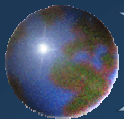




# *Global Financial Crisis and The Turkish Economy*

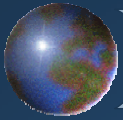
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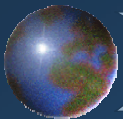
## *Heading towards a Global Recession ...*

- In a matter of 15 months the sub-prime crisis originated in the U.S. turns into a Global Financial Crisis
- The U.S. and the Euro Area may have already entered into a long recessionary period
- Recession in EMs and LDCs still not certain yet, but a likely outcome in 2009



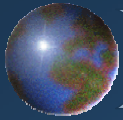
## *The Turkish Economy ...*

- Since 2001 Turkish economy experienced a dramatic recovery
- Thanks to institutional and macro reforms (e.g., banking reforms, adopting a flexible exchange rate, sticking to fiscal adjustment)
- A very pragmatic government that has stuck to EU membership goal and the IMF program
- A very benign international environment for emerging markets (the availability of large sums of international capital flows)
- However, the supply-side (micro) structural reforms did not follow through,
- The growth rate started to decline since 2006

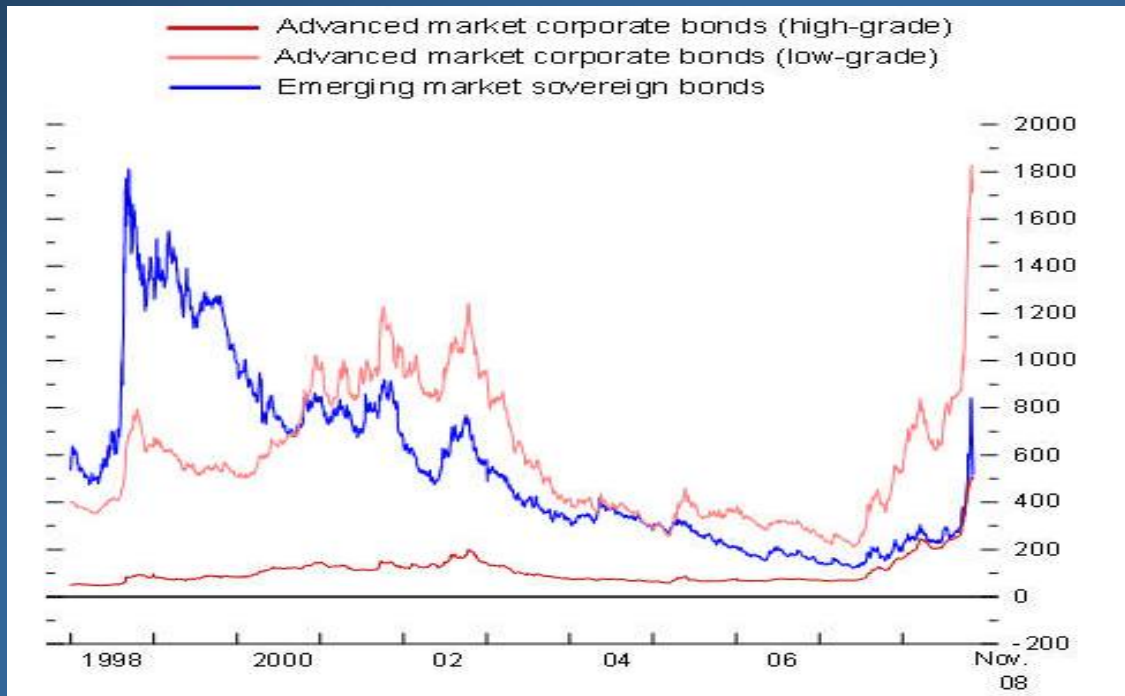


## *Crisis and the Turkish Economy ...*

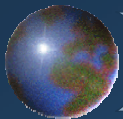
- The fiscal budget is under control and public debt is within Maastricht criteria limits
- The large and chronic Current Account deficit is the most important problem
- Balance sheets of the commercial banks are in good shape,
- But the real sector debt can cause some trouble if the worst of the crisis is yet to happen
- The crisis and the ensuing recession in Europe will have its effect on Turkish economy through both the Trade and the Finance channels.
- Depreciation of the Lira will not be a cure for the CA deficit, given that the European demand is contracting simultaneously.



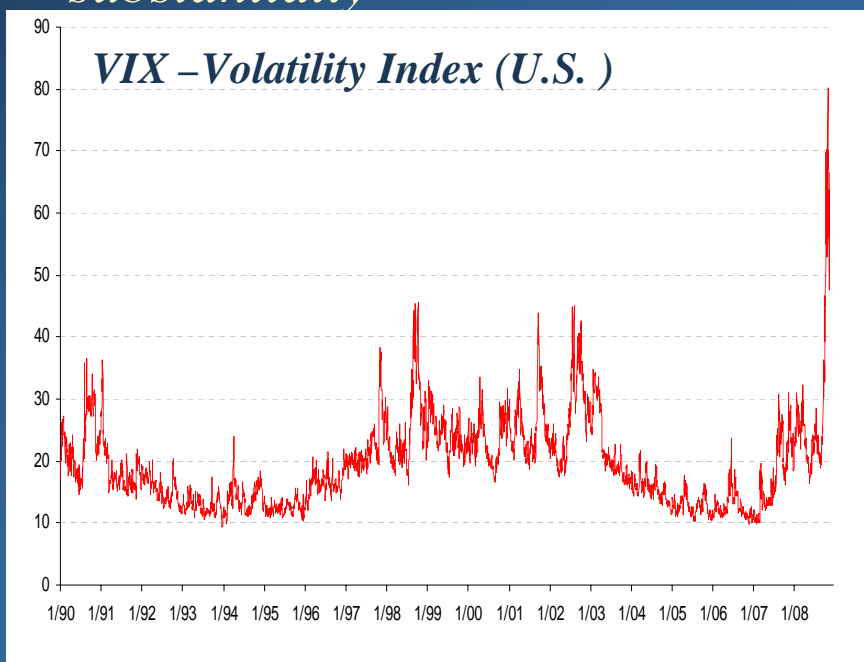
## Sovereign and Corporate Debt Spread (1998-2008)



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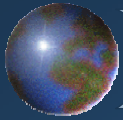


