

BETTER POLICIES FOR BETTER LIVES

The 2015 Revision of the G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance

2015 OECD RUSSIA CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ROUNDTABLE

Moscow, 22 October 2015

Mats Isaksson Head of the Corporate Affairs Division, OECD

The OECD Corporate Governance Committee

- Delegates from all OECD Member Countries
- International Organisations (FSB, World Bank, BIS)
- Numerous Partner Countries



Corporate Governance: Not and end in itself

- Create an environment of trust and accountability
- Promote economic efficiency, sustainable growth and financial stability
- Facilitate corporate access to capital
- Increase investment



Main Policy Tools

- Company law
- Securities market regulation
- Stock market listing requirements
- Accounting and auditing standards



The Committee's Role

- Standard setting, monitoring and implementation assessment
- Economic analysis, data gathering and information sharing
- Country support and reform assistance



The G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance

- First issued in 1999
- One of the FSB's Key Standards for Sound Financial Systems
- Revised in 2015
- Endorsed by the G20 in September 2015



The Review Process

- Under the responsibility of the OECD
- All G20 countries invited on an equal footing
- Regional consultations, including in Latin America, Asia and MENA
- Experts meetings and online public consultation receiving submissions from a great variety of stakeholders



Supported by Data and Analysis





OECD Publications on Corporate Governance http://www.oecd.org/corporate

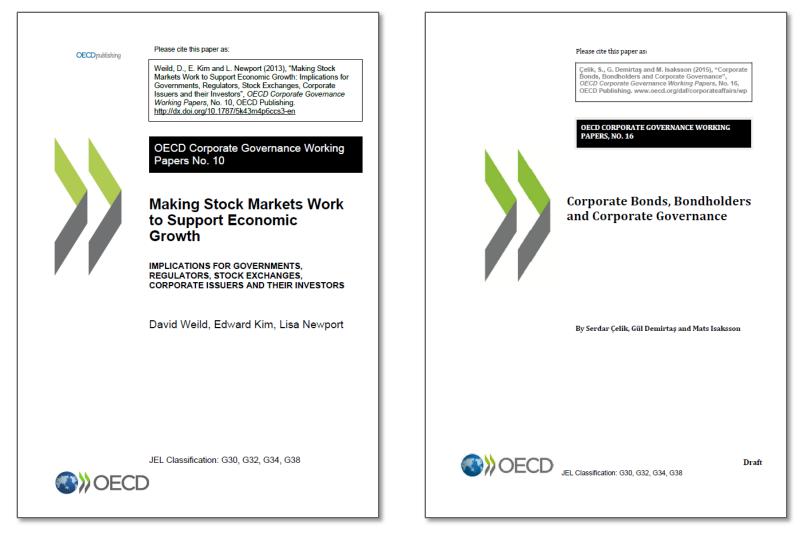
Supported by Data and Analysis



OECD

OECD Publications on Corporate Governance http://www.oecd.org/corporate

Supported by Data and Analysis



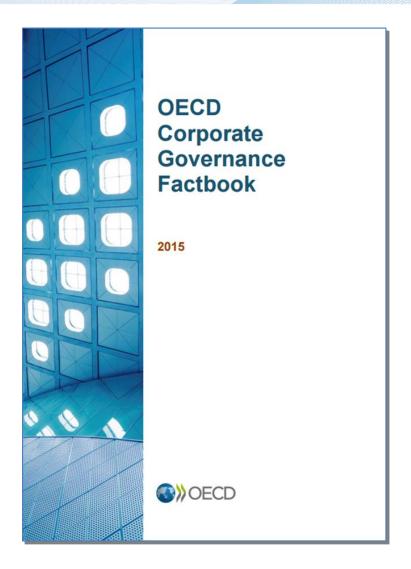


OECD Corporate Governance Working Papers http://www.oecd.org/corporate

Thematic Peer Reviews



Corporate Governance Factbook





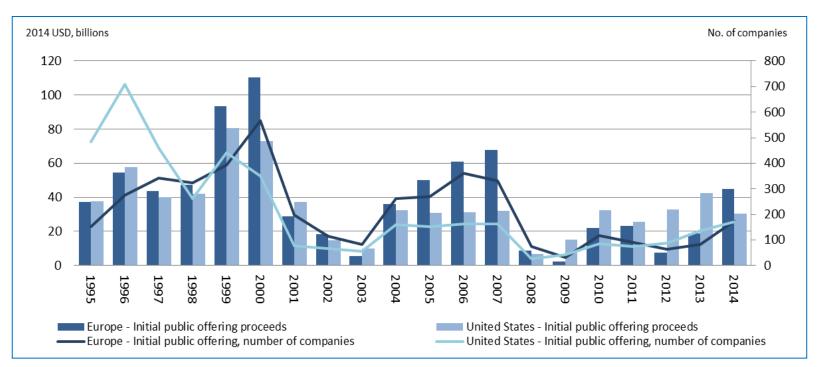
OECD Publications on Corporate Governance http://www.oecd.org/corporate

