



## República Oriental del Uruguay: Investor Presentation

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## **Organization of the Presentation**



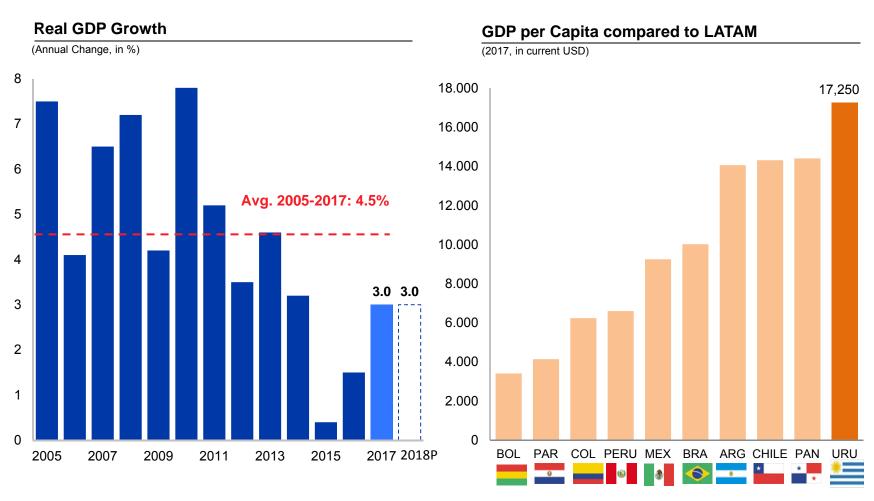
I. Recent developments and outlook

II. Macroeconomic challenges and policy responses

III. Debt-management strategies and financing plans for 2018

# I. Uruguay is on track to complete its 15th year of uninterrupted economic growth





Source: Central Bank of Uruguay for historical data; projections from Ministry of Economy and Finance

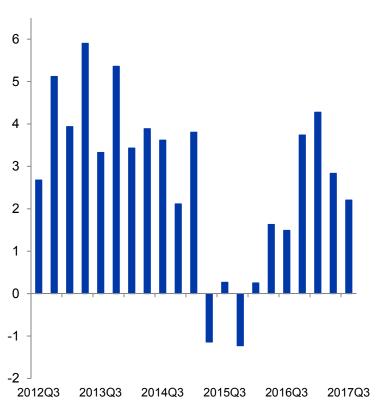
**Source:** International Monetary Fund (WEO October 2017)

## The economy bounced back during 2017



#### **Real GDP Change of Uruguay**

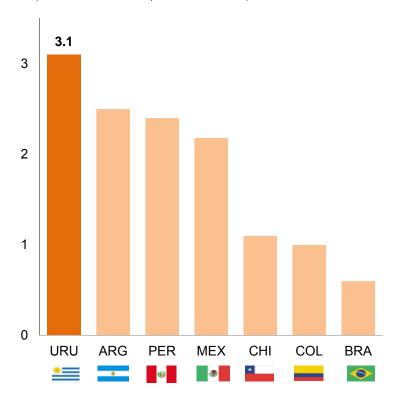
(Year-over-year, in %)



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay and official statistical institutions from LATAM countries

#### **Real GDP Change compared to LATAM**

(2017Q1-Q3 over same period of 2016, in %)