## Volatility in the US Stock markets increased substantially

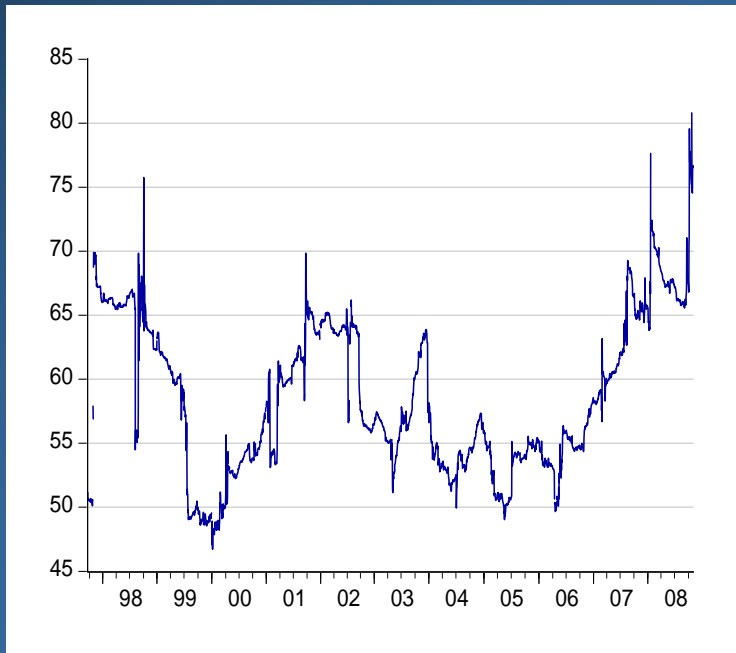


- In a matter of 15 months the sub-prime crisis originated in the U.S. turns into a Global Financial Crisis
- Volatility spills over across international financial markets

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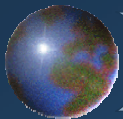
## High Volatility in the US led to high volatility in other major stock markets



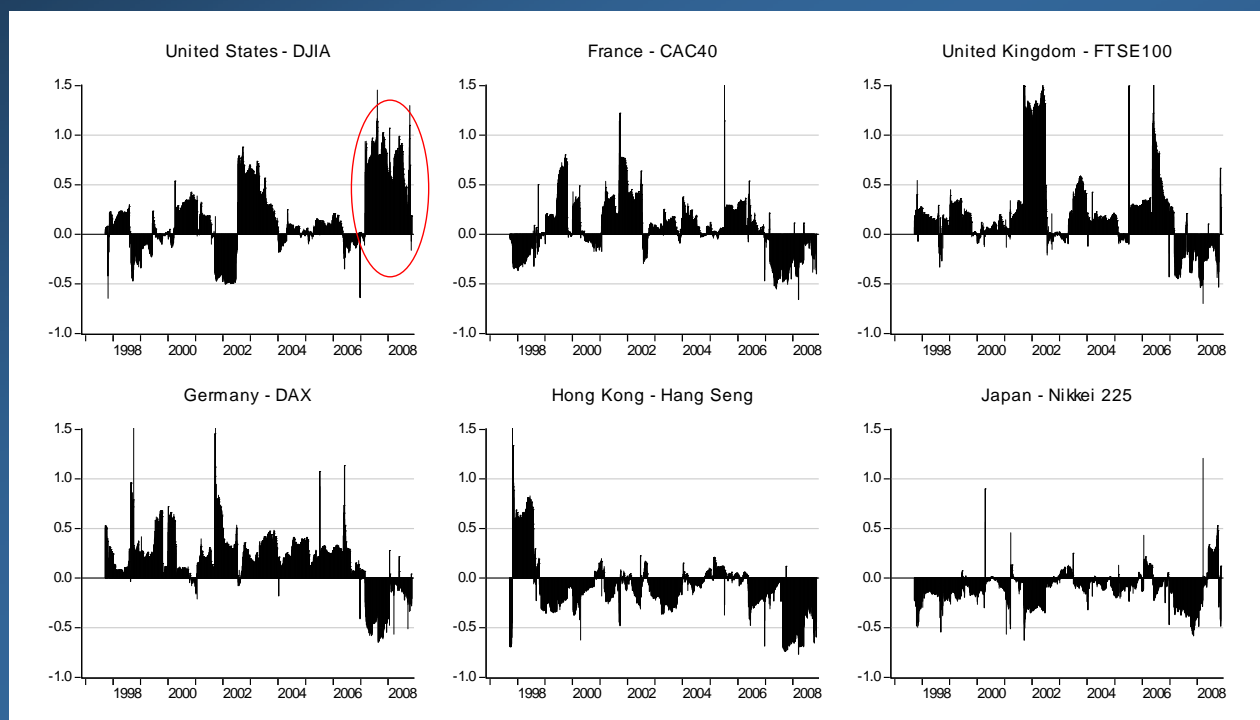
- Not only had the volatility increased in individual markets,
- but the volatility spillovers across markets reached to unprecedented levels.
- Since February 2007 volatility spillovers mostly originated in the US stock markets.

Source: Diebold and Yilmaz, 2008

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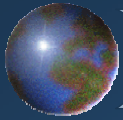


## Direction of Volatility Spillovers

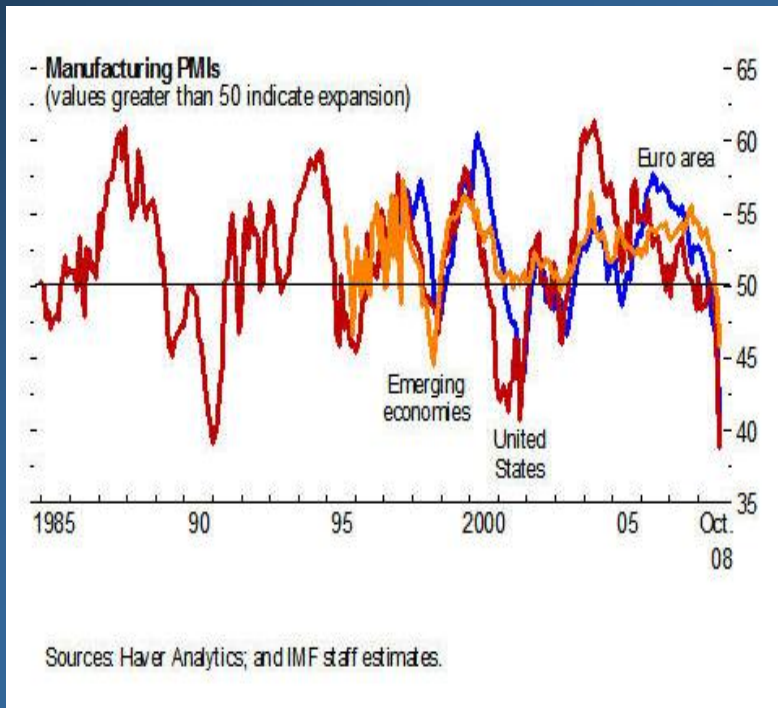


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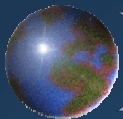


