Limited GDP benefits of Basel III expected for developing economies

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Summary

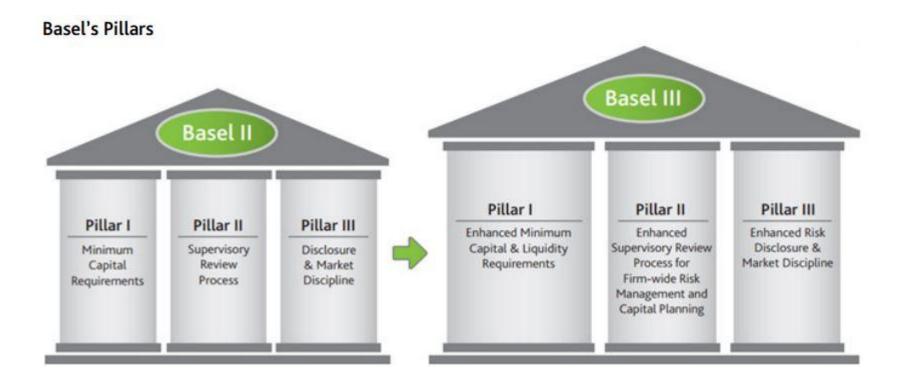
In this comment were estimated the net benefits of Basel III implementation for a diverse sample of developing economies:

- Brazil, Mexico;
- China, India;
- Nigeria, South Africa;
- Russia, Ukraine.

The main aim of the study is to examine the long-term effect on GDP growth.



Basel III – A Quick Primer



The goal of the proposed Basel III reforms is to strengthen both **microprudential** regulations (by increasing the stability of individual banking institutions)

and macroprudential regulations (by reducing systemic risks).



Methodology Overview

The methodology considers the long-term effects on GDP because:

- there are data constraints in calculating the short-term costs;
- national regulations are still not in line with Basel III requirements;
- bank data on risk-weighted assets and liquidity ratios are under Basel II calculations;

Costs of Basel III

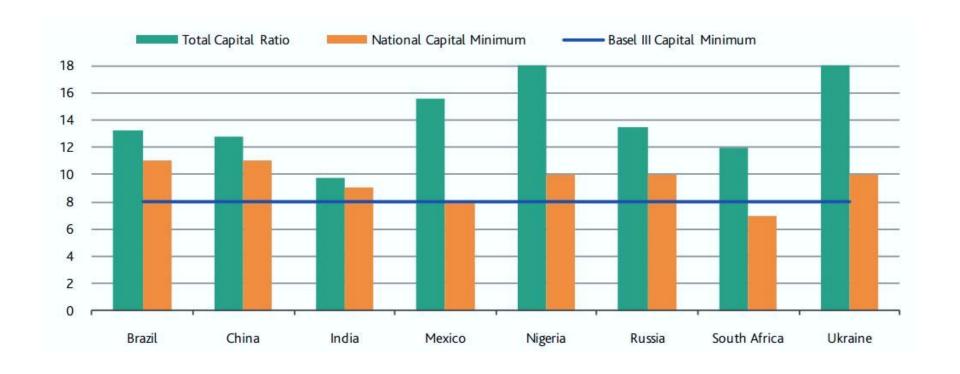
- how higher capital ratios affects bank lending spreads;
- •translating the increase in bank lending spreads into an impact on GDP.

Benefits of Basel III

 more stringent regulations reduce the probability and severity of future financial crises



Minor Benefit for a Majority of Countries



the higher the existing capital levels, the smaller the net benefits from increased capital.



Impact of Raising Equity on Banks' Lending Spreads



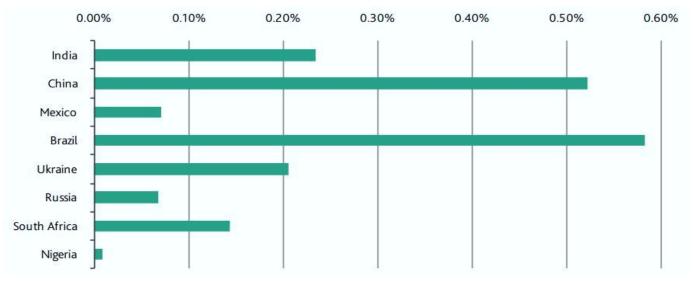
these results lead to two observations:

- the increases in lending spreads are mostly similar for countries in a given region, except Latin America;
- the highest calculated lending spread increases are in Brazil,
 Russia and Ukraine.

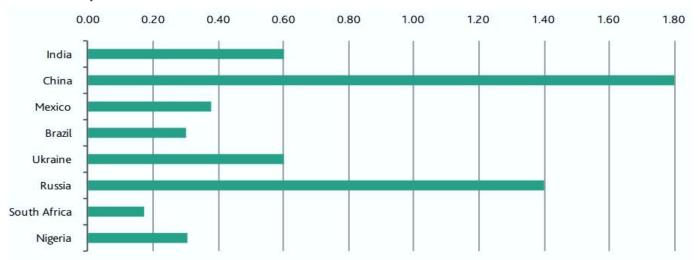


Costs of Basel III on GDP (other components)

Increase in Firms' Cost of Capital (in basis points)

