

### República Oriental del Uruguay

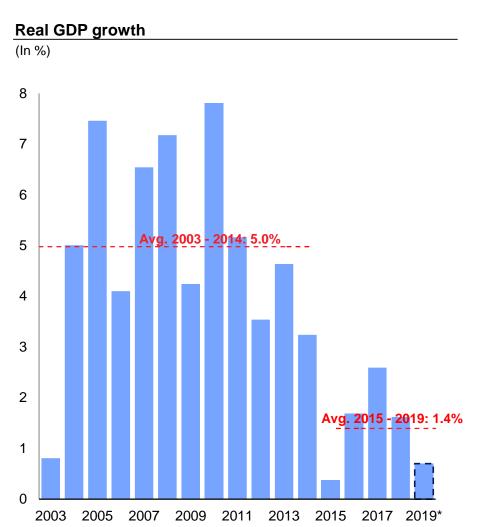


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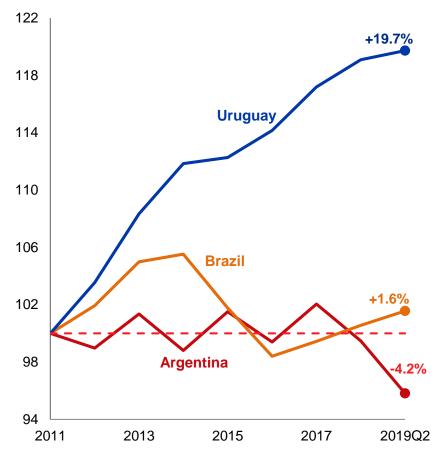
# Sustained growth over the last 16 years, showing resilience in the face of adverse regional backdrop





#### **Cumulative real GDP growth**

(Index, Base 100=2011)



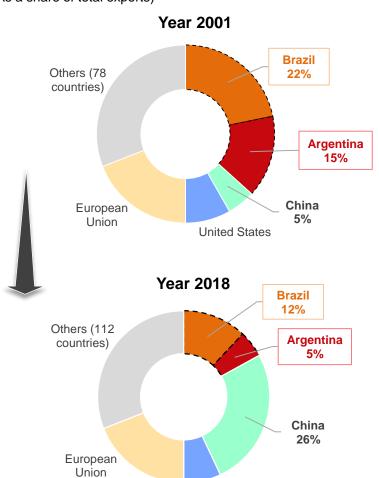
(\*) 2018 Annual Budget Law projection

## Diversification of export destinations has reduced trade exposure to the region, and muted effect of trade war



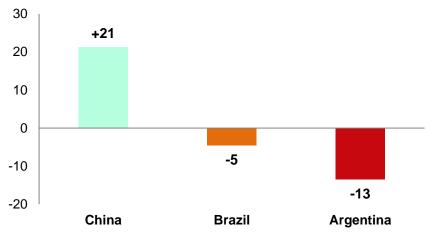
#### **Exports of goods by destination**

(As a share of total exports)



#### Exports of goods to key destinations<sup>1/</sup>

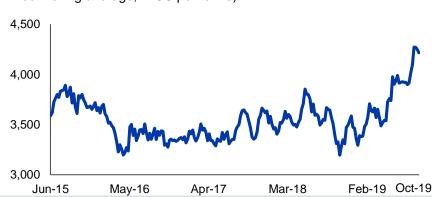
(Jan-Sep 2019 compared to same period last year, in %)



1/ Does not include the Free Trade Zone's exports

#### **Export price of beef**

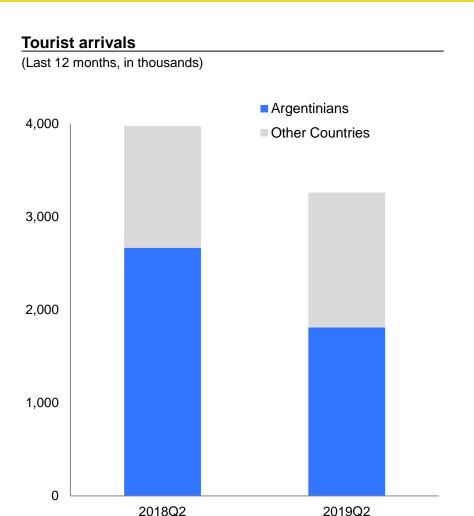
(4-week rolling average, in US per tonne)