## Business Confidence Indicators

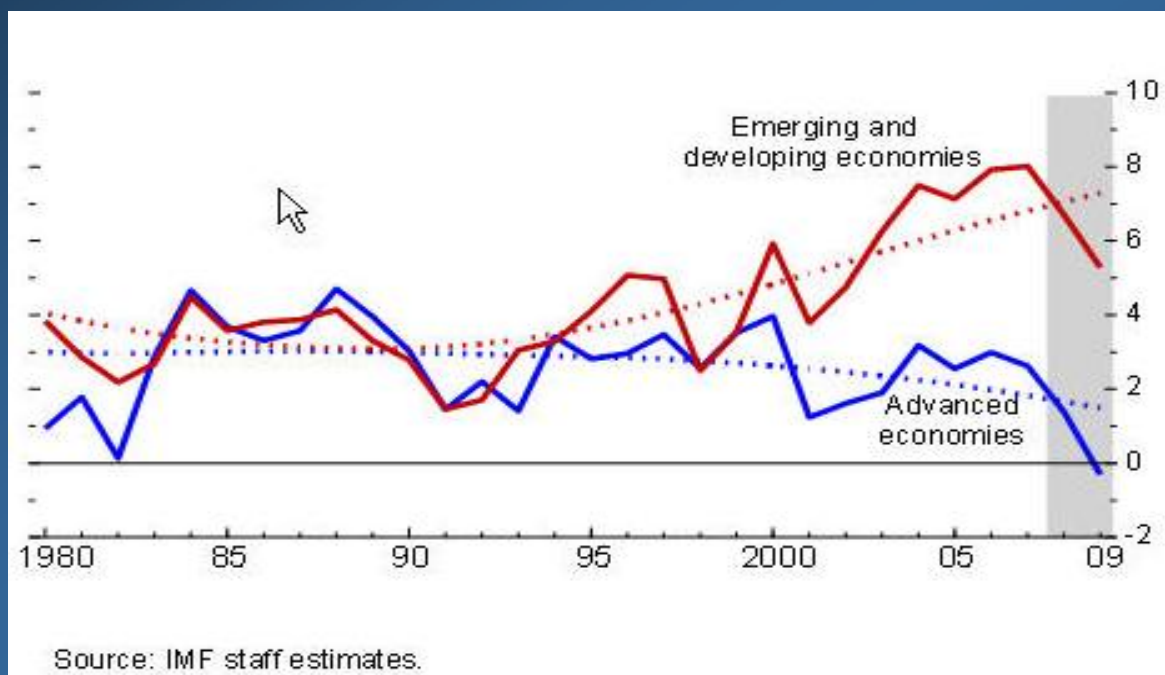


- Global financial crisis is expected to have its heavy toll on real output.
- PMIs for the U.S, Euro Area and EMs have sharply moved below 50
- Indicating that the US and the Euro area economies are already in recession

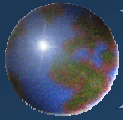
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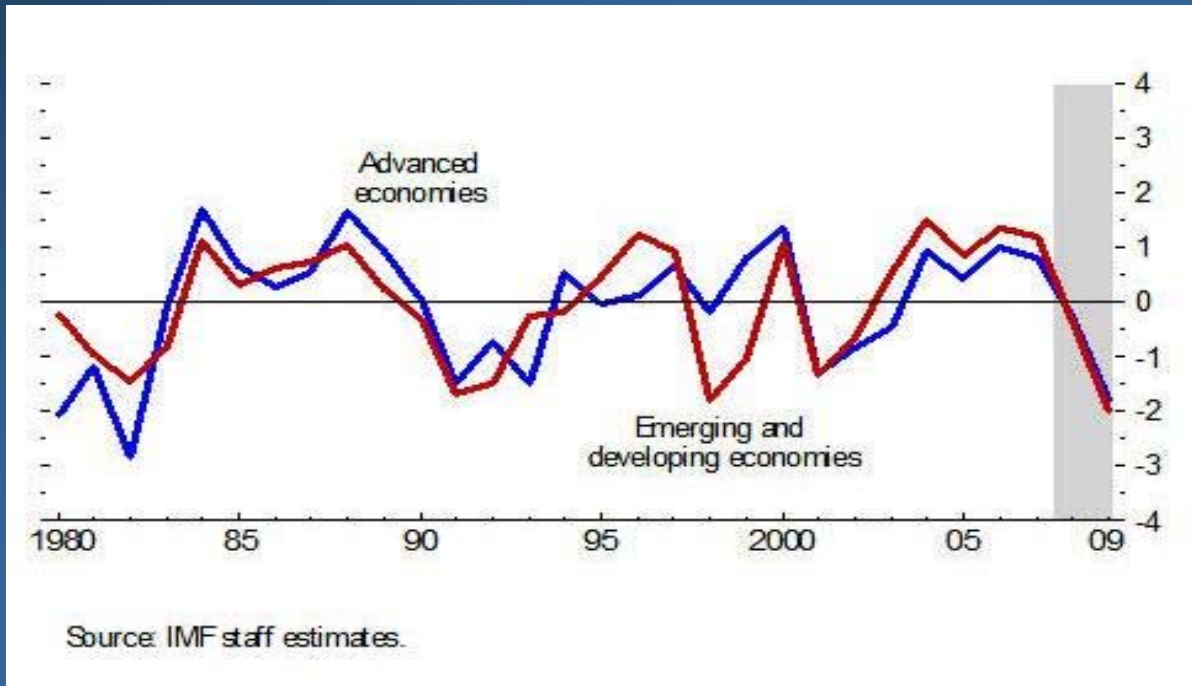
## Real GDP Growth Rate and Trend



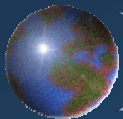
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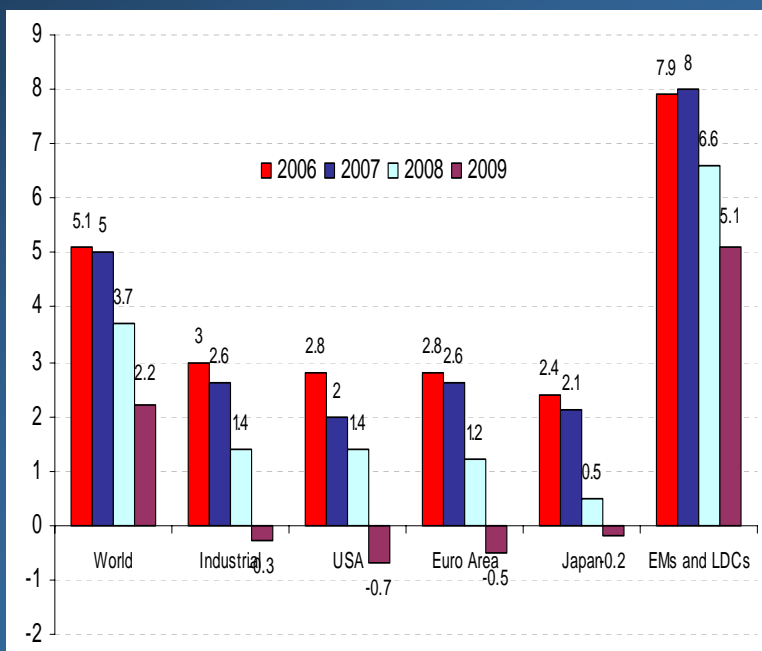
## Real GDP Growth - Deviation from Trend



