Figure 1.2. Heat Map: Developments in Systemic Asset Classes

Emerging markets
Corporate credit
Prime RMBS
Commercial MBS
Money markets
Financial institutions
Subprime RMBS

Source: IMF staff estimates.
Note: The heat map measures both the level and 1-month volatility of the spreads, prices, and total returns of each asset class relative to the average during 2004–06 (i.e., wider spreads, lower prices and total returns, and higher volatility). That deviation is expressed in terms of standard deviations. Green signifies a standard deviation under 1, yellow signifies 1 to 4 standard deviations, and red signifies greater than 4 standard deviations. MBS = mortgage-backed security; RMBS = residential mortgage-backed security.