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Global Financial Development Report 2017/2018 Jun 11 2021 Successful international integration has underpinned most experiences of rapid growth, shared prosperity, and reduced poverty. Perhaps no sector of the economy better illustrates the potential benefits--but also the perils--of deeper integration than banking. International banking may contribute to faster growth in two important ways: first, by making available much needed capital, expertise, and new technologies; and second, by enabling risk-sharing and diversification. But international banking is not without risks. The global financial crisis vividly demonstrated how international banks can transmit shocks across the globe. The Global Financial Development Report 2017/2018 brings to bear new evidence on the debate on the benefits and costs of international banks, particularly for developing countries. It provides evidence-based policy guidance on a range of issues that developing countries face. Countries that are open to international banking can benefit from global flows of funds, knowledge, and opportunity, but the regulatory challenges are complex and, at times, daunting. Global Financial Development Report 2017/2018 is the fourth in a World Bank series. The report also tracks financial systems in more than 200 economies before and during the global financial crisis on an accompanying website (www.worldbank.org/financialdevelopment). **Note: This World Bank report, Global Financial Development Report 2017/2018: Bankers without Borders, is not associated with the Grameen Foundation's Bankers without Borders program, which engages volunteer consultants to donate their expertise to serve social enterprises and nonprofits in poor countries. For more information, visit: <https://www.bankerswithoutborders.com>.

Monetary Policy in the Presence of Islamic Banking Jan 25 2020 This paper discusses key issues related to the conduct of monetary policy in countries that have Islamic banks. It describes the macrofinancial background and monetary policy frameworks where Islamic banks typically operate, and discusses the monetary transmission mechanism in economies where Islamic and conventional banking coexist. Most economies with Islamic banks also have conventional banks and this calls for a comprehensive approach to monetary policy. At the same time, a dual approach to monetary policy should be considered whenever the Islamic segment of the financial system is not as developed as the conventional one. The paper tries to shed light on potential spillovers between conventional and Islamic financial systems, and proposes specific recommendations on the design of Islamic monetary policy operations and for facilitating monetary transmission through the Islamic financial system.

Foreign Banks and International Transmission of Monetary Policy Feb 05 2021 This paper uses loan-level data from 124 countries over 1995-2015 to examine the transmission of monetary policy through the cross-border syndicated loan market. The results show that the expansion of monetary policy increases cross-border credit supply especially to weaker firms. However, greater foreign bank presence in the borrower country appears to reduce the potentially destabilizing impact of lower policy interest rates on cross-border lending, as it attenuates increases in loan volume and maturity while magnifying increases in collateralization and covenant use. The mitigating effect of foreign banking presence in the borrowing country on the transmission of monetary policy is robust to controlling for borrower-country economic and financial development, and a range of borrower and lender country policies and institutions, including the strength of bank regulation and supervision, exchange rate flexibility, and restrictions on capital flows. The findings qualify the characterization of international banks as sources of credit instability, and suggest that foreign bank entry can improve the stability of cross-border credit in the face of international monetary policy shocks.

Foreign Banking in the United States Apr 09 2021 12th edition of the definitive study of foreign

banking. It covers the evolution of foreign banks; the political & economic implications of foreign banking; the analysis of operations & strategies. Summary of key surveys; special section on Japanese banks in the U.S. Fully indexed for instant reference. Orders: FAX 415-668-0250. IBPC, P.O. Box 422039, San Francisco, CA 94142-2039.

Foreign Banks in Poor Countries: Theory and Evidence Jan 19 2022 We study how foreign bank penetration affects financial sector development in poor countries. A theoretical model shows that when foreign banks are better at monitoring highend customers than domestic banks, their entry benefits those customers but may hurt other customers and worsen welfare. The model also predicts that credit to the private sector should be lower in countries with more foreign bank penetration. In the empirical section, we show that, in poor countries, a stronger foreign bank presence is robustly associated with less credit to the private sector both in cross-sectional and panel tests. In addition, in countries with more foreign bank penetration, credit growth is slower and there is less access to credit. We find no adverse effects of foreign bank presence in more advanced countries.