## After enduring regional downturn, Uruguay faces improving growth prospects of its neighbours

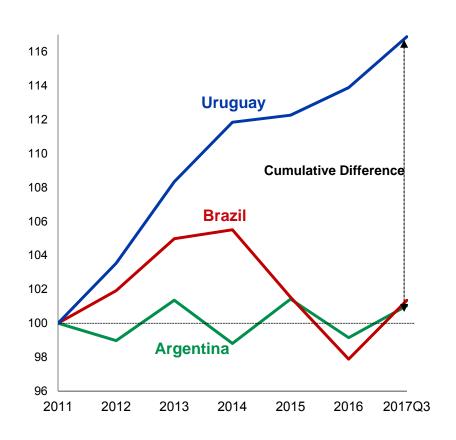


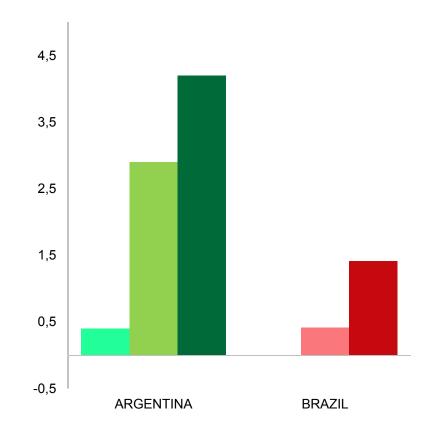
#### **Cumulative Real GDP Growth**

#### Real GDP Change in Argentina and Brazil during 2017

(Index, Base 100=2011)

(Q1, Q2 and Q3 of 2017, respectively, over same period last year, in %)





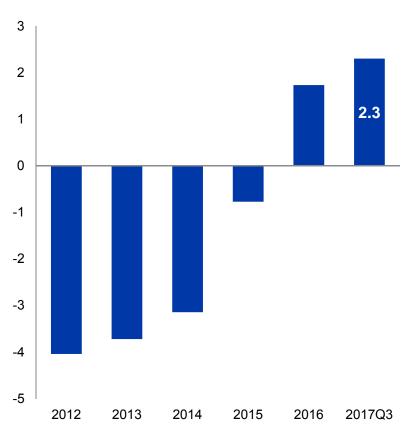
**Sources:** Central Bank of Uruguay (BCU); Central Bank of Brazil (BCB); National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC)

## Marked improvement of external accounts



#### **Current Account Balance of Uruguay**

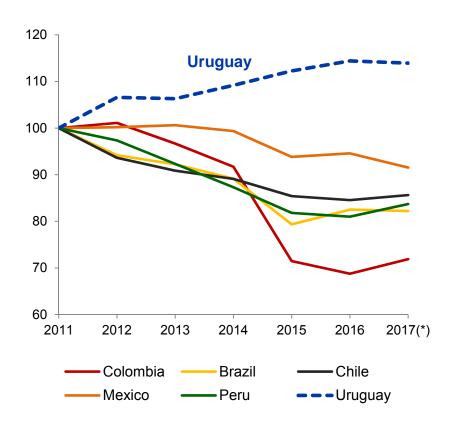
(Last 12 months, in % of GDP)



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

#### **Terms of Trade for Goods compared to LATAM**

(Average 2011=100)

