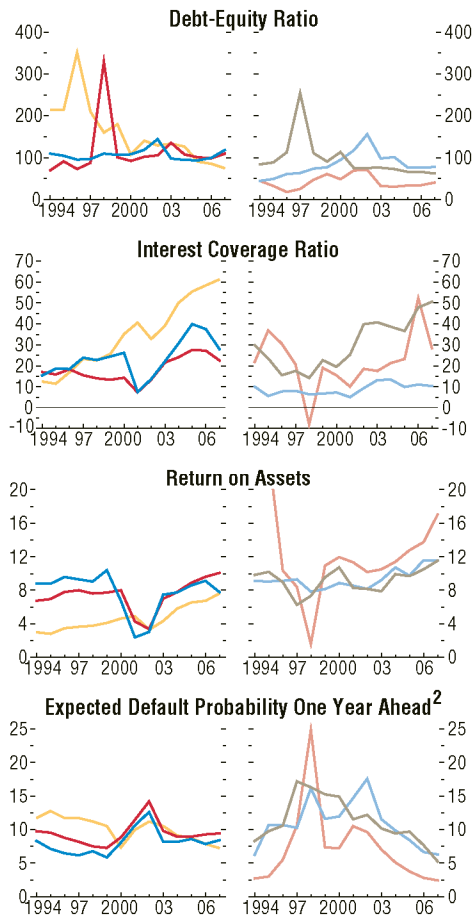


Selected Balance Sheet Indicators for Nonfinancial Firms¹

— Developed Americas — Emerging Americas
— Developed Europe — Emerging Europe and Russia
— Developed Asia — Emerging Asia



Sources: Worldscope and IMF staff calculations.

¹In percent. Regional aggregates are computed by weighing country data by market capitalization valued at market exchange rates. Within countries, firm-level data are also weighed by market capitalization, to focus on the default risk of the largest, economically most important firms.

²Default probabilities are calculated based on so-called Z-scores—a weighted sum of the ratio of working capital to total assets, retained earnings to total assets, earnings before interest and taxes, total assets, market value of equity to total liabilities, and sales to total assets. The weights are estimated for a sample of U.S. firms (Altman, 1968).