Foreign Bank Operations and Acquisitions in the United States Jun 23 2022

Malaysia: Financial Sector Assessment Program Banking System Spillovers-Technical Note Apr 21 2022 This Technical Note focuses on banking system spillovers of Malaysia. The note examines the presence of foreign banks and the potential for problems in other jurisdictions to spillover to Malaysia and the overseas operations of Malaysian banks, which make their performance and solvency more exposed to economic and political developments abroad. A key facet of the current crisis is serious problems in advanced economy banks, suggesting a role for spillovers from their claims on Malaysia. Notwithstanding the Asian Financial Crisis, foreign claims of BIS-reporting banks on Malaysia have generally been on an increasing trend since the early 1990s.

Monetary Policy Transmission in Emerging Asia Jan 07 2021 Given the heavy reliance on bank lending as the main source of financing in most Asian economies, banks could potentially play a pivotal role in monetary policy transmission. However, we find that Asia's bank lending channel or, more broadly, credit channel of domestic monetary policy is not very strong at the aggregate level. Using bank-level data for nine Asian economies during 2000 – 2013, we show that heterogeneity of bank characteristics (e.g., ownership type, financial position), degree of foreign bank penetration of the domestic banking sector, and global financial conditions all have a bearing on the response of domestic credit to changes in domestic monetary policy, and may account for the apparently weak credit channel at aggregate level.

Multinational Banks and Foreign Expansion Decisions May 11 2021 This book presents a systematic review of the literature on the foreign expansion decisions of multinational banks (MNBs). With today's increasing level of globalization, many banks have expanded their activities internationally to take advantage of new opportunities in different markets. As each extension strategy brings distinctive benefits and challenges, finding an optimal approach to internationalization plays a crucial role in maximizing the advantages while decreasing the drawbacks under changing conditions. After screening 141 papers, 28 articles from leading international research journals were selected according to defined criteria in order to provide a synthesized framework connecting MNBs' decisions to enter foreign markets with the reasons and consequences. The book argues that the MNBs' main motivations for foreign expansion are related to location and ownership factors. Based on the priorities of these motives, MNBs can choose cross-border lending, greenfield investment or acquisition as an entry mode. Since each has its own benefits and challenges, the chosen strategy has further implications for both the profitability of MNBs and the economic conditions of the host country regarding the competition level, lending pattern to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), market interest rates and financial stability. After establishing a link between the main drivers of foreign expansion, the entry mode choices, and the impacts of foreign bank presence in the host country, the book offers managers of MNBs insights into the further implications. Highlighting the gaps in literature, it also appeals to researchers looking for future areas of study.

Foreign Investment Nov 04 2020

The Mix of International Banks' Foreign Claims Dec 18 2021 Abstract: "The authors analyze the determinants and implications for financial stability of the mix of international banks' claims countries receive. In particular, they distinguish between local claims, extended by international banks through their affiliates in a host (or claim recipient) country, and cross-border claims, booked from outside the host country, typically from banks' headquarters in their home countries. Using data on U.S., Spanish, and Italian banks' foreign claims across countries, the authors find that the share of local foreign claims is primarily driven by the degree of "freedom" in the host banking sector and by business opportunities in the local market. Entry requirements, startup and informational costs associated with international banking also play a role, but their influence is less robust. Finally, they find that the mix of international bank claims has implications for financial stability, since foreign claim volatility is lower in countries that receive a larger share of local claims."--World Bank web site.

Multinational Banking Sep 14 2021

National Treatment Study Mar 28 2020

Foreign Bank Operations and Acquisitions in the United States Feb 17 2022

Multinational Banks Nov 28 2022

A Theory of Domestic and International Trade Finance Dec 26 2019 This paper provides a theory model of trade finance to explain the "great trade collapse." The model shows that, first, the riskiness of international transactions rises relative to domestic transactions during economic downturns, and second, the exclusive use of a letter of credit in international transactions exacerbates a collapse in trade during a financial crisis. The basic model considers banks' optimal screening decisions in the presence of counterparty default risks. In equilibrium, banks will maintain a higher precision screening test for domestic firms and a lower precision screening test for foreign firms, which constitutes the main mechanism of the model.

Bank Ownership Aug 14 2021 This paper presents recent trends in bank ownership across countries and summarizes the evidence regarding the implications of bank ownership structure for bank performance and competition, financial stability, and access to finance. The evidence reviewed suggests that foreign-owned banks are more efficient than domestic banks in developing countries, promote competition in host banking sectors, and help stabilize credit when host countries face idiosyncratic shocks. But there are tradeoffs, since foreign-owned banks can transmit external shocks and might not always expand access to credit. The record on the impact of government bank ownership suggests few benefits, especially for developing countries.

