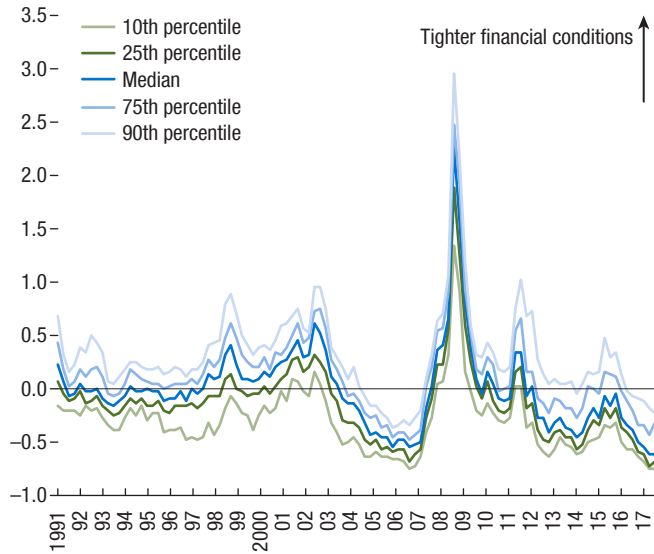


Figure 2.1. Financial Conditions Have Been Loose in Recent Years

(Financial conditions index; various percentiles of the cross-country distribution)



Source: IMF staff estimates.

Note: A higher level of the financial conditions index (FCI) means financial conditions are tighter. The sample comprises 41 advanced and emerging market economies. For methodology and variables included in the FCI, refer to Annex 3.2 of the October 2017 *Global Financial Stability Report*.