The Growth of a Shadow Banking System in Emerging Markets: Evidence from India

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Objective of the Study

Our goal is to investigate the (somewhat) rapid growth of the non-deposit taking nonbank finance corporations (NBFCs) in India to understand

- Incentives underlying the formation of shadow banking institutions, if any.
- In what sense are (or are not) NBFCs in India “shadow banks”?
- Linkages between banking sector and NBFCs.
- How the nature of the banking sector (state-owned versus private banks) affects the growth and constraints on NBFCs.
What is Shadow Banking?

Shadow Banking is an evolving concept:

2007/McCulley: Shadow banking is the whole alphabet soup of levered up nonbank investment conduits, vehicles, and structures.

2010/Acharya and Öncü: A shadow bank is a nonbank financial institution that behaves like a bank, borrows short-term in rollover debt markets, leverages itself significantly, and lends and invests in longer-term in illiquid assets. Unlike banks, however, the shadow banks are much less regulated.

2010/Adrian et al: Shadow banks are financial intermediaries that conduct maturity, credit, and liquidity transformation without explicit access to central bank liquidity or public sector credit guarantees.
What is Shadow Banking?

2011/Acharya: In pursuit of short-run popularity, governments can encourage competition in the financial sector, provide downside guarantees, weaken risk controls, subsidize leverage through tax deductions, and direct lending to specific sectors for populist goals. This way, governments can effectively operate as “shadow banks” in the financial sector, exploiting intermediation activity for private objectives, the end result of which is often the fueling of credit booms and periods of intense economic activity but with a looming threat to financial stability.

2012/Ghosh et al: Shadow banking comprises a set of activities, markets, contracts, and institutions that operate partially (or fully) outside the traditional commercial banking sector, and, as such, are either lightly regulated or not regulated at all. The distinguishing feature of shadow banking is that it decomposes the process of credit intermediation into a sequence of discrete operations. A shadow banking system can be composed of a single entity that intermediates between end-suppliers and end-borrowers of funds, or it could involve multiple entities forming a chain.
What is Shadow Banking?

Key points:

- Any shadow banking system conducts maturity, credit and liquidity transformation outside the traditional banking system. Thus, not only it may be less regulated than the traditional banking system or not regulated at all, but also there is no explicit access to central bank liquidity or public sector credit guarantees.

- Since any shadow banking system decomposes the process of credit intermediation into a sequence of discrete operations, it can be a collection not only of single financial entities acting independently, but also of (and usually is) networks of multiple financial entities acting together or both: banks, formal and informal nonbank financial institutions, and even credit rating agencies, regulators and governments.

- Shadow banking system is typically highly levered. Further, while its assets are risky and illiquid, its liabilities are prone to “bank runs”.
Credit in Indian Economy: Some headline facts

- At the end of 2012, domestic credit to private sector was dismally small at 51.5% of GDP
  - State of Maharashtra – 116%, Bihar – 16%
  - Compare to similar headline number for China which exceeds 200%
  - India is likely under-banked, whereas China likely over-banked

- > 70% of Indian banking assets are with state-owned banks
  - Smaller than in China, where share and concentration are greater

- Priority-sector lending: Agriculture, SMEs, education, housing
  - 40% of net bank credit to PSL as a norm, 32% for foreign banks
  - Many financially excluded regions such as Bihar and East/North-East receive relatively little share of PSL from banks
Bank Groups by Assets (Trillions of rupees)
Impact of Priority Sector Norms on Indian Banks

- Public-sector banks do more PSL than private-sector and foreign banks

- PSL (perceived to) have low return for bank shareholders
  - PSL constrains bank growth even in semi-urban areas as banks seeking profitable non-PSL options must expand PSL proportionally

- Non-performing PSL assets historically bigger share of bank NPAs, even after adjusting for fiscal forbearance for farm credits and other such support
  - This effect of NPAs on capital a further drag on bank credit expansion

- Seeking financial inclusion through PSL a cause of under-banking, rather than financial inclusion being a symptom?
Branching (Semi-urban to metropolitan) by Bank Group
An Indian Shadow Bank
Classification of NBFCs
Activity Based

- **Asset Finance Company** is a company:
  - carrying on as its principal business the financing physical assets supporting productive/economic activity: autos, tractors, material handling equipments,...