Pan-African Banks Mar 09 2021 Pan-African banks are expanding rapidly across the continent, creating cross-border networks, and having a systemic presence in the banking sectors of many Sub-Saharan African countries. These banking groups are fostering financial development and economic integration, stimulating competition and efficiency, introducing product innovation and modern management and information systems, and bringing higher skills and expertise to host countries. At the same time, the rise of pan-African banks presents new challenges for regulators and supervisors. As networks expand, new channels for transmission of macro-financial risks and spillovers across home and host countries may emerge. To ensure that the gains from cross border banking are sustained and avoid raising financial stability risks, enhanced cross-border cooperation on regulatory and supervisory oversight is needed, in particular to support effective supervision on a consolidated basis. This paper takes stock of the development of pan-African banking groups; identifies regulatory, supervisory and resolution gaps; and suggests how the IMF can help the authorities address the related challenges.

How Foreign Participation and Market Concentration Impact Bank Spreads Nov 16 2021

Malaysia Jul 25 2022 This Technical Note focuses on banking system spillovers of Malaysia. The note examines the presence of foreign banks and the potential for problems in other jurisdictions to spillover to Malaysia and the overseas operations of Malaysian banks, which make their performance and solvency more exposed to economic and political developments abroad. A key facet of the current crisis is serious problems in advanced economy banks, suggesting a role for spillovers from their claims on Malaysia. Notwithstanding the Asian Financial Crisis, foreign claims of BIS-reporting banks on Malaysia

have generally been on an increasing trend since the early 1990s.

Foreign Banks Mar 21 2022 This paper introduces a comprehensive database on bank ownership for 137 countries over 1995-2009, and reviews foreign bank behavior and impact. It documents substantial increases in foreign bank presence, with many more home and host countries. Current market shares of foreign banks average 20 percent in OECD countries and 50 percent elsewhere. Foreign banks have higher capital and more liquidity, but lower profitability than domestic banks do. Only in developing countries is foreign bank presence negatively related with domestic credit creation. During the global crisis foreign banks reduced credit more compared to domestic banks, except when they dominated the host banking systems.

How Does Foreign Entry Affect the Domestic Banking Market? Dec 06 2020

Economic Management in a Volatile Environment Aug 02 2020 This book discusses some of the challenges relating to macroeconomic and financial management in a volatile and uncertain world brought about by greater financial openness. It explores the implications of a key set of issues emanating from financial globalisation on emerging market economies in a rigorous but readable manner.

Borrowing Credibility Oct 16 2021 Nations with credible monetary regimes borrow at lower interest rates in international markets and are less likely to suffer speculative attacks and currency crises. While scholars typically attribute credibility to domestic institutions or international agreements, Jana Grittersová argues that when reputable multinational banks headquartered in Western Europe or North America open branches and subsidiaries within a nation, they enhance that nation's monetary credibility. These banks enhance credibility by promoting financial transparency in the local system, improving the quality of banking regulation and supervision, and by serving as private lenders of last resort. Reputable multinational banks provide an enforcement mechanism for publicized economic policies, signaling to international financial markets that the host government is committed to low inflation and stable currency. Grittersová examines actual changes in government behavior of nations trying to gain legitimacy in international financial markets, and the ways in which perceptions of these nations change in relation to multinational banks. In addition to quantitative analysis of over 80 emerging-market countries, she offers extensive case studies of credibility building in the transition countries of Eastern Europe, Argentina in 2001, and the global financial crisis of 2008. Grittersová illuminates the complex interactions between multinational banks and national policymaking that characterize the process of financial globalization to reveal the importance of market confidence in a world of mobile capital.

Review of Financial Regulation in the Caribbean Overseas Territories and Bermuda Jul 01 2020 This report is part of a review of financial regulation in the British Caribbean Overseas Territories and Bermuda commissioned by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1999. This report deals with Montserrat. Although the island is internally governed, the Crown appointed Governor retains responsibility for offshore finance. Montserrat has one of the smallest financial sectors amongst the overseas territories under review. The island has 15 offshore banks but none of them keeps a physical presence in the jurisdiction. The report's conclusions are that from the amount of legislation relating to financial services passed in the island it is clear the jurisdiction is committed to developing its financial services sector. However the review highlights a number of serious deficiencies in the current regulatory regime, most of which are principally the result of a lack of resources. The report considers that Montserrat is in a situation where it could become a target for criminal activity linked to financial services, and that until the island can take remedial steps then a moratorium on future growth in these services must be considered. This report responds to the Government's White Paper "Partnership for progress and prosperity: Britain and overseas territories" recognised that a significant number of overseas territories have developed successful offshore financial sectors. The White Paper also observed that these developments bring risks of abuse, and that as markets develop so do the opportunities for money laundering, fraud, tax evasion and regulatory abuse. The White Paper stated that it was essential for the future of the financial sectors of these overseas territories financial that their

regulatory systems must improve and be responsive to ever tighter international standards.

