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## Abstract

This paper uses a natural experiment to show that government access to foreign credit increases private access to credit. I identify a sudden, unanticipated, and arguably exogenous increase in capital inflows to the sovereign debt market in Colombia. This was due to J.P. Morgan's inclusion of Colombian bonds into its emerging markets local currency government debt index, which led to an increase in the share of sovereign debt held by foreigners from 8.5 to 19 percent. This event had significant and heterogeneous effects on Colombia's commercial banks: banks that acted as market makers in the treasury market reduced their sovereign debt holdings by 7.8 percentage points of assets and increased their commercial credit availability by 4.2 percentage points of assets compared to the rest of the banks. The differential increase in credit was around 2 percent of GDP. Industry level evidence suggests that this had positive effects on the real economy. A higher exposure to market makers led to a higher growth in employment, production, sales and GDP.

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# 1 Introduction

How do public and private access to credit interact? Economic theory suggests that when governments borrow from domestic institutions this may lead to a crowding out of private credit.<sup>1</sup> This crowding out depends crucially on public access to foreign credit. When there is little access to foreign investors, governments rely heavily on local financial institutions to absorb the issuance of debt. If foreign investors become willing to purchase sovereign debt, the reliance on local financial institutions may be reduced, freeing resources for the private sector. As a result, local firms may be able to finance investment projects and boost economic activity.

Although intuitive, there is no clear evidence on this topic because of the identification challenges. Notice that sovereign risk, sovereign bond holdings of banks and foreigners, and loans to the private sector are all jointly determined. For instance, an improvement in local economic conditions may increase both foreign investor demand for sovereign debt and credit demand from local firms. In such a case, one would observe both an increase in the share of sovereign debt held by foreign investors and an increase in private credit, but this correlation would not imply causation. This common problem illustrates the difficulty of finding causal evidence on this issue.

The main contribution of this paper is using a novel episode to overcome the identification problems previously encountered in the literature. By doing so, I provide clear evidence that government access to foreign credit increases private access to credit and boosts economic activity. I exploit a sudden, unanticipated and exogenous shock that triggered the entrance of foreign investors to the local currency sovereign debt market in Colombia.<sup>2</sup> In March 2014, J.P. Morgan announced the inclusion of several Colombian treasury bonds into its emerging markets local currency government debt index. Since many international mutual funds track their performance against this index, they changed their portfolio suddenly, directing capital flows to the Colombian local currency sovereign debt market.

This shock had a number of appealing features for identification. First, the timing of the decision of J.P. Morgan seems to be unrelated with the local economic conditions in Colombia. Second, it was sizable: the share of debt held by foreigners in this market went from 8.5 to 19 percent in only 7 months (Figure 1). Third, it appears to have been unanticipated.

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<sup>1</sup>See for instance [Diamond \(1965\)](#).

<sup>2</sup>As shown by [Du et al. \(2016\)](#) and [Du and Schreger \(2016\)](#) most of the local (foreign) currency sovereign bonds in emerging markets are issued under domestic (foreign) law, and traded in domestic (foreign) markets. Thus, the terms domestic sovereign debt and local currency sovereign debt will be used interchangeably throughout the paper.

Fourth, provided that the index is specific to government debt, it does not directly affect flows to the private sector.

I find that the entrance of foreign investors had sizable effects on commercial banks. Moreover, it had heterogeneous effects on banks according to their participation in the local currency sovereign debt market. In Colombia, the Ministry of Finance selects financial institutions to act as market makers or official intermediaries in the treasury market. Each of the intermediaries participating in the program is obliged to absorb 4.5 percent of the total debt issued by the government in the primary market. I find that market maker banks reduced their domestic sovereign debt holdings by 7.8 percentage points of assets, compared to the rest of the banks. Using data either at the city-zone or industry level, I also show that they increased differentially their commercial credit availability by 4.2 percentage points of their assets. Results show a considerable substitution between sovereign debt and commercial credit. This effect is also economically significant, around 2 percent of Colombia's GDP.

I analyze whether the shock had real effects by looking at evidence at the industry level. I obtain data on monthly employment, production and sales from the Monthly Manufacturing Polls conducted by the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE), and data on GDP by industry from the Quarterly National Accounts database. I construct a proxy for the exposure to market maker banks at the industry level, and find that industries more exposed to market makers had higher growth of employment, production, sales and GDP during this period.

I conduct several robustness checks to confirm the results. I estimate the cross-sectional coefficients of a regression of credit growth on a dummy variable indicating whether a bank is a market maker or not. I find that the coefficients are only statistically significant during the rebalancing, showing an important support for the identification strategy. I discard several alternative hypotheses. Most importantly, the effect on credit growth is not driven by valuation effects on the balance sheet of banks.

The evidence is consistent with the following narrative. Before the entrance of foreign investors, there was a crowding out of private credit. The domestic sovereign debt market was dominated by local participants and the investor base was undiversified. Therefore, the government used market makers to absorb debt issued in the primary market. Since the secondary market was less liquid, market makers kept part of the issued debt in their balance sheet because it was difficult to find investors to offload this debt.<sup>3</sup> As foreign institutional

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<sup>3</sup>As defined by [Reinhart and Sbrancia \(2011\)](#) this could be an implicit form of financial repression. [Ongena et al. \(2016\)](#) document a similar channel for banks during the European Sovereign Debt Crisis.

investors entered the domestic sovereign debt market, they sold the excess of debt that could not offload before and used the proceeds to extend credit.

This paper contributes to two broad strands of literature. From a macroeconomic perspective, it is related to the literature on the interrelationship between the supply of credit to public and private sectors. This line of research has received a lot of attention during the recent European Sovereign Debt Crisis, emphasizing two different mechanisms. On the one hand, there is a line of research highlighting that an increase in the home bias of sovereign debt holdings crowds out private credit. For instance, [Broner et al. \(2014\)](#) propose a model with creditor discrimination and crowding out effects that accounts for the reallocation of credit from the private to the public sector observed in the euro zone periphery during the European Sovereign Debt crisis. [Becker and Ivashina \(2014\)](#) and [Altavilla et al. \(2015\)](#) also provide empirical evidence consistent with this reallocation channel. On the other hand, there is a part of the literature that emphasizes how shifts in sovereign risk affect the balance sheets of banks. For example, [Bolton and Jeanne \(2011\)](#), [Gennaioli et al. \(2014\)](#) and [Perez \(2015\)](#) propose models in which sovereign defaults hurt the balance sheet of banks and reduce private credit. From an empirical point of view, [Bofondi et al. \(2013\)](#), [Acharya et al. \(2014\)](#), [Gennaioli et al. \(2014\)](#), and [Baskaya and Kalemli-Ozcan \(2016\)](#) present evidence consistent with this channel.<sup>4</sup> Most of these papers have problems identifying an exogenous shock that exclusively affects foreign demand for sovereign debt. I provide such a shock and to the best of my knowledge this paper is the first to use this type of event and separate between the two channels highlighted by the literature.

Second, from a finance perspective, this paper contributes to a growing literature on the aggregate effects of institutional investors. Since the Global Financial Crisis, there has been an increased interest in the activities of financial intermediaries other than traditional banks. Investment activities by mutual funds have been at the core of the discussion and index-tracking funds have received special attention because of their exponential growth in size.<sup>5</sup> There have been several studies analyzing the consequences on financial markets of the presence of these funds. For instance, [Chang et al. \(2014\)](#) and [Raddatz et al. \(2015\)](#) document

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<sup>4</sup>This empirical literature is closely related to the growing literature on the real effects from credit supply changes. See among others [Gan \(2007\)](#), [Ivashina and Scharfstein \(2010\)](#), [Iyer and Peydro \(2011\)](#), [Jimenez et al. \(2012\)](#), [Jimenez et al. \(2014\)](#), [Iyer et al. \(2014\)](#). Within this literature my paper is more related to several papers studying the effect of international shocks to emerging markets and lending by banks. See [Khwaja and Mian \(2008\)](#), [Paravisini \(2008\)](#), and [Schnabl \(2012\)](#) for episodes in Pakistan, Argentina and Peru, respectively.

<sup>5</sup>This phenomenon is the consequence of a large switch of investor funds from active to passive funds and a documented movement of active funds into more passive investment strategies. See among others [Cremers and Petajisto \(2009\)](#).

the price effects generated by these funds during index rebalancing periods. [Sullivan and Xiong \(2012\)](#), [Bhattacharya et al. \(2013\)](#), [Ben-David et al. \(2014\)](#), and [Israeli et al. \(2015\)](#) show that index-tracking investors increase market vulnerability and volatility.<sup>6</sup> However, the evidence on the possible economic consequences of index-tracking investors is slim as highlighted by [Wurgler \(2010\)](#).<sup>7</sup> To the best of my knowledge, this paper is the first attempt to document that international capital flows by index-tracking investors have effects on the real economy.

More broadly, this paper contributes to the literature on the relationship between international capital flows, credit booms and economic activity. On the one hand, there are several studies analyzing whether capital inflows lead to higher credit growth and an increase in economic activity.<sup>8</sup> On the other hand, there are several studies analyzing the relationship between large capital inflows and the consequences for the economy.<sup>9</sup> Most of these studies have problems addressing endogeneity issues, since capital flows are almost always related to local economic conditions. I contribute to this literature by using an exogenous increase in capital inflows for identification. Thus, I provide evidence that capital inflows to the sovereign debt market cause an increase in credit growth and an expansion in economic activity.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. [Section 2](#) provides the empirical setting, with a detailed account of the index rebalancing. [Section 3](#) provides evidence on the consequences of the event for the sovereign debt market in Colombia. [Section 4](#) presents the identification strategy and empirical analysis for the results on bank lending. [Section 5](#) shows the results for the real economic activity. [Section 7](#) discusses the external validity of the results. [Section](#)

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<sup>6</sup>More broadly, there is a large literature on the aggregate effects of international mutual funds on financial markets. See among others [Broner et al. \(2006\)](#), [Jotikasthira et al. \(2012\)](#), [Levy-Yeyati and Williams \(2012\)](#) and [Raddatz and Schmukler \(2012\)](#).

<sup>7</sup>There has been a recent literature focusing on the real effects of institutional investors flows in general. [Chernenko and Sunderam \(2012\)](#) analyze how flows into high-yield mutual funds have effects on the issuance of firms and their investments. [Adelino et al. \(2014\)](#) document how changes in credit ratings by Municipalities in the United States have consequences for public financing and for economic activity. [Almeida et al. \(2015\)](#) and [Adelino and Ferreira \(2015\)](#) document how credit ratings upgrades and downgrades affect firms' real investment decisions and banks' credit supply.

<sup>8</sup>For instance, [Mendoza and Terrones \(2012\)](#) find that credit booms are positively correlated with net capital inflows. [Calderon and Kubota \(2012\)](#) suggest that private capital inflows are good predictors of credit booms. In a more granular approach, [Lane and McQuade \(2014\)](#) argue that only net debt inflows generate domestic credit growth in European countries. In a related theoretical and empirical work, [Blanchard et al. \(2015\)](#) find that only equity inflows are correlated to credit expansions.

<sup>9</sup>[Reinhart and Reinhart \(2009\)](#) study how capital flow bonanzas affect the likelihood of economic crises. [Caballero \(2016\)](#) shows that capital inflows bonanzas increase the probability of banking crises. [Kalantzis \(2015\)](#) and [Benigno et al. \(2015\)](#) study the changes in the sectorial allocation of resources due to large capital inflows.

6 concludes.

## 2 Empirical Setting

### 2.1 Indexing in International Markets

International indexes (or international benchmarks) are broad market indexes of different assets that involve several countries. They are constructed by different companies (index providers) such as Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) for international equities or J.P. Morgan for international debt securities. The former constructs, for instance, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and, the latter, the J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI), two of the most recognized indexes in the world for emerging countries.

The construction process for these indexes involves different broad steps that are used by almost all index providers. They first define the main scope of a benchmark index (such as, geography, industry, and type of firms) and in which category each country is classified at each point in time (developed, emerging, or frontier). Then, they select a number of securities that fall within the scope and meet the size, market capitalization, liquidity, and other requirements. Each of these securities gets a loading (or inclusion factor) in the index portfolio assigned by the index producer according to how much it meets the index-construction criteria and how accessible it is to investors (given by the free-float market capitalization, restrictions to foreign investors, and so forth). The return of the index consists of the returns of its constituent securities, using various approaches to aggregate fluctuations in individual instruments (e.g., Laspeyres, chain-weighting). Namely, each index captures the market capitalization weighted returns of all constituents included in the index.<sup>10</sup> The indexes are periodically rebalanced to ensure their continuity and representativeness.

Countries' weights in a specific index are assembled with the portfolio weights of individual securities included in a benchmark index, aggregated at the country level according to the market where the security was issued. That is, international benchmark indexes are typically constructed using a bottom-up approach and consist of composite stock or bond market indexes that include securities from many countries as constituents.

The market for local currency sovereign debt indexes is mainly dominated by the World Government Bond Index (WGBI) by Citigroup and the Government Bond Index Emerging Markets (GBI-EM) by J.P. Morgan. The former is a local currency government bond index

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<sup>10</sup>More recently, index providers have focused on constructing alternative indexes not based on market capitalization (such as GDP-weighted indexes or fundamentals based indexes).

that includes securities mainly from developed markets. The latter only includes emerging market government debt in local currency.<sup>11</sup> While many more funds track the WGBI (approximately 1.5 trillions U.S. dollars) than the GBI-EM (200 billions U.S. dollars), the weights of emerging countries significantly differ in both indexes. For instance, Mexico (one of the few emerging countries included in both indexes) has a weight of around 0.7 percent in the WGBI and of 10 percent in the GBI-EM. Thus, the exposure of emerging markets is generally lower in the WGBI.