Some Key Developments Identified

- The financial crisis
- Developments in institutional ownership, investment strategies and trading techniques
- Developments in the investment chain and the use of service providers
- Developments in shareholder rights and participation
- Developments in corporate characteristics and business models
- Developments in corporate ownership
- Developments in the functioning of public stock markets



IPOs by US and European Non-Financial Companies

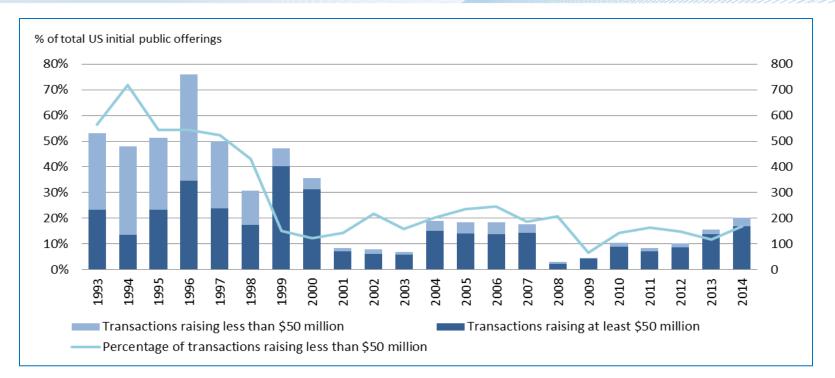


Source: Thomson Reuters, OECD calculations

- In the US;
 - 1995-2000 annual average number: 451
 - 2001-2014 annual average number:104
- In Europe;
 - 1995-2000 annual average number: 343
 - 2001-2014 annual average number:160



The decline in small company IPOs in the US

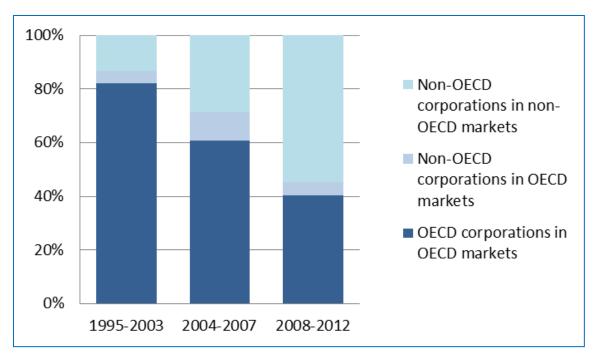


Source: Thomson Reuters, OECD calculations

- In the 1993-1997 period, small companies constituted 58% of all IPOs on average.
- Declined to 17% in 2014.



The global shift

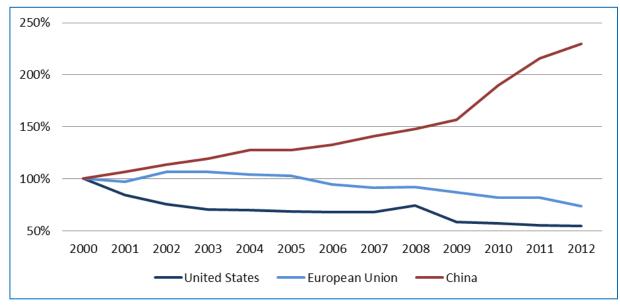


Source: OECD calculations, based on data from Thomson Reuters New Issues Database, Datastream, stock exchanges' and companies' websites.

