Global growth is projected to remain about 4¼ percent in 2006 and 2007, but the risks are slanted to the downside, the more so as time progresses (see text for a detailed discussion).

Source: IMF staff estimates.

1 This so-called fan chart shows the uncertainty around the World Economic Outlook central forecast with the 95 percent probability interval. See Box 1.3 for details.

2 Shaded areas of the same gradient above and below the central forecast add up to 10 percent.