These indexes have become popular and are frequently used as benchmarks by international mutual funds, which manage a significant part of international assets. By helping alleviate agency problems, benchmarks allow the underlying investors and supervisors to evaluate and discipline fund managers on a short-run basis using, for example, the tracking error of the fund (the deviation of its returns from the benchmark returns). To the extent that the investment strategy of these funds is pinned down by the composition of their benchmark indexes, changes in the weights that a popular benchmark gives to different countries can trigger a similar rebalancing among the funds that track it and result in sizeable movements in international portfolio allocations, capital flows and asset prices.

## 2.2 Benchmark Change in Colombia

On March 19th 2014, J.P. Morgan announced the inclusion of five Colombian bonds into its benchmark indexes. J.P. Morgan constructs three type of major international indexes: (i) foreign currency denominated sovereign debt; (ii) local currency denominated sovereign debt and; (iii) corporate debt. The addition of these bonds involved only local currency sovereign debt indexes, namely the Government Bond Emerging Markets Indexes (GBI-EM). The securities introduced were treasury bonds (named TES) issued by the Colombian government with maturities in 2016, 2018, 2022, 2024 and 2028. The process was done in a phased approach starting at the end of May 2014 and finishing at the end of September 2014. The most popular index, the GBI-EM Global Diversified saw a large rebalancing of Colombia's benchmark weight.<sup>12</sup> It went from nearly 3 to almost 8 percent, representing the largest restructuring by J.P. Morgan in one of its indexes. At the time of the announcement there were estimations of 10 billions U.S. dollars in inflows into the Colombian government

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<sup>11</sup>J.P. Morgan also constructs the Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI) which is a foreign currency sovereign debt index. Since emerging markets governments shifted their preference towards local currency debt, this index has been steadily declining in popularity.

<sup>12</sup>The benchmark weight of a country is defined as the sum of the market capitalization of all securities issued in a country divided by the total market capitalization of all the securities included in the benchmark index.



debt market with an estimated outstanding debt of 90 billions U.S. dollars.<sup>13</sup>

This event has several appealing features from an identification perspective. First, the timing of the event seems to be unrelated to local policy changes in Colombia. The reason for Colombia's inclusion in the index revolves around an improvement in market accessibility and transparency. The note provided to investors by J.P. Morgan stated: "As a result of improved transparency and accessibility for international investors in the local TES market, Colombia sufficiently meets inclusion requirements for complete GBI-EM inclusion." This note did not mention a specific policy change as the trigger for this inclusion. At the time of the announcement, many newspapers highlighted that this decision could have been motivated by Law 1607 of January 2013, which reduced taxes on foreign investors' earnings from domestic securities from 33 to 14 percent. However, J.P. Morgan only announced the inclusion of these bonds in March 2014, despite having monthly periodical rebalancings. The gap of more than 1 year suggests that it is unlikely that this policy was the real trigger of the event. Thus, the timing of this decision appears to be unrelated to any changes in economic policies in Colombia.

Second, the event was unanticipated by the markets. Around the years 2013-2014 there were many events affecting Colombia as a country. Then, it is useful to observe the evolution of the price of domestic sovereign bonds in Colombia. (Figure 2, Panel A). The tax reform seems to have a positive impact on the price of these bonds (while part of this upward trend was due to a global factor driving up bond prices of emerging markets during large part of 2012). Not long after the tax reform, the Federal Reserve of the United States started considering unwinding quantitative easing (Taper Tantrum). The beginning of this event was marked by the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's suggestion of this unwinding in his testimony before Congress on May 22, 2013. Bond prices of emerging markets dropped sharply around that period, and Colombia's bonds were not an exception as they experienced a drop of nearly 12 percent during that summer. Prices remained low during the rest of 2013, mostly due to the uncertainty generated by Taper Tantrum talks. Upon the announcement by J.P. Morgan in March, Colombian bonds increased in price by almost 5 percent in two weeks. Most of this gain was reversed by the end of the rebalancing in October. The pattern in the price of these bonds suggests that the event was unexpected as there was a sharp and sudden increase upon its announcement.<sup>14</sup>

Third, as the affected index contains only government debt, the event only affected capital

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<sup>13</sup>Reuters (2014).

<sup>14</sup>Section 3.4.3 provides an account of the exchange rate evolution during this period. Since there were large capital inflows, the exchange rate appreciated considerably during the first part of the rebalancing.

flows to the sovereign debt market, and not private capital flows. This is further confirmed by looking at capital flows from the Balance of Payments in Colombia (Figure 2, Panel B). Foreign direct investment and private portfolio flows only experienced a slight increase in inflows relative to GDP. Instead, public debt securities had gross inflows of 0.7 percent of GDP on average before the rebalancing. This number increased to 2.9 percent during 2014, indicating an increase of almost 400 percent.

Fourth, the rebalancing by J.P. Morgan did not bring a renewed appetite to issue more debt by the government. In Colombia, the government has a tight fiscal rule and debt issuance programming that could not be affected by the time J.P. Morgan announced this change. Therefore, during the period under analysis, the Colombian government maintained a relatively constant growth of its local currency debt securities.<sup>15</sup>, and was unable to change its expenditure pattern significantly.

Furthermore, the evidence in both panels of Figure 2 suggest that the event was arguably unrelated to the local economic conditions in Colombia. Consider two different scenarios. On the one hand, one can think that the benchmark change by J.P. Morgan was a consequence of good local economic conditions in Colombia. From 2010-2013, Colombia's GDP grew on average 4.9 percent. Then, the change by J.P. Morgan should be expected by the markets, as opposed what is shown in Figure 2, Panel A. On the other hand, J.P. Morgan might have private information on the Colombian economy. Then, this announcement could reveal this positive information, and the local economic conditions might improve. If this were the case, one would expect that foreign investors would start buying all types of Colombian assets, which goes against the evidence in Figure 2, Panel B.

The evidence suggests that the event generated a sudden, large and arguably exogenous increase in capital inflows that was exclusive to domestic sovereign debt markets in Colombia. Moreover, the timing of the event does not seem to be contaminated by other economic policies or changes in behavior by the government. Thus, one can use the timing of this event to understand how the entrance of foreign investors in the sovereign debt market affects the holdings of government debt by domestic agents, and the credit availability to the private sector.

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<sup>15</sup>See Appendix Figure 1, Panel A.

### 3 Sovereign Debt

Institutional investors that track these indexes closely were forced to rebalance their portfolio. These portfolio changes had aggregate consequences for Colombia in terms of capital flows to local currency sovereign debt as shown in Figure 3, Panel A. This figure presents the net purchases of TES securities by foreigners and commercial banks. Prior to the announcement by J.P. Morgan there were some capital inflows to domestic sovereign debt. However, after the announcement, foreigners started massively buying local currency sovereign debt in Colombia. Purchases made between the end and the beginning of the rebalancing were 8 percent of the total outstanding local currency sovereign debt securities.<sup>16</sup> During the same period, foreigners more than doubled their participation in the affected local currency sovereign debt market (Figure 3, Panel B). Furthermore, by the end of 2014 they were the largest holders of the affected bonds.

Another interesting feature of Figure 3 is the different agents that were on the other side of the purchases of domestic sovereign debt by foreigners. Commercial banks, with relatively stable purchases before the announcement, started selling treasury securities in an image that mirrors the one by foreigners (Panel A). Compared to the rest of the agents in the economy, commercial banks were the main providers of liquidity during the rebalancing (Panel B). Out of the 10 percentage point increase in the participation of foreigners in this market, 7 were accommodated by banks (almost a 30 percent decline in their participation in the TES market). Alternatively, pension funds, insurance companies and domestic mutual funds only reduced their participation by 0.3 percentage points (1 percent decline), while public institutions reduced their share in this market by 2.5 percentage points (7 percent decline). Both of these figures suggest that commercial banks in Colombia reduced their holdings of affected bonds by much more than the rest of the agents in the economy.

#### 3.1 Market Makers in TES bonds

In Colombia, commercial banks are important participants in the sovereign debt market. Before the benchmark change, banks were the largest participant in the TES market that was affected by the rebalancing. They held collectively around 25 percent of government issued bonds. Moreover, around 11 percent of their assets were local currency sovereign bonds as of December 2013. As noted above, commercial banks were on the other side

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<sup>16</sup>This number increases to 10.3 percent if we consider the March-December 2014 period, accounting for the fact that some funds slowly change their positions.

of the transactions from foreigners in the market for TES bonds during the rebalancing. This suggests that there might be a special feature about commercial banks that may have generated this large response.

One noticeable feature of the market for TES in Colombia is that the Finance Ministry designates official market makers in this market. By law, these market makers are within the set of commercial banks, financial corporations and brokerage firms. The objective of this program is to promote adequate conditions for the financing of the government in capital markets by developing the domestic sovereign debt market. Every year, each institution decides whether it wants to participate in the program or not. In order to participate, they need to fulfil a minimum net worth and corporate rating criteria. Then, the Finance Ministry ranks institutions according to their activity in primary and secondary debt markets and designates the official market makers. At the end of every year, a maximum of 20 entities are designated as such. There are two main obligations for these institutions. First, they need to absorb at least 4.5 percent of all primary market debt issuances during the year. Second, they need to quote permanently and simultaneously bid and ask prices in secondary markets subject to a maximum bid-ask price determined by the government.<sup>17</sup> On the other hand, designated market makers benefit from having special access to debt issuances from the government, constant access to officials from the Ministry of Finance, and access to a liquidity window in case of problems.<sup>18</sup> Under this program, at the end of 2013, 9 commercial banks in Colombia were designated as market makers among 14 participants in the program.

## 3.2 Conceptual Framework

The difference between commercial banks that are designated official market makers and those that are not could be insightful to understand the channel at work during the benchmark rebalancing. These financial institutions are obliged to absorb certain amount of debt issued by the government in the primary market. Every institution by law has to be awarded at least 4.5 percent of total debt issued by the government during the year. For this service, they get a benefit in the form of participating in non-competitive auctions (at lower prices than secondary markets), and potential liquidity assistance if needed. In the case of both frequent auctions and the absence of a diversified investor base in the secondary market, these banks have a lower probability of offloading this debt to other investors. As a result,

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<sup>17</sup>The other two obligations are to construct monthly reports about the state of the domestic sovereign debt market and to inform of any mergers/sales to the treasury department.

<sup>18</sup>[y Credito Publico \(2010\)](#)

they keep a considerable amount of it in their balance sheet. After the entrance of foreign investors, these banks can offload debt absorbed in the primary auction more easily and can use the proceeds for other purposes.

The type of foreign institutional investors that enter the market is also important. In this episode, these were index-tracking investors. Moreover, the indexes affected (GBI-EM) are market capitalization weighted indexes. As such, every time the government issues this type of debt, it gets included into these indexes, and index-tracking investors have to immediately buy it, creating an almost certain demand in the secondary market for this debt. This increases the probability that market maker banks offload the debt from the primary market. Therefore, after the benchmark change they should reduce their holdings of sovereign debt.

Figure 4 presents evidence in this direction. Before the rebalancing, the average holdings of market makers were considerably higher than those of the rest of the banks. Between the announcement and the end of J.P. Morgan's index rebalancing, the ratio of local currency sovereign debt to total assets decreases considerably for commercial banks that are market makers, while it is almost the same for the rest of the banks. This effect is driven entirely by reductions in sovereign debt positions.<sup>19</sup> This illustration is consistent with regression results in Table 1. Market makers reduced differentially their exposure to government debt by 7.8 percentage points of assets during the rebalancing by J.P. Morgan.<sup>20</sup>

Figure 5 shows additional evidence consistent with this channel. After the rebalancing by J.P. Morgan there is an important reduction in the discount paid by the government to market makers in non-competitive auctions for the affected government debt securities. Both the figure and table results show a permanent decrease in this discount. This is consistent with the following narrative. As the sovereign debt market is populated by domestic investors, the government uses these financial institutions as an insurance against deserted auctions and pays them a premium to absorb the issuance of debt in primary markets. Since this debt is not easy to offload, and they receive a discount in the price they keep it in their balance sheet. When foreign investors massively enter into this market, they offload this debt, and there is a reduction in the profit of being market makers as the government does not need these financial institutions as much.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>19</sup>More strikingly, all market maker banks were net sellers of sovereign debt during the event, and half of the banks among non market makers were net sellers of government bonds.

<sup>20</sup>This number is obtained by using the average local currency sovereign debt to total assets ratio in December 2013 multiplied by 1 minus the coefficient estimated for the three quarters of the rebalancing.