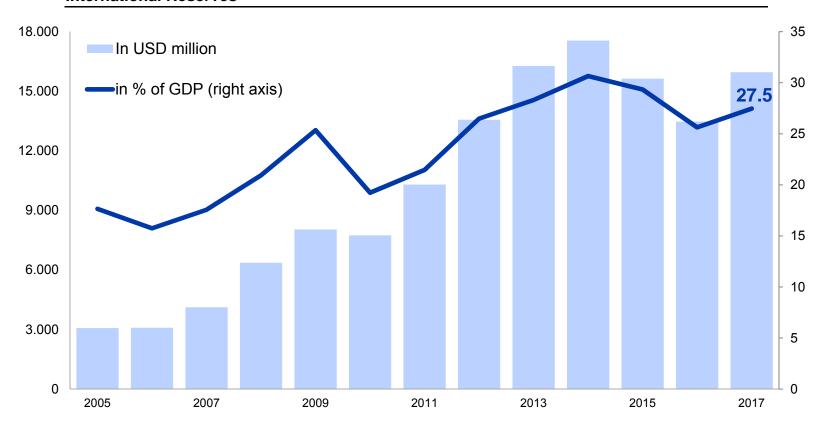


**Source:** : International Monetary Fund. (\*) Estimated for 2017

## **Comfortable external liquidity position**



#### **International Reserves**

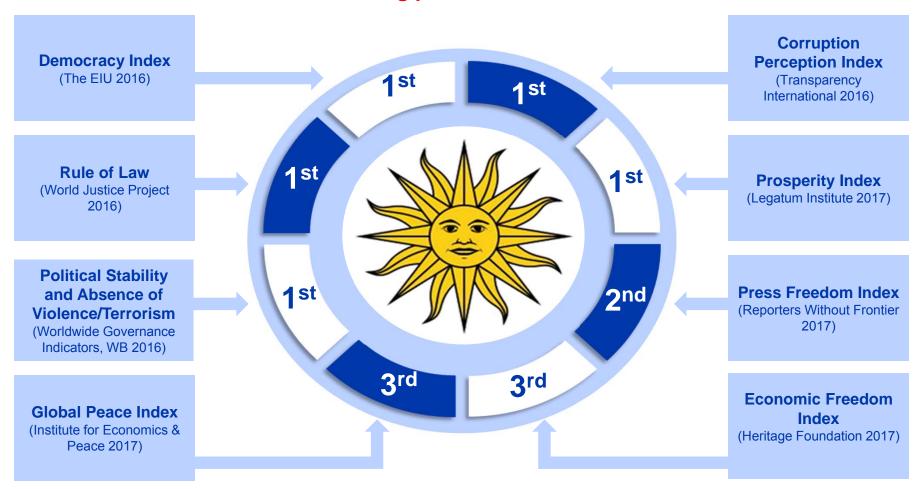


Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

## Uruguay remains a bastion of institutional stability in the region



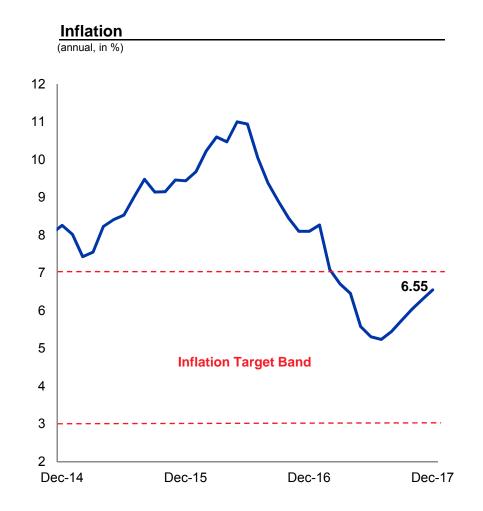
### Ranking position in LATAM



Note: Ranking position in LATAM and Worldwide, respectively

# II. Inflation has fallen significantly and is back within the target band





### **Tradable and Non-Tradable Inflation**



# Policy priority is to shore-up public finances to meet 5-year budget target of 2.5% of GDP by 2019

#### **Consolidated Public Sector Balance**

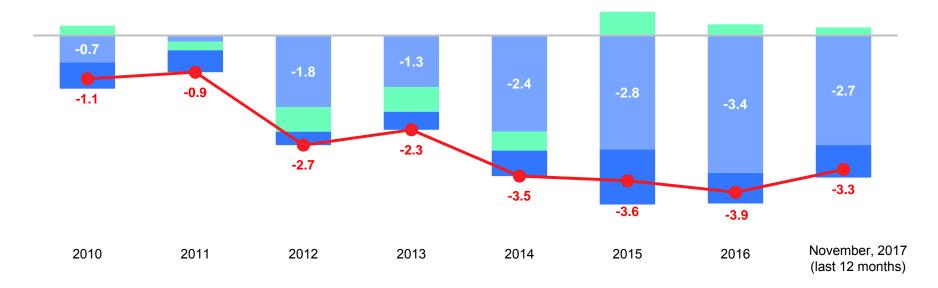
(in % of GDP)

General Government

Public Enterprises

Central Bank

Consolidated Fiscal Result



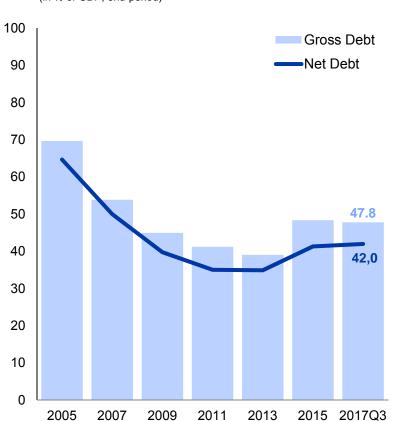
Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance