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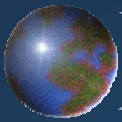
## IMF Growth Forecasts



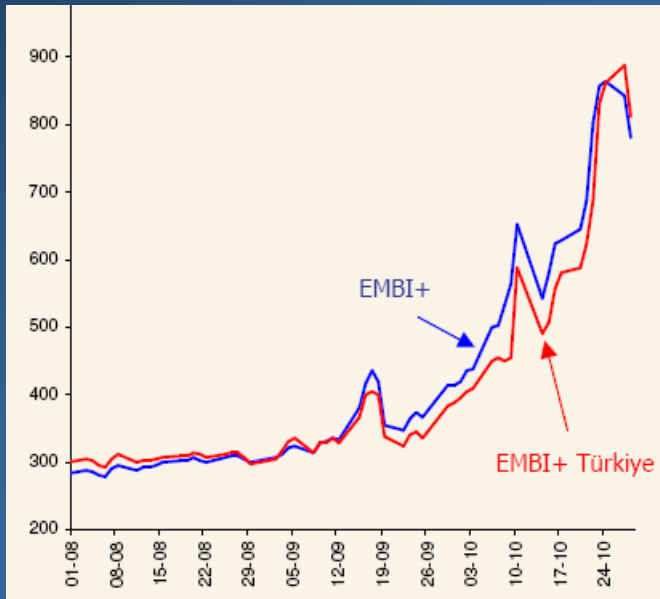
Source: IMF

- IMF lowered its forecasts throughout the year
- Industrial countries will be in recession in 2009 if not in 2008
- Growth in EMs and LDCs decline significantly
- According to IMF, the likelihood of the world economy experiencing a recession in 2009 has increased substantially recently

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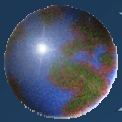
## The Impact on Turkish Economy



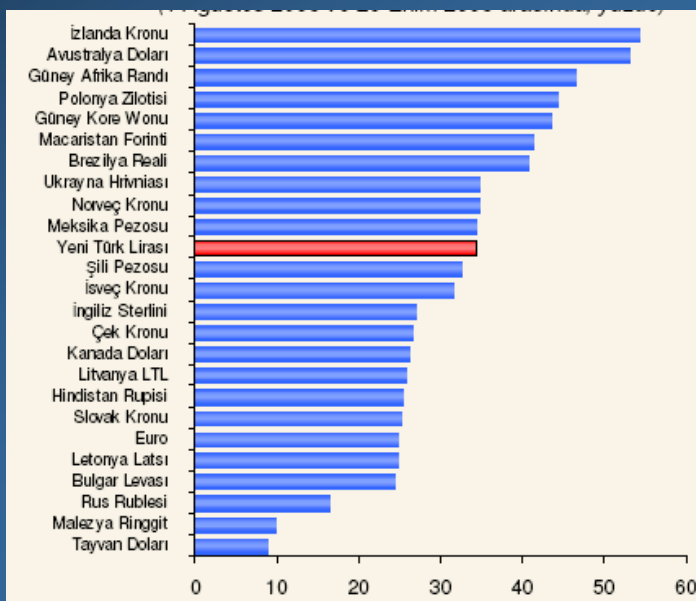
Source: CBRT

- The global crisis has its impact on Turkish financial markets recently
- However, Turkey does not fare any worse than many emerging and industrial countries so far.
- As EMBI+ and EMBI+ Türkiye indices clearly show

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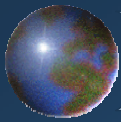
## Depreciation of Currencies (Aug 1 – Oct 29)



Source: CBRT

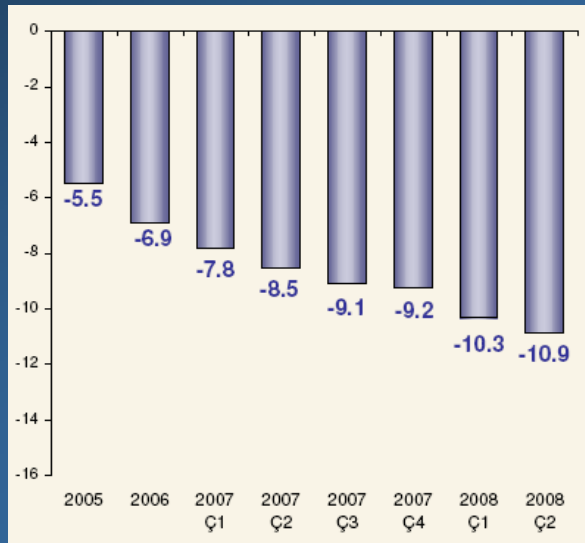
- With a depreciation of 34% (between Aug 1, and the end of October) YTL is ranked 11th among a group of 25 countries

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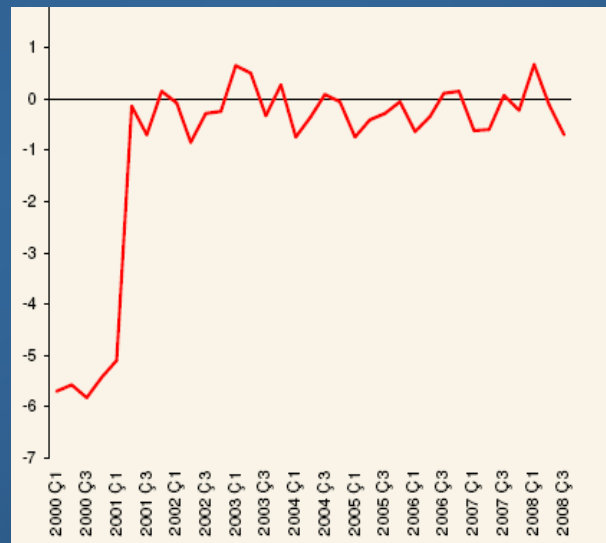


## FX Open Position – Private Sector

Real Sector (percent of GDP)

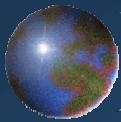


Banks (bn USD)