<sup>21</sup>Anecdotal evidence from several people working in banks around the period suggest that the reduction in sovereign debt from market makers was due to the entrance of foreign investors, and a reduction in

## 4 Bank Lending

### 4.1 Data and Identification

In the previous section, I established that commercial banks that were market makers sold a sizable amount of their positions in local currency government bonds. This section presents the data and methodology to understand whether the proceeds from these sales resulted in an increase in credit by these banks. I use the following baseline specification:

$$\Delta L_{ibt} = \theta_{it} + \theta_b + \beta_1 \mathbf{1}_b^{\text{MM 2013}} \mathbf{1}_t^{\text{Rebalancing}} + \beta_2 X_b \mathbf{1}_t^{\text{Rebalancing}} + \varepsilon_{ibt} \quad (1)$$

where  $L_{ijt}$  is the log of credit to total assets for a city-zone or an industry  $i$ , bank  $b$  at time  $t$ .  $\theta_{it}$  are fixed effects at the city-zone-time or at the industry-time level.  $X_b$  is a set of observable variables at the bank-level.  $\mathbf{1}_b^{\text{MM 2013}}$  is a dummy variable that indicates whether a commercial bank was a market maker at the end of 2013 or not.  $\mathbf{1}_t^{\text{Rebalancing}}$  is a dummy variable that takes the value 1 from March until the end of September 2014. The identification comes from the difference-in-difference estimation of credit growth for market maker and non market maker banks. During the rebalancing, market makers were more affected than the rest of the banks, since they could sell domestic sovereign debt more easily. The rest of the banks should not be affected by this channel. Therefore, as long as the evolution of credit for both groups before the rebalancing was similar, we can use  $\mathbf{1}_b^{\text{MM 2013}} \mathbf{1}_t^{\text{Rebalancing}}$  as a treatment variable and analyze whether the entrance of index-tracking investors in the sovereign debt market had an effect on bank lending through this channel.  $\beta_1$  identifies this by comparing the differential average growth in credit between market maker and non market maker banks during the rebalancing within a city-zone or industry. By comparing observations within a city-zone or an industry I can partially control for any concerns that credit demand may be affecting this estimation.<sup>22</sup> For all the estimations, I use standard errors bootstrapped clustered at the bank level.

I use data from Colombia’s banking system. I gather data from Superintendencia Financiera de Colombia on credit by banks. The main database consists on different types of credit to a specific city-zone (for instance Bogota-Centro Internacional) at the bank level. I

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profitability in the market making business for these banks.

<sup>22</sup>As explained by [Adelino et al. \(2015\)](#) this might not be a perfect control for credit demand. However, I will try to present suggestive evidence on the unlikely possibility that this shock is coming through credit demand. While a more sound strategy would be controlling at the firm level, I do not have data on the credit register of Colombia. In some cases, even data at the bank-firm level might not capture perfectly credit demand as suggested by [Paravisini et al. \(2015\)](#).

match this data on credit with balance sheet data for each bank to use different bank-level variables. I complement data with the official designation of market makers by the Finance Ministry. Data is on a quarterly basis for the 2012-2014 period and contains data for 24 commercial banks on 86 city-zones (with 10 zones). While most of the results use the city-zone credit database, I rely on an alternative database at the industry level for robustness. This database contains information for 94 industries.<sup>23</sup> Table 2 presents a list of all the commercial banks with their classification into market makers at the end of 2013, and whether they are domestic or foreign banks.<sup>24</sup>

Table 3 shows the descriptive statistics of the balance sheet structure divided by whether a bank was an official market maker at the end of 2013 or not. There are substantial observable differences between the two type of banks. Market makers are larger both in assets and liabilities than non market maker banks. Market makers hold more investments and more local public debt, and thus less total credit in their asset side. On average, market makers hold 15.4 percent of their assets in local public debt, while non market makers hold 8.9 percent of their assets in local currency sovereign debt. Within credit, they seem more exposed to commercial credit, while non market makers lean more to consumer credit. Regarding balance sheet health, all Colombian banks are above the minimum solvency ratio (9 percent for the total solvency ratio) and non market maker banks have a larger solvency ratio than market-maker banks.

## 4.2 Empirical Analysis

Before going in-depth into the full formal analysis, I start by estimating Equation (1) in Table 4 for the period 2013-2014 for different types of credit. Market maker banks significantly increased their total credit growth during J.P. Morgan’s rebalancing. This increase is exclusively driven by commercial credit, rather than by consumer credit. A possible explanation is that banks usually have a relationship established with firms, and this type of credit provides the next best substitute to sovereign debt in Colombia. In the rest of the paper, I will only look at commercial credit growth, since it is the driver large differential in credit between market maker and non market makers.

Table 5 presents the results from the main empirical specification. When I control only for time fixed effects, there is a positive and significant differential credit growth of 4.1 percent

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<sup>23</sup>Throughout the paper I mainly rely on the city-zone database due to its balance among different banks and for brevity. Results are qualitatively similar at the industry level.

<sup>24</sup>For all the estimations I exclude Banco Corpbanca after 2014q1 and GNB Sudameris after 2014q2 since both were part of two different mergers.

during the rebalancing (Column 1). The coefficient and standard errors are almost the same when I include city-zone-time fixed effects (Column 2). Moreover, the R-squared goes from 1.9 percent to 13.2 percent indicating that these fixed effects are capturing an important amount of the credit demand varying at the city-zone-time level. This lends support to the hypothesis that this effect is coming from an increase in credit supply rather than by changes in credit demand.<sup>25</sup> When I include bank fixed effects, which control for any unobserved fixed bank characteristics, there is a differential average growth of 3.8 percent for market makers (Column 3). Effects estimated at the city-zone level are very similar when I use the industry database (Columns 4 to 6). The coefficients are statistically similar, and the analysis mirrors the one at the geographical level. One thing to notice is that by using the industry database I partially control for any credit demand shock that may affect tradable and non-tradable industries differently due to the exchange rate changes during the rebalancing.

The economic size of these estimations are also meaningful. The results in Column 2 suggest that the differential average growth for market makers versus non market makers during the period was 12.8 percent. This implies an increase in commercial credit of 4.2 percentage points of assets. Using the total assets of market maker banks, this amounts to a differential growth in commercial credit of 13.7 trillions of Colombian Pesos.<sup>26</sup> These numbers suggest that the shock induced an increase in commercial credit of 2.41 percent of GDP. Moreover, the estimations suggest a considerable substitution between local public debt and commercial credit. The difference between the two changes could be explained by regulatory purposes. If banks do not want to change their risk profile, they would need to increase credit by less than the decrease in sovereign debt since government debt is zero-risk weighted for regulatory purposes.

### 4.3 Threats to Identification

There are important identification threats that I address in this section. More specifically, the presence of differential credit growth between market maker and non market maker banks

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<sup>25</sup>Another way to partially rule out a demand-based hypothesis is to analyze the interest rates on commercial credit. For this to be supply driven I should observe that quantities and prices go in opposite directions. During the period between September 2014-March 2014, the average interest rates on commercial credit for market makers went down by almost 2 percent. In the same period, the average rate for non market makers increased by almost 5 percent, showing a differential evolution between the two that is not present before the rebalancing (Appendix Figure 2).

<sup>26</sup>These numbers are obtained by using the estimated differential credit growth during the period multiplied by the commercial credit for market makers in December 2013. After this, I multiply it by the total assets of market makers in December 2013 to obtain the differential growth in commercial credit.



in other time periods. For this purpose, I estimate a cross-sectional version of Equation (1). More specifically, I run the following regression:

$$\Delta L_{ibt} = \theta_i + \beta_1 \mathbb{1}_b^{\text{Market Maker 2013}} + \varepsilon_{ib} \quad (2)$$

where I use bootstrapped errors clustered at the bank level. I do this for every quarter from 2013-2014 and plot this time series in Figure 5. The evidence shows that the market maker dummy is only positive and significant during the rebalancing, giving further support to the identification strategy.

Another possible threat to identification is the existence of a differential prior evolution of the outcome variable. While the placebo test and plot are partially showing this, I present a figure with the actual evolution of commercial credit over assets during the period of study. Appendix Figure 3 presents these trends, and shows that the evolution of credit between market makers and the rest of the banks before the rebalancing is quite similar, and it differs considerably afterwards.

## 4.4 Alternative Hypotheses

### 4.4.1 Sovereign Debt Exposure

The above mentioned results show a direct relationship between credit growth and market makers during the benchmark rebalancing. However, market makers are significantly different from non market maker banks. One considerable difference is that they hold more local currency government bonds. In principle, since market makers had more debt to begin with, they could have experienced a greater net worth increase due to a price effect, and extended more credit. Then, the effect captured in Table 5 would be driven by the holdings of local public debt by commercial banks. Interestingly, there is variation across the sovereign debt holdings of debt that I can exploit to rule out this potential explanation. Figure 7, Panel A shows the local public debt to assets ratio. On average, market makers hold more debt, but the correlation is not perfect. Some banks that are not market makers, have more debt than some market maker banks. Therefore, I am able to use this variable to understand whether the effect on credit is coming from the fact that a bank is a market maker or that it holds more sovereign debt. Since there was a considerable price increase after the announcement of the rebalancing, there are two straightforward predictions to test. First, that banks with more holdings of local public debt should have a larger increase in credit. Second, that this effect should be more pronounced for banks with lower balance sheet health.

I test these two predictions in Table 6. The estimations confirm that the effect is coming from the nature of being a market maker. Once I introduce sovereign debt to total assets (Column 1), this variable is close to zero and not significant at the 10 percent level. When I add the treatment variable the results are still similar (Column 2). Also, controlling for the different fixed effects does not alter the results (Columns 3 to 4). In Column 5, I test the second prediction and find that banks that had more local public debt and were more constrained did not change significantly their credit. These estimations show that the effect on credit is not coming through the holdings of sovereign debt and due to a potential balance sheet channel.

#### 4.4.2 Exchange Rate Exposure

Capital inflows usually involve the entrance of foreign currency into the country. Therefore, in times where there are large capital inflows, such as during the rebalancing, the pressure for an exchange rate appreciation is also at play. Figure 8, Panel A shows the evolution of the exchange rate during the period of study. After the announcement there is a sharp appreciation of almost 10 percent until July 2014. Afterwards, there was an important depreciation of almost 8 percent until the end of the rebalancing. This coincides with an official intervention in the exchange rate market by the central bank around July 2014. Then, towards the end of the year, it coincides with falling oil prices worldwide. These amplified movements during the event could suggest that the exposure to the exchange rate in the balance sheet of banks could be an important explanatory variable of credit growth during the event. I collect data on the exchange rate exposure on Figure 8, Panel B. This plot shows the assets denominated in foreign currency minus the liabilities denominated in foreign currency divided by banks' net worth. It is a proxy for the currency mismatch of banks. A lower (or negative) value indicates that a currency depreciation could hurt the banks' balance sheet more than a larger value in this proxy.

Table 7 shows the results from adding the exchange rate exposure and interacting it with the rebalancing dummy. Column 1 shows a non significant and close to zero coefficient. When I add the treatment variable, this variable is still not significant. When I control with bank fixed effects, the coefficient is negative and significant, but the coefficient of the treatment variable is significant and close to the originally estimated. In the last column, I interact the exposure to the exchange rate with balance sheet health, but the evidence suggests that the exchange rate exposure did not play a role during the rebalancing for

banks.<sup>27</sup>

The estimations in Table 6 and 7 may suffer from a data problem since I do not observe the actual holdings of local public debt or exposure to the exchange rate. To control for this, I use the profits over assets during March 2014 as a proxy for banks' valuation gains (Table 8). The results are qualitatively similar to the ones using either the local public debt or exchange rate exposure. Furthermore, the treatment variable is still significant and the coefficient is very similar to the one estimated in Table 5.

#### 4.4.3 Bank Size

Another important difference between market maker and non market maker banks is their size. The former are much larger than the latter when we look at the total banking system, the average and the median. A valid hypothesis is that these banks have more resources, a larger network of contacts compared to non market makers and thus can contact foreign investors more easily and sell them more bonds than non market makers. I control for this possibility by interacting the log of initial assets with the rebalancing dummy in Columns 1-4 in Table 9. While positive, this variable is not statistically significant. Therefore it is hard to argue that size is behind the differential credit growth. Still, there could be a few very large or very small banks that could be affecting this estimation. Figure 7, Panel B shows the average assets in 2013 for all Colombian banks and shows that this could be a possibility. To perform a more stringent test of whether assets are driving results, I keep only banks with less than 40 or more than 2 trillions Colombian pesos. Therefore, I am using banks that are very close to the threshold in Figure 7, Panel B. Columns 5-7 in Table 9 show that the main results are not affected when using only these banks. Moreover, both the coefficient and significance levels are very similar to the ones in Table 5.

#### 4.5 Robustness Tests

While I have tested the main alternative hypotheses to the market making channel, there could be other variables affecting the baseline specification. In Table 10, Columns 1-3 I present three different tests. First, I include several bank level controls interacted with the rebalancing dummy to control for other potential channels (Column 1). I include the sovereign debt and exchange rate exposure, the size of banks, their return on assets, their liquid assets over total assets, their solvency ratio, their corporate debt issuance divided

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<sup>27</sup>These results are qualitatively similar when I use external credit over liabilities by a certain bank as a proxy for the funding they receive in foreign currency.

by total liabilities and whether a bank is foreign or not. While some of these controls are significant, the treatment variable is of similar size as the one estimated in Table 5, and still significant. Second, I remove the only state-owned bank (Banagrario) from the regression. The results show that there is no difference in the results from excluding this bank (Column 2). Third, I remove Bancolombia, the largest and most important bank in Colombia, and this does not influence the main results (Column 3).<sup>28</sup>

There is also the possibility that market maker banks have trading expertise and the results capture a similar channel to that in [Abbassi et al. \(2016\)](#). As the affected bonds increase in price, banks with expertise reduce their holdings since these securities are overvalued, and thus increase the credit supply. For the evidence to be consistent with this channel, I should observe that after an initial overvaluation of the bonds' price, the banks return to a similar level of ex-ante holdings of debt. However, the evidence is not consistent with a reversal of sovereign debt holdings. The price of sovereign bonds have a maximum peak the first week of April 2014. After that, these bonds suffer a 3 percent decrease in their price until the end of July. However, the average holdings of sovereign debt by market makers have a constant decrease with a minimum at the end of July. This suggests that the evidence is not consistent with the channel presented by [Abbassi et al. \(2016\)](#) in the case of Germany.

