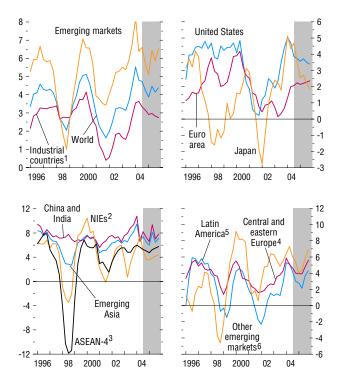
Figure 1.7. Global Outlook

(*Real GDP*; percent change from four quarters earlier)

Following the very rapid expansion since mid-2003, global growth has slowed since the first quarter of 2004, but is expected to remain relatively strong.



Sources: Haver Analytics; and IMF staff estimates. ¹Australia, Canada, Denmark, euro area, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden,

Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. ² Hong Kong SAR, Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan Province of China. ³ Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand.

⁴Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, and Poland. ⁵Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela.

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