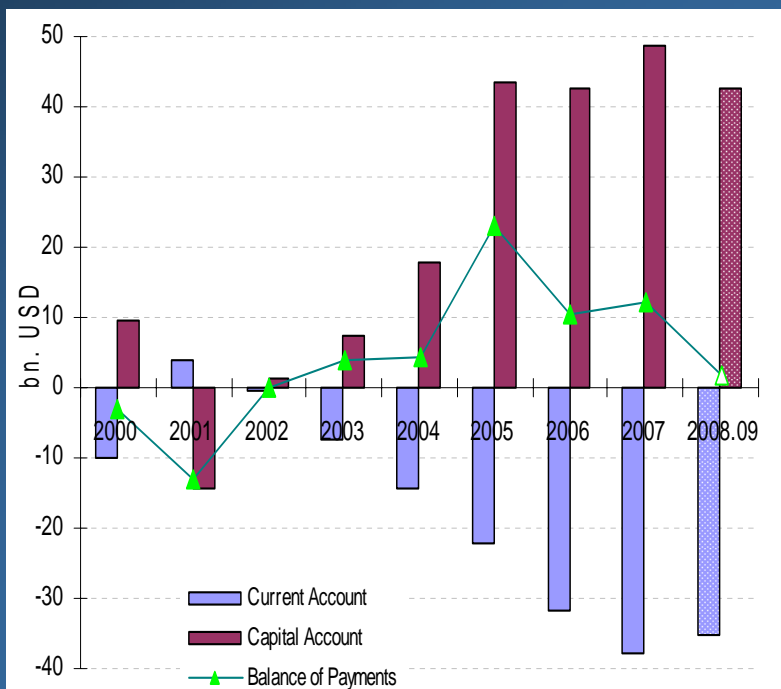


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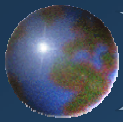


## Balance of Payments

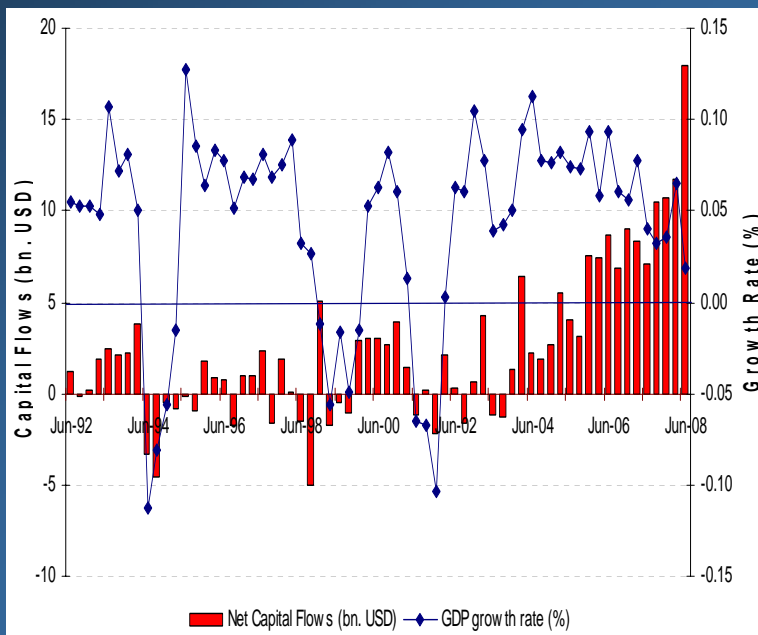


- 2000-2007: Capital account surplus in excess of current account deficits led to more than \$10 bn surplus in Balance of Payments
- That is why YTL appreciated significantly over the last four years
- Jan-Sep 2008 figures show the decline in balance of payments surplus to less than \$2 bnç

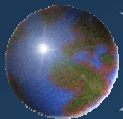
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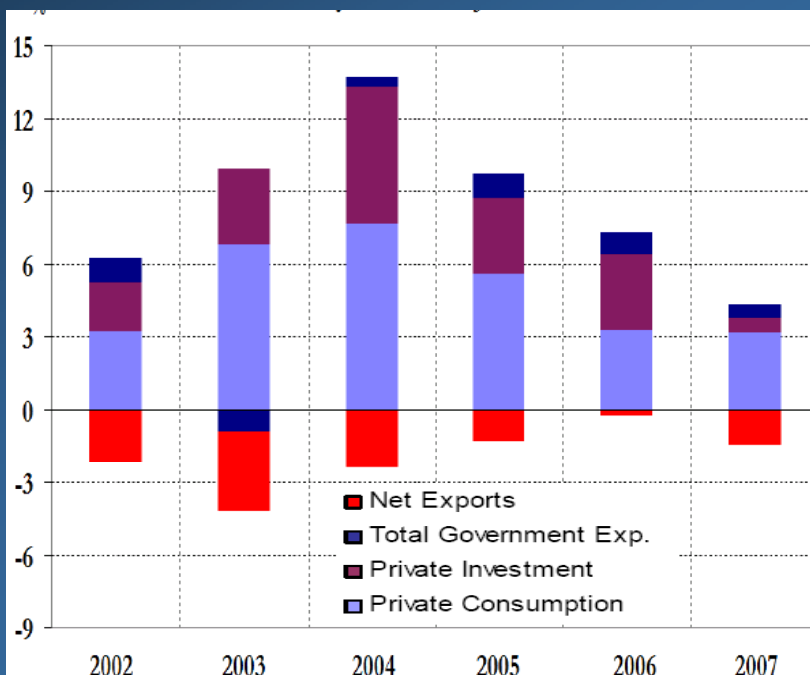
## Turkey - Capital Flows and Growth



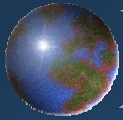
- Growth in Turkey is very much financed by external funds
- Which is provided through net capital flows
- As capital inflows are expected to decline sharply Turkey will feel the punch



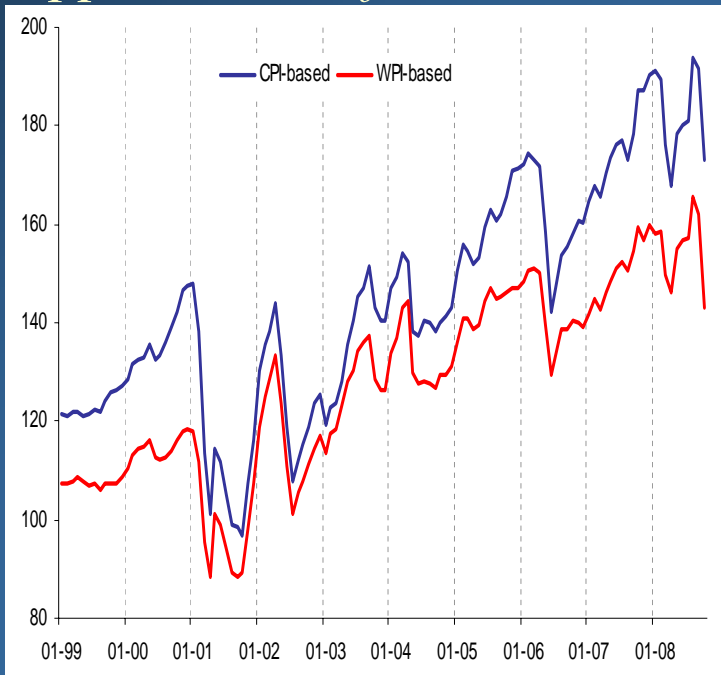
## Drivers of Growth on the Demand Side



- Growth is driven by the domestic demand
- Private Consumption contributes the bulk of the growth, followed by the private investment
- The contribution of Net Exports always negative
- In Summary:
- Turkey grows with external funds not with external demand