## 5 Real Effects

### 5.1 Manufacturing Industries Data

Until now I have shown that the entrance of foreign investors had consequences for the extension of private credit in Colombia. However, it remains to be seen whether this credit shock had consequences for the real economy. A problem towards this end is that I do not have access to the information at the bank-firm level such as the ones provided by the credit registry of each country. Therefore I need to rely on alternative data to gain understanding of the impact of the shock on the real economy. I gather data for a subsample of industries from the Monthly Manufacturing Polls conducted by the Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística (DANE) in Colombia. This database contains the yearly growth at monthly level of employment, production and sales for each manufacturing industry. Additionally, I obtain quarterly data from national accounts on the real annual GDP growth for each of

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<sup>28</sup>I also perform a robustness test using the commercial credit growth (not normalized by assets) in Appendix Table 1. The results are quantitatively similar to when I do normalize credit by assets.

these manufacturing industries. Then, I can construct a proxy of the exposure to market maker banks at the industry level. More specifically,

$$Exp_{i,2013}^{MM} = \frac{\sum_{b \in MM} C_{ib,2013}}{\sum_{b \in B} C_{ib,2013}} \quad (3)$$

where  $Exp_{i,2013}^{MM}$  is the exposure of industry  $i$  to market makers at the end of 2013. The numerator indicates the total credit extended by market makers to industry  $i$  at the end of 2013. The denominator contains the total credit extended by all banks to industry  $i$ . This information is helpful to understand whether a given industry was more likely to be exposed to these banks before the benchmark change.

Appendix Tables 2 shows the 20 industries that I was able to match between the two databases, along with the specific exposure at the end of 2013. This exposure is also presented graphically in Figure 9. The exposure to market makers from most of the industries is high, probably a consequence of these banks having a sizable part of the total assets in the banking system in Colombia. While this is a subsample of 20 industries, there is still significant variation in the exposure to market makers. The average exposure is 82.65, with a standard deviation of 8.4.

To analyze whether the shock to credit had an impact on the real variables for these industries, I estimate the following specification:

$$\Delta y_{it} = \theta_t + \theta_i + \gamma_1 Exp_{i,2013}^{MM} \mathbf{1}_t^{\text{Rebalancing}} + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (4)$$

where  $y_{it}$  is either employment, production, sales or GDP.  $\theta_t$  and  $\theta_i$  are time and industry fixed effects, respectively.  $Exp_{i,2013}^{MM} \mathbf{1}_t^{\text{Rebalancing}}$  is the treatment variable, with the exposure to market makers interacted with a time dummy for the period after the rebalancing to take into account any potential lags. The estimation is a classical differences-in-differences approach, and  $\gamma_1$  captures the differential effect on real variables of being more exposed to the credit shock. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the industry level.

Results show that being more exposed to a market maker bank led to a statistically significant increase in employment, production, sales and GDP during the rebalancing period (Table 11). The economic size of the effect is important. For example, consider an interquartile movement for an industry in the exposure to market makers, which implies an almost 8.7 percentage point increase in the exposure to market makers. This would have implied an increase in the average yearly growth of 1.2, 2.9, 2.9, and 2.8 percentage points for employment, production, sales, and GDP respectively. Overall, there were important effects

for economic activity from the credit shock. Moreover, most of the effect for employment is driven by increases in employment directed towards production activities.

## 6 External Validity

The results showing that government access to foreign credit increases the private access to credit are based in the rebalancing event that happened in Colombia. However, these results could well be applicable to other countries. First, the rebalancing events in government debt index of this style has become more and more common. Countries such as Mexico and South Africa were added to the World Government Bond Index (constructed by Citigroup) and Argentina, Czech Republic, Romania and Nigeria were included in the same index studied in this paper. China and India have yet to be included in one of these indexes, which could trigger similar effects to the ones shown for Colombia for the private access to credit and economic activity. In the end, the size of the rebalancing for Colombia, and the access to very detailed data on credit and economic activity, provided a natural laboratory to study this question.

Second, the market maker program used in Colombia is not specific to that country. Other emerging countries in Latin America such as Mexico and Peru use this kind of program, with similar obligations and benefits for the financial corporations that participate in it. The same happens for emerging countries in Asia and Europe such as Indonesia, Poland and Romania among others.

Third, Colombia is an average country in terms of the size of its local currency debt market. [Du et al. \(2016\)](#) report that Colombia has a ratio of local currency debt to central government debt close to 60 percent. This number is similar to the numbers of countries such as Czech Republic, Hungary, Indonesia, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, and only somewhat higher than countries like Brazil, Israel, Mexico, and Peru (closer to 40 percent). Together, these three facts suggest that the findings in this paper could be applicable to at least a considerable number of emerging countries.

## 7 Conclusions

In this paper, I exploit a sudden and unanticipated shock that triggered the entrance of foreign investors to the local currency sovereign debt market in an emerging market. I use an episode in which J.P. Morgan introduced several Colombian bonds in its local currency

government debt indexes in emerging markets. Since foreign institutional investors often use benchmark-tracking strategies, they rebalanced their portfolio towards Colombia increasing capital inflows to the domestic sovereign debt market. As foreign investors purchased this debt, banks officially designated as market makers in the sovereign debt market decreased their exposure to these securities. On average, they reduced their local public debt over total assets by 7.8 percentage points, compared to the rest of the banks. This shock, that was originated on the government debt market, spillovered to the credit market. Market maker banks increased their commercial credit to total assets ratio by 4.2 percentage points on average, relative to the rest of the banks. This transmission channel is not found during other periods and is not driven by other observable differences between market and non market maker banks. The evidence suggests that the shock had an impact on the real economy. I construct a proxy for the exposure to market maker banks at the industry level and find that industries with more exposure to market makers had a higher growth of employment, production, sales and GDP during this period.

The evidence is consistent with a crowding out of private credit before the entrance of foreign investors. Because of the illiquidity of the sovereign debt market, the government used market makers to absorb debt issued in the primary market. As foreign institutional investors entered the domestic sovereign debt market, these domestic financial institutions were able to sell the excess of debt that they could not offload before and used the proceeds to extend credit.

The findings in this paper has implications from a policy-making perspective for a number of reasons. For instance, large countries such as China and India still have less than 2 percent of their local currency debt in the hands of foreign investors. This study sheds light on the possible consequences of using policies to increase the share of foreign investors in domestic sovereign debt markets. Moreover, on March 2016, J.P. Morgan included China on a watchlist to enter the GBI-EM. The evidence suggests that the confirmation of this process could lead to a boost in private credit for the Chinese economy. Another consideration is that China would have the largest weight in the index (10 percent). As a consequence, its introduction to the index could lead to a decrease in the weights of the rest of the countries. This might ultimately lead to negative spillovers to the other constituents of the GBI-EM.

Furthermore, this study contributes to the ongoing policy debate on the effects of capital flows. A recent discussion by [Blanchard et al. \(2015\)](#) suggests that there is a disconnection between the academic and the policy view on the effects of capital inflows. The former argues that capital inflows are contractionary and the latter that they are expansionary.

Since capital inflows are endogenous to local economic conditions, is hard to come up with evidence to enlighten the debate. Using an exogenous shock to capital inflows, the results in this paper show that even capital inflows to sovereign debt lead to credit booms and an increase in economic activity.

Finally, results also suggest that sovereign debt index rebalancing can have effects on the economy beyond the usual price effects found in the literature. Thus, one policy concern is related to the regulation of activities of both institutional investors with index-tracking strategies and index providers. Ultimately, the effects documented in this paper were started by a decision made by a single index provider. Is this desirable? Should there be regulation on the construction of benchmark indexes and their reconstitutions? Moreover, a decision to remove Colombia from the index may produce the opposite effect. The evidence suggests that activities by index-tracking investors and index providers should be followed more closely by policy makers.



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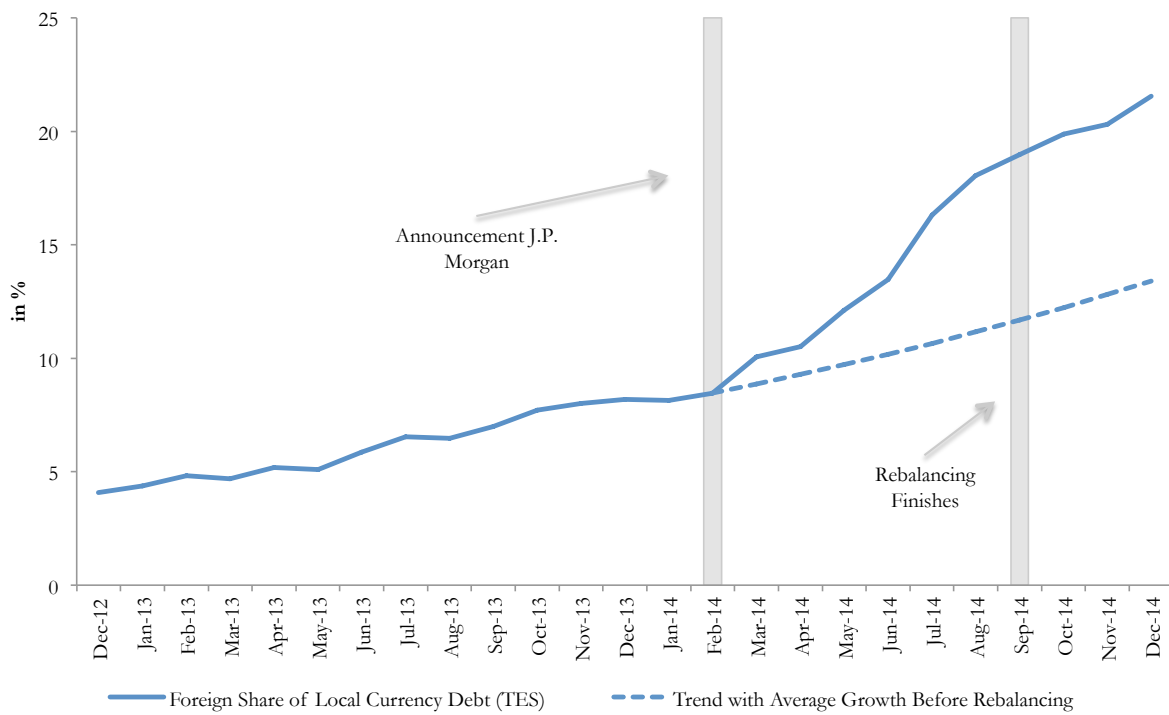
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**Figure 1**  
**Foreign Share of Domestic Government Debt Securities**

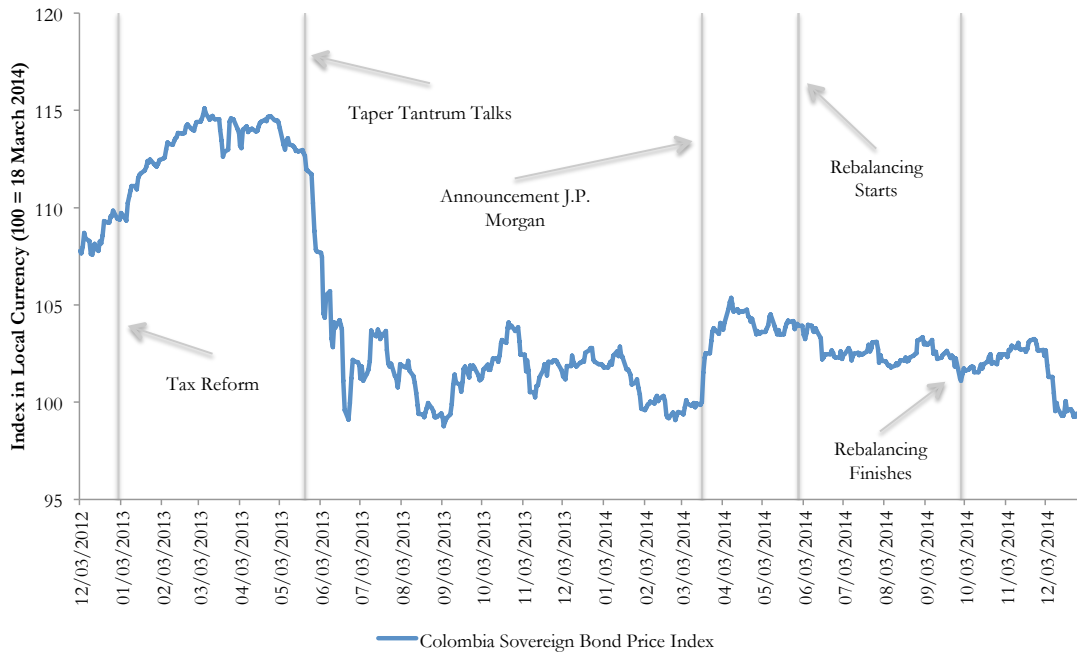
This figure presents the evolution of the share of domestic government debt securities (TES) held by foreigners. The dashed line shows a linear trend using the average growth during the 12 months prior to the announcement of the change in the index by J.P. Morgan. The grey bar represents the announcement of the rebalancing by J.P. Morgan.