The Practice of Multinational Banking Apr 02 2023 This book is designed to help the reader understand the environment and practices of multinational banks. Topics have been selected for their continuing relevance, despite changing events and issues. This comprehensive, up-to-date presentation provides both theory and practical information relating to international banking centers, regulation in international banking, foreign exchange management, financial engineering, country risk assessment, multinational banking services, syndicated loans, and international institutions in multinational banking. This book presents the growth and development of international banking and the role of large multinational banks in financial markets. It also presents the numerous types of foreign banking presence a bank can choose when it decides to go international. A description of the important banking centers is also covered. Issues pertaining to the regulation of international banking are elucidated in detail along with the impact of numerous U.S. laws on the operation of U.S. multinational banks. Specific operational issues such as foreign exchange management, the use of standard derivatives such as swaps and options, along with numerous financial engineering and risk management techniques are presented. Among other things the book covers country risk assessment, other multinational banking services, project financing, syndicated loans, and is part of the activities of many multinational banks. Furthermore, international institutions such as the Export-Import Bank, The World Bank, The International Monetary Fund, and the Bank for International Settlements, are described and their role in international finance and banking is explained. Finally, the book looks at likely future issues that will affect and influence the field of international banking. In particular, the advent of new competition, legislation, and financial instruments are analyzed.

Kingdom of the Netherlands May 30 2020 This assessment of financial sector supervision and regulation for the Kingdom of the Netherlands—Aruba discusses its financial sector, which is primarily domestically orientated with limited offshore financial sector activity. The system for banking supervision and regulation in Aruba was found to be compliant or largely compliant with 19 of the Basel Core Principles (BCP). Aruba had improved its rules and systems, and was cooperating effectively with other jurisdictions on antimoney laundering (AML).

How Banks Go Abroad Aug 26 2022 "The authors examine the factors that influence banks' type of organizational form when operating in foreign markets using an original database of the branches and subsidiaries in Latin America and Eastern Europe of the top 100 international banks. They find that regulation, taxation, the degree of desired penetration in the local market, and host-country economic and political risks matter. Banks are more likely to operate as branches in countries that have higher corporate taxes and when they face lower regulatory restrictions on bank entry, in general, and on foreign branches, in particular. Subsidiaries are the preferred organizational form by banks that seek to penetrate the local market establishing large and mostly retail operations. Finally, there is evidence that economic and political risks have opposite effects on the type of organizational form, suggesting that legal differences in the degree of parent bank responsibility vis-à-vis branches and subsidiaries under different risk scenarios play an important role in the kind of operations international banks maintain overseas "--World Bank web site.

Can Islamic Banking Increase Financial Inclusion? Jul 13 2021 The paper analyses existing country-level information on the relationship between the development of Islamic banking and financial inclusion. In Muslim countries—members of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC)—various indicators of financial inclusion tend to be lower, and the share of excluded individuals citing religious reasons for not using bank accounts is noticeably greater than in other countries; Islamic banking would therefore seem to be an effective avenue for financial inclusion. We found, however, that although physical access to financial services has grown more rapidly in the OIC countries, the use of these services has not increased as quickly. Moreover, regression analysis shows evidence of a positive link to credit to households and to firms for financing investment, but this empirical link remains tentative and relatively weak. The paper explores reasons that this might be the case and suggests several recommendations to enhance the ability of Islamic banking to promote financial inclusion.

Offshore Bank License Jan 31 2023 Offshore Bank Licensing - Where and How - Regulatory changes during the early years of this millennium left merely a few Offshore Tax Havens that still welcome applications for new International Bank Licenses. Many jurisdictions have stopped accepting new applications altogether while others have decided to issue licenses exclusively to overseas branches and subsidiaries of internationally established banking groups. This book contains a compilation of banking laws and regulations from seven offshore jurisdictions that welcome new private bank startups and offer reasonable qualification and capital requirements. Minimum capital requirements start as low as \$25K for a restricted Class B Banking License and from \$250K for an unrestricted international license. Information is included about license classes, physical presence requirements and application procedure along with contact information for the regulatory authorities in each jurisdiction.

