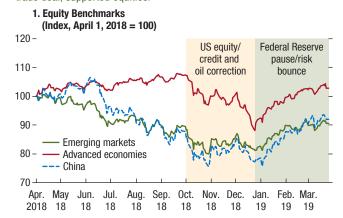
Figure 1.20. Recent Developments in Emerging and Frontier Markets

Stability in foreign exchange markets, along with hopes for a US-China trade deal, supported equities.

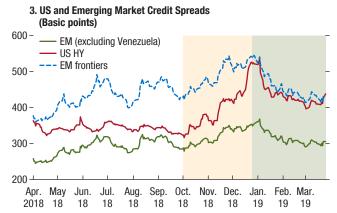
Currencies have been relatively stable after the sharp sell-off last year.

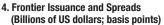


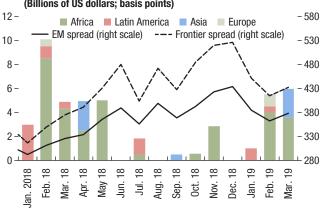
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Emerging market credit came under pressure led by weaker issuers, before recovering this year.

After a lull in the second half of 2018, some frontier market issuers have come back to the market.

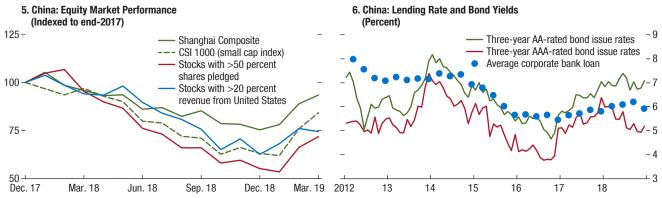






Chinese equities rebounded in early 2019 after declines due to trade tensions and global volatility.

Policy easing helped partly offset the tightening in financial conditions, but less so for lower-rated firms.



Sources: Bloomberg Finance L.P.; Bond Radar; Haver Analytics; JPMorgan Chase & Co; Wind Information Co.; and IMF staff estimates. Note: CSI = China Securities Index; EM = emerging market; HY = high yield.