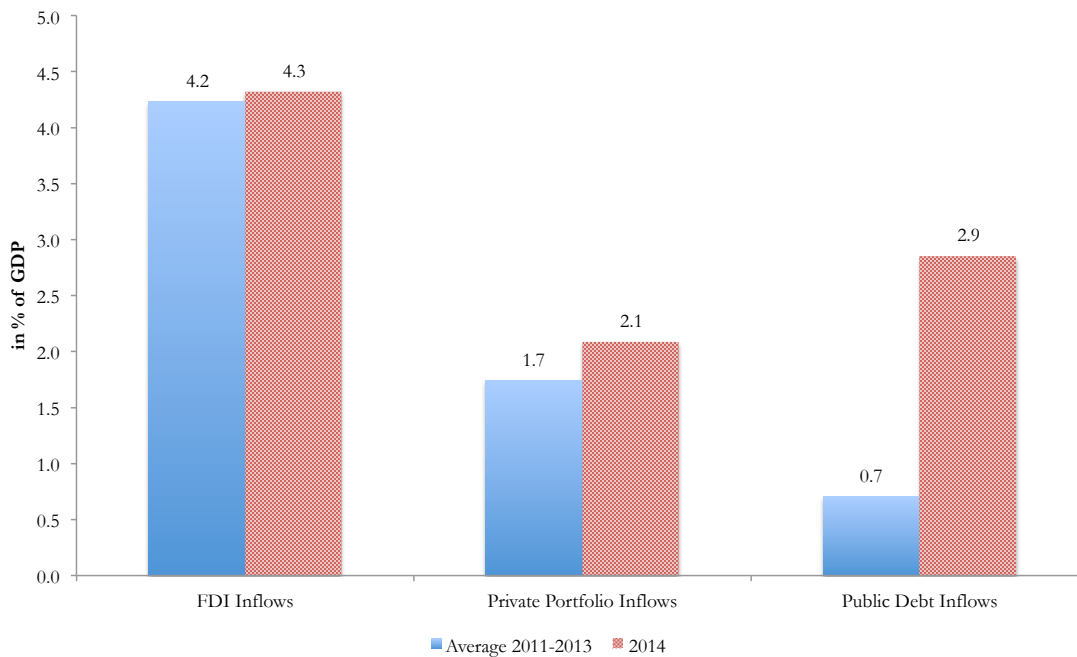
**Figure 2**  
**Domestic Sovereign Bonds Index and Capital Inflows**

This figure presents the evolution of the price of the domestic sovereign bonds in Colombia and the capital inflows to the Balance of Payments in Colombia. Panel A shows the bond prices. The bond price index weights the price return of each bond by its outstanding amount. Only the bonds included in the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan are included and the index equals 100 at the day before the announcement of the rebalancing (18 March 2014). Panel B depicts the gross inflows from balance of payments data. The blue bars depicts the average inflows during the period 2011-2013 and the red bars show the inflows during 2014, the year of J.P. Morgan's index rebalancing. All values are in percentage of nominal GDP. FDI is foreign direct investment, private portfolio flows are liability flows in private portfolio debt and equity, and public debt inflows are liability flows to government debt securities.

**A. Sovereign Bond Prices**



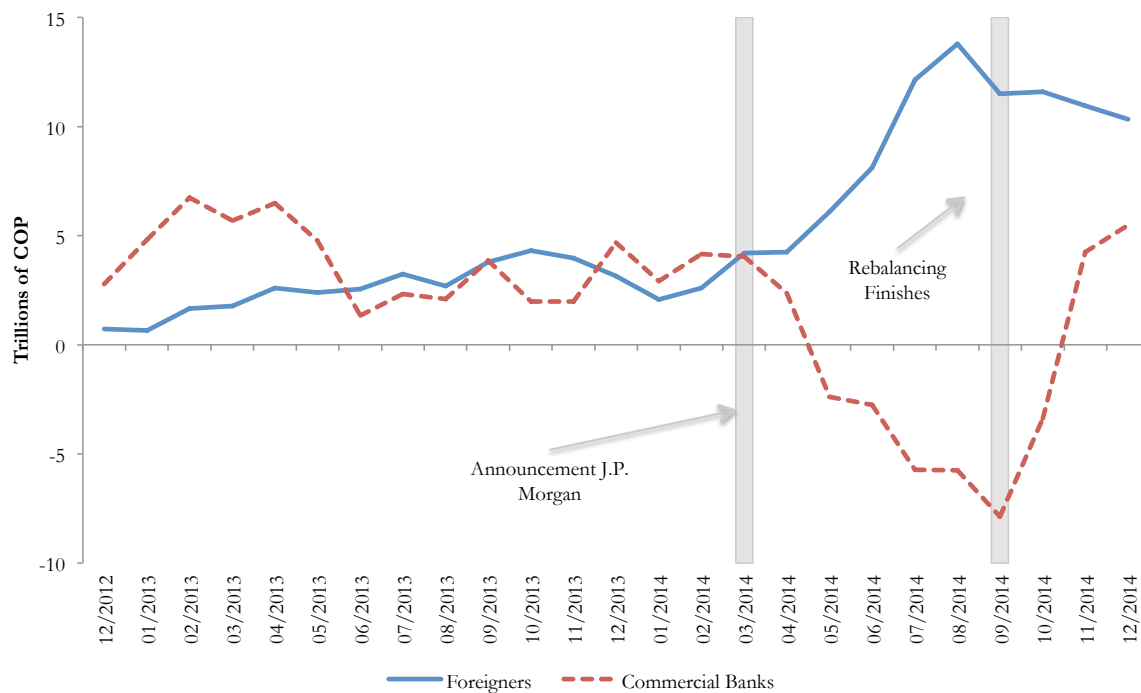
**B. Balance of Payments Gross Inflows**



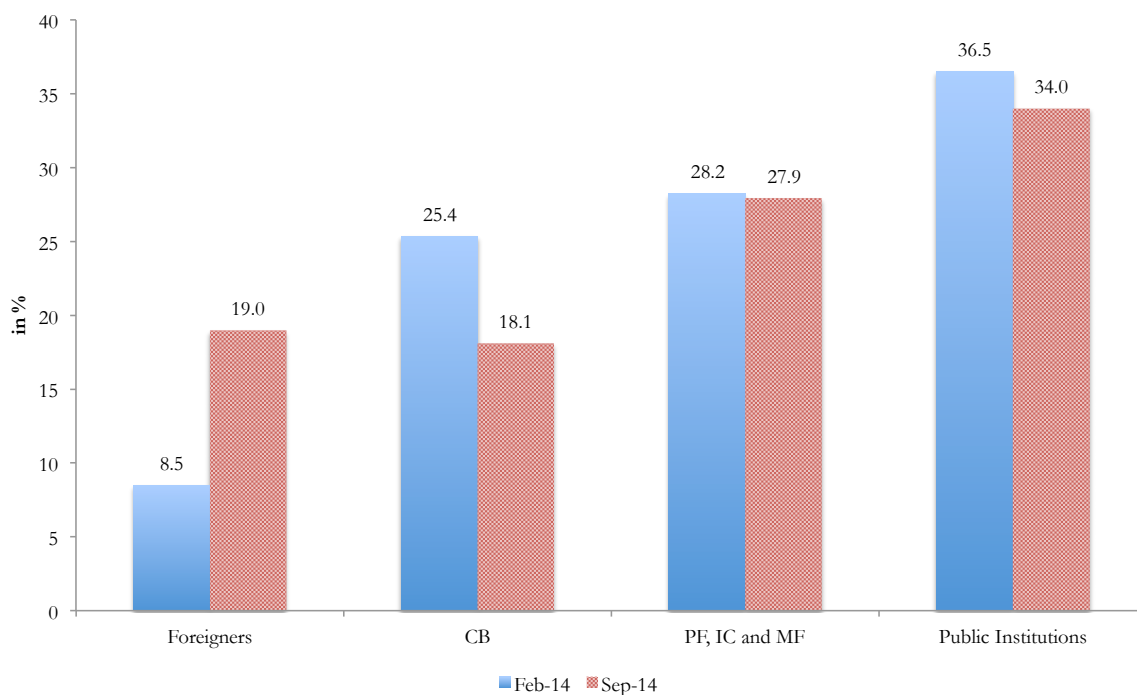
**Figure 3**  
**Holdings of Domestic Sovereign Bonds**

This figure presents the net purchases of domestic sovereign bonds in Colombia around the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. Panel A depicts 6-month rolling purchases by foreigners and commercial banks. The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture. Panel B shows the percentage of TES bonds held by the different economic agents in the economy before and after the rebalancing. PF, IC and MF are pension funds, insurance companies and domestic mutual funds respectively.

**A. Purchases of Domestic Sovereign Bonds**



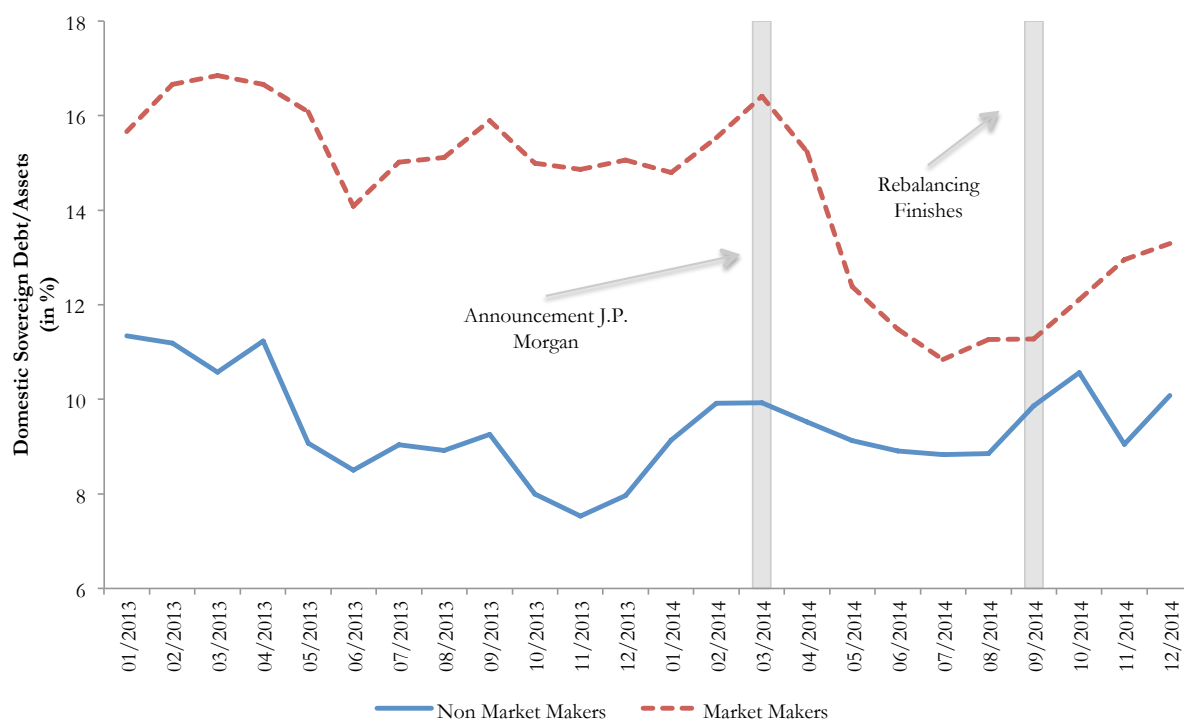
**B. Share of Affected Domestic Sovereign Bonds by Investor Type**





**Figure 4**  
**Domestic Sovereign Debt Exposure in Commercial Banks**

This figure shows the evolution of sovereign debt over assets dividing by market maker and non market maker banks at the end of 2013. The index is constructed by averaging the growth of domestic debt over total assets at each point in time. The index is normalized to the average holdings of sovereign debt over assets for the two groups in February 2014. The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture.