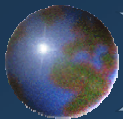


## Net Capital Inflows contributed to the real appreciation of the Lira since 2002

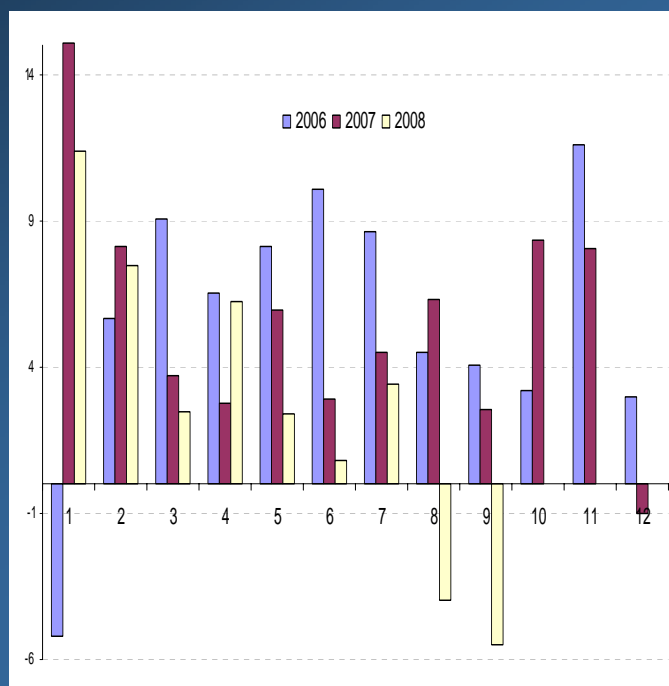


- So far, correction in the real exchange rate in September-October is not larger than the one in June-July 2006.
- More depreciation should be expected in the coming months as the global crisis deepens
- That is why the government should not waste any more time to sign a stand-by agreement with the IMF

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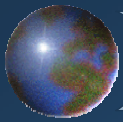


## Industrial Production

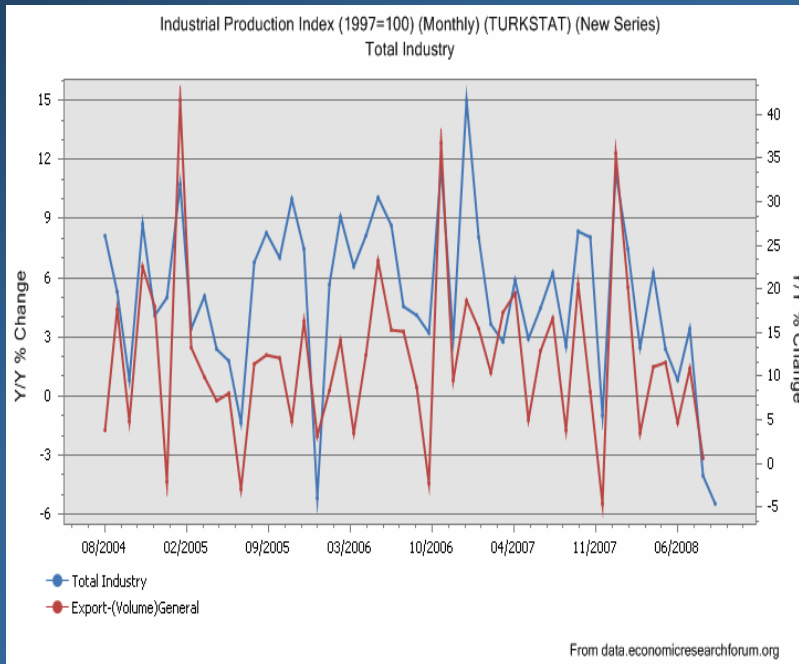


- Recent industrial production figures depict a bleak picture
- Continued decline in industrial production in the last three months of the year can move the annual growth rate for the industrial sector below 2%

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## Industrial Production and Exports (YoY % change)

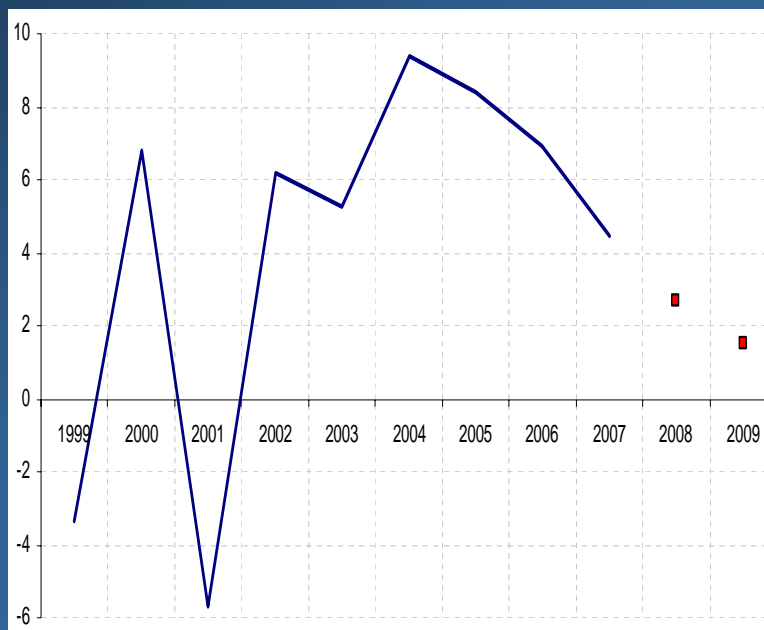


- Decline in August and September closely linked with the decline in manufacturing exports (Automotive, Basic Metals, Textiles, Consumer Electronics)
- There is a close association between exports and the industrial production.

