Figure 4.10. Correlations between Net Flows of Various Types and the Rest of the Financial Account
(Pearson correlation coefficient of different flow types in percent of GDP)

In advanced economies, various types of flow have served as broad substitutes within the financial account—helping dampen the volatility of total net flows. This has not been the case in emerging market and other developing economies.

Sources: IMF, Balance of Payments Statistics; national sources; and IMF staff calculations.

Note: The vertical bars represent the median correlation (across economies) between the net flows in percent of GDP of a particular type of flow and the remainder of the financial account computed with annual data during 1980–2009. The groups exclude offshore financial centers.