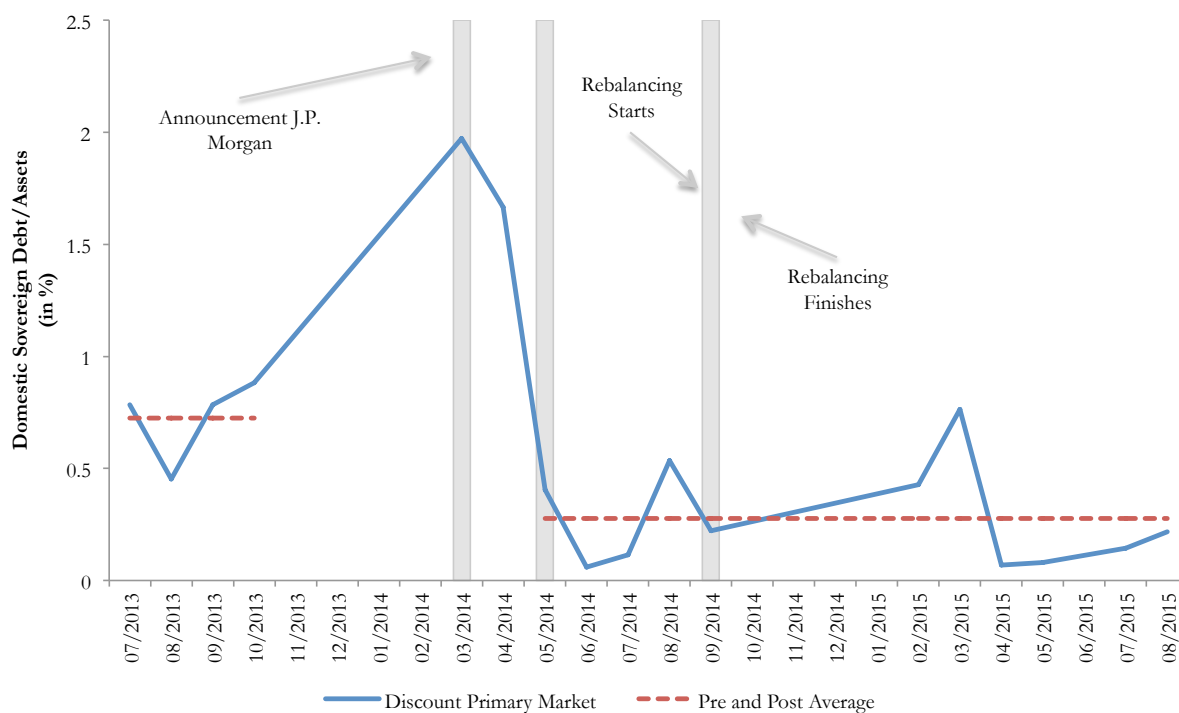


**Figure 5**

**Discount in Primary Market**

This figure shows the evolution of the discount in non-competitive primary market issuances of sovereign bonds in Colombia. Panel A shows the time evolution of this discount. The discount is calculated for each bond in each issuance as the secondary market price divided by primary market price and subtracting 1 from that ratio. The blue line is the average across bonds for each month with at least some issuance activity. The red dashed line is the average before March 2014 (pre) and the average after the end of May 2014 (post). The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture. Panel B presents an estimation of the changes in time of this discount. Post dummy is a time dummy indicating the period after the end of May 2014. The estimation contains fixed effect at the time to maturity level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the date of issuance level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

**A. Evolution Discount Primary Market**

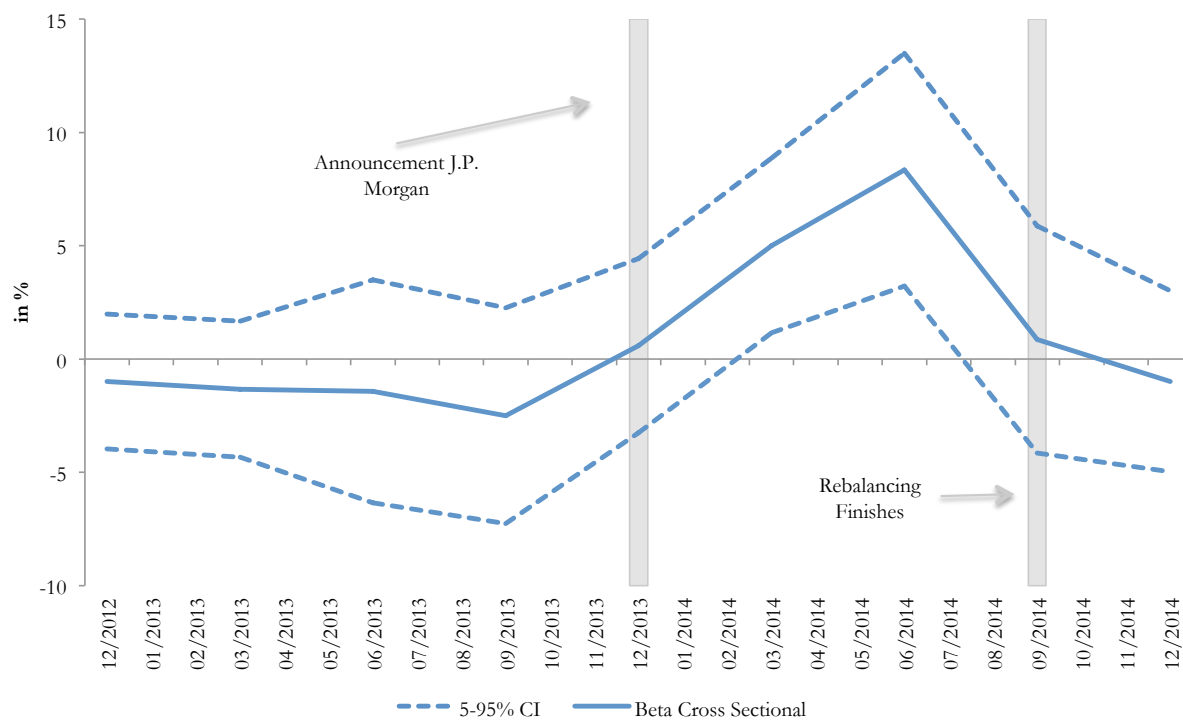


**B. Estimation Discount**

Explanatory Variable	Dependent Variable: Discount Primary Market
Post Dummy	-0.807 ** (0.402)
Observations	62
R-Squared	0.166

**Figure 6**  
**Cross-Sectional Estimation Betas**

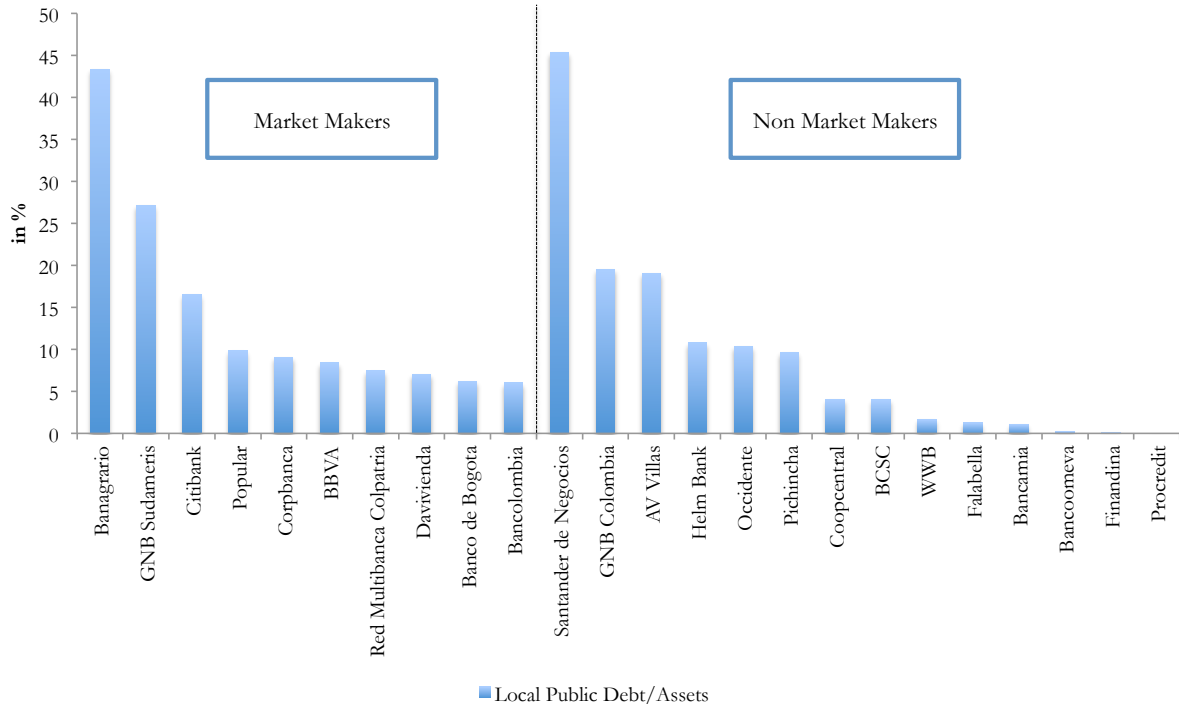
This figure presents the coefficient from an estimation of the growth of commercial credit over assets to a market maker dummy with city-zone fixed effects. Errors are constructed with bootstrapping and are clustered at the bank level. The dashed lines indicate the 5-95% confidence interval. The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture.



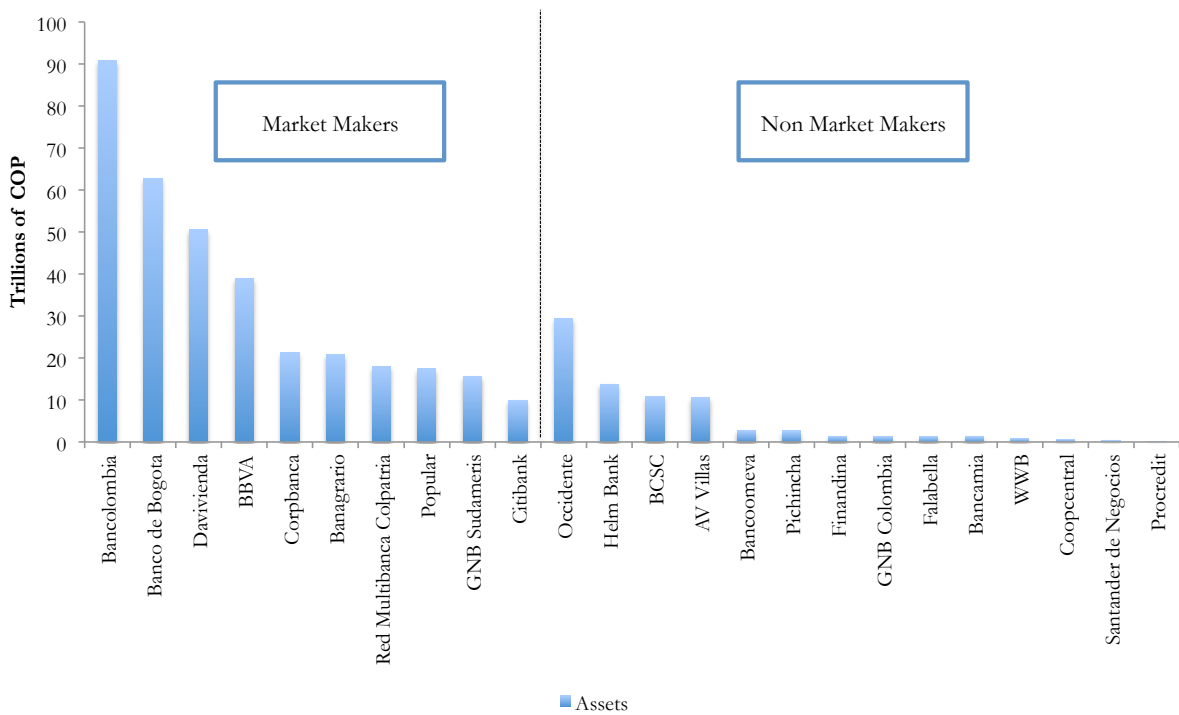
**Figure 7**  
**Assets and Domestic Sovereign Debt in Commercial Banks**

This figure presents the total assets and domestic sovereign debt exposure dividing by market maker and non market maker banks at the end of 2013. Panel A depicts the local public debt divided by total assets. Panel B shows the total assets. Each bar is constructed by averaging the position of each bank during 2013.

**A. Local Public Debt over Assets by Bank Type**



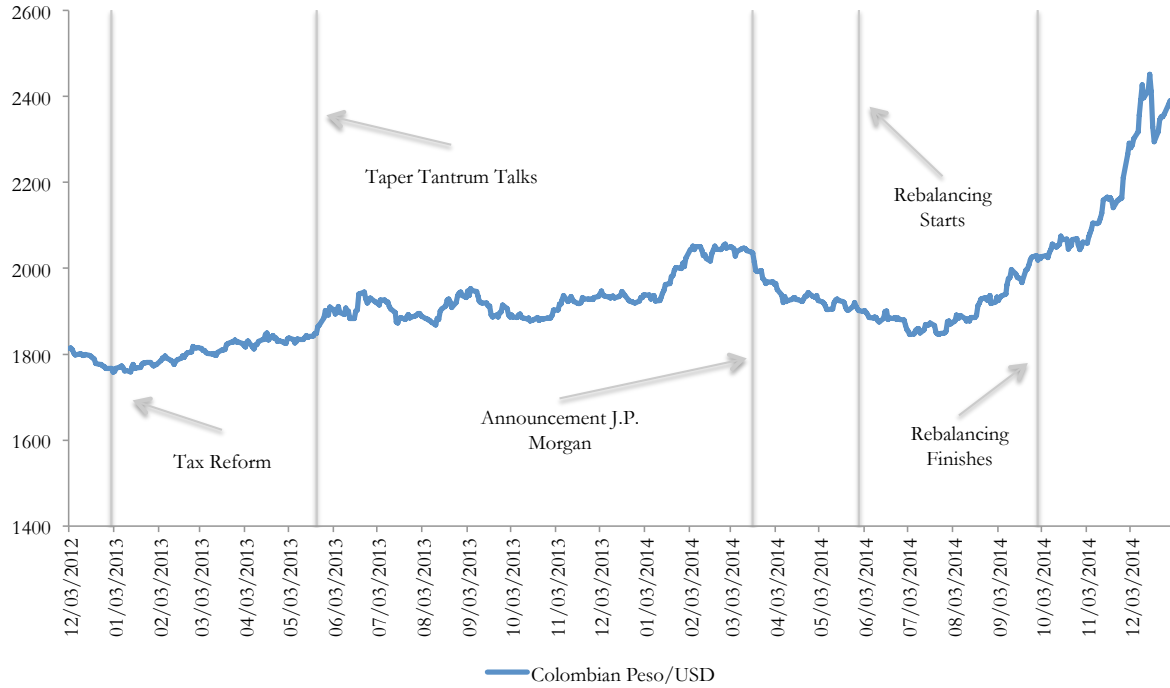
**B. Total Assets by Bank Type**



**Figure 8**  
**Exchange Rate**

This figure presents the evolution of the exchange rate and the exchange rate exposure dividing by market maker and non market maker banks at the end of 2013. Panel A shows the time series of the exchange rate defined as local currency per US dollars. Each grey bar represents the events denoted in the picture. Panel B depicts the total assets minus total liabilities denominated in foreign currency divided by the net worth. Each bar is constructed by averaging the position of each bank during 2013.