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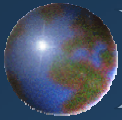


## Slowdown in growth has already started in 2006 ..

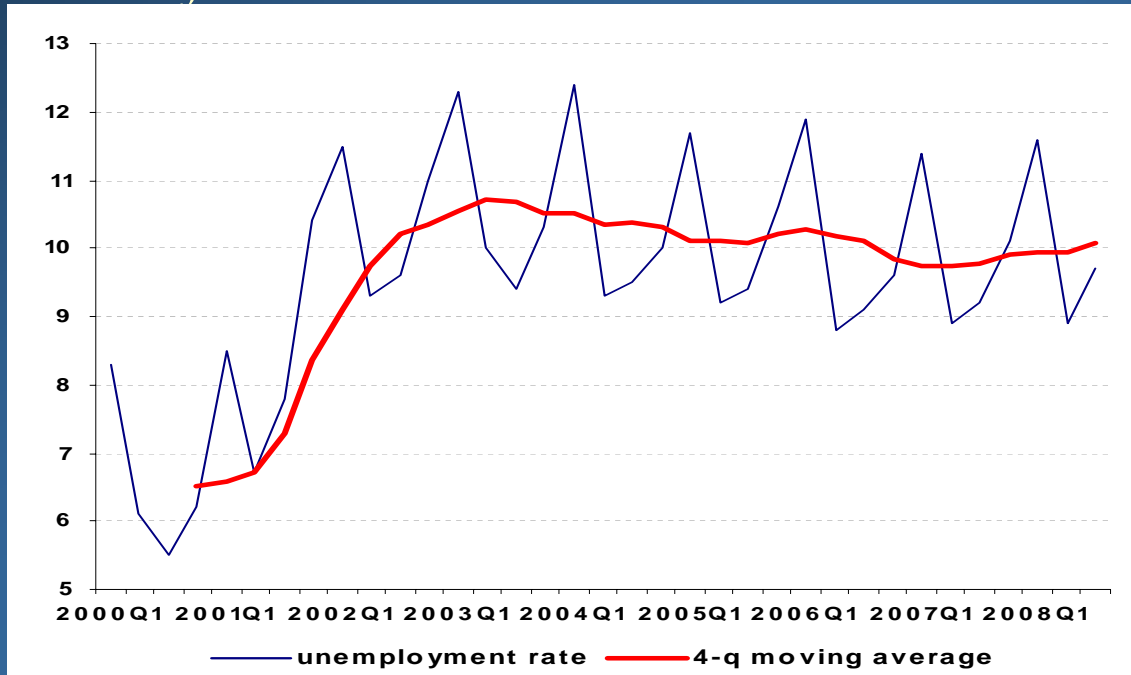


- An impressive growth record between 2002-2006
- However, a downward trend becomes more and more visible since 2005
- Recession in Europe has already started hurting Turkey
- Growth in 2008 below 3%, and 2009 below 2%, can go down further.

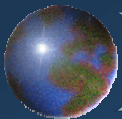
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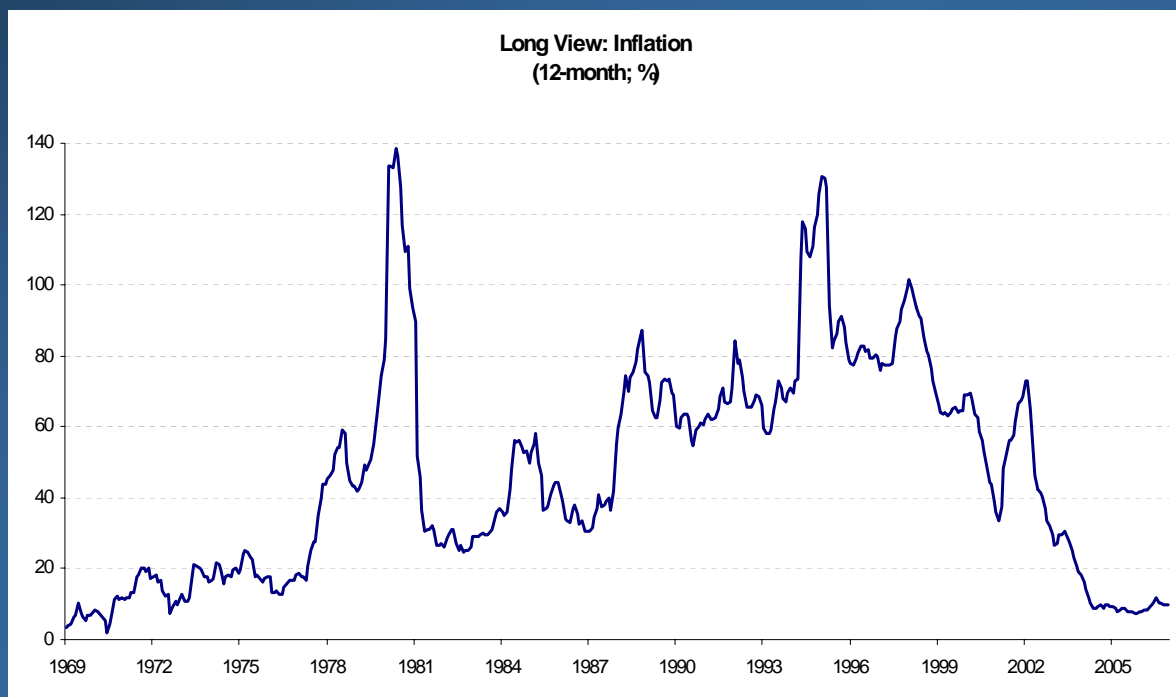
## *Unemployment is still high...and likely to increase further with the economic slowdown*



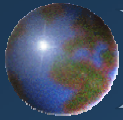
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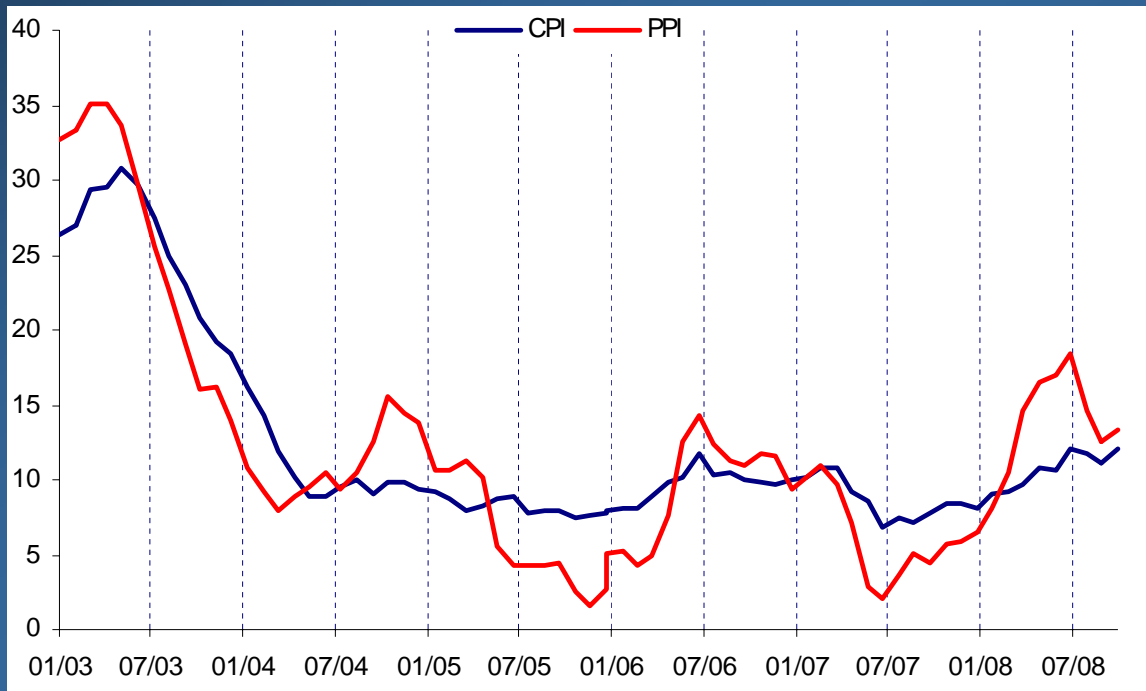
## *Conquest of inflation*



