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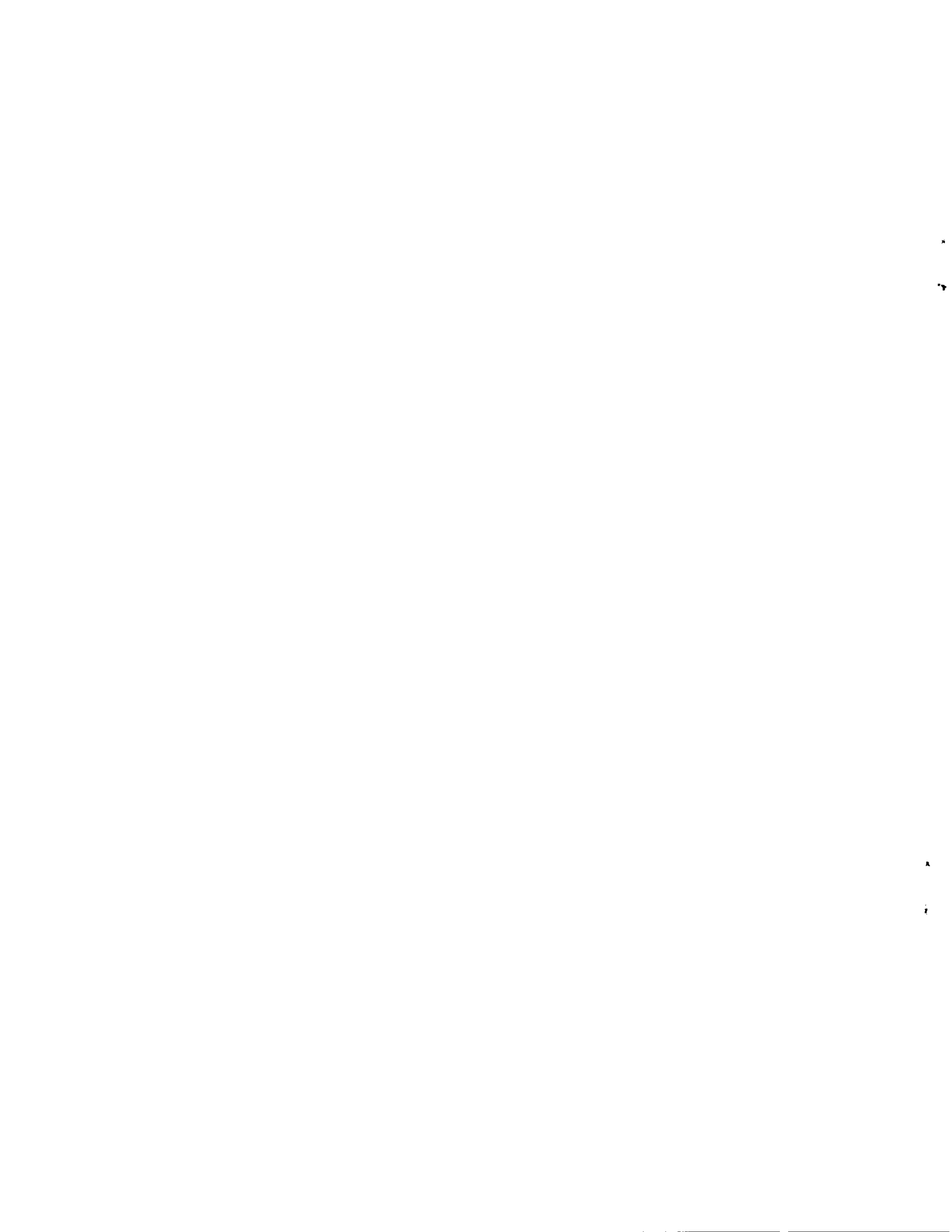


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The emerging markets debt class entered 2003 in sound shape. Similar to 2002, emerging markets debt finished the first quarter of 2003 as the top performer over all other fixed income asset classes, as well as equity markets. The downside risks for the global recovery, uncertainty about the length of the war with Iraq, and the deteriorating economic outlook in the US and Europe actually contributed to highlight the benefits of diversification into emerging markets.

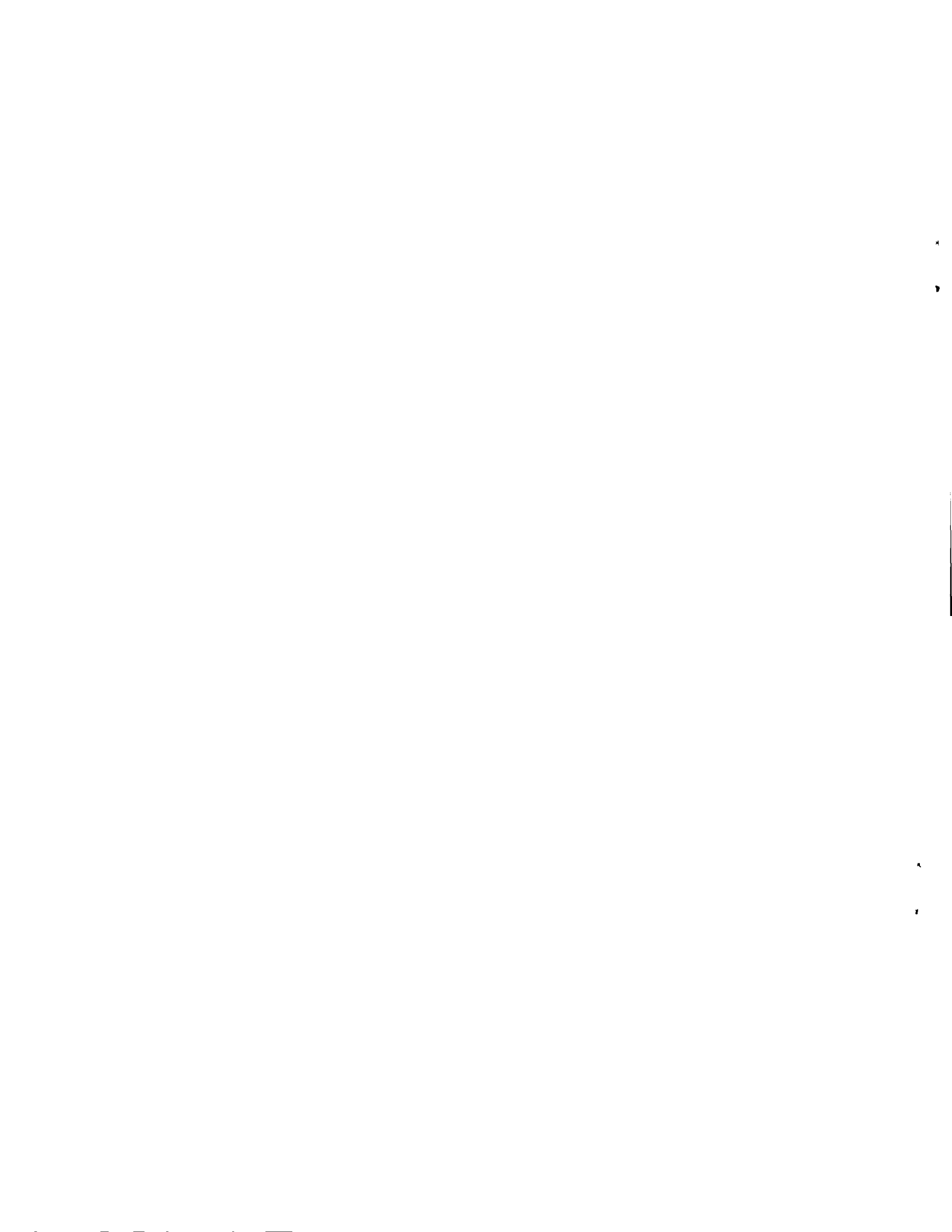
The flow of funds into emerging debt markets was a major factor pushing spreads down during the quarter. These inflows were driven by disillusionment with equities following a prolonged bear market, the uncertain prospects for a rebound in corporate earnings as well as growth in output, and a search for high-yielding assets in face of low interest rates in major domestic government bond markets.

The inflows of new money into emerging markets debt during the quarter were also driven by the track record of emerging markets debt. According to many analysts, the emerging markets debt has generated higher risk-adjusted returns than any other asset class not only in 2002 and in the first quarter of 2003, but also over the past five years. Merrill Lynch, for example, goes further, and indicates that emerging markets debt has provided the highest annualized returns when compared to all other major US\$-denominated asset classes over the past 11 years (both debt and equity).

All Latin American spreads tightened in the first quarter of 2003, with the exception of Venezuela. Latin America's access to international capital markets also improved significantly. New debt issuance reemerged in the final months of 2002, and accelerated its pace in the beginning of 2003. In January, new debt issuance considerably surpassed the previous two months rise. January's heavy emerging markets issuance carried over into February, although it stalled in March.

Several Central American countries tapped capital markets in the first quarter. Costa Rica, El Salvador and Panama placed a combined US\$1.07 billion in debt in US markets in January and February. However, despite regaining access to international capital markets, and after largely escaping the downpour of downgrades aimed at South America in 2001 and 2002, credit rating agencies have taken aim at Central America. Most of the region's countries are suddenly in danger of downgrades, as rising foreign indebtedness, slowing economies and renewed political uncertainty weighed down their prospects (see Box 1). The downward pressure is coming even as neighboring Mexico saw its investment-grade credit rate put on review for upgrade earlier in the quarter by Moody's and much of Latin America is regaining its footing after Argentina's debt default at the end of 2001 .

There were positive signs in some of the key Latin American countries in difficulty during the first quarter of 2003. In particular, the new government in Brazil took decisive steps both in fiscal policy and structural reforms, leading to a strengthening in investor



confidence. Argentina bottomed out from its severe recession, although the country still faces big challenges in the second quarter. Latin America is now experiencing a moderate recovery, and there are signs of stronger growth in many countries, with the exception of

BOX 1:
CREDIT RATING MOVEMENTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2003

Standard & Poor's has been focused in Central America and the Caribbean since it downgraded Belize's credit rating to BB- at the end of December of 2002. In March it changed the outlook on BB-rated Panama to negative, and did the same to BB+ rated Costa Rica earlier in April. A negative outlook also hovers over Guatemala, Central America's largest economy. Moody's cut the outlook on Costa Rica to negative in April, while Fitch Ratings has negative outlooks on Panama and El Salvador.

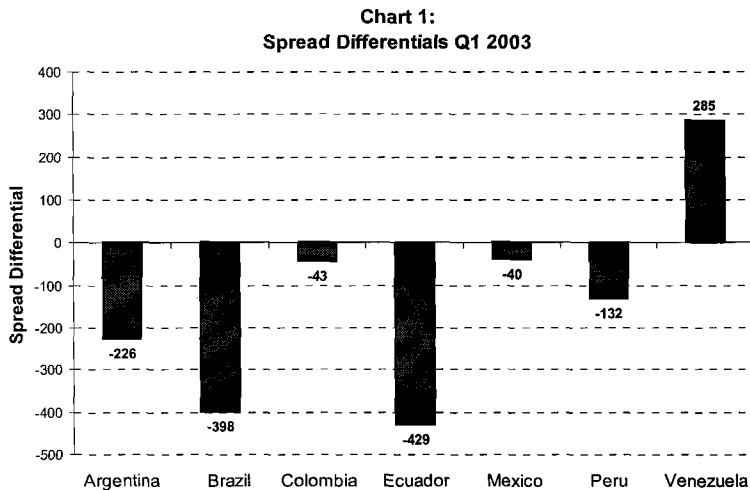
In Latin America, Venezuela was downgraded by Moody's in January, while Uruguay and Bolivia were downgraded by S&P in February. In March, Mexico had its outlook changed to positive by Moody's, and Fitch downgraded Uruguay over its debt swap announcement (appendix, table 1).

More recently, Moody's has changed its sovereign credit rating methodology to place greater emphasis on the risks posed by dollarized banking systems. As a consequence, since April several countries' ratings have been downgraded or the outlook has been changed. Other countries' ratings might follow with potentially detrimental consequences for their financing costs. Moody's is not alone in rethinking its assumptions. S&P's has also paid more attention to countries with highly dollarized banking systems, as a consequence of the collapse of Argentina's financial system and its spillover to Uruguay and Paraguay.

Venezuela.