## III. Debt management strategy over the last decade: reduce FX and roll-over risk



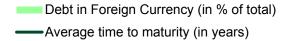
#### **Central Government Debt**

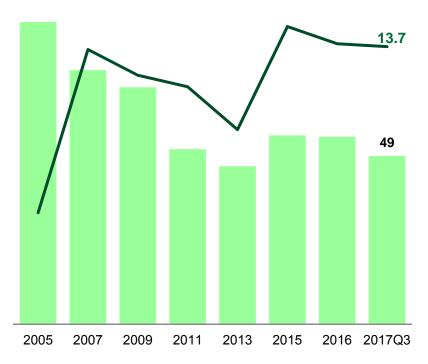
#### (in % of GDP, end-period)



#### **Currency and Maturity Composition of Debt**

(end-period)





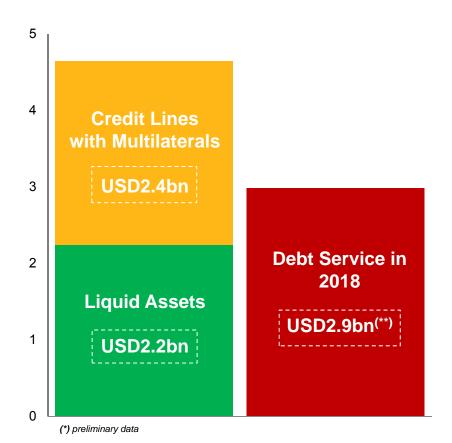
Source: Debt Management Unit, Ministry of Economy and Finance

# Active pre-funding policy has build-up central government's liquidity reserves



#### **Financial Buffers and Debt Service Obligations**

(in USD billions, as of December 2017)(\*)



## Large liquidity buffers:

- Underpin the credit quality of the sovereign
- Provide flexibility when deciding timing, strategy and format of capital market transaction

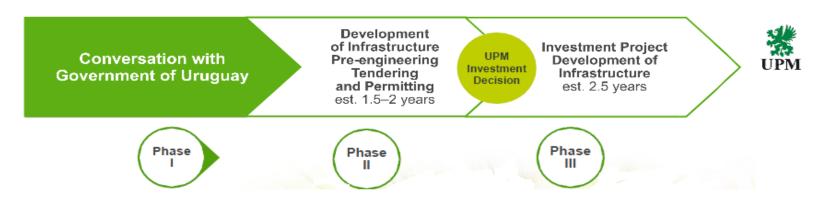
(\*\*) Amortization plus interest payments

Source: Debt Management Unit, Ministry of Economy and Finance

## Government has reached an investment agreement with Finnish company UPM to build a second pulp mill in the country



- Largest private investment in history.
- Would lead to massive increase in transport infrastructure.
- In an economy of the size of Uruguay, this sort of investment, if it comes to pass, could have a material positive impact on GDP growth, employment and the Balance of Payments.



Source: UPM (http://assets.upm.com/Investors/2016/Investor%20Presentation%20-%20September%202016.pdf)

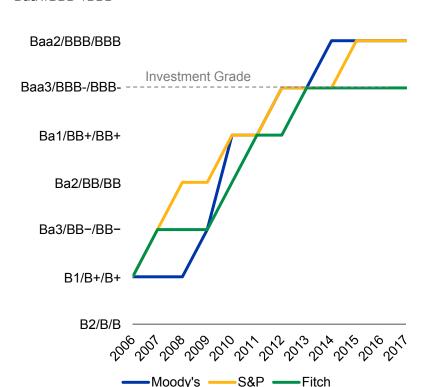
## Credit rating actions during 2017 pointed to continued resilience and improved outlook



#### **Evolution of Uruguay Sovereign Credit Ratings**



Baa1/BBB+/BBB+



#### **Credit Rating Updates in 2017**



09/2017. Affirmed Uruguay's rating at "BBB-" with Stable outlook.



07/2017. Outlook raised to Stable from Negative and affirmed "BBB" rating.



05/2017. **Outlook improved to Stable from Negative** and affirmed "BBB" rating.



05/2017. Affirmed Uruguay's rating at "BBB(Low)" with Stable Outlook.

