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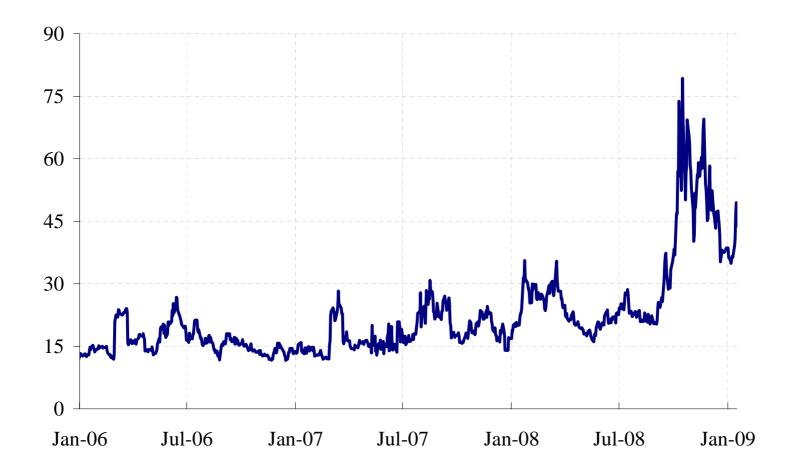
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Chart I: Euro area stock prices



Source: Thomson Financial Datastream, ECB calculations. Daily data; last observation: 16 January 2009.

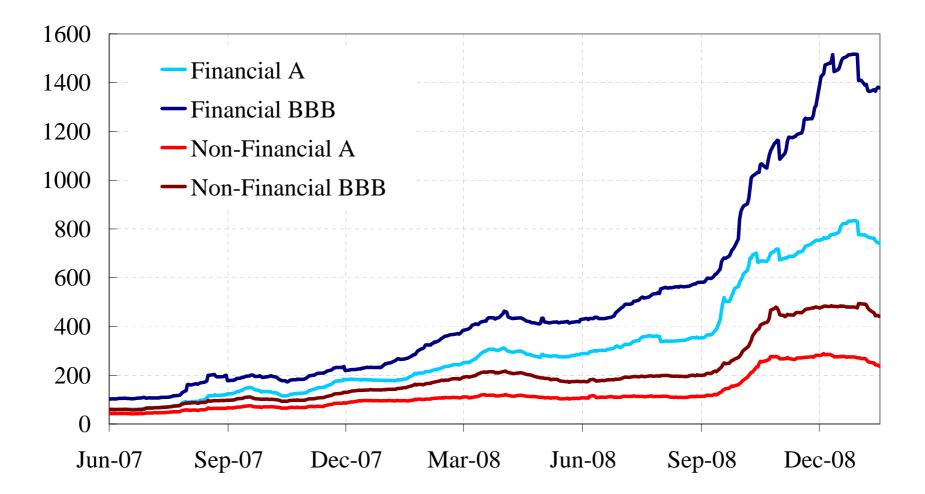
Chart 2: Implied stock market volatility



Source: Bloomberg.

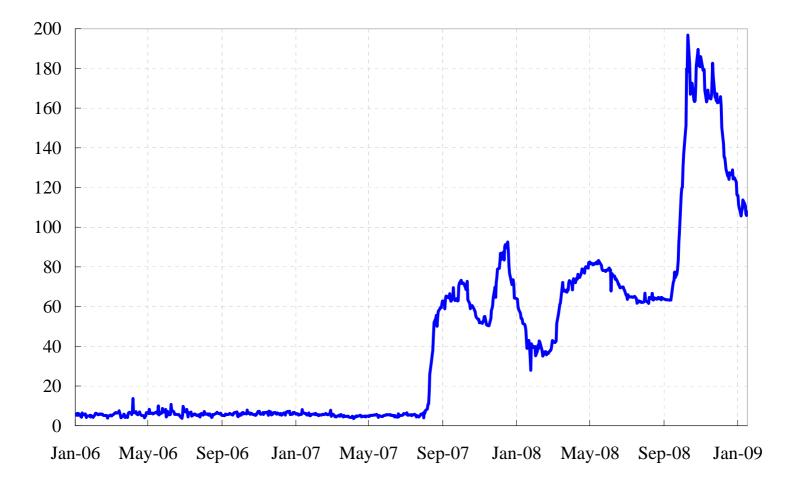
Daily data; last observation: 16 January 2009; implied volatilities from stock options on DJ EURO STOXX 50.

Chart 3: Corporate bond yield spreads



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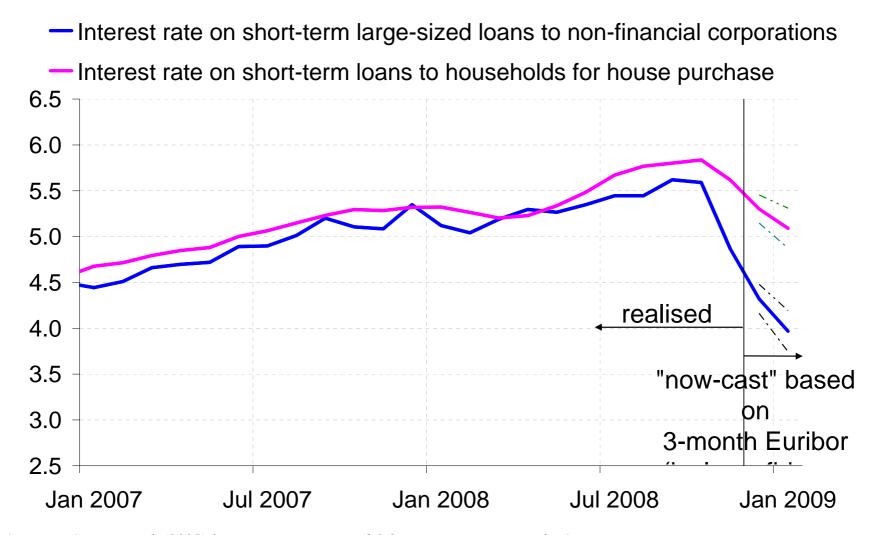
Chart 4: 3-month Euribor/OIS spread



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Chart 5: Bank lending rates



Source: ECB, De Bondt (2005) for error-correction model description, Reuters, and ECB estimations. Monthly data, now-cast for December and January based on 3-month Euribor up until 16 January 2009.

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