- Non-OECD markets from serving 20% to 60 % of all IPOs
- Less reliance on OECD markets compared to 2004-2007



Number of Listed Companies

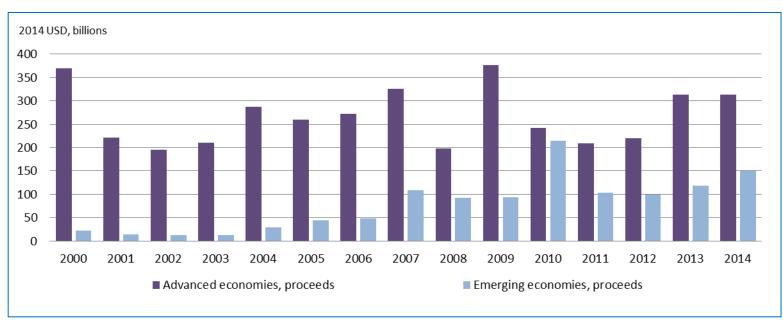


Source: World Bank World Development Indicators

• Some of the largest advanced stock markets have lost half of their publicly listed companies in the last 10 years.



Secondary Public Offerings by Non-Financial Companies

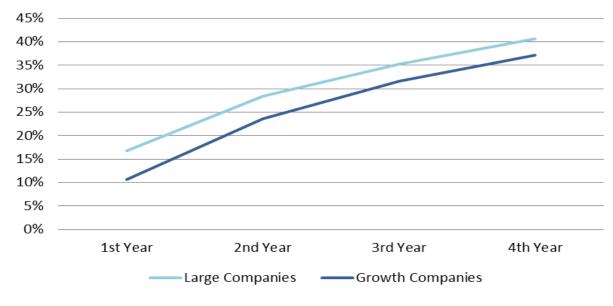


Source: Thomson Reuters, OECD calculations.

- Every year since 2000; total SPO amount > total IPO amount.
- In 2009, companies from advanced economies raised a record level: USD 376 billion (12 x IPO).



Proportion of non-financial companies making an SPO following their IPOs



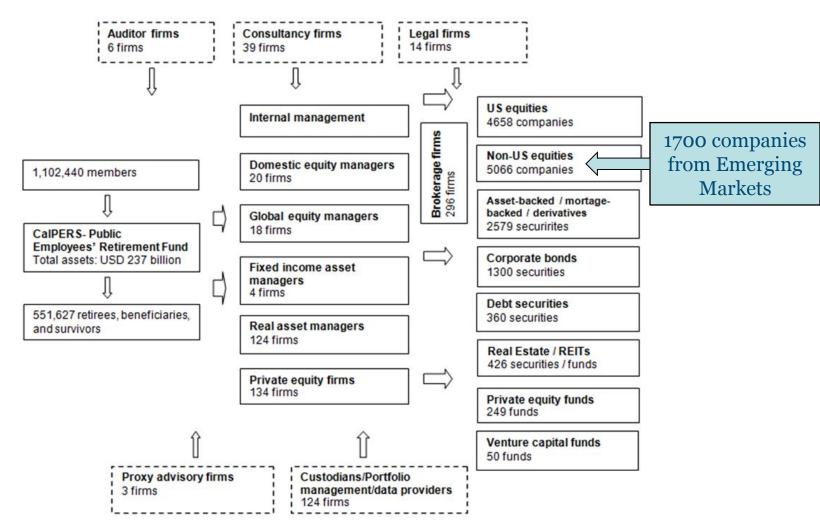


- Four years after the IPO, 37% of all growth companies and 41% of large companies had made an SPO.
- Once they are actually listed, small and large companies have similar access to public equity markets.



Developments in the investment chain and the use of service providers

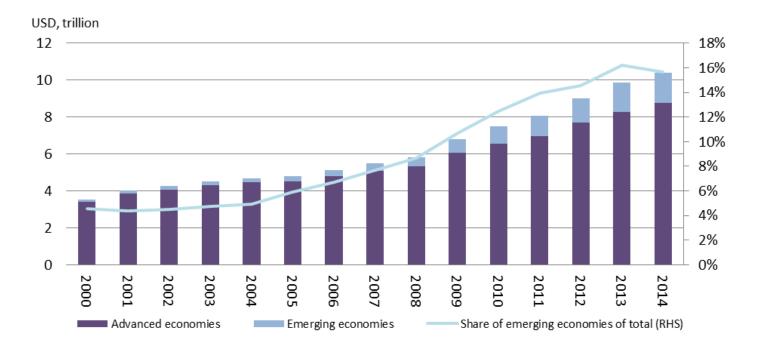
CalPERS case





Source: CalPERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Financial Year Ended June 30, 2012 and CalPERs Annual Investment Report, Financial Year Ended June 30, 2012

