	58.182	58.448	59.289
U.K. pound	141.83	141.36	143.76	144.77	146.92

Indexes, March 1973 base rates = 100

	22-Nov-00	29-Nov-00	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00
Australian dollar	36.54	37.03	38.10	38.38	38.50
Canadian dollar	64.10	64.80	64.75	65.48	65.55
Japanese yen	238.83	236.11	236.07	235.19	232.88
Restated German mark and euro	122.01	122.28	126.61	126.66	128.67
Swedish krona	43.31	43.31	45.16	45.49	45.82
Swiss franc	179.04	180.97	187.18	188.04	190.74
U.K. pound	57.37	57.17	58.15	58.56	59.43

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

	22-Nov-00	29-Nov-00	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00
Australian dollar	0.47	0.47	0.44	0.38	0.30
Canadian dollar	0.85	0.88	0.82	0.82	0.74
Euro	1.65	1.61	1.60	1.54	1.56
Japanese yen	6.33	6.22	6.03	5.87	5.80
Swiss franc	3.31	3.20	3.17	3.14	3.12
U.K. pound	0.78	0.77	0.72	0.66	0.58

Chart 3. Gold Price in London, Afternoon Fixing

	22-Nov-00	29-Nov-00	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00
U.S. dollars per fine ounce	266.08	267.69	270.28	271.58	270.37

Chart 4. Interbank Funding Rates and Official Interest Rates

United States					
Target federal funds rate	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Effective federal funds	6.51	6.50	6.57	6.47	6.53
Discount rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Canada					
Bank rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Call money	5.73	5.75	5.74	5.74	5.75
Lower bound	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Euro area					
Marginal lending rate	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.75
Eonia	4.80	4.84	4.84	4.82	4.78
Repo rate	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Overnight deposit rate	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Japan					
Call money	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.24
Discount rate	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Switzerland*					
Upper bound	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Libor rate	3.51	3.55	3.47	3.43	3.38
Lower bound	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
United Kingdom					
Call money	5.98	5.78	5.93	5.61	5.59
Repo rate	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

*In January 2000, the Swiss National Bank began to target the Swiss Franc 3-month LIBOR interest rate, with the aim of keeping this rate inside a range given by an upper and a lower bound.

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Chart 5. 3-Month Interest Rates

	22-Nov-00	29-Nov-00	6-Dec-00	13-Dec-00	20-Dec-00
U.S. 90-day CD's, secondary market	6.64	6.65	6.58	6.50	6.44
Australian bank bill	6.33	6.30	6.21	6.25	6.18
Canadian finance paper	5.94	5.90	5.84	5.81	5.79
Euro-area interbank	5.07	5.07	5.01	4.96	4.93
Japanese CD	0.51	0.54	0.54	0.54	0.55
Swedish treasury bill	4.02	4.08	4.13	4.15	4.12
Swiss interbank	3.42	3.45	3.35	3.33	3.29
U.K. interbank sterling	5.96	5.95	5.90	5.86	5.89
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	4.14	4.13	4.09	4.07	4.05

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

Canada	5.72	5.63	5.50	5.44	5.39
France	5.29	5.22	5.10	5.09	5.00
Germany	5.17	5.10	4.97	4.96	4.87
Italy	5.55	5.48	5.36	5.33	5.26
Japan	1.74	1.69	1.64	1.63	1.65
Switzerland	3.88	3.90	3.83	3.81	3.68
United Kingdom	5.06	4.91	4.87	4.91	4.92
United States	5.67	5.60	5.46	5.34	5.17
Weighted average foreign interest rate (Canada, euro area, Japan, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Australia, and Sweden)	4.89	4.81	4.71	4.68	4.63

Chart 7. Stock Indexes (Wednesday figures)

Canada	209.91	209.35	219.07	215.92	205.11
France	302.50	307.43	304.60	303.17	293.53
Germany	253.01	254.84	257.29	258.45	247.99
Euro area*	405.47	404.64	398.31	405.78	391.11
Italy	319.89	323.43	315.21	311.13	297.35
Japan	86.37	86.53	88.58	89.34	82.70
Switzerland**	323.47	324.38	324.78	322.44	319.25
United Kingdom	152.11	151.83	152.69	152.47	151.56
United States	249.65	254.01	257.32	260.34	249.05

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