Sources: Moody's, S&P,R&I, DBRS and Fitch

## Financing strategies in global markets during 2017: "second-generation" dedollarization



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### **Implementation**

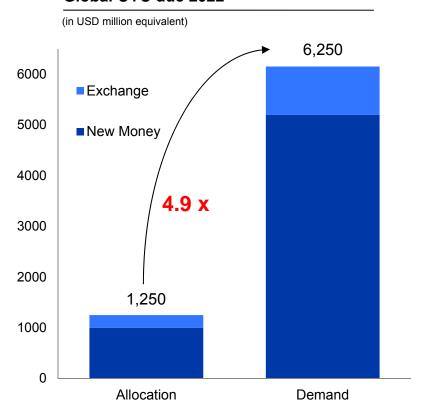
# Issuance of global peso bonds in nominal fixed-rate, with benchmark size and intermediate maturities

- Reach the broadest pool of international investors and increase market competition
- Meet the criteria to potentially be included in the benchmark
   GBI-EM bond index

## Landmark 5-year international issuance in nominal fixedrate peso met large and diversified investor demand



#### Global UYU due 2022



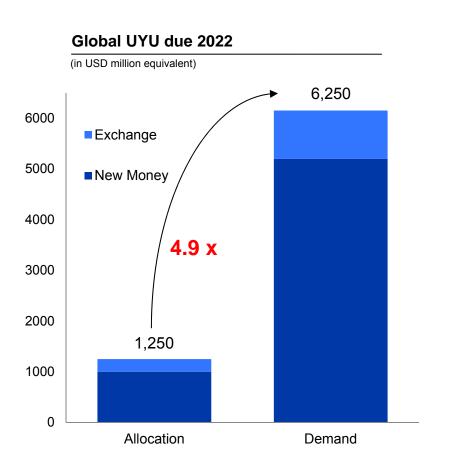
#### June 2017:

## First-ever nominal fixed-rate global peso issuance.

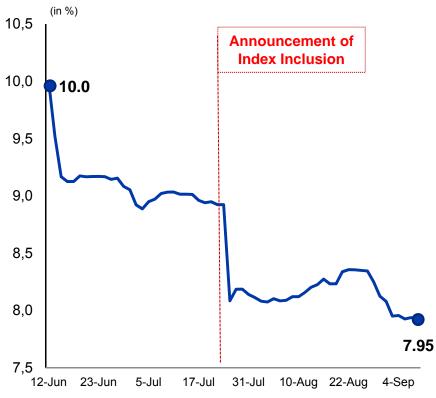
- 5-Year maturity for USD 1.25bn-equivalent, 10% yield.
- Key role played by the Central Bank in implementing the local leg of the concurrent LM operation.

## Strong rally in bond price, particularly after inclusion in Emerging Markets Government benchmark index





#### Global UYU 2022 Yield evolution, since issuance

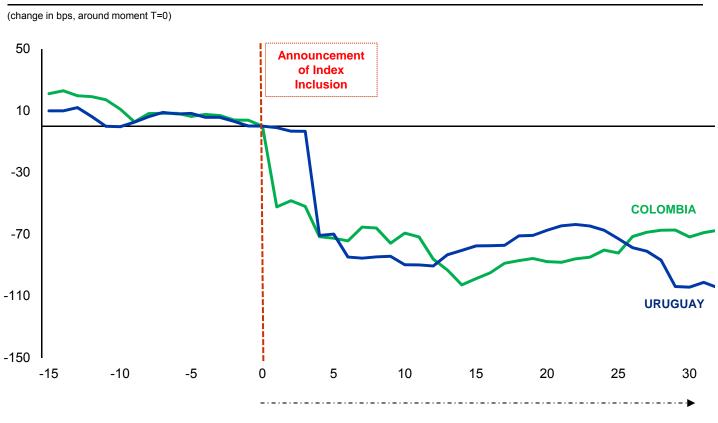


Source: Bloomberg

## Impact of bond's inclusion in the GBI-EM was similar to the case of Colombia



#### 5-Year Yield on Nominal Fixed Rate in Local Currency



Days since index inclusion announcement

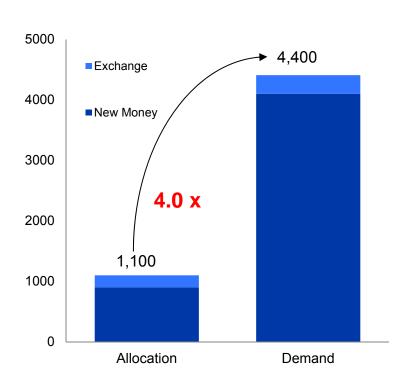
Source: Bloomberg

## Followed through three months later, by extending duration with a 10-year UYU global issuance



#### Global UYU due 2028

(in USD million equivalent)



