

Figure 1.2. Heat Map: Developments in Systemic Asset Classes

Source: IMF staff estimates.

Note: The heat map measures both the level and one-month volatility of the spreads, prices, and total returns of each asset class relative to the average during 2003–06 (i.e., wider spreads, lower prices and total returns, and higher volatility). That deviation is expressed in terms of standard deviations. Dark green signifies a standard deviation under 1, light green signifies 1 to 4 standard deviations, light magenta signifies 4 to 7 standard deviations, and dark magenta signifies greater than 7 standard deviations. MBS = mortgage-backed security; RMBS = residential mortgage-backed security.