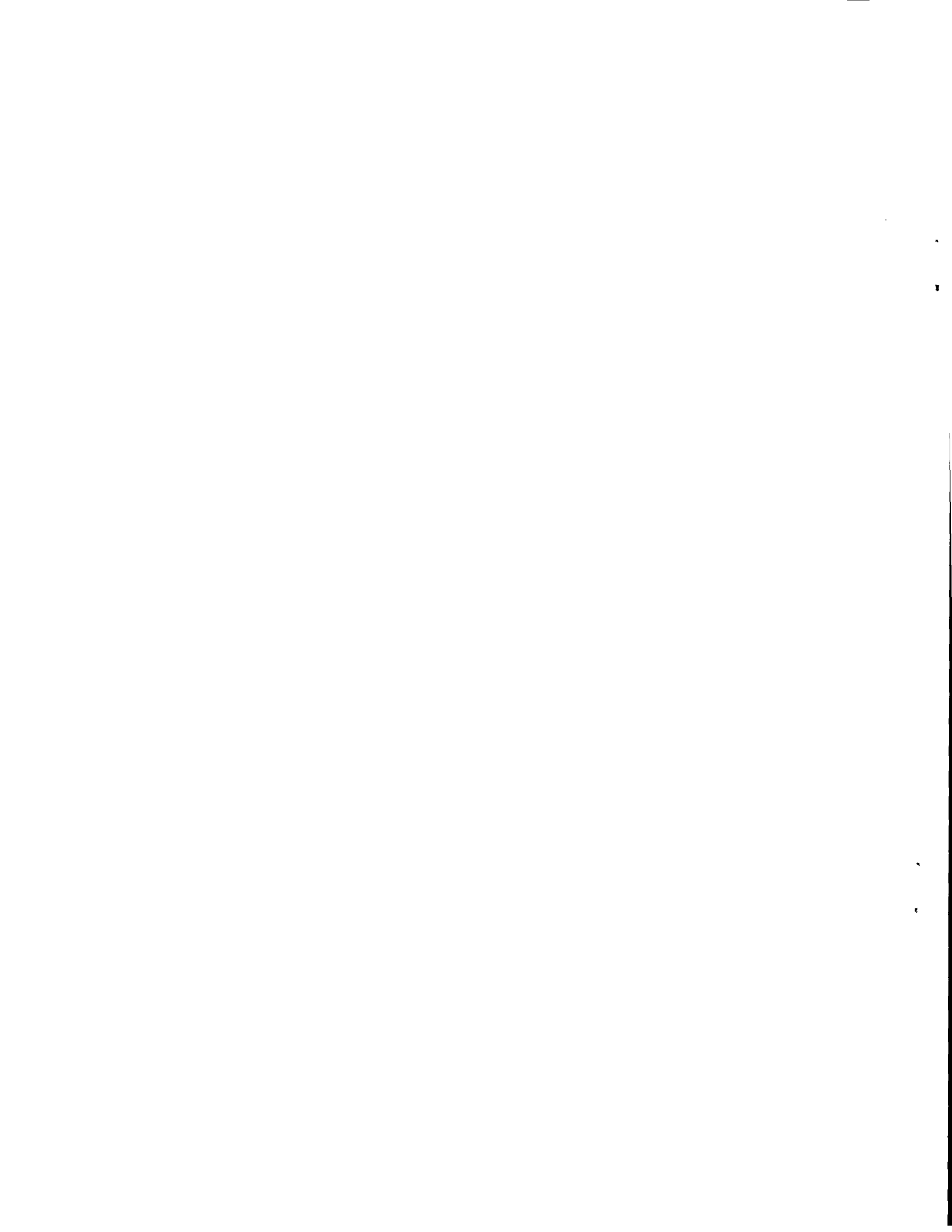
I. Bond Markets and Debt Management

Emerging market spreads, as measured by the J.P. Morgan's benchmark EMBI+ index, were 95 basis points tighter at the end of the first quarter, and the Latin component was 138 basis points lower (appendix, table 2). Sovereign spreads tightened for most Latin American countries in the composite, with the exception of Venezuela, as risk aversion in global markets and Brazilian volatility decreased (Chart 1).

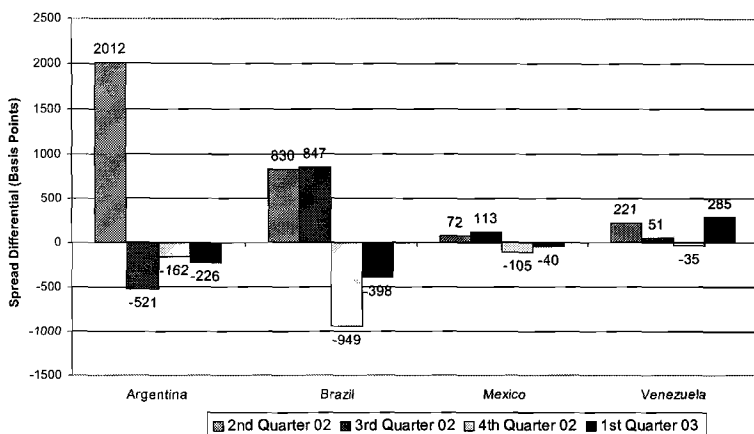


Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from JP Morgan.

In response to the important steps taken by the new administration both in fiscal policy and structural reforms, Brazilian spreads narrowed by 398 basis points in the first quarter, after tightening 949 basis points in the fourth quarter, following the end of the electoral period. Spreads in Argentina, Colombia,

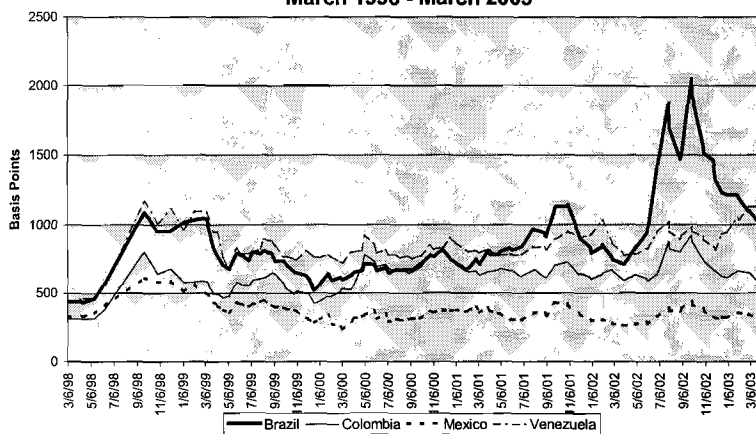


**Chart 2:
Quarterly Spread Differential
2002 and 2003**



Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from JP Morgan.

**Chart 3:
Spreads on 30-year Benchmark Sovereign Latin Eurobonds
March 1998 - March 2003**



Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from 'Emerging Markets Debt Daily', Merrill

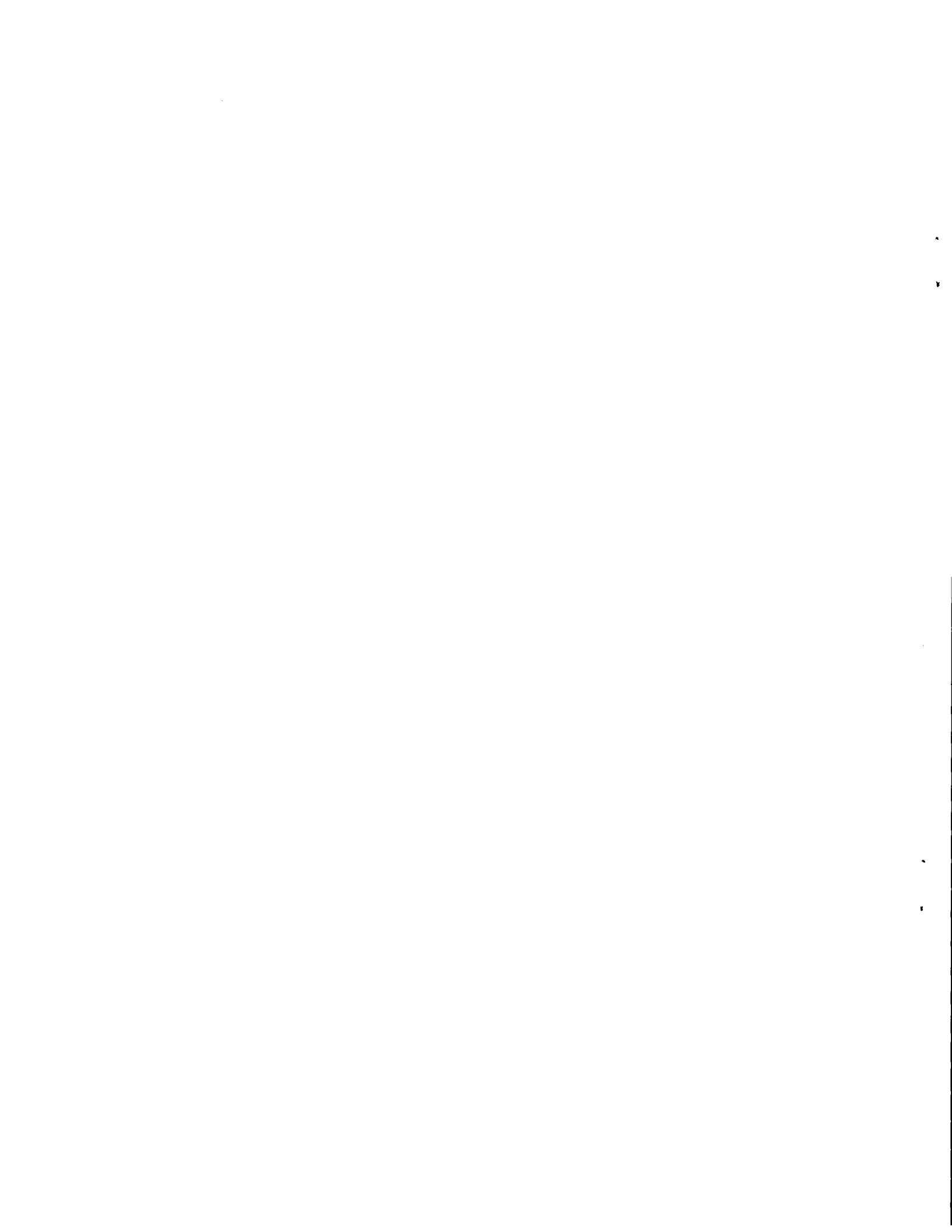
for example, no longer exceed their Russian peak levels, and are back to the levels seen after Brazil's currency devaluation of January 1999 started to be absorbed (Chart 3).

As sovereign spreads narrowed further, emerging market borrowers tapped the international debt markets for an increased volume of funds. Latin American bond issuers placed US\$ 11.48 billion in international capital markets in the first quarter of 2003, which represented a 138% increase with respect to the US\$4.83 billion issued in the fourth quarter, and a 29% increase with respect to the US\$8.88 billion issued in the first quarter of 2002. The rise in Latin American issuance was highly concentrated. Almost two thirds of the expansion was the result of increased Brazilian borrowing alone.

Trading of Brazilian bonds in secondary markets also increased. According to the Emerging Markets Traders Association (EMTA), Brazilian debt trading volume stood at

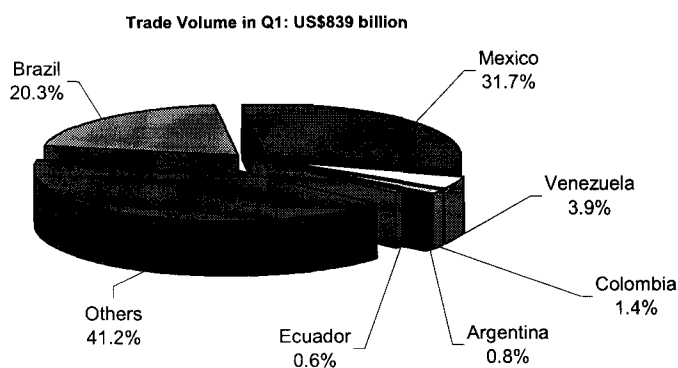
Mexico and Peru also followed the same pattern, narrowing further in the first quarter, after tightening in the last quarter of 2002. Venezuela was the only exception, with spreads widening during the quarter as the domestic situation continued to deteriorate (see Chart 2).

Latin American spreads started to decline after their peaks of October of 2002 and continued their descending course in the first quarter of 2003, reflecting the improvement in the global environment, the increase in investors' confidence, and their search for yield (appendix, table 3). As investors seemed willing to take on more credit risk in search of higher returns, Latin American bond spreads fell to levels last seen in late 1990s, when global growth was stronger. Spreads on the Brazilian 30-year bond,



US\$170 billion in the first quarter of 2003 (a 34% rise on a quarter-on-quarter basis), as market confidence in the new administration increased. Investors became more tolerant with risk and more attracted to high-yielding assets as markets' fears of a looming default in Brazil receded. Analysts observed that the major theme of the first quarter bond trading was a reversal of the "flight to quality" that occurred in the previous quarter. The first quarter survey of the EMTA shows a decreased turnover in lower-yielding, higher-quality credits (such as Mexico, in Latin America) and increased debt-trading activity involving mainly the higher-yielding lower-quality credits (such as Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela). The EMTA report registered a turnover of US\$839 billion in emerging markets debt, from US\$768 billion in the fourth quarter (a 9% increase), and US\$789 billion in the first quarter of 2002 (a 6% increase).