Outstanding Amounts of Non-Financial Company Corporate Bonds

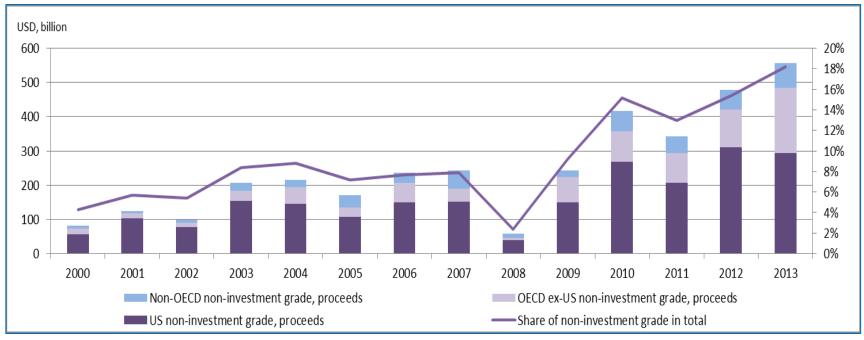


- Advanced economies: USD 3.4 trillion in 2000, USD 8.8 trillion in 2014.
- Share of emerging market companies:
 - 2000: 5% (USD 162 billion)
 - 2014: 15% (USD 1.6 trillion)



Investors taking on more risk -1

Increase in non-investment grade bonds

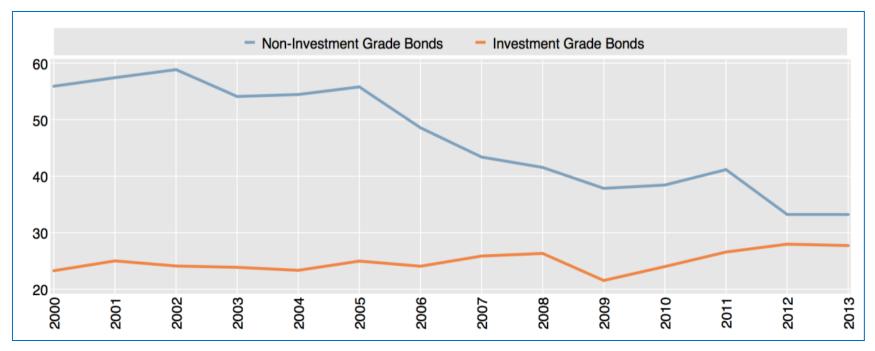


- Non-investment grade bonds; USD 82 billion in 2000 to USD 556 billion in 2013 (600% increase).
- Callable bonds; 16% in 2008 and 35% in 2013.
- Shift from floating to fixed rate bonds.



Investors taking on more risk -2

The weakening of covenants

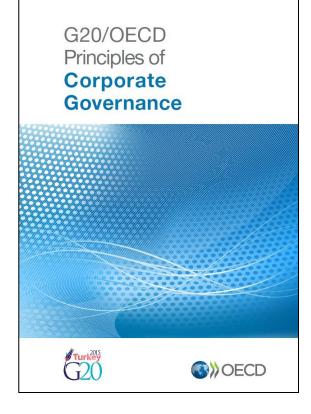


Source: Mergent Fixed Investment Securities Database , OECD calculations.

- Covenant: Conditions in a bond contract that restrict payout, financing and investment policies of the issuer.
- Index for non-investment grade bonds: 59% in 2002 and 33% in 2013.



The G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance



- Based on facts and the expertise of policy makers, regulators, business and other stakeholders from around the world
- Introduce some new issues and bring greater emphasis to others
- New chapter on institutional investors, stock markets and other intermediaries



Covers Six Main Areas

- I. Ensuring the basis for an effective corporate governance framework
- II. The rights and equitable treatment of shareholders and key ownership functions
- III. Institutional investors, stock markets and other intermediaries
- IV. The role of stakeholders in corporate governance
- V. Disclosure and transparency
- VI. The responsibilities of the board



Some Highlights - 1

The Principles;

- are formulated so they can be adapted to country and company specific circumstances.
- can be useful to improve corporate governance in smaller and unlisted companies.



Some Highlights - 2

- Emphasis on the quality of supervision and enforcement
- The role of stock markets in supporting good corporate governance
- The use of information technology at shareholder meetings
- The procedures for approval of related party transactions
- New chapter addressing the need for sound economic incentives throughout the investment chain
- Address the conflicts of interest that may compromise the integrity of proxy advisors, analysts, brokers, rating agencies and others service providers



Thank you for your attention!