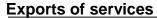


**United States** 

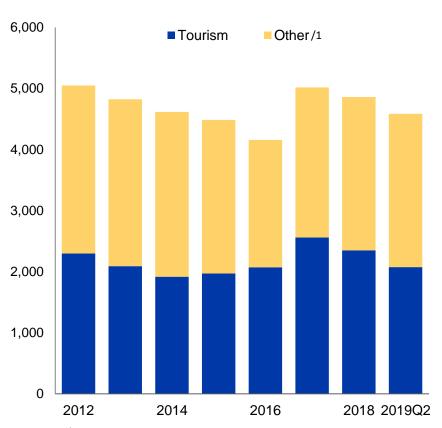
## Economic pressures in Argentina have continued to spill through inbound tourism, yet exports of other services picked up some slack







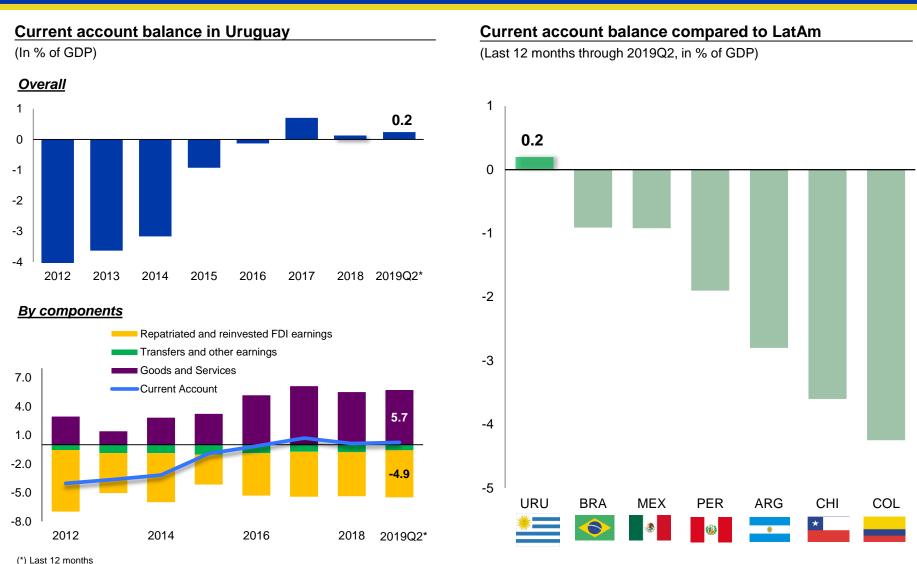
(In USD million)



<sup>1/</sup> Software, transport, logistics, maintenance, financial, personal and professional and consultancy services

### Since 2017, the current account has shown a positive balance





### Ample international reserves provides sizeable external buffers

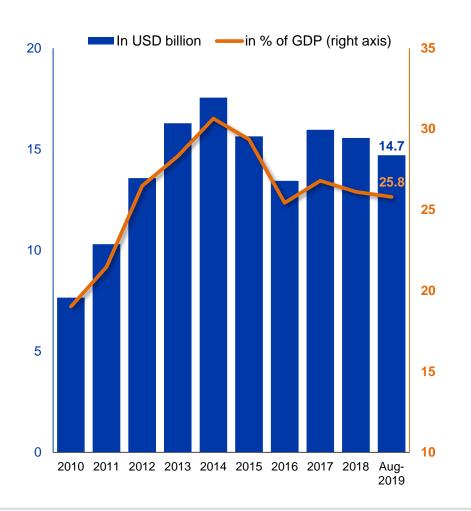


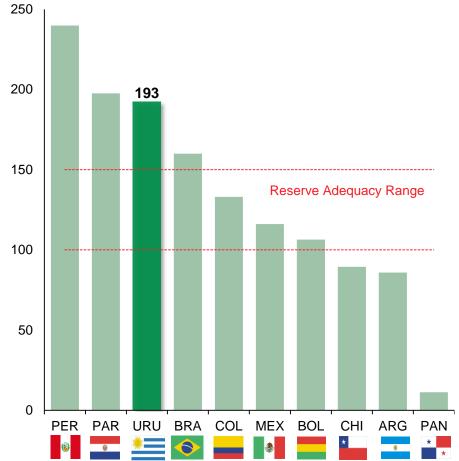
#### International reserves

(End-of-period)

#### Reserve adequacy compared to LatAm

(International reserves to IMF's Reserve Adequacy metric, as of July 2019)



