Better-governed firms that tapped bond markets were able to borrow at longer maturities and had higher credit ratings and lower spreads.

1. Bond Maturity
   (Year; firm-level value-weighted averages)

2. Bond Spreads
   (Percent; firm-level value-weighted averages, U.S. dollar-denominated bonds)

3. Bond Ratings
   (Rating notches; firm-level value-weighted averages)

Sources: Bloomberg L.P.; Dealogic; Thomson Reuters Datastream; and IMF staff calculations.

Note: Bond maturity = maturity at issuance; bond rating = issuer’s S&P credit rating; bond spread = spreads vis-à-vis the U.S. Treasury bonds with similar maturity; high governance = firm governance above 75th percentile; low governance = firm governance below 25th percentile.