Figure 1.2. Global Financial Conditions (Z-scores, 1996–2019)

US financial conditions have tightened, on net, but remain accommodative.

1. Financial Conditions Index: United States

The early-2019 rebound in markets helped attenuate the tightening in financial conditions in the euro area.

2. Financial Conditions Index: Euro Area

In China, financial conditions remain broadly stable as market pressures have been offset by policy easing.

3. Financial Conditions Index: China

Financial conditions in other emerging markets have been stable in early 2019, after tightening significantly in 2018 due to higher external borrowing costs.

4. Financial Conditions Index: Systemically Important Emerging Market Economies Other than China


Note: The z-score indicates an observation’s distance from the population mean in units of standard deviation. EM = emerging market.