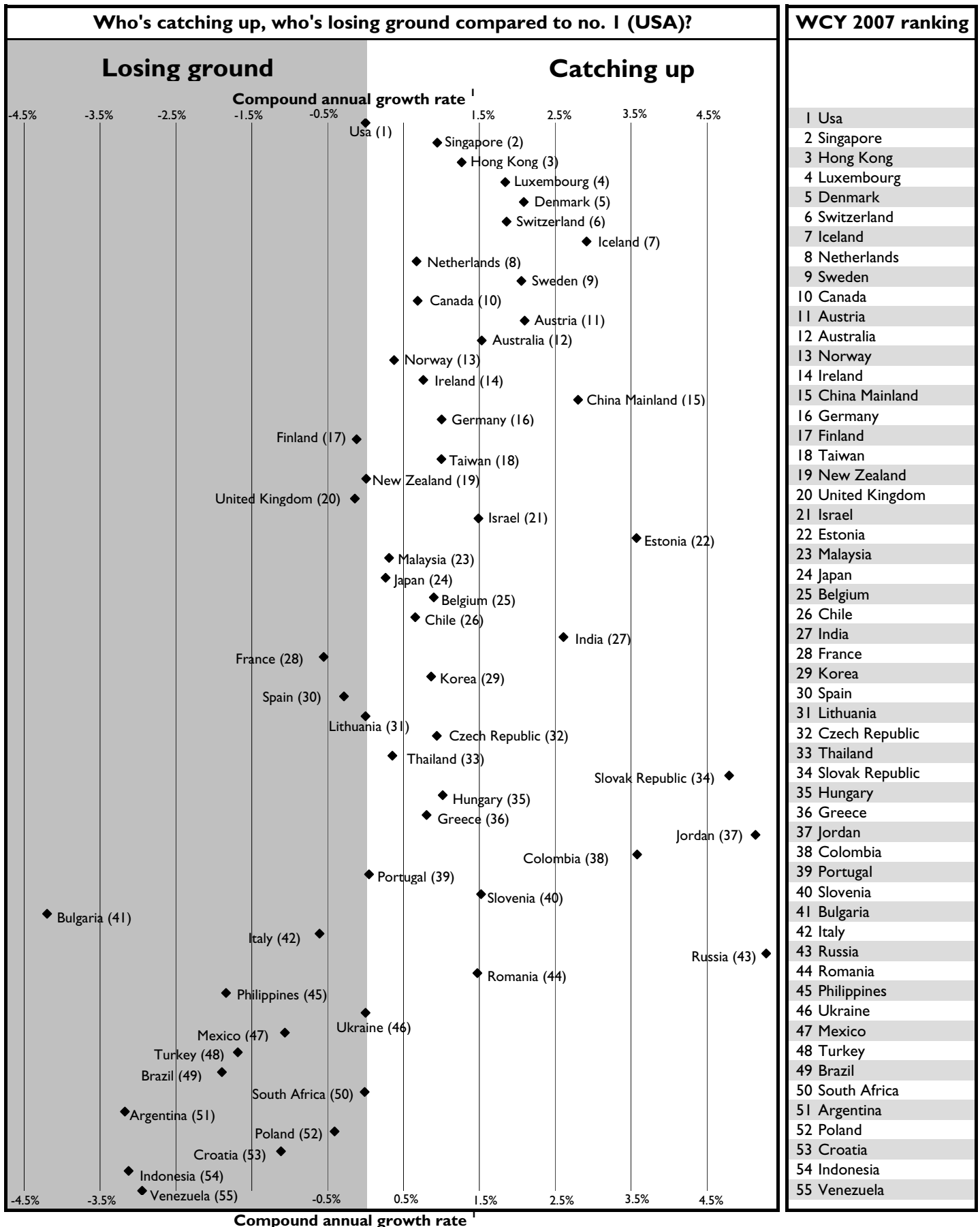


COMPETITIVENESS IN PERSPECTIVE 1997-2007

For the first time, the WCY ranking indicates not only the competitive positions of nations in 2007 but also their ability to catch up with the leader (USA). These trends are based on past competitive performance, drawn from the world's most comprehensive database on world competitiveness built up over two decades by IMD.



¹ Long-term trends based on the evolution of overall competitiveness drawn from the IMD WCY database (up to 10 years, when available). Lithuania & Ukraine included in 2007.