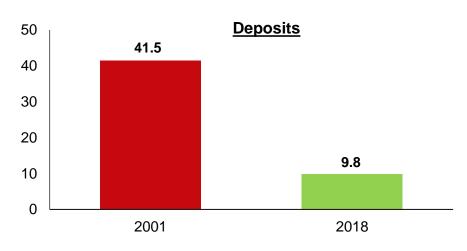


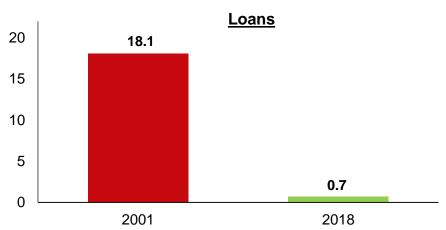
Sources: Ministry of Economy and Finance, Central Bank of Uruguay, International Monetary Fund

## Limited banking sector exposure to non-residents mitigates financial spillovers risks; stringent supervision under Basel III regulations

#### Banking system's balance sheet exposure to non-residents

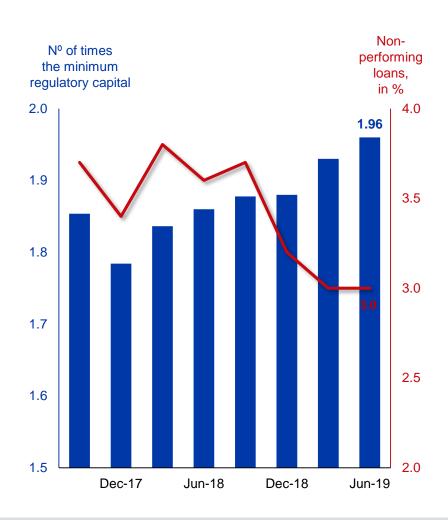
(To non-financial sector, % of total) $^{1/}$ 





1/ End-period; data for deposits includes only private non-financial sector

#### Solvency of the banking system

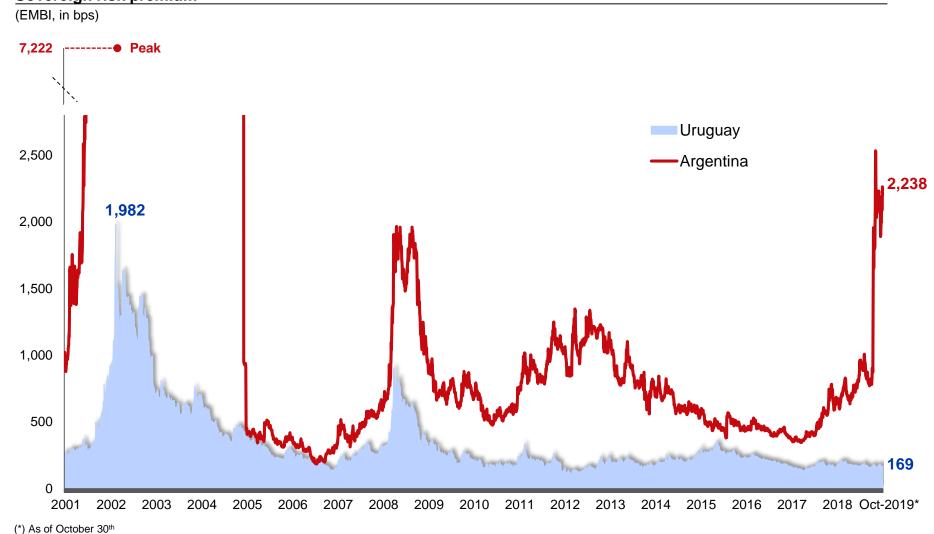


Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

### Credit spreads remain subdued despite regional turmoil







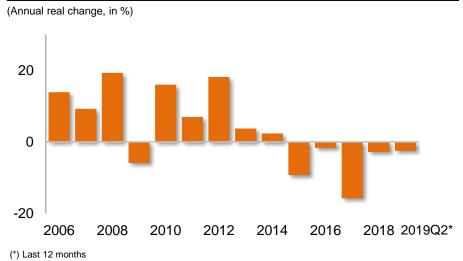
Source: Bloomberg

### **Macroeconomic Challenges and Policy Priorities:**





#### **Gross fixed capital investment**



#### Labour market indicators

(Average of last 12 months, in %)

Employment rate — Unemployment rate (right axis)

Mark to the state of last 12 months, in %)

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Aug-13 Aug-14 Aug-15 Aug-16 Aug-17 Aug-18 Aug-19

#### Policy responses to promote investment

- Changes to the Investment Promotion Regime to boost investments with positive externalities
  - Additional tax benefits for promoted investment projects executed in 2018
  - Benefits for national farm equipment production
- Extension of automatic tax credits for SME investments
- Transformative infrastructure projects
- September 2019: Government announced a new stimulus program, with new and expanded tax breaks and incentives for 14 economic sectors, including farming, food processing, global services, logistics and tourism.