Chart 4:
Emerging Markets Debt Trading Volume:
Country Shares in Latin America



Source: EMTA

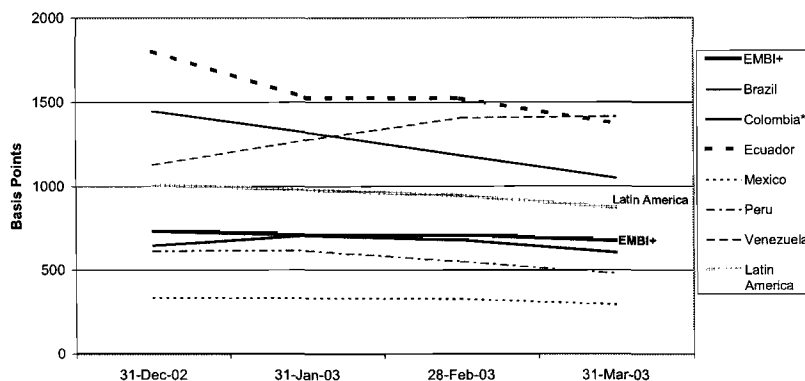
Brazilian volumes accounted for 20% of overall volume, and remained the second highest share overall, despite the fact that Brazilian turnover was higher than in the previous quarter. Mexico accounted for 32% of overall volume, and although Mexican debt remained the most frequently traded instrument, totaling US\$266 billion of emerging markets total, Mexican volumes were down 15% compared to the fourth quarter volume. When compared to the first quarter of 2002, however, Mexican volumes increased 24%.

Significant volume increases were also reported in trading of non-investment grade rated Venezuela (up 71% to US\$33 billion from US\$19 billion in the fourth quarter), Ecuador (up 66% to US\$5 billion), and Colombia (a 25% increase to US\$12 billion)(Chart 4).

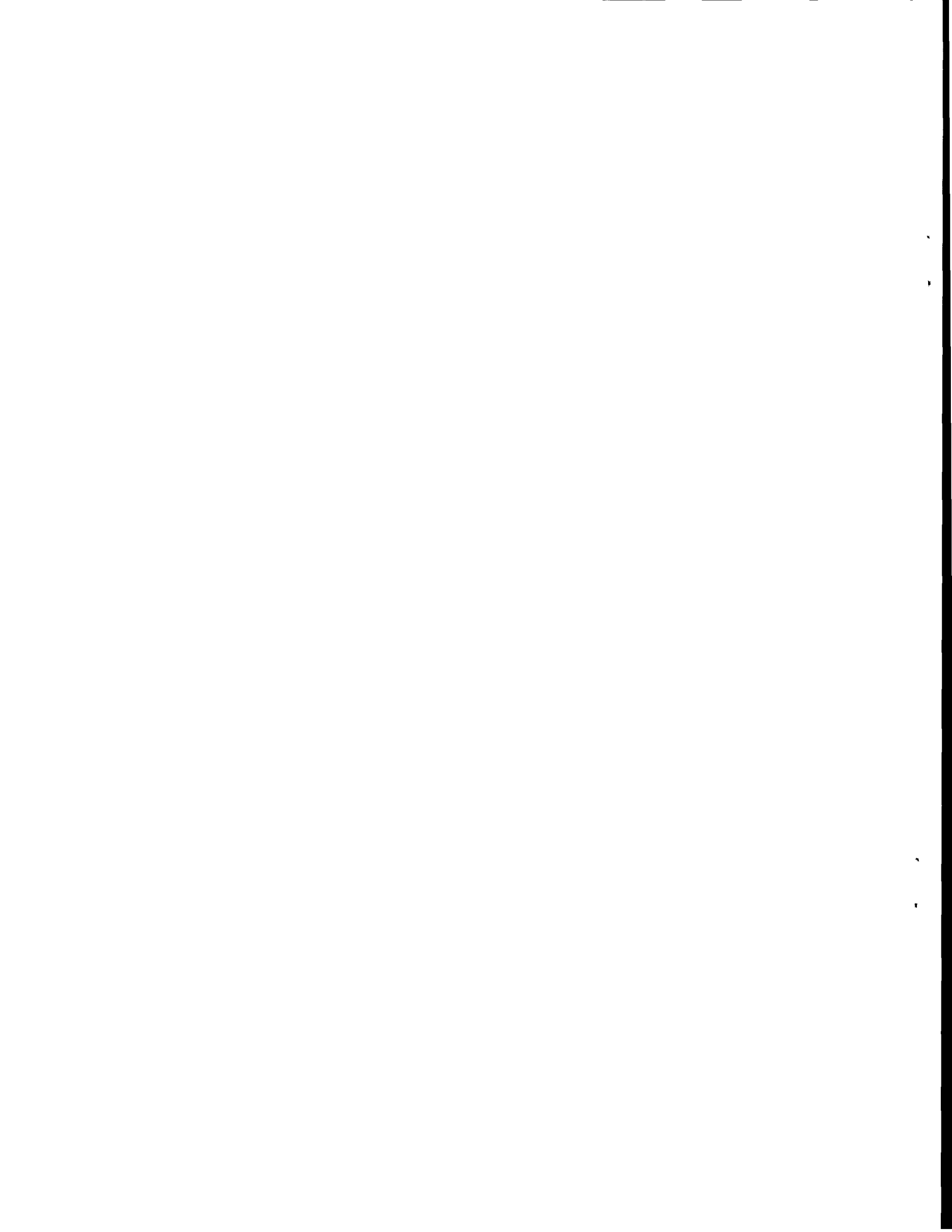
A. Spreads

The J.P. Morgan EMBI+ spread closed the first quarter of 2003 94 basis points tighter, as the global pursuit for yield, in a context of accommodative monetary policies in the major financial centers, created a positive external

Chart 5:
Spreads on JP Morgan EMBI+ and Latin American Composites Q1 2003



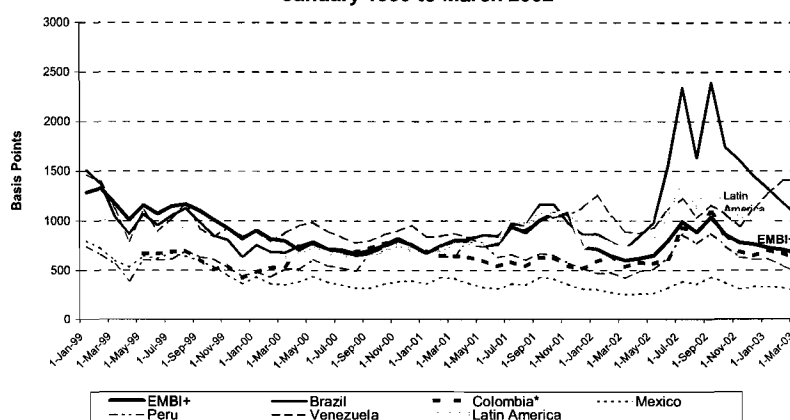
Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from "Emerging Markets Bond Index Monitor", JP Morgan.



environment for emerging market bonds. Emerging market bond prices were buoyed by the combination of a favorable external environment with a significant change in investors' attitudes toward the new Brazilian administration. Higher-yielding emerging market credits (Brazil in particular) performed strongly.

The spread for the EMBI+ Latin component tightened further, with a decrease of 138 basis points. Spreads tightened for all Latin American countries in the sample, with the exception of Venezuela (Chart 5). Brazilian spreads are now below their peak of January 1999, after going way beyond these levels in the previous quarter. Spreads in Brazil more than halved since the height of the difficulties last year, narrowing from 2,395 basis points at the end of September 2002 to 1,048 at the end of March 2003 (Chart 6).

Chart 6:
Spreads on JP Morgan EMBI+ and Latin American Composites
January 1999 to March 2002

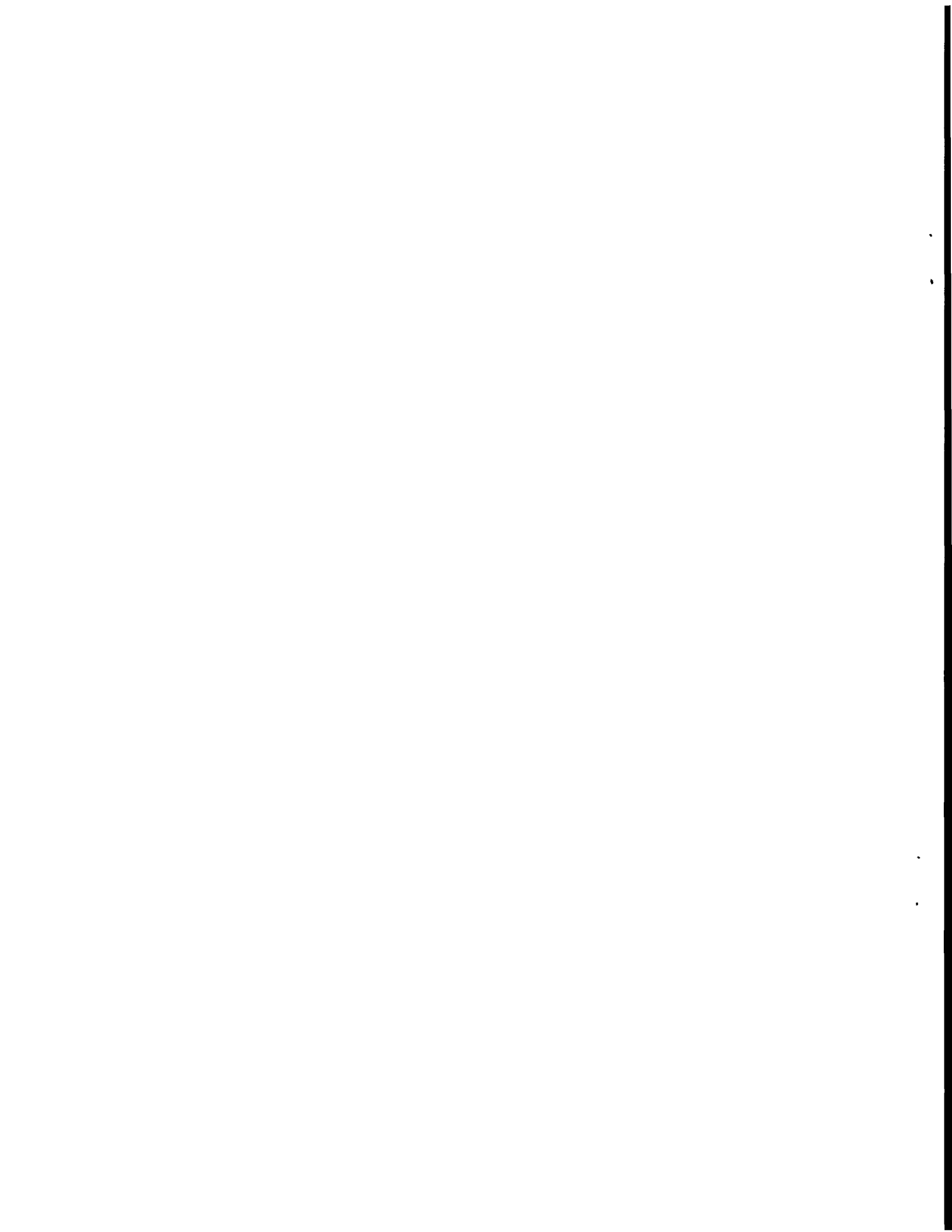


* The Colombia 7 5/8% due 07 and the Colombia 8 5/8% due 08 were added at the end of May 99.
Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from "Emerging Markets Bond Index Monitor", JP Morgan.

With the search for yield inspiring the rally in emerging debt markets, high-yielding credits were the greatest beneficiaries in the first quarter of 2003. Not only Brazil, but also Ecuador was a top performer, and Argentina performed strongly as well. In March 2003, at the end of the quarter, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Argentina, Panama and Mexico, were among the top ten performers in the EMBI+. Venezuela, however, was a prominent exception to the pattern of strong relative performance by high-yielding credits, lagging the broader market by a significant margin, in spite of its high yields.¹

The tightening of bond spreads since mid-October of 2002 was an unexpected consequence of the fall in interest rates. By the beginning of the first quarter of 2003, yields had descended so far that to many investors it seemed unlikely that they could decline further. As a consequence, usually conservative investors were attracted by higher-yielding corporate and emerging market bonds as a way of obtaining higher returns. Emerging market debt and corporate high-yield saw record inflows of funds in the first quarter of 2003. As mentioned earlier, these inflows were also driven by emerging market bonds' track record of strong risk-adjusted returns. Secondary bond markets, especially in Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador and Peru, rallied as crossover investors

¹ While the EMBI+ posted a return of 2.02% in March 2003, Ecuador posted a return of 9.60%, Brazil 6.39%, Peru 4.84%, Colombia 3.92%, Argentina 3.74%, Panama 3.67% and Mexico 1.79%. Venezuela, on the other hand, posted a return of only 0.02%.

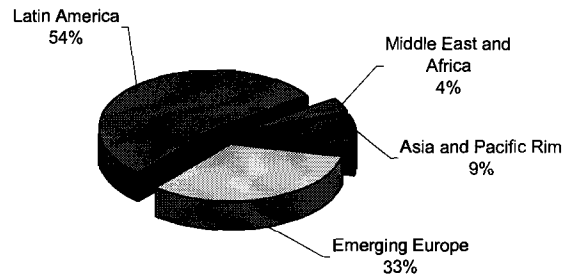


saw opportunities for higher returns in these markets, given that equities continued to fail to show a compelling performance.