**A. Exchange Rate**



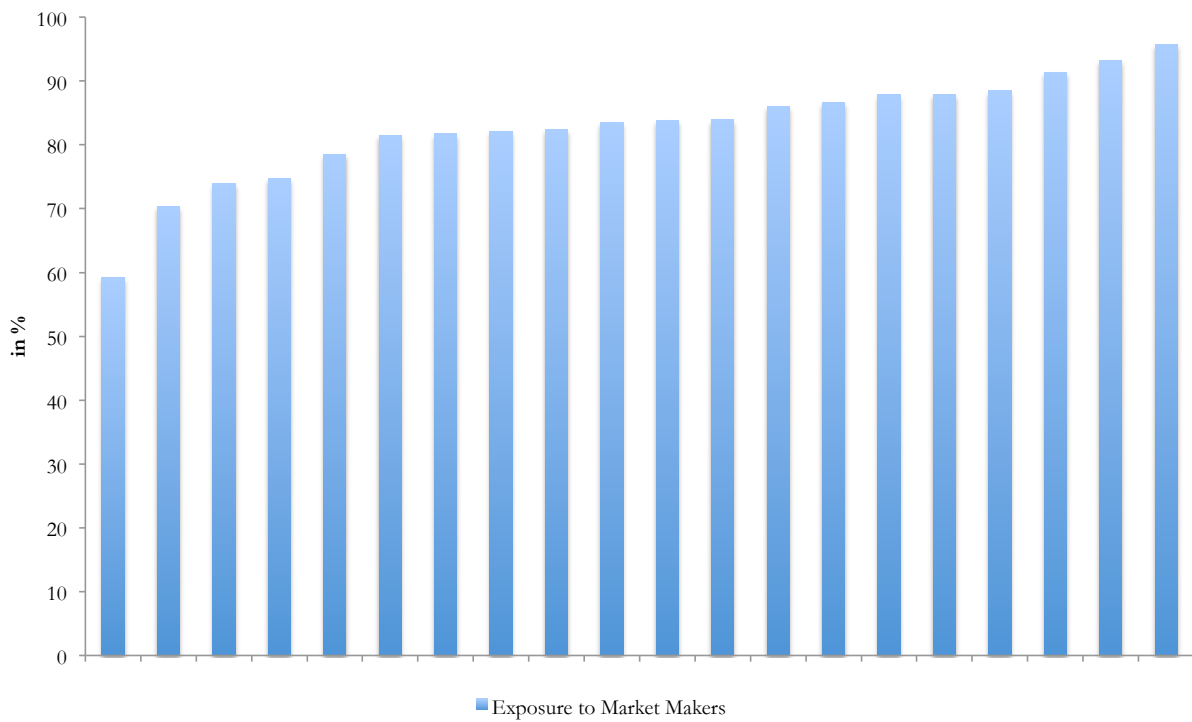
**B. Exchange Rate Exposure by Bank Type**



**Figure 9**

**Exposure to Market Makers Across Industries**

This figure presents the exposure of each industry to market maker banks at the end of 2013. The exposure is constructed by summing the commercial credit of market maker banks to each industry and dividing it by the total credit to the same industry by all commercial banks.



**Table 1**  
**Sovereign Debt Exposure and Market Makers**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of local public debt to total assets against a treatment variable using balance sheet quarterly data. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

<b>Explanatory Variables</b>	<b>Dependent Variable: Growth Local Public Debt/Assets</b>	
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.208 ** (0.087)	-0.210 ** (0.086)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes
Bank Fixed Effects	No	Yes
Observations	151	151
R-Squared	0.093	0.199

**Table 2**  
**Commercial Banks in Colombia**

This table shows the commercial banks in Colombia during 2013-2014 and their classification into market makers in 2013 and into foreign or domestic banks.

<b>Bank Name</b>	<b>Market Maker Foreign</b>	
Banagrario	Yes	No
Banco de Bogota	Yes	No
Bancolombia	Yes	No
BBVA	Yes	Yes
Citibank	Yes	Yes
Corpbanca	Yes	Yes
Davivienda	Yes	No
GNB Sudameris	Yes	Yes
Popular	Yes	No
Red Multibanca Colpatría	Yes	Yes
AV Villas	No	No
Bancamia	No	No
Bancoomeva	No	No
BCSC	No	No
Coopcentral	No	No
Falabella	No	Yes
Finandina	No	No
GNB Colombia	No	Yes
Helm Bank	No	No
Occidente	No	No
Pichincha	No	Yes
Procredit	No	Yes
Santander de Negocios	No	Yes
WWB	No	No



**Table 3**  
**Balance Sheet Structure of Commercial Banks (December 2013)**

This table presents the structure of the balance sheet for commercial banks before Colombia's benchmark rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. Panel A depicts the asset structure, with all variables in percentage of total assets unless indicated. Panel B shows the liability structure with all variables in percentage of total liabilities unless indicated. Panel C presents other relevant variables. The exchange rate exposure is the total assets minus total liabilities denominated in foreign currency divided by the net worth. The solvency ratio is the tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets and market risk.

Variable	Total Sum		Average		Median	
	Non Market Makers	Market Makers	Non Market Makers	Market Makers	Non Market Makers	Market Makers
<b>A. Assets</b>						
Total Assets (in Trillions COP)	72.3	328.8	5.2	29.9	1.3	16.6
Liquid Assets	8.7	8.8	9.9	8.2	8.8	7.2
Investments	14.6	20.3	12.5	23.3	6.2	19.2
Local Public Debt	8.2	11.5	8.9	15.4	2.3	10.8
Total Credit	63.5	63.8	70.3	62.8	75.4	64.8
Commercial Credit	31.5	37.7	25.5	32.5	19.0	35.1
Consumer Credit	22.6	18.2	27.8	22.8	19.4	20.4
Microcredit	3.0	1.7	12.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Mortgages	6.4	6.2	4.5	5.1	0.0	4.6
Other Assets	6.3	7.3	6.8	6.5	5.7	5.8
ROA	1.0	1.4	0.4	1.2	0.9	1.2
<b>B. Liabilities</b>						
Total Liabilities (in Trillions COP)	62.3	281.5	4.4	25.6	1.1	14.9
Total Deposits	79.5	76.6	65.5	77.0	75.6	73.1
Credit Other Institutions	9.3	10.7	20.4	11.5	11.7	11.8
External Credit	2.5	4.3	0.7	3.4	0.0	3.0
Debt	7.6	8.8	8.2	7.3	2.7	5.6
<b>C. Other Variables</b>						
Exchange Rate Exposure	0.2	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.9
Solvency Ratio	15.1	14.7	28.5	15.6	15.5	13.4

**Table 4**  
**Credit and Market Makers**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of credit to total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. Other credit is the sum of consumer, housing and micro credit. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

Explanatory Variables	City-Zone Database		
	<i>Total Credit</i>	<i>Commercial Credit</i>	<i>Consumer Credit</i>
	<b>Dependent Variable: Growth Credit/Assets (2013-2014)</b>		
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.021 *** (0.008)	0.041 ** (0.017)	0.010 (0.009)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	No	No	No
Observations	5,677	5,357	5,654
R-Squared	0.033	0.019	0.061

**Table 5**  
**Commercial Credit and Market Makers**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit to total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

Explanatory Variables	City-Zone Database			Industry Database		
	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit/Assets (2013-2014)					
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.041 ** (0.017)	0.041 ** (0.016)	0.038 *** (0.014)	0.045 ** (0.021)	0.045 ** (0.022)	0.037 *** (0.012)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bank Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	5,357	5,357	5,357	7,677	7,677	7,677
R-Squared	0.019	0.132	0.189	0.007	0.125	0.139

**Table 6**  
**Commercial Credit and Market Makers: Domestic Sovereign Debt Exposure**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit to total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable using the city-zone database. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Domestic sovereign debt exposure is the initial local public debt divided by assets. Solvency ratio is the initial tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets and market risk. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

City-Zone Database

Explanatory Variables	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit/Assets (2013-2014)				
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>		0.053 *** (0.018)	0.052 *** (0.018)	0.050 *** (0.010)	0.047 *** (0.011)
Domestic Sovereign Debt Exposure*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.036 (0.149)	-0.159 (0.118)	-0.161 (0.118)	-0.187 (0.123)	-0.296 * (0.155)
Domestic Sovereign Debt Exposure*Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>					0.005 (0.008)
Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>					-0.001 * (0.001)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,342	5,342	5,342	5,342	5,342
R-Squared	0.014	0.021	0.134	0.189	0.190

**Table 7**  
**Commercial Credit and Market Makers: Exchange Rate Exposure**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit to total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable using the city-zone database. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Exchange rate exposure is the total assets minus total liabilities denominated in foreign currency divided by the net worth. Solvency ratio is the initial tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets and market risk. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

City-Zone Database

Explanatory Variables	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit/Assets (2013-2014)				
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>		0.062 *** (0.022)	0.063 *** (0.021)	0.058 *** (0.007)	0.054 *** (0.010)
Exchange Rate Exposure*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.003 (0.018)	-0.029 (0.019)	-0.031 * (0.017)	-0.027 *** (0.004)	-0.032 (0.040)
Exchange Rate Exposure*Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>					0.000 (0.003)
Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>					-0.001 *** (0.000)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,184	5,184	5,184	5,184	5,184
R-Squared	0.025	0.033	0.149	0.195	0.196

**Table 8**  
**Commercial Credit and Market Makers: Valuation Effect**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit to total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable using the city-zone database. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Profits March 2014 are the profits during the month of the announcement by J.P. Morgan over assets. Solvency ratio is the initial tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets and market risk. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

City-Zone Database

Explanatory Variables	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit/Assets (2013-2014)				
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>		0.043 **	0.042 **	0.034 **	0.031 ***
		(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.015)	(0.012)
Profits March 2014*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.044	-0.001	-0.004	0.035	0.066
	(0.073)	(0.064)	(0.061)	(0.042)	(0.115)
Profits March 2014*Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>					-0.001
					(0.007)
Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>					-0.000
					(0.001)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,357	5,357	5,357	5,357	5,342
R-Squared	0.014	0.021	0.134	0.189	0.187

**Table 9**  
**Commercial Credit and Market Makers: Bank Size**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit over total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. Estimations in Columns 6-9 are for the period 2013-2014 and only includes banks with average assets in 2013 between 40 and 2 trillions of COP. Assets is the initial log of assets. Solvency ratio is the initial tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets and market risk. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

City-Zone Database

Explanatory Variables	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit/Assets (2013-2014)						
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.058 ***	0.056 ***	0.046 ***	0.047 ***	0.061 ***	0.058 ***	0.045 ***
	(0.017)	(0.017)	(0.008)	(0.007)	(0.017)	(0.017)	(0.008)
Assets*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.010	-0.009	-0.004	-0.007			
	(0.007)	(0.008)	(0.006)	(0.015)			
Assets*Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>				-0.000			
				(0.001)			
Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>				-0.000			
				(0.009)			
Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Observations	5,342	5,342	5,342	5,342	3,193	3,193	3,193
R-Squared	0.030	0.141	0.187	0.187	0.025	0.208	0.242

**Table 10**

**Commercial Credit and Market Makers: Robustness Tests**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit to total assets against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. Corporate debt is the debt securities issued by a bank divided by total liabilities. Foreign is a dummy indicating whether a bank is foreign. Domestic sovereign debt exposure is the initial local public debt divided by assets. Exchange rate exposure is the total assets minus total liabilities denominated in foreign currency divided by the net worth. Assets is the initial log of assets. Liquid assets is the initial liquid assets to total assets. ROA is initial return on assets. Solvency ratio is the initial tier 1 capital divided by risk-weighted assets and market risk. Estimations without bank fixed effects include levels of all interactions. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

