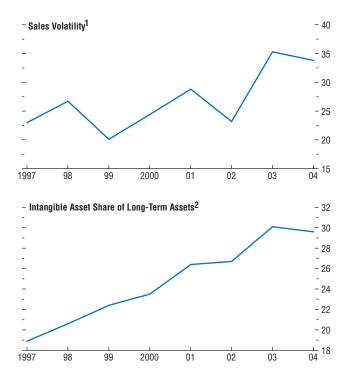
Figure 4.7. Sales Volatility and Intangible Assets in the G-7 Countries

Over the last decade, sales volatility and the share of intangible assets have increased in the sample of firms considered.



Sources: Thomson Analytics Worldscope database; and IMF staff calculations. ¹Market capitalization-weighted average of five-year rolling standard deviation of growth rate of firms' sales. ²Market capitalization-weighted average of the stock of intangible assets in percent of

long-term assets (defined as total assets minus assets with maturity of one year or less).