B. Issuance

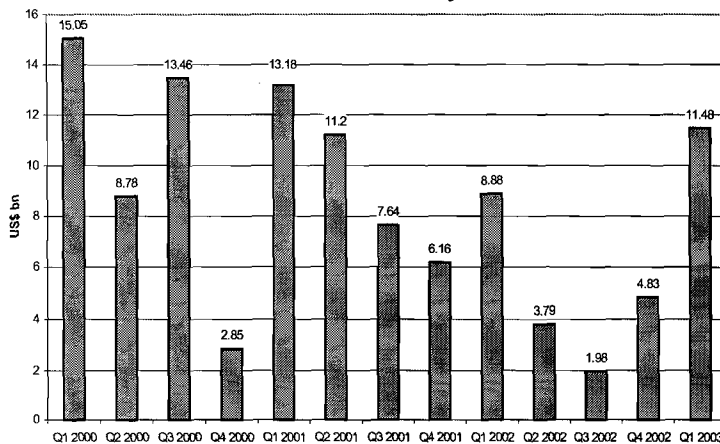
Emerging market borrowers tapped the international debt markets for an increased volume of funds in the first quarter of 2003, as sovereign spreads narrowed further. Emerging markets saw a remarkably high level of issuance on a quarterly basis according to Merrill Lynch, having placed US\$21.3 billion in the international capital markets in the first quarter of 2003, up from US\$16.8 billion in the first quarter of 2002 and US\$17.9 billion in the first quarter of 2001.

**Chart 7:
Emerging Markets Debt Issuance:
Regional Breakdown
2003 Q1**



Note: Total emerging markets debt issuance year-to-date is US \$21.3
Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

**Chart 8:
Latin American Issuance by Quarter**

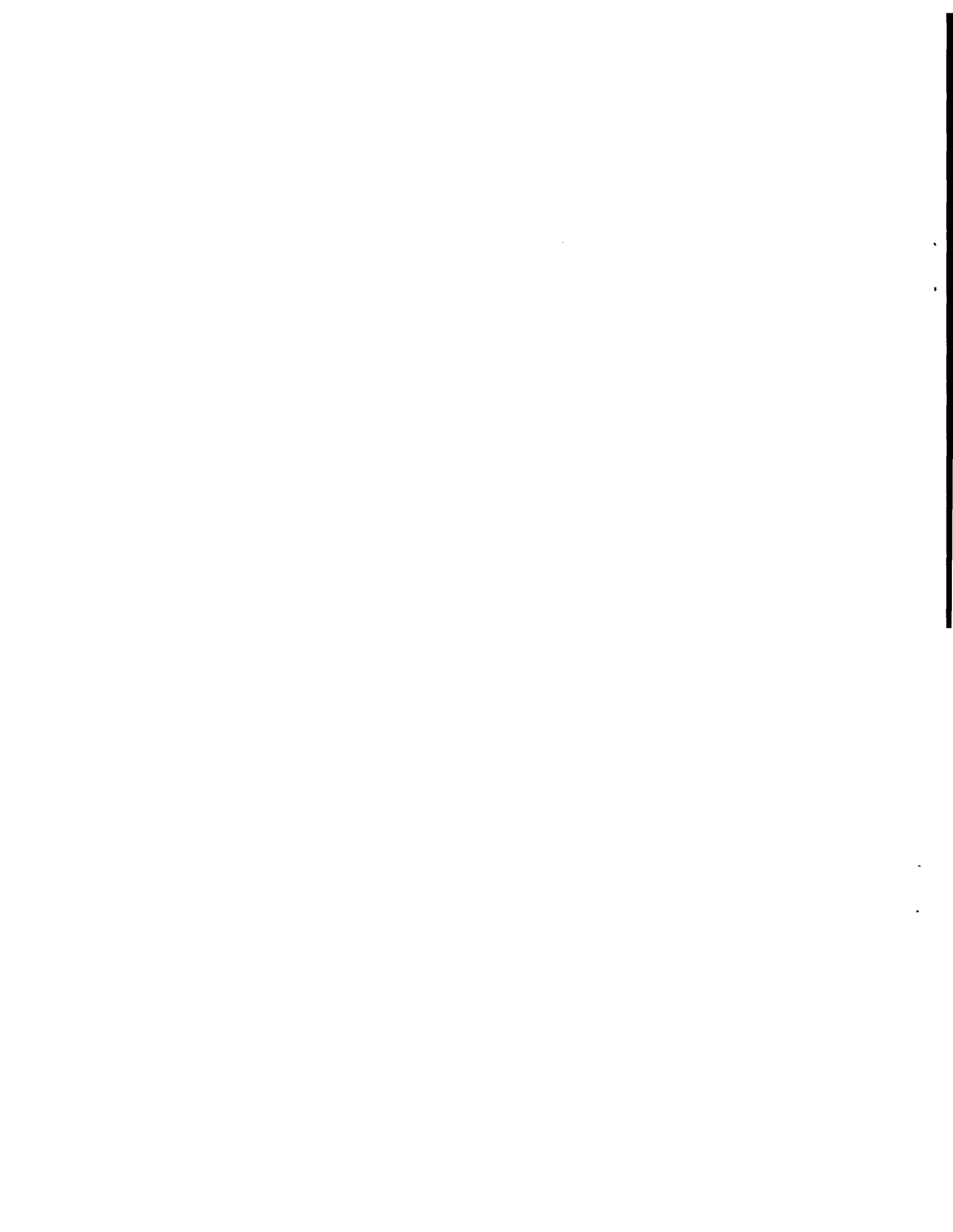


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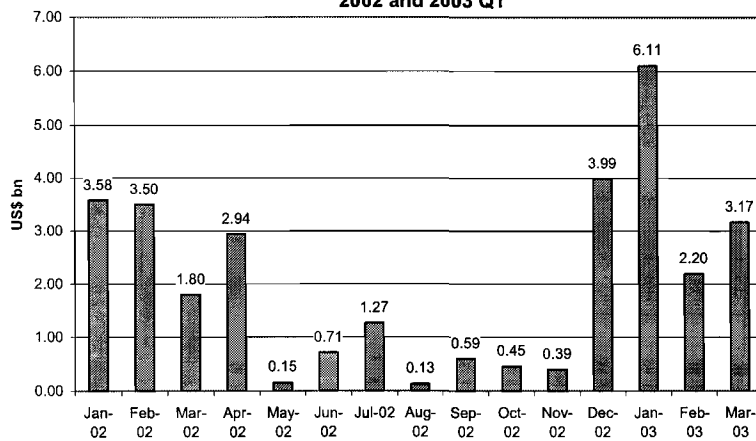
Total issuance in Latin America reached US\$11.48 billion in the first quarter of 2003, accounting for 54% of the emerging markets total (Chart 7). On a quarterly basis, Latin American issuance was 138% higher than in the last quarter of 2002. It was also 29% higher than in the first quarter of 2002, but it was 13% lower than in the first quarter of 2001, and 24% lower than in the first quarter of 2000 (Chart 8).

Most of the emerging market and Latin American issuance in the quarter took place in January, and much of this activity was driven by refinancing of maturing debt. The pickup in net issuance in part reflected prefunding in advance of the war in Iraq. The war, and the uncertainties surrounding it, induced a slowdown in new debt issuance later in the quarter, in spite of investors' risk appetite and rising emerging market bond prices in secondary markets.

Issuance tends to be relatively higher in the first months of the year, due mostly to sovereign borrowers, but the exceptionally high level in January 2003, US\$9.3 billion for emerging markets as a whole and US\$6.1 billion for Latin America, suggests that the decreasing borrowing costs in emerging debt markets since October 2002 also



**Chart 9:
New Latin American Debt Issuance (Monthly)
2002 and 2003 Q1**



Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

and priced at a spread of 246 basis points over the 10-year US Treasury yield (appendix, table 4). Taking advantage of improved market sentiment, Mexico issued US\$4.7 billion in bonds in the first quarter of 2003, and was the largest issuer. Brazil placed US\$ 2.9 billion in the first quarter and was the second largest emerging market issuer. Brazilian nationals borrowed heavily, taking advantage of the reduced risk aversion amongst global investors and increased investor confidence in the new administration. Other sovereigns to tap international capital markets in the first quarter were Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Panama, and Peru (appendix, tables 4, 7 and 10).

A significant development concerning emerging market borrowing in the first quarter of 2003 was the inclusion of collective action clauses (CACs) in sovereign bond issues (see Box 2). One Mexican bond in the first quarter of 2003 and two Mexican bonds and one Brazilian bond at the beginning of the second quarter were issued

contributed. January was Latin America's strongest monthly external issuance since the beginning of 2002 (Chart 9).

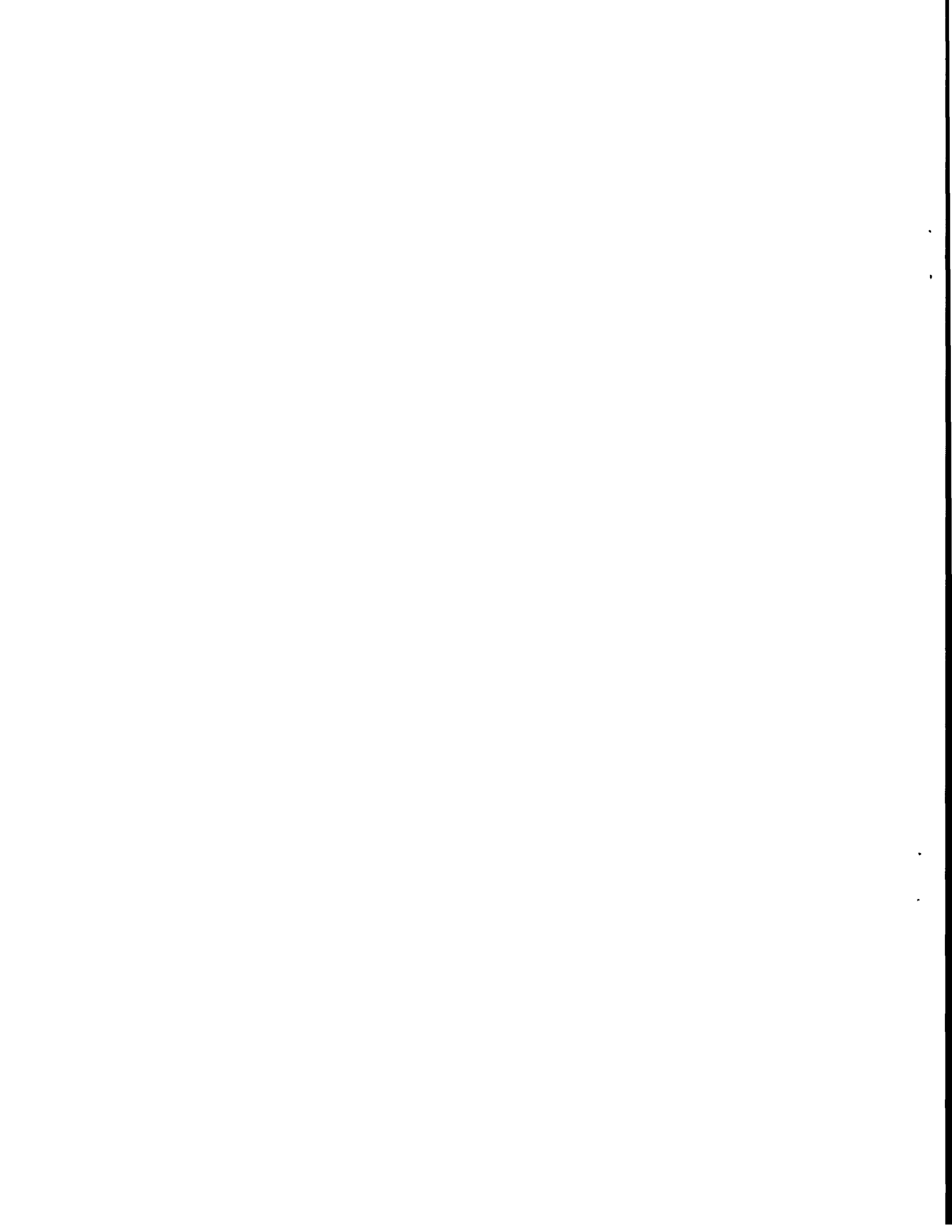
The largest issue to be placed in the international debt securities market by an emerging market borrower in the first quarter of 2003 was a US\$2 billion fixed rate bond issued by Mexico with a maturity of 10 years

BOX 2:

The inclusion of Collective Action Clauses in bond issuance

The issuance of bonds with CACs followed a debate on how to improve procedures for sovereign debt restructuring. Collective action clauses are provisions that allow a bond restructuring with the approval of a qualified majority of bondholders instead of their unanimous consent. Analysts view these provisions as an alternative to international bankruptcy proceedings for dealing with potential sovereign defaults. Issuers, at first, feared that the incorporation of such clauses could increase their spreads, or be an indication of the likelihood the issuer attached to the probability of default (see BIS Quarterly Review, June 2003, p.29).