International Banking with the Euro Apr 29 2020 The structure of the international banking market has evolved in important ways since the introduction of the euro in 1999. In comparison to legacy currencies, the use of the euro in cross-border banking transactions grew on aggregate, and the bilateral linkages within the euro area became more dispersed in the years after its introduction. However, growth in the use of the euro globally has plateaued more recently. In addition, measures of banks' presence in foreign credit markets reveal rather mixed signs of greater integration of the euro area banking system since 1999.

International Trade and International Finance Feb 26 2020 This book brings together a collection of papers on international trade and international finance, instead of treating the two as disjoint fields of study. The volume, while focusing on the recent developments and frontiers of research in international trade and international finance, also emphasizes the inherent integrated nature of the two subjects; some of the papers are overlapping across the two areas. A unique feature of the proposed volume is that it unravels some new issues in addition to re-examining certain old issues in a new perspective and thus covers wide ranging issues with an emphasis on policy. The book covers issues mostly relating to emerging market economies, which has increasingly assumed importance in the context of globalization. The book contains some survey papers covering the frontiers of current knowledge on important themes like recent developments in trade theory and empirics, foreign exchange market, institutions in trade and finance, interrelation and interaction between international trade and international finance. The papers, fruit of rigorous and original research, are written by internationally and nationally reputed authors along with promising young researchers on the subjects. The book substantially contributes to the growing literature on issues relating to trade and international finance in emerging market economies and extends the frontiers of knowledge. The book is expected to have the widest possible readership comprising of advanced undergraduate and graduate students as well as senior researchers working in international trade and international finance.

Implementing an Offshore Banking Presence May 03 2023 The third edition of Implementing An Offshore Banking Presence offers updates analyzing the complexities of establishing an international banking presence removing the veil of secrecy presiding over escaping high taxation countries and the involvement of respectable business practices in the grey markets serving tax avoidance and money laundering advocates. The book goes into detailed discussion of a wide range of subjects including, among many others: (1) The Current State of Privacy & Taxation (2) A History of Money Laundering (3) Preferred International Financial Havens (4) Implementing an Offshore Banking Presence (5) International Investment Vehicles (6) Establishing an Offshore Corporation (7) Multi-Layered Partnerships (8) International Tax Reduction Techniques (9) Clandestine Communications (10) Digital Cash Transactions (11) Transferring the Corporate Tax Base (12) Expatriation (13) International Tax Structures (14) Offshore Cultural Attractions (15) The Future of Offshore Banking

Capital Movements, Asset Values, and Banking Policy in Globalized Markets Mar 01 2023 Weaknesses in banking systems are rooted in government credit-allocation preferences that prove unsupportable in private markets. Losses that preferential loans impose on lending banks and on the governmental safety net can be covered up for awhile, but not indefinitely. A silent run begins when sophisticated depositors recognize that assets in the country's combined banking and deposit-

insurance system cannot cover the claims of bank depositors without being supplemented by substantial injections of funds from domestic or foreign taxpayers. Longstanding banking-system weakness devolves into a countrywide economic crisis when and as doubts about the government's willingness to force taxpayers to support an economically insolvent banking system are spread by an escalating silent run.' Financial crises become more frequent, but also shallower when foreign-bank presence and activities are expanded. Offshore banks put the supervisory systems and safety-net guarantees of their homelands into competition with those of host countries. Intensified offshore banking competition provides substitutes for deposits in local banks. These substitutes make it easier for host-country depositors to test the local guarantee system by quietly fleeing to quality. In effect, banking crises discipline inefficient and unfair regulatory systems and push the social burdens created by weak supervisory systems toward the levels found in best-practices countries

