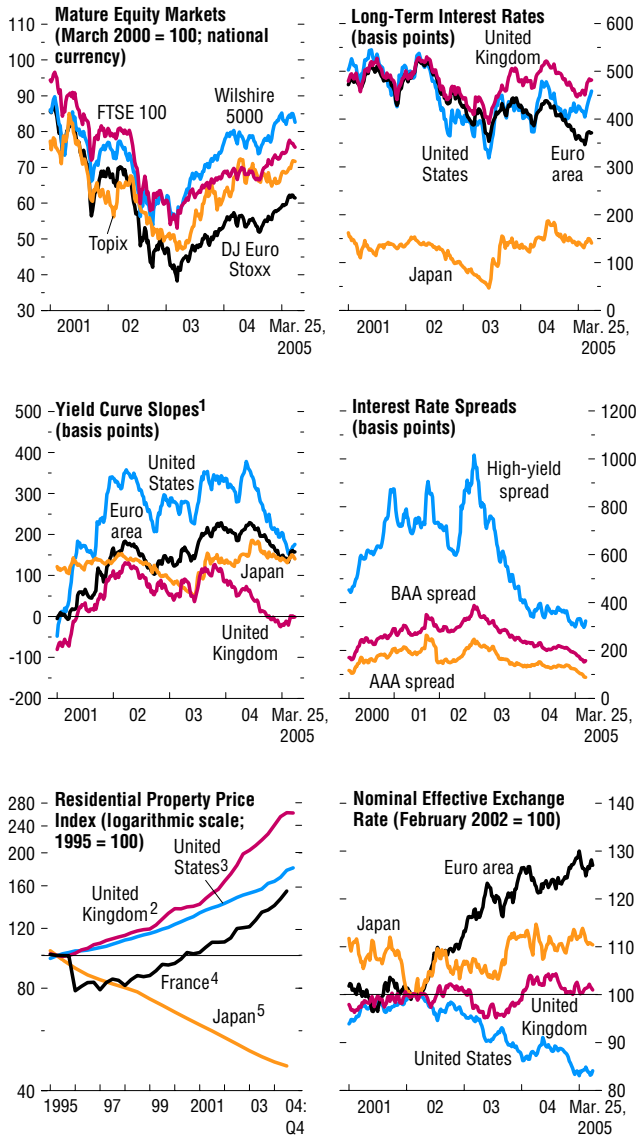


Figure 1.5. Developments in Mature Financial Markets

Financial market conditions remain unusually benign, with long-term interest rates and spreads at exceptionally low levels.



Sources: Bloomberg Financial Markets, LP; Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; Japan Real Estate Institute; Halifax; National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies; and IMF staff calculations.

¹Ten-year government bond minus three-month treasury bill rate.

²Halifax housing index as measured by the value of all houses.

³House price index as measured by the value of single-family homes in the United States as a whole, in various regions of the country, and in the individual states and the District of Columbia.

⁴Housing price index: all homes.

⁵Urban land price index: average of all categories in six large city areas.