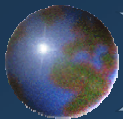
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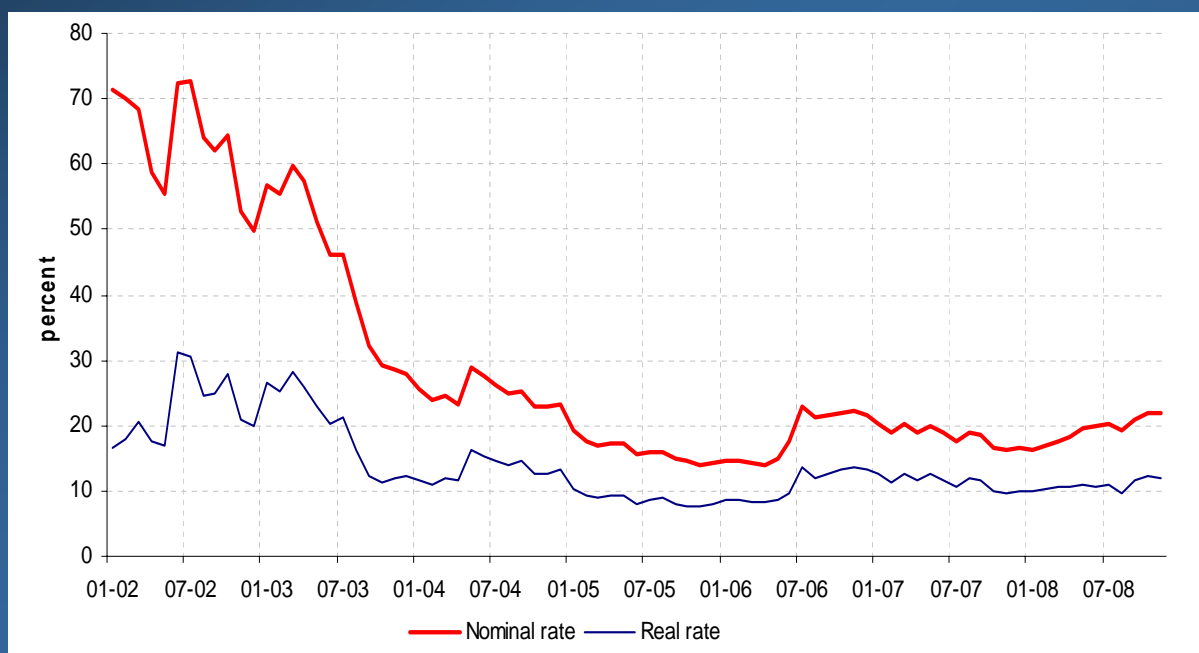
## Conquest of inflation (...sort of)



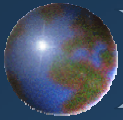
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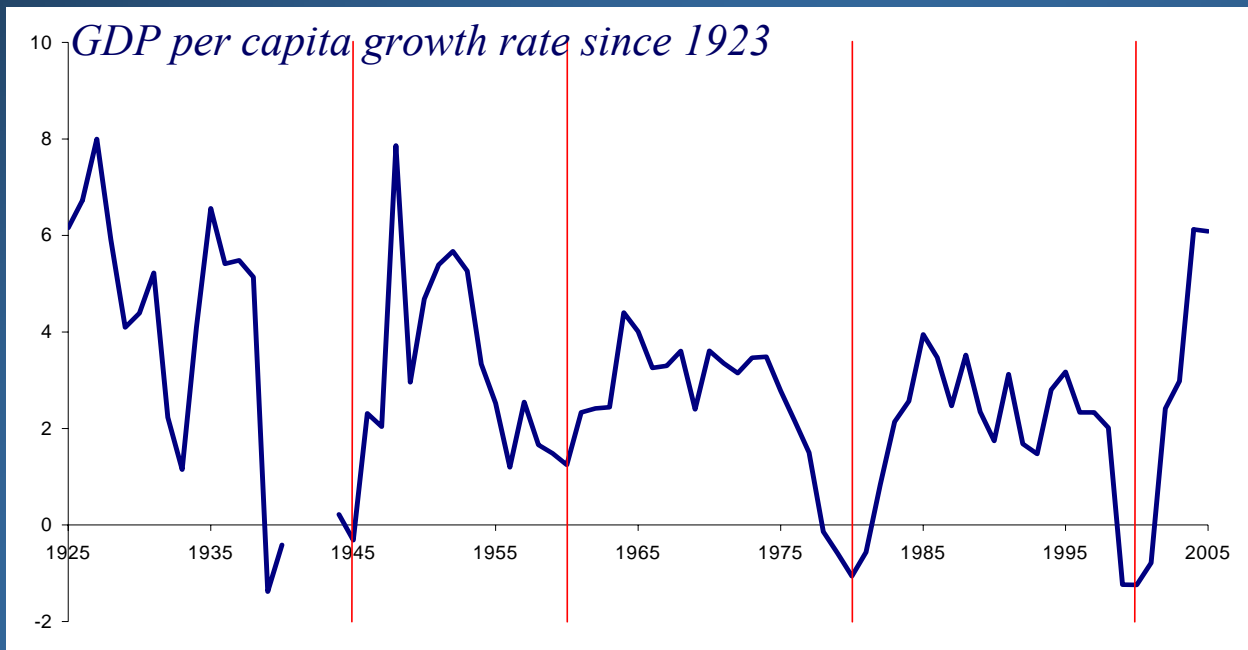
## After the Sharp decline comes a level-up



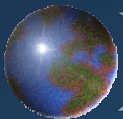
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## *From A Long-run Perspective Turkey is not successful in sustaining high growth rates*



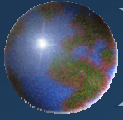
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## *Vulnerability and the Challenge ...*

- Turkish economy is vulnerable to the current global financial crisis,
  - With a large current account deficit.
  - And a relatively high external debt of the real sector
- With the global recession,
  - Growth will definitely decline further
  - Inflation seems to stuck above 10%
  - Unemployment and the resulting social consequences will be the most important problem to tackle in 2009

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*Thank You*