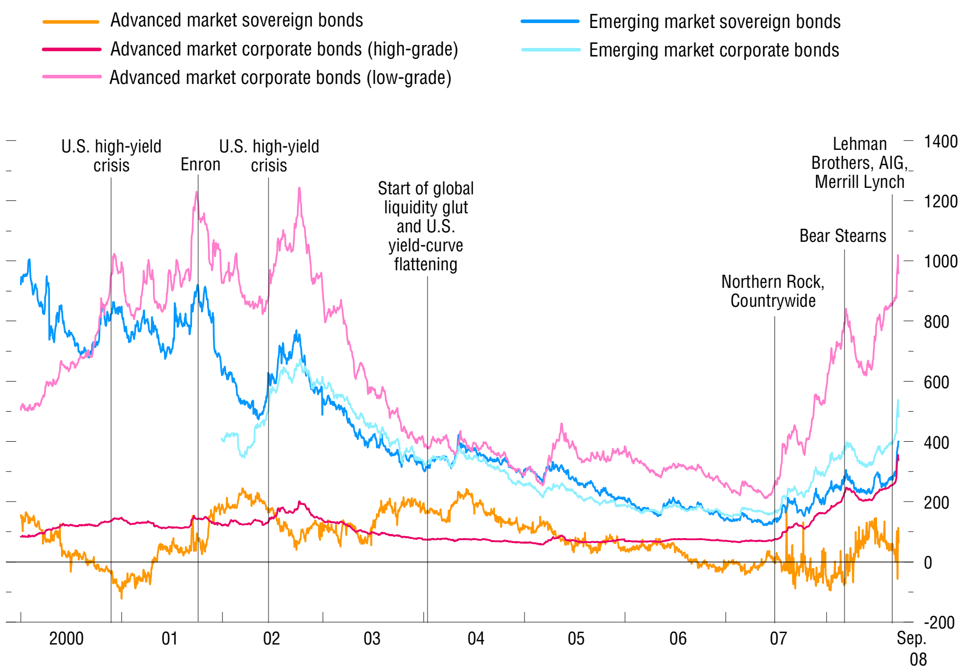
Advanced and Emerging Markets: Sovereign and Corporate Bond Spreads, 2000–08[1]

(In basis points)



Sources: Bloomberg Financial Markets; Datastream; JP Morgan; Moody's KMV; Thomson Reuters; and IMF staff calculations.

[1]The corporate bond spreads are derived as the difference between the asset swap spread and the commensurate London interbank offered rate. The sovereign bond spread series for advanced markets is a composite of the five-year U.S. Treasury rate over the effective federal funds rate and the five-year German Bund over the EONIA rate (i.e., the effective European Central Bank policy rate).