Figure 4.5. The Size and Composition of Net Private Capital Flows during Waves of Large Capital Flows to Emerging Market Economies
(Percent of aggregate GDP)

The recent recovery was led by portfolio debt flows, followed by bank and other private flows. In contrast with previous periods, the share of foreign direct investment was smaller.

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

Note: The 1991–97 and 2004–07 numbers are computed as the sum of net flows over the relevant years divided by the sum of regional nominal GDP during the same period using annual data. The 2010:Q1–Q3 numbers are calculated as the sum of net flows over the three relevant quarters divided by the sum of regional nominal GDP during the same period. The total does not equal the sum of the plotted components, because net derivative flows are not plotted and there is a lack of data on the underlying composition for some economies. Waves of large capital flows to emerging market economies are defined as periods during which capital flows are larger than the 1990–2009 median. The regional aggregates exclude offshore financial centers.