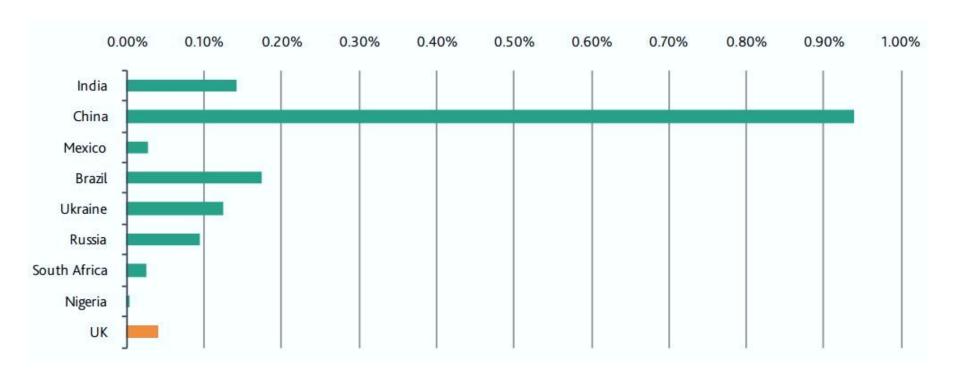


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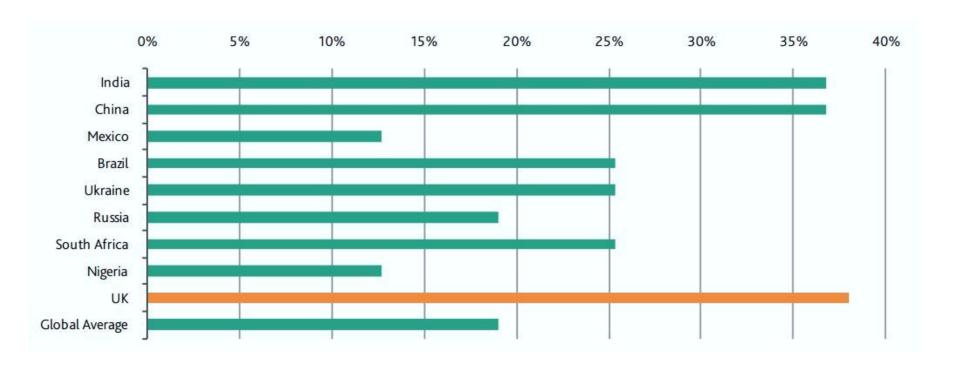
Basel III Costs (as a % of GDP)



- the combination of previous factors yields the different costs of Basel III implementation;
- UK were added as a benchmark.



GDP Loss from a Crisis

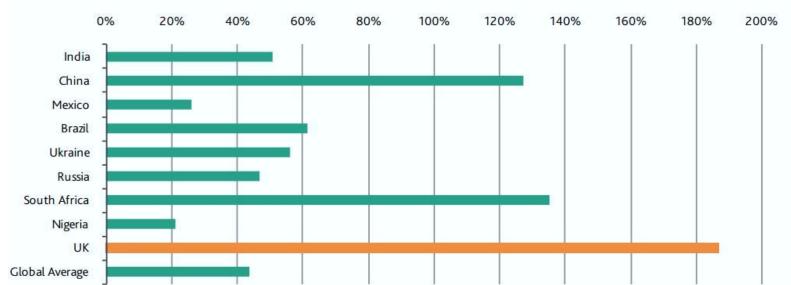


the cumulative GDP loss from a financial crisis in each specific country

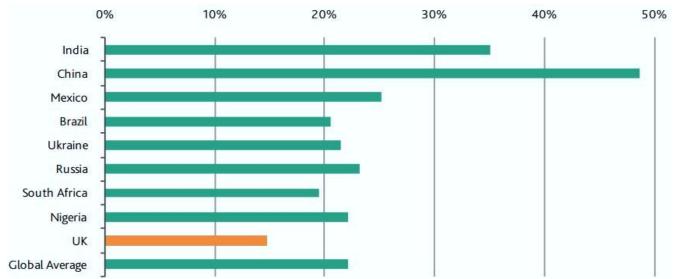


Financial development assessment



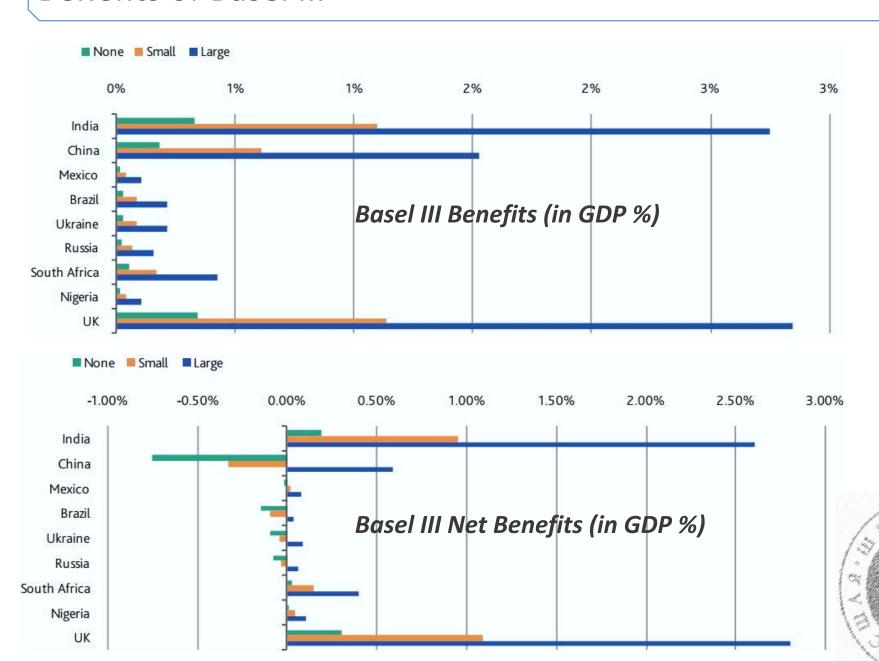


Investment share in GDP





Benefits of Basel III



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