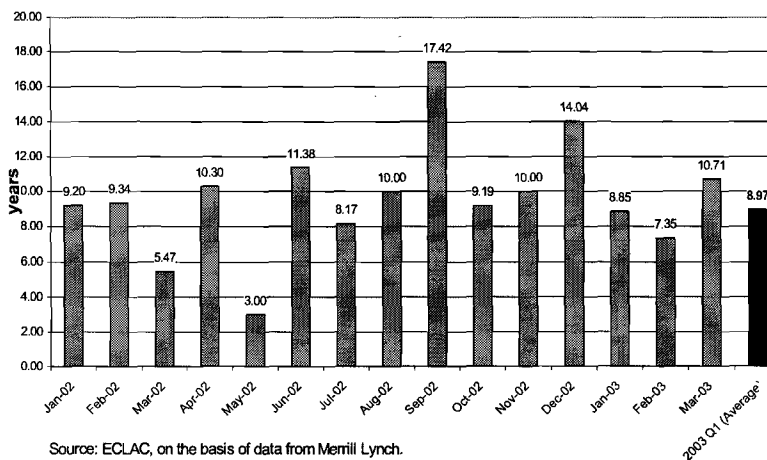
The global bonds issued by Mexico and Brazil with CACs, however, were well received and no premium was included. The bonds to be issued under Uruguay's debt swap are also to include CACs. There are differences between the bonds issued by Mexico, Brazil, and the recently announced issuance of Uruguayan bonds. Mexico and Uruguay, for example, set the percentage of bondholders who have to consent at 75%. The Brazilian bond, however, adopted a higher percentage (of 85%).



with CACs. The Mexican bonds were the first emerging market bonds with CACs from a major borrower to be issued, while the Brazilian bond was the first non-investment grade bond with CACs².

In the first quarter of 2003, dollar-denominated debt represented 95% of the Latin American total. Sovereign bonds accounted for 79% (appendix, tables 4 to 12). Many governments have achieved their 2003 financing targets, although some have not, such as Brazil. Latin America's bond average maturity was 9 years, reflecting improved market sentiment and decreased risk aversion (Chart 10).

Chart 10:
New Latin American Debt Issuance: Average Maturity
2002 and 2003 Q1



Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

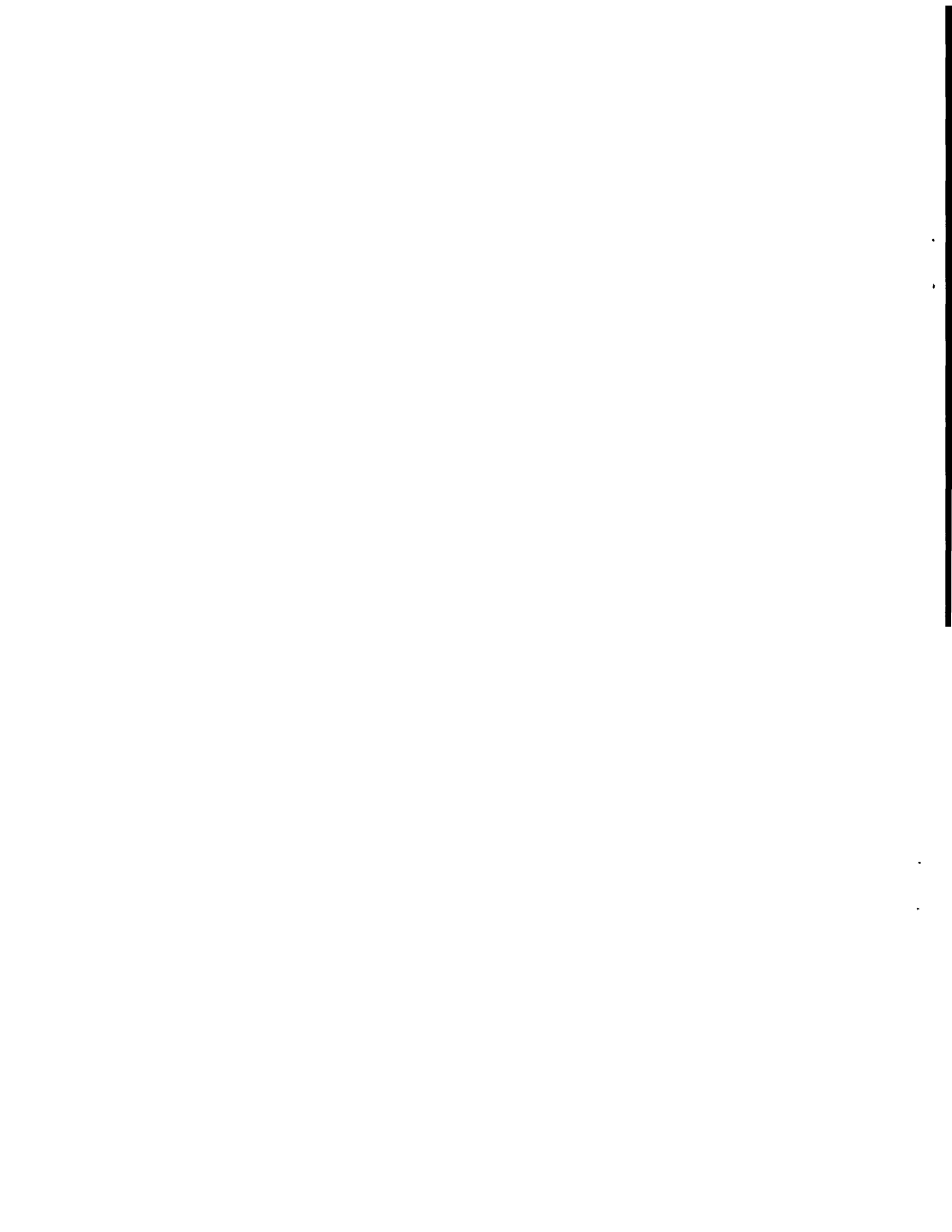
II. Portfolio Equity Flows into Latin America

Equity placements in emerging markets virtually dried up in the first quarter of 2003, amid ongoing concerns about global economic activity. Latin American stocks, up 3.4% on the Morgan Stanley's MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) Index in the first quarter³, struggled to catch up with their fixed-income counterparts, which posted an 11% return on J.P. Morgan's EMBI+.

Combined trading volume in Latin America's seven largest stock exchanges averaged US\$225.1 million a day during the first quarter of 2003, compared to US\$222.5 million in the fourth quarter, according to data provider Economatca. Latin American shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, meanwhile, averaged US\$237.21 million in daily turnover, up from US\$200.5 million in the fourth quarter, based on NYSE data. The numbers provide evidence that Latin America, during the first quarter of 2003, started to recover from the political and economic turmoil that drove equity investors to other shores in the final months of 2002. The biggest reversal has been in Brazil, South America's main market, where the newly elected administration pushed solvency fears away by pledging to implement structural reforms and tightening fiscal policy.

² The proceeds of the Mexican bonds issued in the beginning of the second quarter (US\$2.5 billion on April 8), were to be used to buy back Mexico's remaining dollar-denominated Brady bonds, making it the first country in Latin America to do so.

³ Up to April 10, 2003.



The sentiment shift was most pronounced in March, when Latin American stock prices rose 5.5% in dollar terms, according the Morgan Stanley's MSCI index, including a jump of 13% in Brazilian shares, as regional currencies recovered from sharp declines against the dollar in 2002. Stock market liquidity, however, remains a distant cry from the roaring 1990s. Despite price gains, total equity issuance was weak, reflecting market volatility, global economic uncertainties and lack of privatizations.

III. Bank Lending

According to the latest available information on actual bank lending⁴, the net flow of funds into emerging markets from banks in the BIS reporting area was negative in the fourth quarter of 2002. Claims on emerging markets fell to 6.5% of total claims, down from an average of 8% in 2001 and 10% in 1999. Claims on Latin America continued to contract.

All major Latin American countries experienced a reduction in credit. The net flow of funds to Latin America remained negative for the third consecutive quarter, at US\$7.8 billion⁵. Total claims fell to US\$272 billion, pushing the year-over-year rate of

Table 1

Cross-border bank flows to Latin American economies									
Exchange rate adjusted changes in amounts outstanding, in billions of US dollars									
	Banks' Position*	2000	2001	2002	2002				Stocks at
		Year	Year	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	end-Dec 2002
Latin America	Claims	14.0	-3.5	-26.9	-2.4	-4.7	-11.4	-8.5	272.0
	Liabilities	9.4	-1.9	-26.9	-16.1	-1.6	-8.5	-0.7	232.5
Argentina	Claims	1.2	-5.8	-11.8	-4.3	-0.8	-4.5	-2.3	31.2
	Liabilities	3.1	-16.7	-0.1	-1.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	24.9
Brazil	Claims	9.5	0.9	-11.3	1.0	-2.4	-3.5	-6.4	87.5
	Liabilities	-4.6	0.4	-8.0	1.4	-3.8	-1.4	-4.2	40.5
Chile	Claims	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	1.3	19.9
	Liabilities	-1.5	-1.0	-1.1	0.2	-0.8	-0.8	0.3	14.1
Mexico	Claims	-1.0	2.0	3.1	3.3	1.7	-1.9	-0.1	64.3
	Liabilities	6.9	8.8	-11.4	-14.1	1.3	-0.3	1.7	52.1

Source: BIS Quarterly Review, March 2003.

* External on-balance sheet positions of banks in the BIS reporting area. Liabilities mainly comprise deposits.

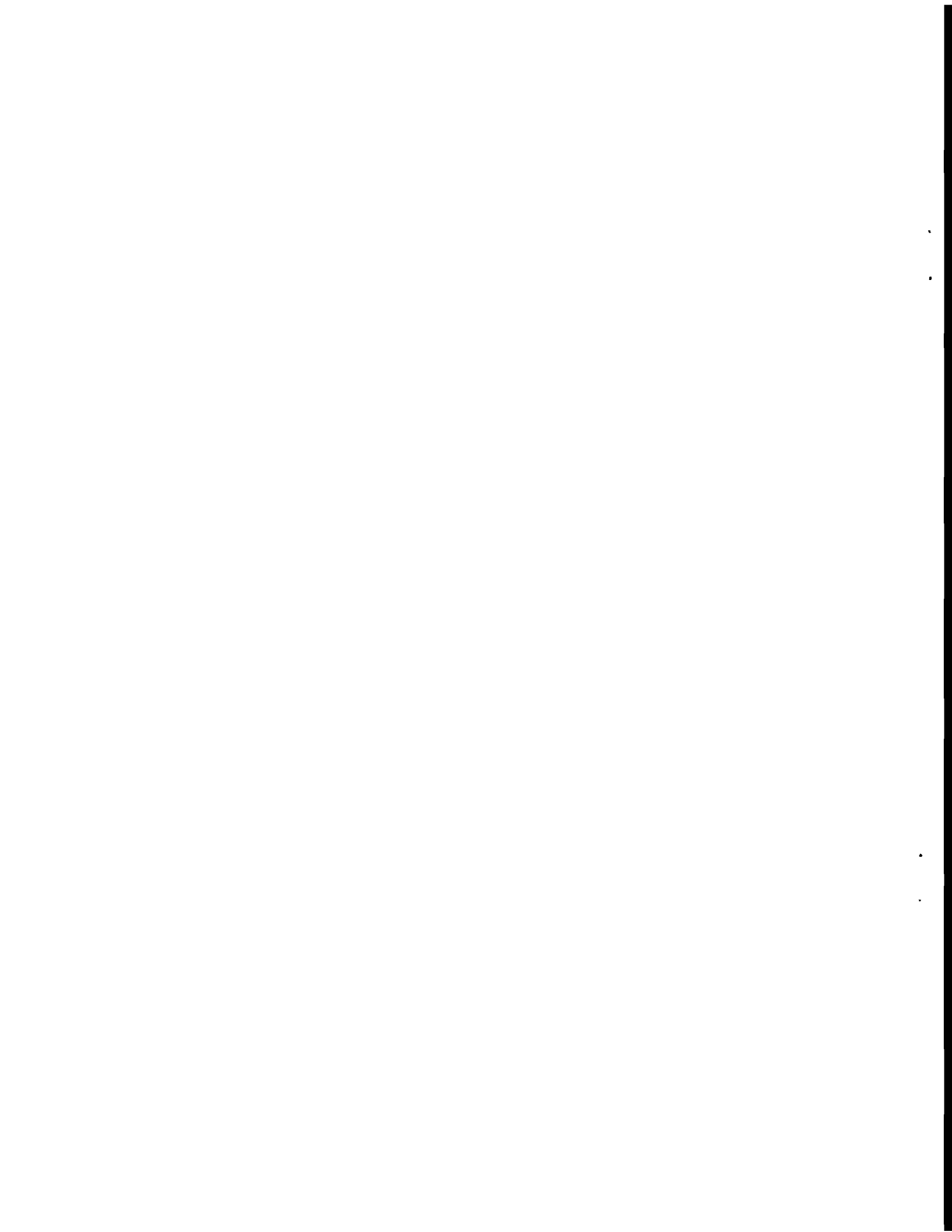
An increase in claims represent an inflow into Latin American economies; an increase in liabilities an outflow.

contraction in claims to 10%. The rate of contraction in claims on the Latin American banking sector increased even more, to 18% year-over-year. Claims on banks fell by US\$9 billion, the largest reduction for this sector since 1998.

The net outflow from Argentina was again the largest in the region, although smaller than that experienced in the third quarter. While liabilities vis-à-vis Argentina remained

⁴ *BIS Quarterly Review*, June 2003.