- **Loan Company** is a company:
  - carrying on as its principal business the providing of finance whether by making loans or advances or otherwise for any activity other than its own.

- **Investment Company** is a company:
  - carrying on as its principal business the acquisition of securities.

- **Core Investment Company** is an investment company whose:
  - 90% of Net Assets in equity shares, preferred shares, bonds or loans of a group of companies or
  - 60% of Net Assets in equity shares of a group of companies.

- **Infrastructure Finance Company** is a company which:
  - deploys at least 75 per cent of its total assets in infrastructure loans.
Classification of NBFCs
Organization Based

- **Standalone NBFCs**;

- **Bank and Financial Institution Sponsored NBFCs**:
  - according to the RBI, there are 28 currently:
    - 18 sponsored by foreign banks and financial institutions;
    - 10 sponsored by Indian banks.

- **Captive NBFCs**:
  - set up to put the parent company's products within the reach of consumers and to ensure that the company has a steady pool of buyers;
  - any major challenges confronting the parent could threaten the operations and asset values of the captive NBFC.

- **Multiple NBFCs**:
  - companies which have multiple NBFCs within their group;
  - example: Sriram Group;
  - operational efficiencies arising out of specialization, dynastic reasons, tax planning are some of the reasons for multiple NBFCs.
From Deposit-taking to Non-deposit NBFCs

- Since RBI introduced prudential norms in 1998 for deposit-taking NBFCs, the number and share of deposit-taking NBFCs has been shrinking.

- The RBI introduction of non-deposit taking systemically important (SI) NBFCs in 2006 has been coincident with significant growth in this newer class of NBFCs.

- As a combination of these two effects, the NBFC share of deposits has been shrinking steadily.
## Comparison between NBFC and Bank Sectors

### Trillions of Rupees

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NBFCs include NBFC-D, NBFC-ND-SI and RNBCs

Scheduled Banks include Commercial Banks and Cooperative Banks
Growth of the NBFC Sector

Number of All NBFCs

Number of NBFC-Ds and NBFC-ND-SIs
Growth of the NBFC Sector (Excluding RNBCs)

Assets in Trillions of Rupees

- NBFC-D
- NBFC-ND-SI

Assets as percentage of Assets of Banks

- NBFC-D
- NBFC-ND-SI
## Consolidated Balance Sheet of NBFCs

**Trillions of Rupees**

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Leverage of the NBFCs: Borrowings/Total Assets
Bank & FI loans as large or larger than Debentures (Excluding RNBCs)
Given this motivation, the questions we ask are:

1. What role does lending to NBFCs play for banks?
   - Given the semi-urban focus of NBFCs, is it related to bank lending to priority sector and their ability to reach out semi-urban areas?
   - Which type of banks (state, private, foreign) lend to NBFCs?

2. What affects the ability of banks to lend to NBFCs?
   - Is it affected by stability of bank deposits?
   - In turn, does bank lending affect NBFC credit growth?

3. How did the deposit shift in the crisis of 2008 affect NBFCs?
   - In particular, did the shift to banks with stronger guarantees (SBI group) constrain the NBFC growth?
We use coarser NBFC and Bank Group types

1. NBFC types:
   • Investment Companies (borrow little from Banks and serve as “placebo”);
   • Finance Companies (larger in assets, borrow more from Banks & FI).

2. Bank group types:
   • The SBI Group;
   • Nationalized Banks;
   • New Private Banks;
   • Old Private Banks;
   • Foreign Banks.
Five datasets (June qtr 2006 – June qtr 2011)

• NBFC-level balance sheet and non-performing asset data on systemically important non-deposit taking NBFCs

• Bank group-level balance sheet data on bank groups

• Bank group-level priority sector lending data on bank groups

• Bank group-level bank branch data on bank groups

• Economic data on Indian 3 month and 10 year yields, gross domestic product and wholesale price index.