### September 2017:

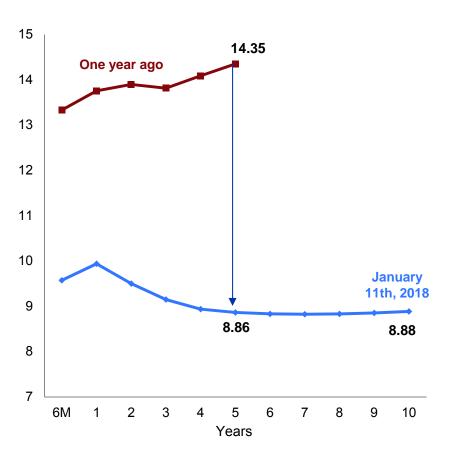
## Longest-ever nominal fixed-rate peso issuance.

- ➤ 10-Year maturity for USD 1.1bn-equivalent, 8,625% yield.
- ➤ LM operation focused on international bonds (local currency and US dollar).

# Compression in Rates and Shape of Yield Curve Portend Lower Long-term Inflation Expectations

#### **Nominal Peso Yield Curve**

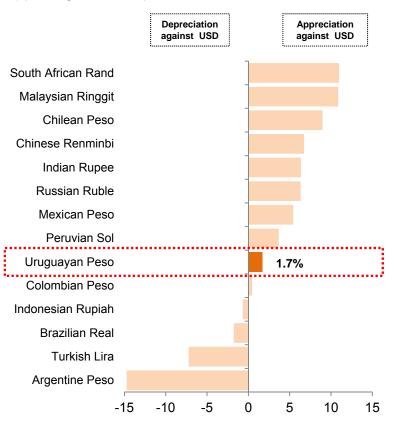
(Par value, in %)



Source: Bolsa Electronica de Valores del Uruguay (BEVSA)

#### **EM Currencies Performance vs USD**

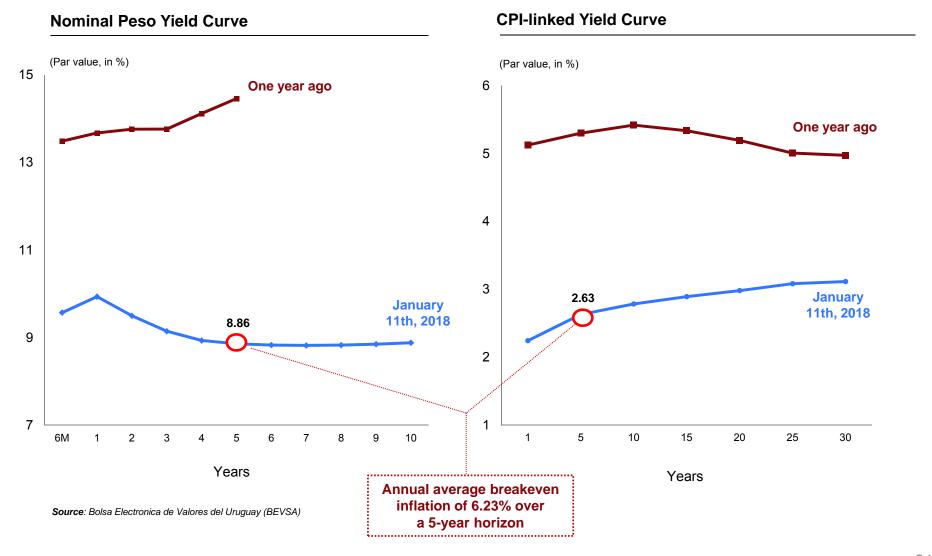
(Spot change in 2017, in %)