City-Zone Database

*Full Sample      Without Banagrario      Without Bancolombia*

Explanatory Variables	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit/Assets (2013-2014)		
Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.070 *** (0.006)	0.073 *** (0.021)	0.069 ** (0.028)
Assets*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.005 (0.004)	-0.006 (0.005)	-0.006 (0.009)
Liquid Assets*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.004 ** (0.002)	0.004 * (0.002)	0.004 (0.006)
ROA*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.019 *** (0.004)	0.019 *** (0.006)	0.019 (0.015)
Solvency Ratio*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
Domestic Sovereign Debt Exposure*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.197 *** (0.071)	-0.136 (0.239)	-0.187 (0.162)
Exchange Rate Exposure*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.023 *** (0.004)	-0.025 *** (0.008)	-0.023 ** (0.009)
Corporate Debt*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.001)
Foreign*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.028 *** (0.009)	0.021 (0.015)	0.029 ** (0.013)
Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	5,184	5,025	4,710
R-Squared	0.202	0.206	0.212



**Table 11**  
**Real Effects**

This table presents OLS estimations of the yearly growth of real variables against different set of fixed effects and a treatment variable for manufacturing industries. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs of a month/quarter versus the month/quarter of the year before. The treatment variable is the exposure of an industry to market makers in 2013 multiplied by a dummy indicating the period after the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2012m3-2015m2/2012q2-2015q1. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 1th and 99th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the industry level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

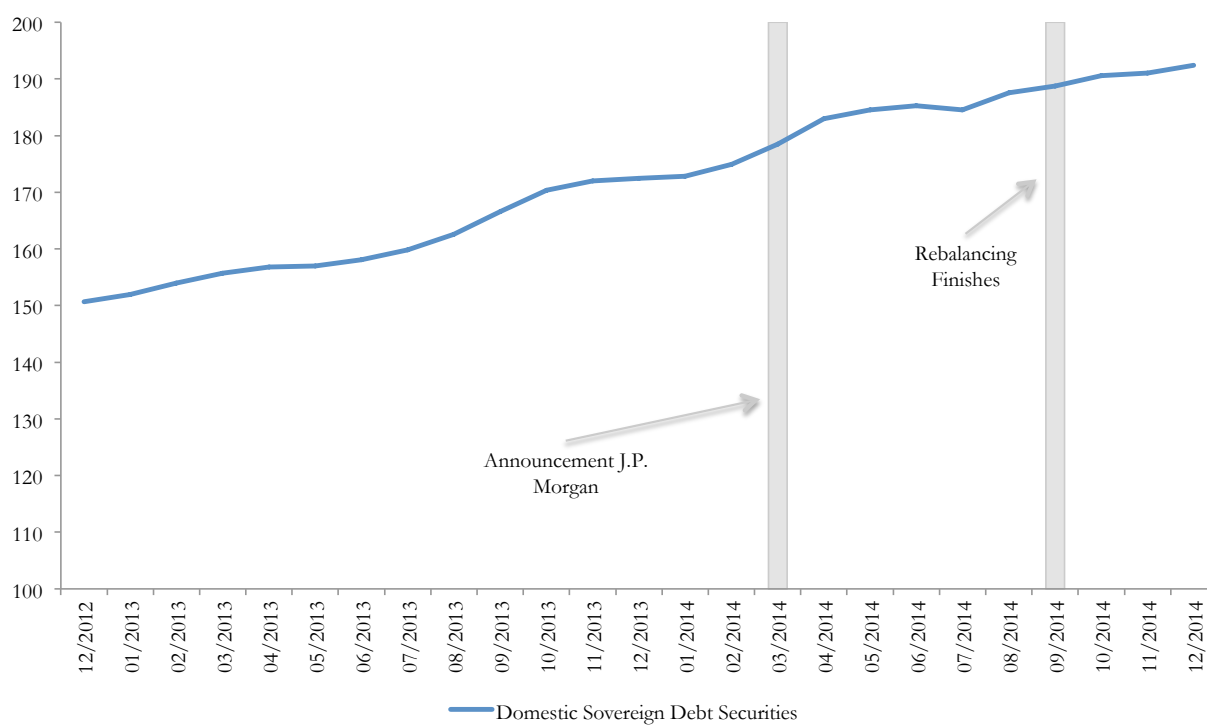
Explanatory Variables	Monthly Manufacturing Database				Quarterly National Accounts Database	
	<i>Employment</i>	<i>Administrative Employment</i>	<i>Production Employment</i>	<i>Production</i>	<i>Sales</i>	<i>GDP</i>
	<b>Dependent Variable: Growth Real Variable (2012-2015)</b>					
Exposure Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Feb 2015</sub>	0.150 ** (0.068)	0.121 (0.111)	0.168 *** (0.065)	0.339 ** (0.148)	0.336 *** (0.117)	0.325 ** (0.145)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industry Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	680	680	680	680	680	196
R-Squared	0.344	0.309	0.380	0.353	0.363	0.311

### Appendix Figure 1

#### Total Domestic Debt Securities and Capital Flows Balance of Payments

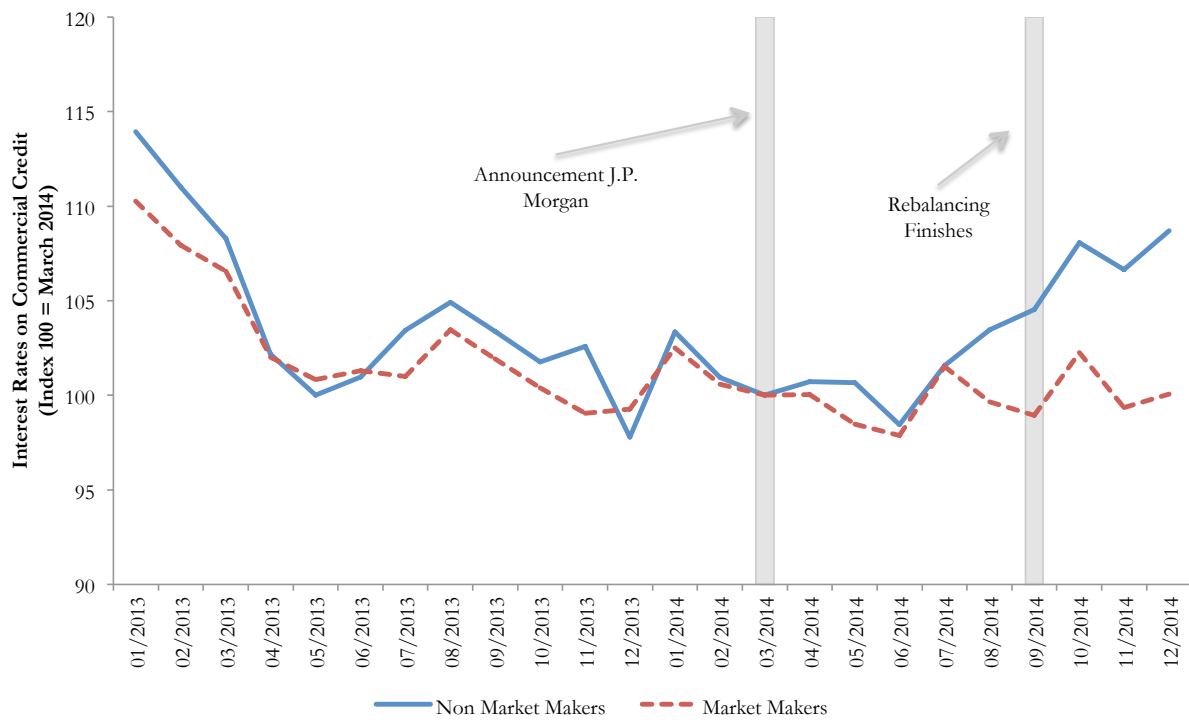
This figure presents the total local currency sovereign debt securities and gross liability flows from the balance of payments by instrument type. Panel A shows the total local currency sovereign debt securities in trillions of Colombian Pesos. The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture.

#### A. Total Domestic Sovereign Debt Securities



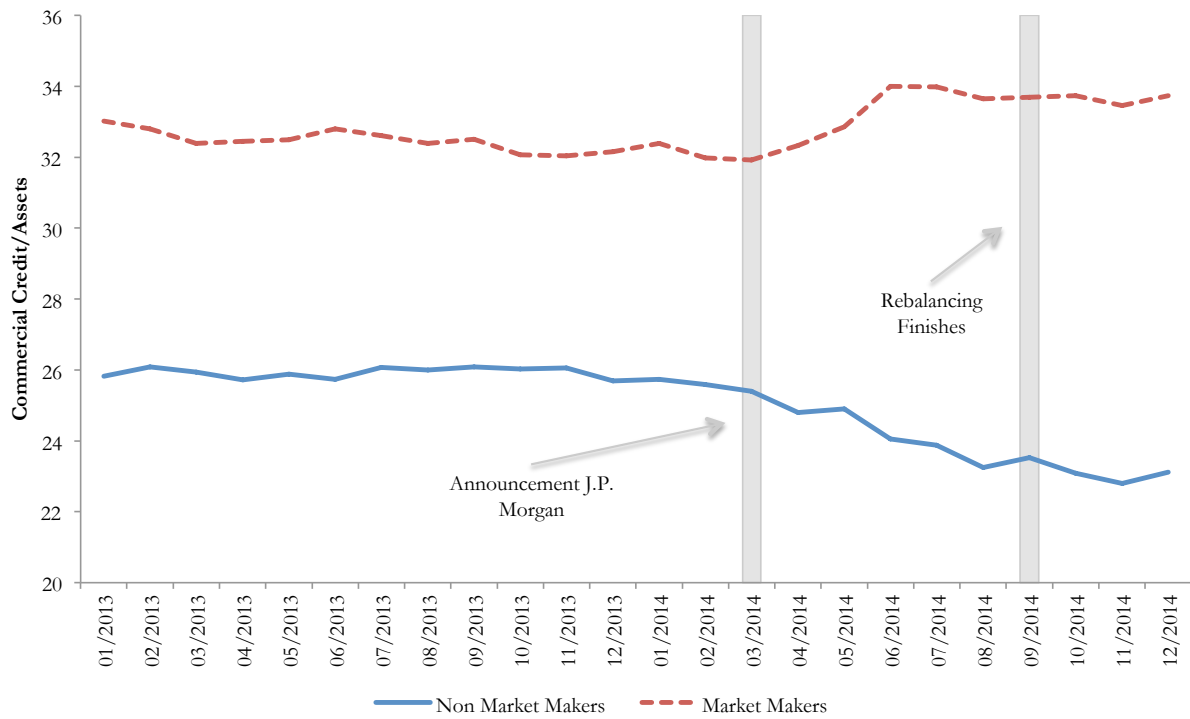
**Appendix Figure 2**  
**Interest Rates on Commercial Credit**

This figure shows the evolution of the interest rates on commercial credit dividing by market maker and non market maker banks at the end of 2013. The index is constructed by averaging the growth of interest rates at each point in time. The index is normalized to 100 for March 2014. The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture.



**Appendix Figure 3**  
**Commercial Credit Evolution**

This figure shows the evolution of commercial credit over total assets dividing by market maker and non market maker banks at the end of 2013. The index is constructed by averaging the growth of commercial credit over total assets at each point in time. The index is normalized to the commercial credit over assets in february 2014 for each of the two groups. The grey bars indicate the events described in the picture.



**Appendix Table 1**  
**Commercial Credit and Market Makers: Robustness Tests**

This table presents OLS estimations of the growth of commercial credit against different explanatory variables for commercial banks and a treatment variable. The growth of the dependent variable is constructed as the difference in logs. The treatment variable is a market maker dummy multiplied by a dummy indicating the period of the index rebalancing by J.P. Morgan. All estimations are for the period 2013-2014. The dependent variable is winsorized at the 5th and 95th percent level. Errors are bootstrapped clustered at the bank level. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* denote 10, 5 and 1 percent level of significance respectively.

City-Zone Database

Explanatory Variables	Dependent Variable: Growth Commercial Credit (2013-2014)		
	Market Maker*Rebalancing <sub>Mar 2014-Sep 2014</sub>	0.044 *** (0.017)	0.043 ** (0.018)
Time Fixed Effects	Yes	No	No
City-Zone-Time Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes
Industry-Time Fixed Effects	No	No	No
Bank Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes
Observations	5,359	5,359	5,359
R-Squared	0.019	0.138	0.192

**Appendix Table 2**

**Manufacturing Industries and Exposure to Market Makers**

This table shows the exposure of each manufacturing industry to market maker banks at the end of 2013. The exposure is constructed by summing the commercial credit of market maker banks to each industry and dividing it by the total credit to the same industry by all commercial banks.

<b>Industry Name</b>	<b>Exposure to Market Makers (in %)</b>
Coking, Refined Petroleum Product Production and Fuel Blending Activity / Coquización, fabricación de productos	59.26
Manufacture of Furniture, Mattresses and Box Springs	70.41
Other Manufacturing Industries	73.96
Beverage Manufacture	74.68
Manufacture of Other Non-metallic Mineral Products	78.51
Manufacture of Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Semi-trailers	81.44
Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment	81.71
Wood Processing and Manufacture of Wood and Cork Products, except Furniture	82.14
Tanning and Retanning of Leather; Shoemaking; etc.	82.40
Manufacture of Chemicals and Chemical Products	83.54
Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products for Pharmaceutical Use	83.78
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products	83.92
Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products, except Machinery and Equipment	85.97
Manufacture of food products	86.70
Manufacture of Appliances and Electrical Equipment	87.82
Manufacture of Textiles	87.93
Manufacture of Basic Metal Products	88.46
Manufacture of Paper, Cardboard and Paper Products and Cardboard	91.36
Printing activities and Production of Copies from Original recordings	93.24
Manufacture of Other Transport Equipment	95.66