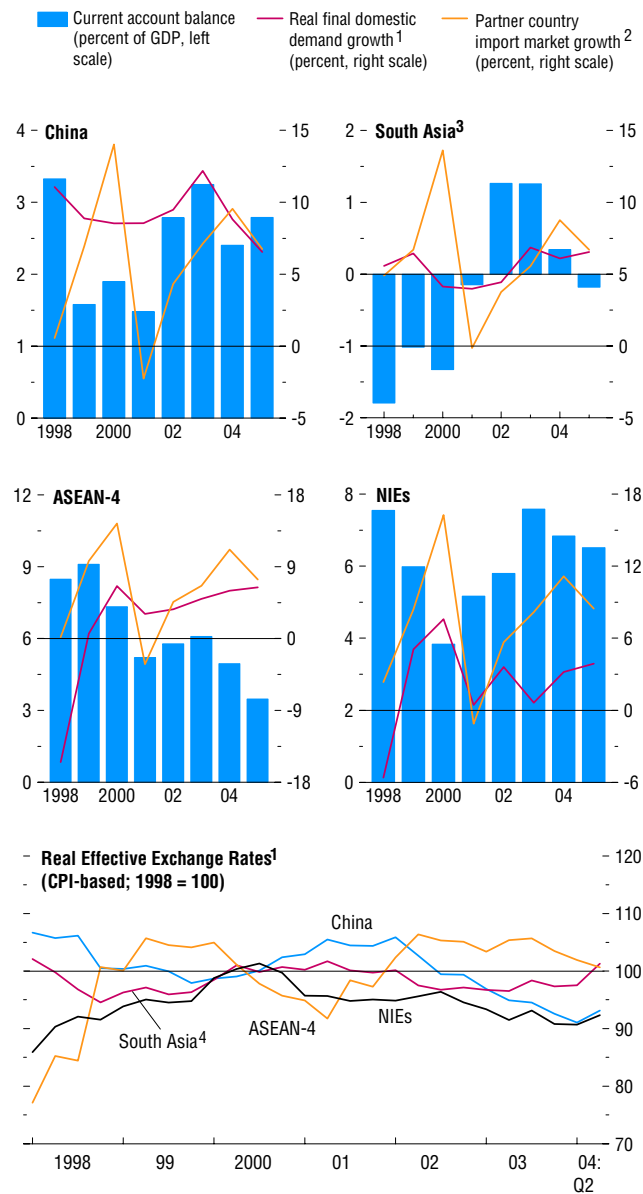


Figure 1.14. Emerging Asia: Current Account Surpluses Remain Strong

External current account surpluses have remained strong, partly reflecting relatively faster acceleration in external demand growth compared with domestic demand growth but also stable or depreciating real exchange rates. Together with substantial capital inflows, this has led to the rapid accumulation of gross external reserves.



Sources: Haver Analytics; Global Insight; and IMF staff calculations.

¹Regional aggregates are purchasing-power-parity-weighted averages.

²Export-weighted import demand for individual countries; regional aggregated are PPP-weighted averages.

³Includes Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

⁴Includes India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.