Co-operative Banking Networks in Europe Oct 04 2020 Over the past 20 years, the increased dominance in banking of the shareholder ownership model, whose main purpose is to maximize financial returns for shareholders, has proved to be a toxic combination with the financial deregulation the sector has undergone, the creation of new financial instruments and the concomitant rising levels of debt. Despite the growing role of private limited-liability banks around the world, co-operative banking still offers a compelling alternative, especially in Europe where the roots of co-operative institutions date back to the nineteenth century. This book studies the characteristics of different co-operative banking models of networks across several European countries to assess their impact on the profitability and resilience of the networks and their co-operative components. To date, empirical studies have neglected to examine the features of the networks to which co-operative banks belong. Surprisingly, there is little evidence on the extent to which the diverse organizational network structures determine differences in the profits and stability of individual banks and their networks across different countries. The principal objective of this book is to fill this gap in the literature. The European countries considered are Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. In these countries, co-operative banks constitute a significant presence although the organizational forms their networks take are quite different. Focusing on this sample of European countries therefore affords insights and reveals policy implications about the role that network organizations play in driving the performances of co-operative banks, which will be of interest to academics, researchers, and students of banking and financial institutions.

Global Development Finance 2008 Sep 26 2022 'Global Development Finance' the World Bank's annual report on the external financing of developing countries provides monitoring and analysis of development finance, identifying key emerging trends and policy challenges in international financial flows that are likely to affect the growth prospects of developing countries. As major financial institutions currently recognize losses from the U.S. subprime mortgage market crisis and rebuild their balance sheets through a more conservative approach to lending and risk management, the central theme of this year's report will be the market for international bank credit to developing countries. It is an indispensable resource for governments, economists, investors, financial consultants, academics, bankers, and the entire development community. 'Vol I: Analysis and Outlook' reviews recent trends in financial flows to developing countries.

The Evolution of Foreign Banking Institutions in the United States May 23 2022 Professor Damanpour provides a unique insight into international finance and banking. Often books of this nature are either too theoretical or quantitative in nature. This book is a blend of both areas and thus becomes a useful tool I would recommend this book to anyone involved in international business irrespective of their specialized interest. Brian A. Reynolds, Ph.D. Director, Center for International Business National College of Education This groundbreaking study analyzes the rapid growth of foreign banking activity in the United States over the course of the past two decades and evaluates the potential impact of this development on United States banking institutions. The author brings together a substantial amount of information and data not previously available in one source to examine both the overall status of foreign banks in the United States and the structural components of international banks and lending

institutions. Unlike those who see the influx of foreign banking in strictly negative terms, Damanpour demonstrates some positive aspects of the situation including the contribution of foreign banks to general improvement in the U.S. economy, increased competition in the banking industry, the provision of a flow of capital into U.S. balance of payments capital accounts, and the introduction of innovative techniques and pricing structures. Damanpour begins by tracing the evolution of foreign banking and the financial goals of key players. He goes on to illustrate the institutional structure of international banking, detailing the types of foreign banking offices that have been established in this country. Subsequent chapters address the legal environment of foreign banking, international financial markets, U.S. international lending institutions, and such issues as the motivation behind international banking market structure and activities of foreign banks and major foreign banking concerns in the United States. The final chapters look at developments in international trade and banking and assess the impact of foreign banks and their future prospects. Written in a style accessible to both students and practitioners, this is an excellent text for courses in international finance, business, and political science programs as well as an important source of background information for members of the banking community concerned with developing appropriate responses to the increased foreign presence on the U.S. banking scene. Numerous tables enhance the text.

The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Banking Globalization Dec 30 2022 Although cross-border bank lending has fallen sharply since the crisis, extending our bank ownership database from 1995-2009 up to 2013 shows only limited retrenchment in foreign bank presence. While banks from OECD countries reduced their foreign presence (but still represent 89% of foreign bank assets), those from emerging markets and developing countries expanded abroad and doubled their presence. Especially advanced countries hit by a systemic crisis reduced their presence abroad, with far flung and relatively small investments more likely to be sold. Poorer and slower growing countries host fewer banks today, while large investments less likely expanded. Conversely, faster host countries' growth and closeness to potential investors meant more entry. Lending by foreign banks locally grew more than cross-border bank claims did for the same home-host country combination, and each was driven by different factors. Altogether, our evidence shows that global banking is not becoming more fragmented, but rather is going through some important structural transformations with a greater variety of players and a more regional focus.

Switzerland Sep 02 2020 The Swiss banking system is characterized by a two-tier structure. The first tier is composed of the two large banks and some smaller banks focused on private banking, all of which have a significant international presence. These banks represent, so to speak, the "international face" of the Swiss banks. They are mostly joint-stock companies or privately owned (unlimited personal liability). The second tier is composed of a varied group of banks, mostly focused on domestic, or even regional, business.

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