• Sample inclusion criteria yield an imbalanced panel data set of 257 NBFCs and 2374 NBFC-quarters from an initial imbalanced panel data set of 383 NBFCs and 3629 NBFC-quarters
Specification

\[ y_{it} = \alpha x_{it} + \beta z_t + u_i + e_{it} \]

- \( y_{it} \) is the NBFC specific dependent variable for the \( i^{th} \) NBFC in the \( t^{th} \) quarter,
- \( x_{it} \) is the vector of NBFC specific explanatory variables,
- \( z_t \) is the vector of bank group-wise and economic explanatory variables,
- \( u_i \) is the random effect variable for the \( i^{th} \) NBFC, and
- \( e_{it} \) is the error term.

- Both \( u_i \) and \( e_{it} \) are i.i.d. normal variables, except that for each NBFC \( i \), they are correlated, and the correlation coefficient is constant.

- We employ the Simulated Maximum Likelihood Estimation (SMLE) approach and report the Observed Information Matrix standard errors.
Specification (cont’d)

\[ y_{it} = \alpha x_{it} + \beta z_t + u_i + e_{it} \]

- \( y_{it} \) is either

1. the quarterly change in bank loans to the NBFC scaled by the previous quarter assets of the NBFC, or

2. the quarterly change in total credit extended by the NBFC scaled by the previous quarter assets of the NBFC,

- \( x_{it} \) is the NBFC size, capitalization, liquidity and non-performing assets

- \( z_t \) is the yield curve slope, GDP growth and inflation
Table II

Result Ia: Bank Loans to NBFCs positively related to Bank Priority Sector Lending, except for SBI Group

Result Ib: NBFC Credit Growth is lower when Bank Priority Sector Lending is higher (substitution)
Table III

Result IIa: Bank Loans to NBFCs negatively related to Semi-urban to Metropolitan branching, except for SBI Group

Result IIb: NBFC Credit Growth is lower when Bank Semi-urban to Metropolitan branching is higher
Bank-NBFC Transmission in the Crisis of Fall 2008

• A “shadow bank run” on the NBFCs, resulting from a “run” on

1. The private sector banks (transmitted to the NBFCs through bank loans)

2. The mutual funds (transmitted to the NBFCs through commercial paper).

• RBI Deputy Governor Usha Thorat described the situation as follows:

“Especially the public sector bank deposits went up and the private sector bank deposits took a knock. So, the private sector banks were quite resource constrained. Also, the RBI facilities were mostly collateralized ones against government securities and private sector banks did not have sufficient securities above the statutory requirements to be able to take RBI liquidity – which meant they were constrained on liquidity at the same time that lending by banks to NBFCs decelerated.”
Bank-NBFC Transmission in the Crisis of Fall 2008

• RBI Deputy Governor Usha Thorat described the situation for NBFCs as:

“In Aug 2008, some NBFCs faced a liquidity problem. Many of them were even doubtful whether their CPs would be rolled over. Some of them had to have liquidity infusion from their sponsors. Bank credit lines started choking. The mutual funds, which had invested in the NBFCs’ short term paper, withdrew or started selling these. In fact, the vulnerability of this sector to liquidity risk got exposed. There was huge pressure on the RBI to open a liquidity window special for NBFCs.

The RBI Act prohibits lending to non-banks (except for some very few categories) and so we did open a window through banks. But banks were quite reluctant to use it as they had to take credit risk of NBFCs, which they started getting very wary about. When banks were unwilling to finance NBFCs, the RBI opened a special facility through a structured vehicle, which was already located in the IDBI.”
Term Deposit Flight from Private to Public Banks

6.a) SBI Group

6.c) New Private Banks
Bank Credit skewed towards SBI Group

Figure 5: Bank Total Credit as percentage of Total Assets. Figure 5 plots the total...
Priority Sector Lending also skewed to SBI Group
Credit Growth of Investment vs Finance NBFCs
Bank & FI loans to Investment vs Finance NBFCs

11.a) Bank Loans
Commercial Paper: Investment vs Finance NBFCs
Table VII

Result IIIa: Bank Loans to NBFCs negatively related to the Crisis (permanent effect) and the Term to Total Deposits for the SBI Group

Result IIIb: NBFC Credit Growth is lower since the Crisis (permanent effect) and the Term to Total Deposits for non-SBI Group is higher (substitution)
Summary of Results

• Bank lending to the non-deposit taking NBFCs
  – forms a significant proportion of these NBFC’s liabilities.
  – fluctuates in line with bank allocation to priority lending sectors.
  – appears to be greater for banks that have lower branching in semi-urban areas relative to metropolitan areas.