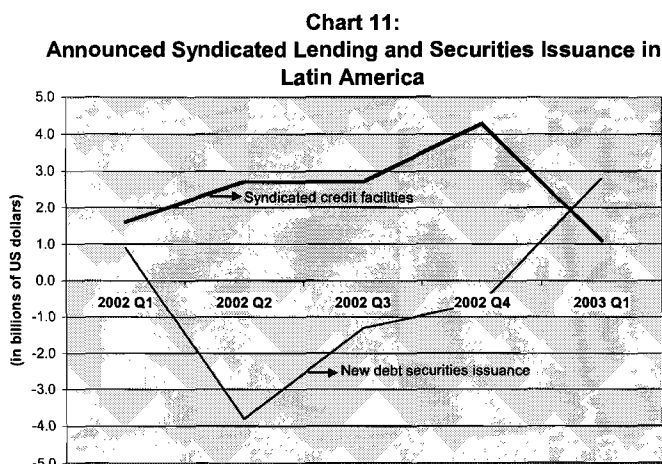
⁵ There was an outflow of US\$8.5 due to a decrease in claims, as well as an inflow of US\$0.7 billion due to a decrease in liabilities (see Table 1).



stable, a sixth consecutive quarterly contraction in claims, primarily on the Argentina non-bank sector, led to an outflow of US\$2.5 billion (Table 1).

Despite the improvement in investor sentiment towards Brazil in the fourth quarter, interbank activity led to the largest outflow of fund in five quarters. The year-on-year rate of contraction in claims on Brazil rose to 12%, almost double that in the previous quarter. Claims on non-banks remained stable, while claims on the banking sector fell by US\$6.1 billion, the largest decrease since the second quarter of 2001.

Like Argentina and Brazil, Mexico also experienced a net outflow of funds for the second consecutive quarter, this time driven by increase in deposits with reporting area banks. Total claims on Mexico remained stable from the previous quarter, while liabilities grew by US\$1.7 billion as banks in Mexico deposited funds in banks in the United States.



* Net Issuance: Gross Issues - Repayments

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).

Syndicated loan commitments were low in the first quarter of 2003, as international banks continued to withdraw from the emerging markets. The Latin American overall volume of announced syndicated lending fell from US\$4.3 billion in the final quarter of 2002 to a historical low of US\$1.1 billion in the first quarter of 2003 (Chart 11). Mexican oil, engineering and transport firms were the largest borrowers (Table 2).⁶

Table 2: Announced syndicated lending (in billions of US dollars)

	<i>Syndicated credit facilities</i>				
	2002Q1	2002Q2	2002Q3	2002Q4	2003Q1
Latin America	1.6	2.6	2.7	4.3	1.1
Argentina	-	-	-	0.6	-
Brazil	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.6	-
Chile	0.2	-	0.5	0.5	0.2
Colombia	0.5	-	0.5	0.2	-
Mexico	0.1	0.9	1.3	2.2	0.9
Venezuela	-	-	-	-	-

Source: BIS Quarterly Review, June 2003

⁶ Syndicated credits data are not necessarily a reliable proxy for future bank lending. The syndicated credits are gross announcements of loan facilities (i.e. loan commitments, which do not need to be drawn fully or immediately), while changes in amounts outstanding in the BIS data are driven mainly by net new lending (actual disbursements). See Blaise Gadanez and Karsten von Kleist (2002): "Do syndicated credits anticipate BIS consolidated banking data?", *BIS Quarterly Review*, March 2002, pp 65-74.



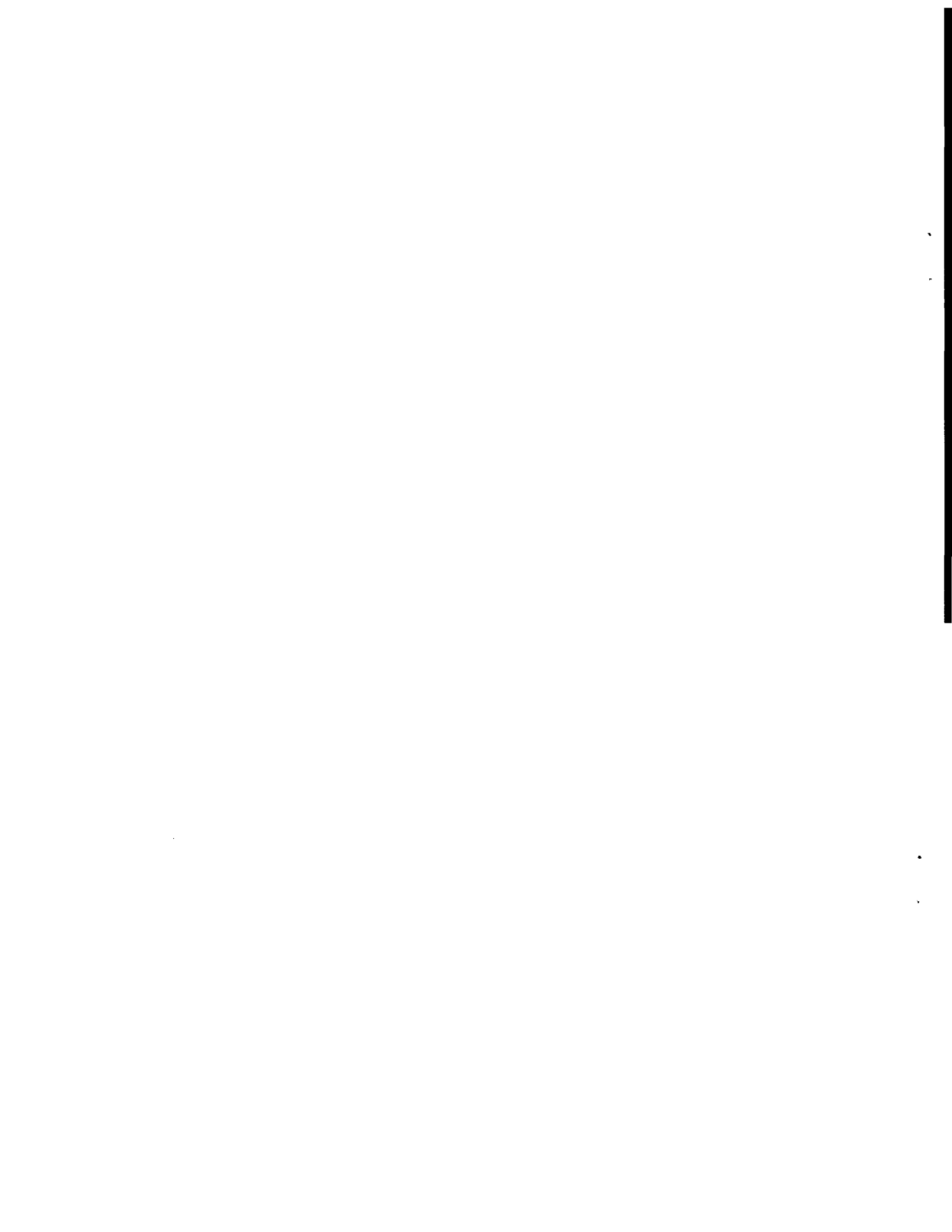
IV. Prospects

In the first quarter of 2003, the global search for higher returns in a context of accommodative monetary policies in the major financial centers created a positive external environment for emerging market bonds. Low interest rates and low government bond yields in the United States, Europe and Japan reduced financing costs and encouraged a reduction in investors' cash positions, leading to abundant liquidity in international capital markets, which in turn contributed to the compression of bond spreads in both mature and emerging debt markets.

The favorable external environment coupled with a change in investors' attitude towards the new Brazilian administration buoyed emerging market bond prices. Emerging markets bonds also benefited from a track record of strong returns, as well as from investors' disillusionment with equities. Spreads on emerging market bonds narrowed significantly as a result, and the spread compression was led by high-yielding credits in Latin America, Brazilian spreads in particular. Capital flows into the secondary emerging bond markets in the first quarter of 2003 were strong, and there was also strong appetite for new issues. Funds also flew to local emerging markets as high-yielding currencies appreciated with respect to the US dollar.

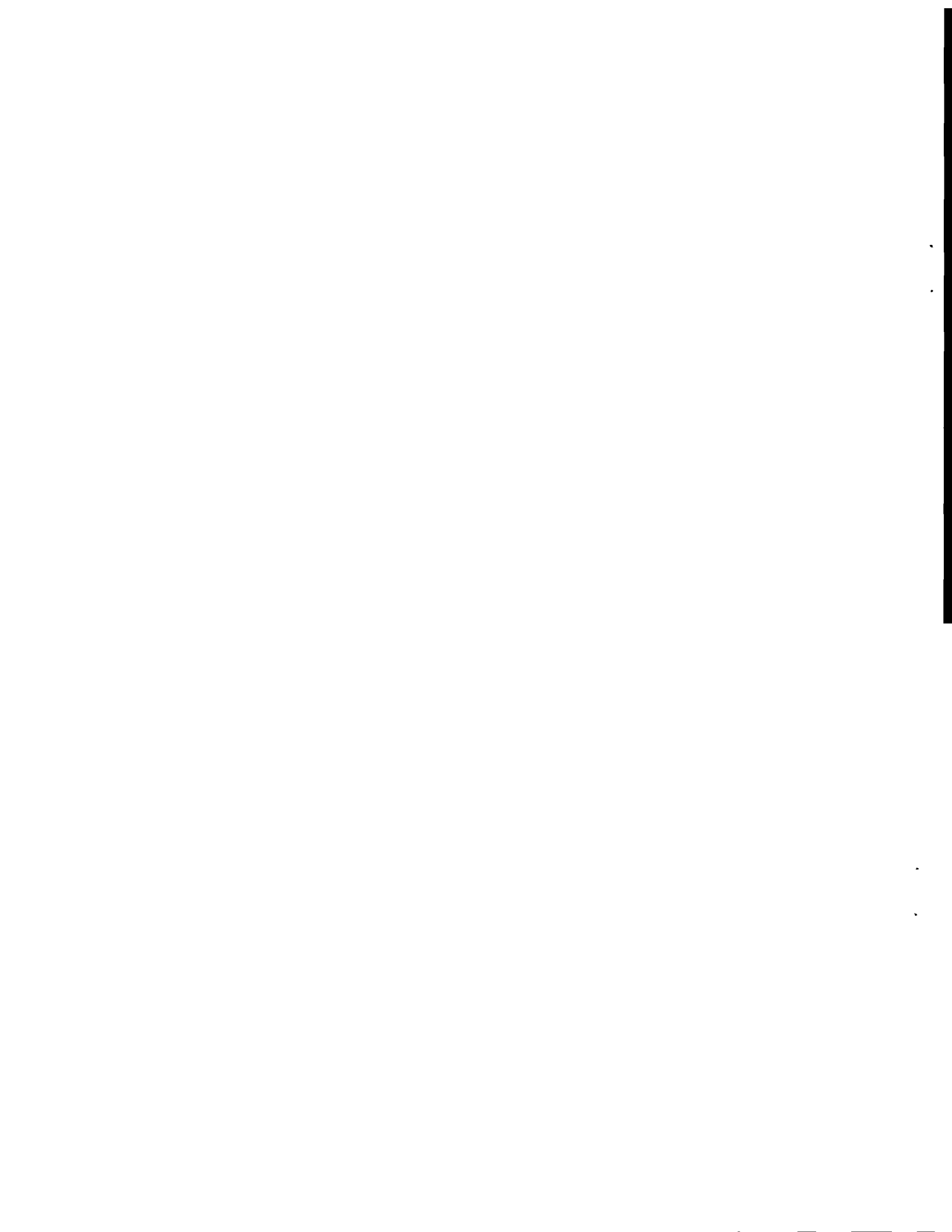
Few market participants see much near-term risk to the current favorable outlook. However, the pace of spread compression has been rather fast compared with previous experiences, which raise fears that the recent gains may not be sustainable, given that emerging markets still face great challenges in carrying out structural reform and implementing prudent macroeconomic policies. Risks to the current scenario could arise from a deterioration in the external environment or from a reversal in a major emerging market economy.

Rising interest rates in mature markets and improved sentiment toward equity markets in the US and Europe could attract flows away from emerging market bonds and lead to more limited access to international capital markets and reduced issuances, as emerging market bonds would become less attractive. However, to the extent that these factors are a consequence of a pickup in global growth, followed by higher confidence and reduced uncertainty, demand for emerging market bonds could be strengthened instead.