Source: Bloomberg

## Yield-curve arbitrage in local currency bonds portrend a reduction in long-term inflation expectations



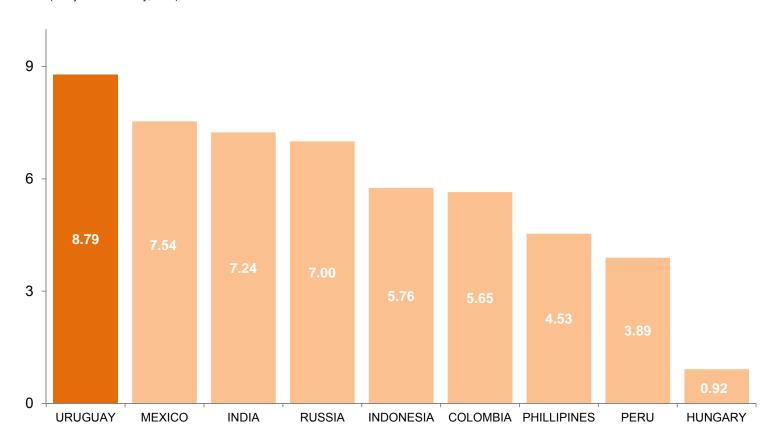


# Despite significant compression, Uruguay's nominal yield remain relatively high among IG countries in EM



#### **Yield of 5-Year Local Currency Sovereign Bond (Nominal Fixed Rate)**

(mid-yield to maturity, in %)



## Milestones of Uruguay's debt management in 2017



First-ever issuances in pesos at nominal fixed rate on a global scale

➤ Index inclusion in GBI-EM: a further step towards international financial integration

Both local and international capital market funding was fully done in Local Currency

## Central government funding needs and sources



#### **Indicative Uses and Sources of Funds**

(in USD million)

	2017	2018
USES (*)	3,470	3,055
Interest Payments	1,558	1,672
Amortization	1,862	1,523
Primary Deficit	50	-140
SOURCES (*)	3,470	3,055
Multilateral Disbursements	146	500
Total Bond Issuance (**)	3,057	2,700
Others	91	185
Use of Assets (***)	177	-329

<sup>(\*)</sup> Preliminary data

Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance.

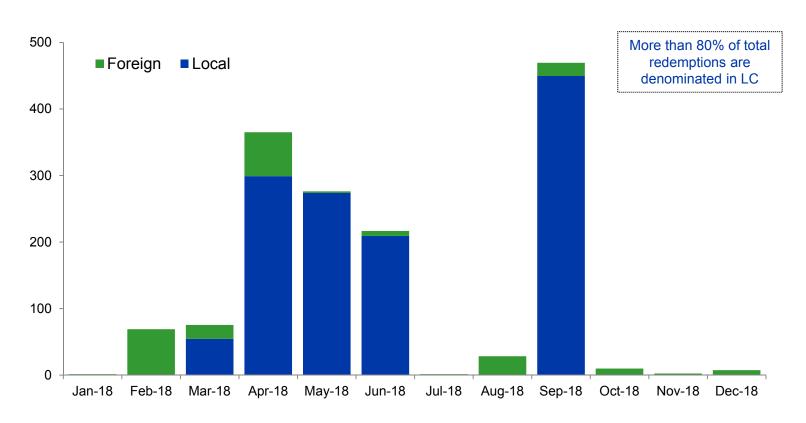
<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Includes domestic and external issuances

<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> Positive value indicates a reduction in Central Government`s assets

# Upcoming maturities continue to be highly concentrated in local currency

#### **Government Debt Redemption Profile during 2018, by Currency**

(in USD million)



Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance

## Intended debt management strategies for 2018



## 1) Continue developing the local currency bond market by:

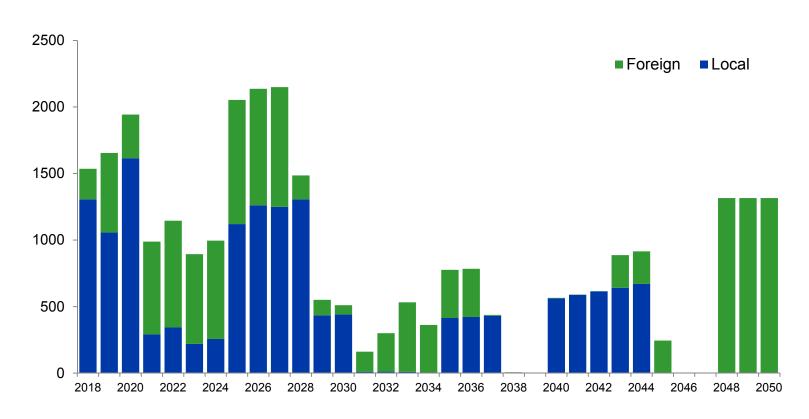
- ➤ Extend duration in nominal peso yield curve through issuance of longer-dated global bonds and liability management operations.
- ➤ Continue to target index-eligibility in primary issuances to enhance liquidity, while ensuing the right incentives for banks to increase trading in secondary markets and dollar/peso hedging instruments.
- ➤ Increasing share of peso debt through dollar/peso crosscurrency swaps.
- ➤ Aligning custody and settlement process in domestic markets to international standards.

## **Government debt redemption profile**



#### **Total Government Debt Amortizations, by Currency**

(in USD million)

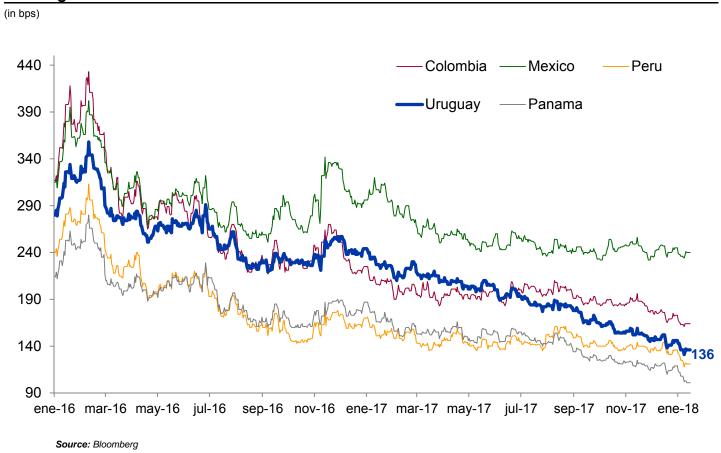


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# Uruguay's sovereign risk premium performance has been below better-rated peers



#### JP Morgan EMBI Index



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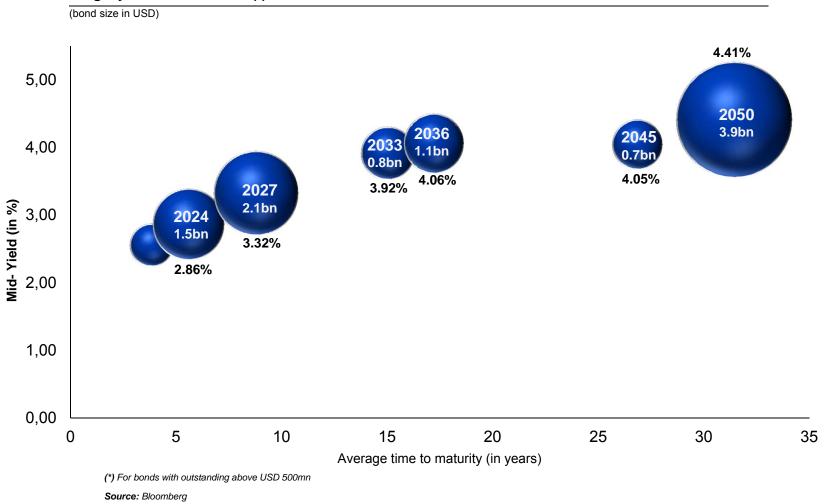
## 2) Returning to the international dollar bond market:

- Our deepest and more efficient source of funding.
- ➤ US dollar bond market gives the Republic more flexibility regarding the maturity of issuances.
- ➤ Update and refresh of USD Global Curve after being out of the market for more than one and a half year.
- Continue diversifying investor base.

## **Uruguay's Global USD curve**



#### **Uruguay's US Dollar Curve (\*)**



## **Key Highlights of the Uruguayan Economy**



### Robust macroeconomic performance and investment grade country

### **Solid institutional foundations**

Decelerating inflation and fiscal consolidation underway

Resilient government debt profile and large and liquid buffers

Ambitious infrastructure agenda underpinning medium term outlook