• However, bank lending to these NBFCs is virtually non-existent for the largest state-owned bank, State Bank of India (SBI), and its affiliates, which have strong semi-urban branching.
  – Starting with the financial crisis of Fall 2008, bank lending to these NBFCs experienced a permanent contraction that is related to the shift of term deposits towards SBI Group.

• These bank-NBFC linkages are present for those NBFCs that do loans or asset financing and not for investment companies, and also affect the credit growth of these NBFCs.

• Are Indian NBFCs shadow banks? Yes, No, May be ...
Conclusions

• The non-deposit taking NBFCs in India likely represent a completeness of credit allocation in non-metropolitan areas of the Indian economy by banks with less than fully-developed branching networks.

• This NBFC role has been potentially constrained by distortions in bank deposit base arising from a lack of level-playing field in the perceived government support of different banking groups.

• Since these NBFCs are relatively well-regulated on the capital front, it is primarily their linkage to the banking sector that stands out as a potential concern for systemic risk considerations.

• Furthermore, our results highlight that shadow banking in emerging markets may look quite different from that in developed economies.
Independent versus Bank & FI Sponsored Indian NBFCs
Debt Structure of Independent NBFCs
(Between Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and 2010-2011)

a) Finance Company

b) Investment Company
Debt Structure of Bank & FI Sponsored NBFCs (Between Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and 2010-2011)

a) Finance Company

b) Investment Company
Debt Structure of Finance Company NBFCs (Between Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and 2010-2011)

a) Independent

b) Bank&FI Sponsored
Debt Structure of Investment Company NBFCs (Between Fiscal Years 2006-2007 and 2010-2011)

**a) Independent**

**b) Bank&FI Sponsored**
Shadow Banks in China

- 2009: The word “shadow banking” was first discussed in the annual report of CBRC.
- 2011: CBRC categorized the risks from shadow banks as one of the three main risks of the banking industry. It clearly pointed out that the detection and regulation of shadow banks should be enhanced.
- 2012: Shadow banks were listed as one of the four key regulation areas.
Categories of China’s Shadow Banking System

- **Category I** is business which serves the real economy or provides financing services to the real economy.

- **Category II** is traditional business which serves the secondary market transactions in the capital market.

- **Category III** includes derivatives which magnify the leverage.

- These three categories are not mutually exclusive.

- Parts of each of these categories resemble more the traditional shadow banking as we know it in the US.
## Category I Approximation

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Source: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Note: 1: Category I divided by total loans of commercial banks. 2: Category I divided by total assets of commercial banks.
Category I Approximation

Category I and its ratio to Commercial Banks’ Total Loans (Year, Billion Yuan, %)

Source: CEIC
Category I Approximation

Category I and its ratio to Commercial Banks’ Total Assets (Year, Billion Yuan, %)

Source: CEIC
Category II Approximation

- The approximation is complicated because components are not mutually exclusive of each other.
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences gives the approximation of 22.34 trillion Yuan after weighted each component.
Wealth Management Products

- WMP is the core shadow banking system inside of the banking system, akin to money-market funds in US.
- Banks can connect inside with emerging service such as investment banking by WMPs.
- WMP is the fastest-increasing component of China’s shadow banking system.
- Chinese-funded banks issued their first WMP in 2004.
- The funds of WMPs from Chinese-funded banks are usually put into real investment, such as real estate.
- Investors see WMP as substitutes for bank deposits!
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Subdivisions of Banks’ WMPs in 2012

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WMPs and its ratio to Commercial Banks’ Total Loans (Year, Trillion Yuan, %)

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WMPs and its ratio to Commercial Banks’ Total Assets (Year, Trillion Yuan, %)

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