APPENDIX

- A. Credit Ratings in Latin America**
- B. Latin American Spreads**
- C. New Latin American Debt Issuance**



A. Credit Ratings

Table 1:

Credit Ratings in Latin America

	Moody's		S&P		Recent Moody's Actions		Recent S&P Actions	
	Rating	View	Rating	View	Action	Date	Action	Date
Argentina	Ca	oo	SD	-	Dowgrade, O/L (-)	20-Dec-01	Dowgrade	6-Nov-01
Barbados	Baa2	-	A-	-	Upgrade, stable	8-Feb-00	Affirmed, stable	2-May-02
Bolivia	B1	-	B	oo	Affirmed, stable	28-Jun-02	Dowgrade, O/L (-)	26-Feb-03
Brazil	B2	-	B+	oo	Dowgrade, stable	12-Aug-02	Affirmed, O/L (-)	8-Aug-02
Chile	Baa1	-	A-	o	Affirmed, stable	1-Mar-00	Affirmed, O/L (+)	8-Jan-03
Colombia	Ba2	oo	BB	oo	O/L changed to (-)	27-Mar-02	Affirmed, O/L (-)	22-Jan-03
Costa Rica	Ba1	o	BB	-	O/L changed to (+)	22-Mar-00	O/L changed to stable	2-Jan-02
Cuba	Caa1	-	nr	-				
Dominican Republic	Ba2	-	BB-	-	Upgrade, stable	29-Aug-01	Affirmed, stable	15-Jan-03
Ecuador	Caa2	-	CCC+	o	Affirmed, stable	10-Aug-00	O/L changed to (+)	5-Feb-03
El Salvador	Baa3	-	BB+	-	Affirmed, stable	1-Mar-00	Affirmed, stable	25-Feb-03
Guatemala	Ba2	-	BB	oo	Affirmed, stable	1-Mar-00	O/L changed to (-)	5-Nov-02
Honduras	B2	-	nr	-	Affirmed, stable	2-Mar-00		
Jamaica	Ba3	-	B+	oo	Affirmed, stable	18-May-00	O/L changed to (-)	19-Dec-02
Mexico	Baa2	o	BBB-	-	O/L changed to (+)	12-Mar-02	Affirmed, stable	27-Feb-03
Nicaragua	B2	-	nr	-	Affirmed, stable	30-Mar-00		
Panama	Ba1	-	BB	-			O/L changed to (-)	10-Mar-03
Paraguay	B2	-	SD	oo	Affirmed, stable	27-Aug-01		
Peru	Ba3	-	BB-	-	Affirmed, stable	28-Oct-02	Affirmed, stable	28-Mar-03
Trinidad & Tobago	Baa3	-	BBB	-	Affirmed, stable	30-Aug-00	Upgrade, stable	2-Apr-03
Uruguay	B3	oo	CCC	oo	Dowgrade, O/L (-)	31-Jul-02	Dowgrade, O/L (-)	11-Feb-03
Venezuela	Caa1	-	CCC+	oo	Dowgrade	21-Jan-03	Affirmed, negative	9-Jan-03

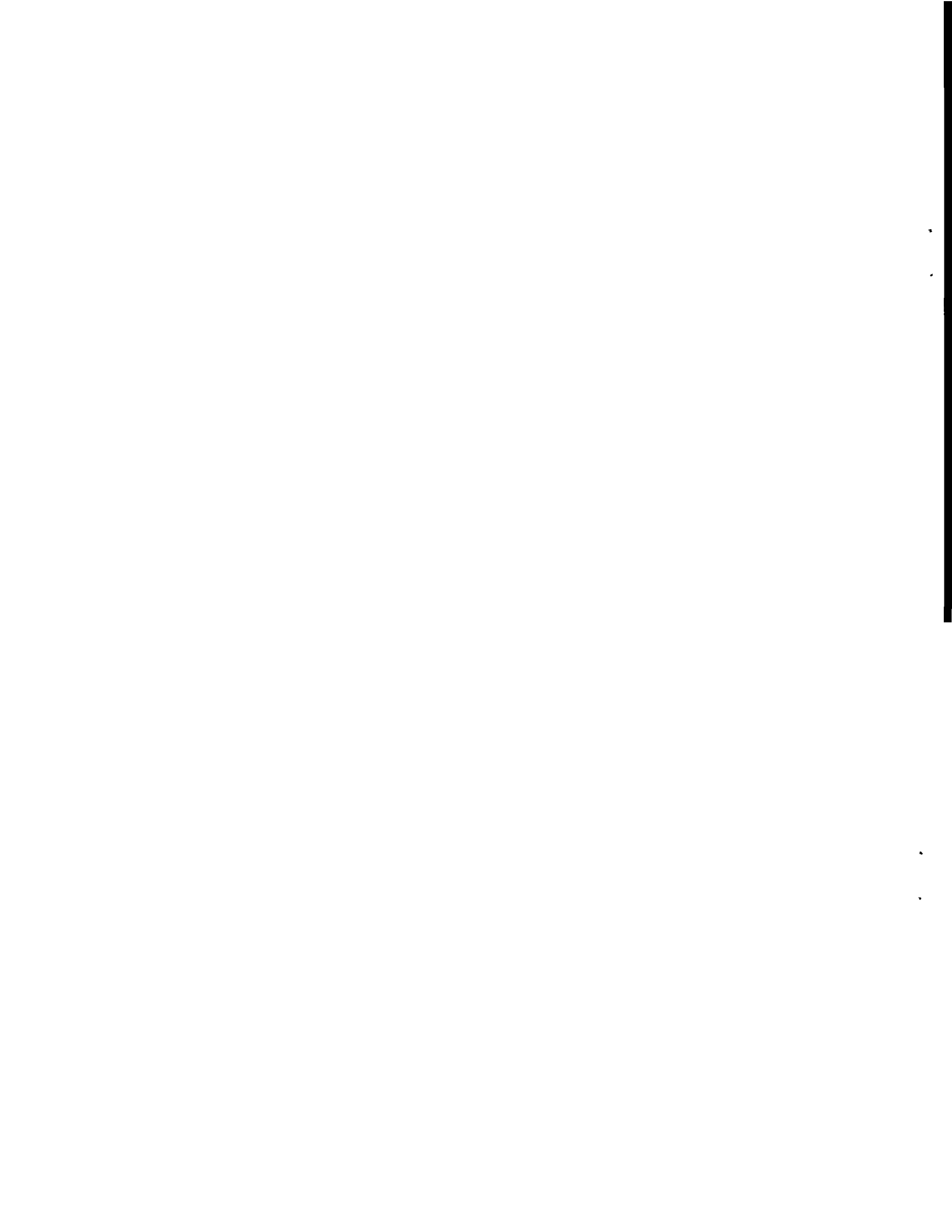
- stable outlook; o positive outlook; oo negative outlook

Note: Moody's ratings are qualified by outlooks and reviews, while S&P ratings are qualified by outlooks and watches.

A review/watch is indicative of a likely short-term movement.

An outlook suggests that a review/watch or a long/intermediate-term movement is likely.

Source: JP Morgan, Emerging Markets Outlook, April 4, 2003



B. Latin American Spreads

Table 2:

Sovereign Spreads on JP Morgan EMBI+ and Latin American Composites									
	EMBI+	Argentina	Brazil	Colombia*	Ecuador	Mexico	Peru	Venezuela	Latin America
31-Jul-98	633	454	608	n.a.	1371	461	515	829	554
31-Aug-98	1524	1278	1421	n.a.	2077	941	941	2575	1328
30-Sep-98	1330	904	1326	n.a.	1903	911	911	1558	1111
31-Oct-98	1190	779	1192	n.a.	1484	819	755	1372	980
30-Nov-98	1070	664	975	n.a.	1221	737	610	1612	858
31-Dec-98	1151	707	1231	n.a.	1631	741	612	1283	941
31-Jan-99	1288	858	1507	n.a.	2055	801	743	1463	1106
28-Feb-99	1330	794	1376	n.a.	2405	722	663	1393	1028
31-Mar-99	1171	683	1041	n.a.	1973	600	562	1121	839
30-Apr-99	1010	596	873	n.a.	1553	532	396	789	709
28-May-99	1157	786	1066	671	1862	647	603	1108	880
30-Jun-99	1070	758	957	667	2113	623	609	896	832
30-Jul-99	1147	853	1053	691	2473	677	610	1024	919
31-Aug-99	1166	776	1124	700	3402	644	700	1174	931
30-Sep-99	1098	663	984	613	4764	596	635	925	823
29-Oct-99	1010	635	851	505	3705	535	613	836	743
30-Nov-99	927	650	806	549	3093	449	526	940	715
31-Dec-99	824	533	636	423	3353	363	443	844	597
31-Jan-00	904	594	758	482	4033	438	482	894	682
20-Feb-00	816	551	688	524	3227	364	432	792	616
31-Mar-00	798	568	679	547	3111	354	518	879	623
28-Apr-00	708	572	742	740	3350	385	512	952	654
31-May-00	784	702	792	739	4499	438	611	985	737
30-Jun-00	712	676	722	722	3926	381	546	895	679
31-Jul-00	680	650	712	662	2846	353	522	837	654
31-Aug-00	643	681	672	686	1340	321	496	780	618
29-Sep-00	677	675	705	722	1261	318	664	798	634
31-Oct-00	745	815	758	768	1331	365	759	860	707
30-Nov-00	805	879	829	818	1441	385	772	902	759
29-Dec-00	756	773	749	755	1415	392	687	958	706
31-Jan-01	674	663	677	697	1230	363	674	838	631
28-Feb-01	748	803	753	646	1268	428	637	850	710
30-Mar-01	784	960	811	645	1366	414	650	874	763
30-Apr-01	773	1039	812	634	1482	366	824	833	766
31-May-01	751	993	858	600	1366	326	774	852	761
29-Jun-01	766	1050	847	541	1303	310	632	847	803
31-Jul-01	940	1599	972	585	1454	360	661	925	1016
31-Aug-01	885	1430	954	540	1411	354	601	916	959
28-Sep-01	1005	1615	1165	626	1516	431	669	995	1103
31-Oct-01	1073	2162	1163	628	1558	412	651	1034	1055
30-Nov-01	1069	3372	976	545	1393	357	572	1055	1119
31-Dec-01	731	4372	863	514	1233	308	521	1130	711
31-Jan-02	713	4379	866	586	1144	304	468	1254	837
28-Feb-02	644	4276	785	651	1147	272	474	1046	765
28-Mar-02	598	5062	718	536	1037	251	419	890	713
30-Apr-02	619	5004	849	578	1000	255	492	873	763
31-May-02	650	5979	981	567	1184	265	512	933	829
28-Jun-02	799	7074	1548	613	1262	323	628	1111	1063
31-Jul-02	991	7008	2341	930	1780	390	865	1226	1350
30-Aug-02	886	6430	1630	898	1704	360	774	1028	1131
30-Sep-02	1041	6553	2395	1084	1975	436	880	1162	1399
31-Oct-02	862	6192	1742	841	1854	372	742	1068	1153
29-Nov-02	778	6240	1606	694	1696	311	636	943	1054
31-Dec-02	765	6391	1446	645	1801	331	610	1127	1007
31-Jan-03	730	6022	1319	703	1524	329	613	1275	977
28-Feb-03	707	6736	1182	676	1522	324	547	1406	943
31-Mar-03	671	6165	1048	602	1372	291	478	1412	869

Source: "Emerging Markets Bond Index Monitors"; JP Morgan

* The Colombia 7 5/8% due 07 and the Colombia 8 5/8% due 08 were added at the end of May 99.

EMBI+ composition by market sector (end-March 2003): Brady, 33.97%; Benchmark Eurobonds, 65.22%; Loans, 0.81%.
by country: Brazil and Mexico account for 42.84% of the total weighting.
by region: Latin: 57.54%; Non-Latin: 42.56%.



EMBI+ Composition (as of March 2003)

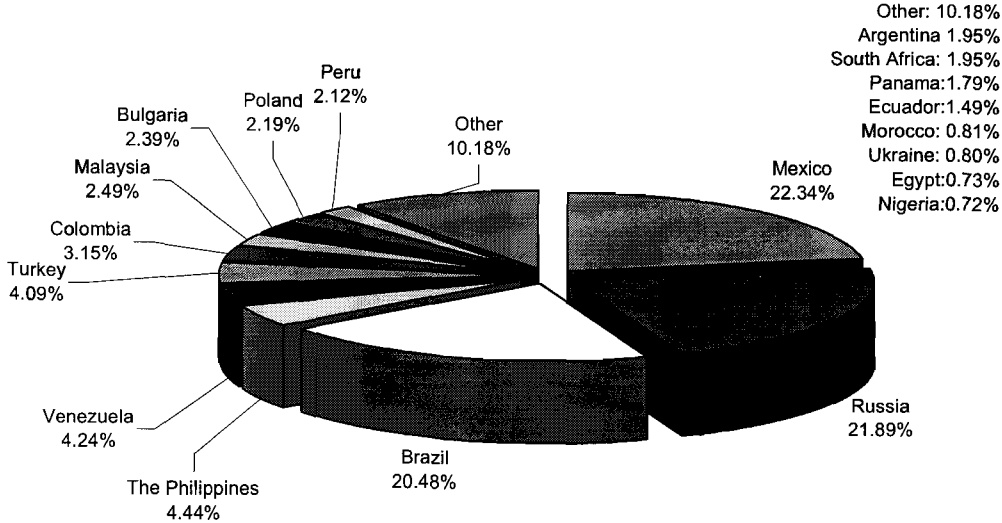




Table 3:

Spreads on 30-year Benchmark Latin Eurobonds June 1998 - March 2002					
Country	Argentina	Brazil	Colombia	Mexico	Venezuela
Coupon	9.750	10.125	8.375	11.500	9.250
Maturity	9/19/27	5/15/27	2/15/27	5/15/26	9/15/27
	(Basis points)				
12-Jun-98	487	573	383	412	555
25-Sep-98	649	1089	803	611	1172
30-Oct-98	608	953	638	579	1011
4-Dec-98	584	954	676	583	1114
8-Jan-99	546	1015	575	514	963
5-Feb-99	637	1036	579	563	1096
4-Mar-99	608	1047	589	495	1092
31-Mar-99	597	826	497	434	949
8-Apr-99	551	768	496	410	951
23-Apr-99	541	701	466	380	752
7-May-99	512	674	478	362	670
28-May-99	660	790	580	429	828
9-Jun-99	648	783	560	422	786
30-Jun-99	675	737	553	403	786
9-Jul-99	771	799	591	417	802
30-Jul-99	685	789	600	434	821
9-Aug-99	719	810	608	450	896
30-Aug-99	638	792	648	413	884
8-Sep-99	566	734	638	400	848
30-Sep-99	531	737	564	394	763
8-Oct-99	511	705	534	384	770
29-Oct-99	524	651	494	377	749
5-Nov-99	519	644	514	367	741
30-Nov-99	529	625	495	321	811
6-Dec-99	510	601	501	308	803
22-Dec-99	431	521	423	282	766
6-Jan-00	444	560	440	304	756
28-Jan-00	483	640	477	344	782
7-Feb-00	450	591	477	279	763
29-Feb-00	458	613	509	254	729
6-Mar-00	456	595	533	233	721
30-Mar-00	510	631	525	292	796
6-Apr-00	538	651	568	316	804
28-Apr-00	540	665	700	327	812
5-May-00	558	713	783	340	929
30-May-00	650	706	733	373	860
6-Jun-00	639	665	692	306	792
30-Jun-00	641	680	706	350	813
6-Jul-00	611	645	681	286	778
28-Jul-00	634	673	655	311	784
7-Aug-00	658	666	679	300	756
30-Aug-00	668	673	642	310	772
8-Sep-00	641	668	651	313	749
29-Sep-00	629	707	688	318	774
2-Oct-00	634	716	685	317	771
27-Oct-00	726	775	789	368	850
6-Nov-00	783	770	770	357	820
30-Nov-00	735	821	805	378	836
1-Dec-00	728	812	800	371	833
21-Dec-00	681	748	742	371	904

Spreads on 30-year Benchmark Latin Eurobonds June 1998 - March 2002					
Country	Argentina	Brazil	Colombia	Mexico	Venezuela
Coupon	9.750	10.125	8.375	11.500	9.250
Maturity	9/19/27	5/15/27	2/15/27	5/15/26	9/15/27
	(Basis points)				
5-Jan-01	639	724	710	382	870
31-Jan-01	597	673	661	362	818
9-Feb-01	624	688	653	375	800
28-Feb-01	695	750	660	397	813
9-Mar-01	642	711	628	359	794
30-Mar-01	765	802	654	393	819
6-Apr-01	739	782	656	372	815
27-Apr-01	793	785	666	347	775
4-May-01	858	805	678	350	778
31-May-01	833	828	657	300	780
1-Jun-01	851	853	674	311	789
29-Jun-01	890	838	617	304	783
2-Jul-01	908	843	628	307	784
31-Jul-01	1345	968	666	353	838
1-Aug-01	1372	968	675	357	838
31-Aug-01	1207	942	611	356	835
4-Sep-01	1178	915	614	335	819
28-Sep-01	1328	1125	704	431	895
1-Oct-01	1378	1134	703	428	895
31-Oct-01	1836	1133	727	420	948
1-Nov-01	2006	1145	726	411	951
30-Nov-01	2448	938	634	354	918
3-Dec-01	2232	906	642	346	909
31-Dec-01	2900	837	614	302	923
2-Jan-02	2840	794	599	298	930
31-Jan-02	2801	837	634	308	1029
1-Feb-02	3051	858	644	306	1033
28-Feb-02	2955	762	671	281	883
1-Mar-02	2914	747	662	274	866
28-Mar-02	3682	712	597	268	796
1-Apr-02	3962	711	590	261	775
30-Apr-02	3533	827	631	269	783
1-May-02	3537	829	636	277	781
31-May-02	4105	930	606	288	826
3-Jun-02	4101	949	589	277	827
28-Jun-02	5011	1392	639	329	937
1-Jul-02	4866	1439	653	329	950
31-Jul-02	-	1873	882	394	1024
1-Aug-02	-	1694	822	369	955
30-Aug-02	-	1471	801	366	894
3-Sep-02	-	1525	822	391	918
30-Sep-02	-	2048	926	436	985
1-Oct-02	-	1936	876	411	950
31-Oct-02	-	1555	745	387	919
1-Nov-02	-	1515	736	376	896
27-Nov-02	-	1460	668	327	844
2-Dec-02	-	1333	658	316	818
20-Dec-02	-	1234	619	321	932
2-Jan-03	-	1219	611	320	947
31-Jan-03	-	1215	662	357	1051
3-Feb-03	-	1192	657	355	1036
28-Feb-03	-	1096	644	343	1125
3-Mar-03	-	1099	648	339	1129
31-Mar-03	-	1005	566	313	1135

Source: "Emerging Markets Debt Daily", Merrill Lynch.



C. New Latin American Debt Issuance:

Table 4:

New Latin American Debt Issuance			
First Quarter of 2003			
Jan-03			
Country	Issuer	Amount (million)	Maturity
Brazil	Banco Bradesco SA	US \$250	14-Oct-03
Chile	Republic of Chile	US \$1000	15-Jan-13
Brazil	Unibanco - Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros	US \$100	16-Jan-04
Brazil	Banco Safra	US \$200	16-Jul-03
Brazil	Banco Votorantim	US \$150	11-Dec-03
Mexico	United Mexican States	US \$2000	16-Jan-13
Brazil	Banco Itau SA	US \$200	17-Dec-03
Brazil	Banco ABN Amro Real SA	US \$100	23-Jan-23
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	US \$600	23-Jan-13
Mexico	Pemex	GBP £250	18-Dec-13
Colombia	Republic of Colombia	US \$500	28-Jan-33
Brazil	Banco do Brasil	US \$100	28-Jan-04
Brazil	Banco ABN Amro Real SA	US \$50	23-Dec-03
Costa Rica	Republic of Costa Rica	US \$250	31-Jan-13
Costa Rica	Republic of Costa Rica	US \$200	31-Jan-08
Total in US\$		6109.20	

Table 5:

Currency Breakdown (% of Latin America's Total)	
Currency	Jan-03
Dollar	93%
Euro	0%
Yen	0%
GBP	7%

Source: ECLAC, on the basis
of data from Merrill Lynch.

Table 6:

Issuer Type Breakdown (% of Latin America's Total)	
Issuer Type	Jan-03
Sovereign*	82.8%
Corporate**	17.2%

Source: ECLAC, on the basis
of data from Merrill Lynch.

*Also includes state owned enterprises,
city and regional governments
(sovereign-supported and sub-sovereign)

**Also includes bank issuance.



Table 7:

New Latin American Debt Issuance			
First Quarter of 2003			
Feb-03			
Country	Issuer	Amount (million)	Maturity
Brazil	Unibanco - Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros	US \$54	4-Aug-03
Peru	Republic of Peru	US \$500	6-Feb-15
Mexico	Pemex	US \$750	15-Aug-08
Brazil	Banco Bradesco SA	US \$75	12-Aug-08
Brazil	BankBoston BCO Multiplo	US \$75	12-Nov-03
Brazil	Banco Bradesco SA	US \$150	19-Dec-03
Brazil	Banco Votorantim	US \$54	19-Aug-03
Brazil	Unibanco - Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros	US \$100	26-Nov-03
Brazil	Banco ABN Amro Real SA	US \$50	27-Aug-04
Brazil	Banespa (Banco do Estado Sao)	US \$50	20-Feb-04
Brazil	Banco Itau SA	US \$65	19-Aug-03
Panama	Republic of Panama	US\$ 275	30-Sep-27
Total in US\$		US\$2,198	

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch, "Emerging Markets Daily".

Table 8:

Currency Breakdown	
(% of Latin America's Total)	
Currency	Feb-03
Dollar	94%
Euro	6%
Yen	0%

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

Table 9:

Issuer Type Breakdown	
(% of Latin America's Total)	
Issuer Type	Feb-03
Sovereign*	69.38%
Corporate**	30.62%

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

*Also includes state owned enterprise and regional governments (sovereign-supported and sub-sovereign)

**Also includes bank issuance.

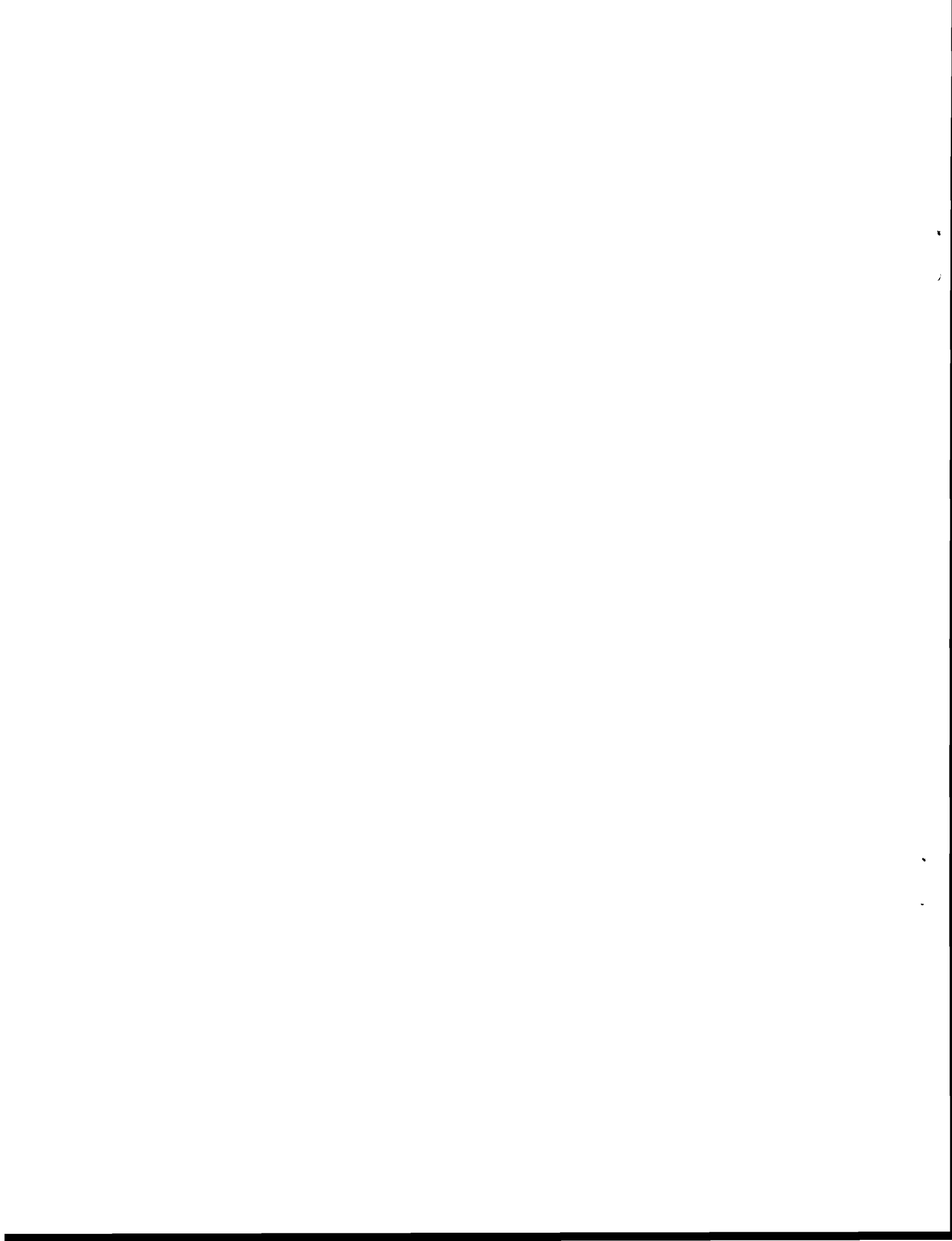


Table 10:

New Latin American Debt Issuance			
First Quarter of 2003			
Mar-03			
Country	Issuer	Amount US (million)	Maturity
Mexico	United Mexican States	\$1,000.00	3-Mar-15
El Salvador	Republic of El Salvador	\$348.50	24-Jan-23
Peru	Republic of Peru	\$250.00	6-Feb-15
Brazil	Banco ABN Amro Real SA	\$150.00	12-Sep-03
Brazil	Unibanco - Uniao de Bancos Brasileiros	\$125.00	17-Sep-03
Brazil	Banco Safra	\$250.00	2-Dec-03
Mexico	Pemex	\$500.00	1-Feb-22
Brazil	Banco ABN Amro Real SA	\$150.00	31-Dec-03
Brazil	Petrobras	\$400.00	1-Apr-08
Total in US\$		\$3,174	

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch, "Emerging Markets Daily".

Table 11:

Currency Breakdown	
(% of Latin America's Total)	
Currency	Mar-03
Dollar	100%
Euro	0%
Yen	0%

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

Table 12:

Issuer Type Breakdown	
(% of Latin America's Total)	
Issuer Type	Mar-03
Sovereign*	78.7%
Corporate**	21.3%

Source: ECLAC, on the basis of data from Merrill Lynch.

*Also includes state owned enterprises, city and regional governments (sovereign-supported and sub-sovereign)

**Also includes bank issuance.