## Moving ahead with largest-ever private investment in the country, together with a new railway system and other infrastructure projects

#### Construction of new pulp mill

- · Finnish company UPM's Second pulp mill in the country
- Overall investment: approx. USD 3 billion (5% of GDP)
- Will have a material positive impact on GDP growth, employment and the balance of payments
- World-class design with proven high environmental performance

#### **Central Railway project**

- Will run from city of Paso de los Toros to the Port of Montevideo (273 km long)
- Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) modality
- USD 1,000 million investment
- Will reduce transportation costs for other economic activities and is expected to foster more agricultural activity in the center-north part of the country





## A wide range of other infrastructure projects are setting the foundations for medium-term economic growth



### Maturing pipeline of PPP infrastructure projects

- Total Investment of USD 1,900 million
- The PPP portfolio spans 13 projects
- Most of them poised to start execution this year:
  - Roads and highways



Education infrastructure

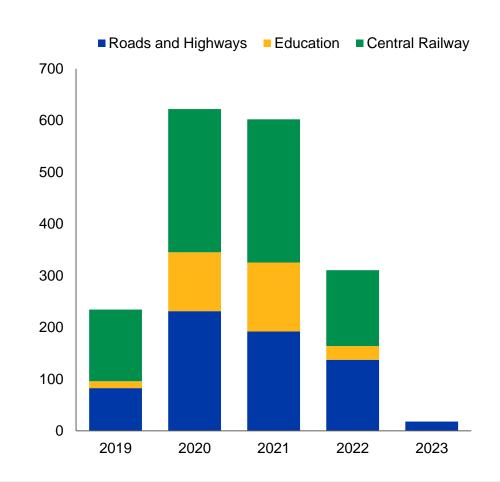


Central Railway



### **Executed PPP investment and pipeline of projects**

(In USD million)



## Deeper trade integration in good and services: Free Trade Agreements negotiated with EU and EFTA during 2019



#### EU:

- Most important agreement since the creation of Mercosur
- The EU is Uruguay's second largest comercial partner
- 97% of exports supply will have preferential access to the EU



#### **EFTA** (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein):

 The agreement covers tariff issues, government purchases, trade in services, intellectual property, trade facilitation, sustainable development, competition, investment and trade defense



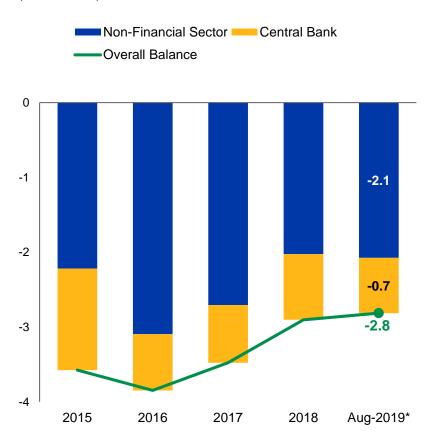
### **Macroeconomic Challenges and Policy Priorities:**





#### Headline fiscal balance of the overall public sector

(In % of GDP)



(\*) Last 12 months

- Headline fiscal balance is consolidated for the whole public sector, including Public Enterprises and the Central Bank
- Since October 2018, the public Social Security Trust Fund (SSTF) has received extraordinary transfers from Pension Funds, following a law introducing changes to the pension system
- These accumulated transfers, are registered as government revenues consistent with IMF statistics standards, and reduced the headline fiscal deficit by 2.0% of GDP in the last 12 months to August

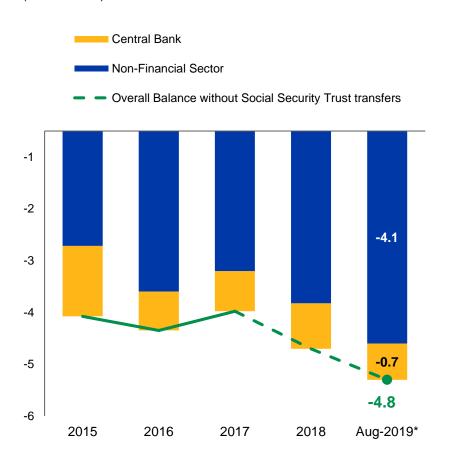
Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance

### **Macroeconomic Challenges and Policy Priorities**



#### Fiscal balance of the overall public sector

(In % of GDP)



- Excluding these inflows into the SSTF, fiscal finances has seen a persistent deterioration since 2017
- The Ministry of Finance has deployed measures to improve quality of discretionary spending and budget execution
- The Central Bank cannot transfer to the Treasury unrealized gains originated from the accounting revaluation of international reserves

Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance

## Fiscal consolidation is facing headwinds from a sluggish economy and sustained increase in indexed expenditures



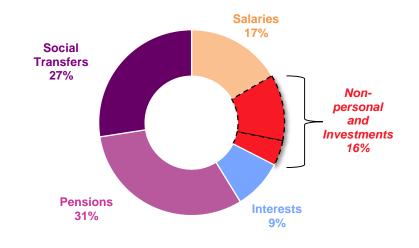
#### **Tax Revenues**

(In % of GDP)



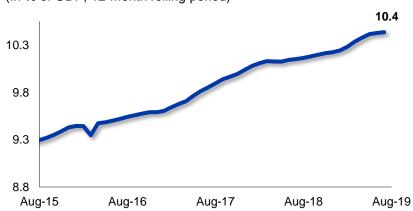
#### **Central Government expenditures by component**

(As share of total, 12-month period through August 2019)



#### **Pension expenditures**

(In % of GDP, 12-month rolling period)



Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance of Uruguay

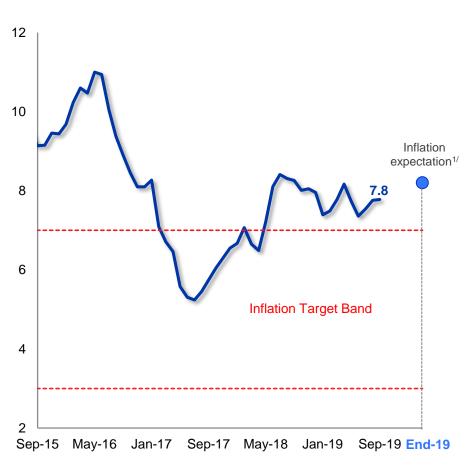
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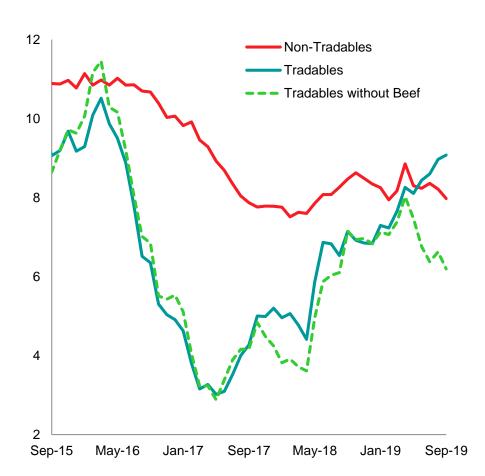


(Annual, in %)



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

(Annual, in %)



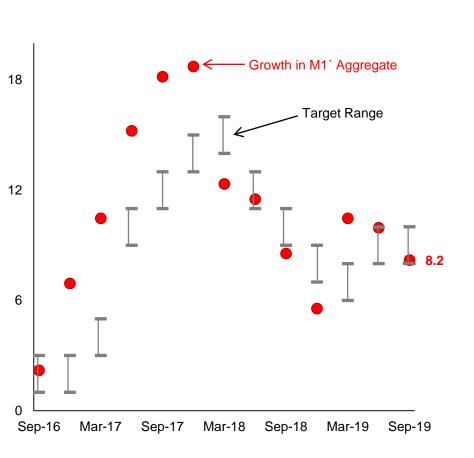
1/ Median expectation in Central Bank's market survey

### Moderate contractive stance of Monetary Policy, which takes into account reduced FX pass-through and the stage of the business cycle



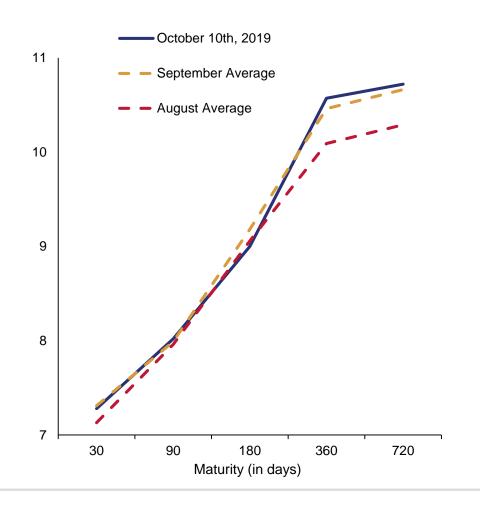
#### Monetary policy instrument

(Annual change, in %)



#### Term structure of Central Bank open market instruments

(In %)



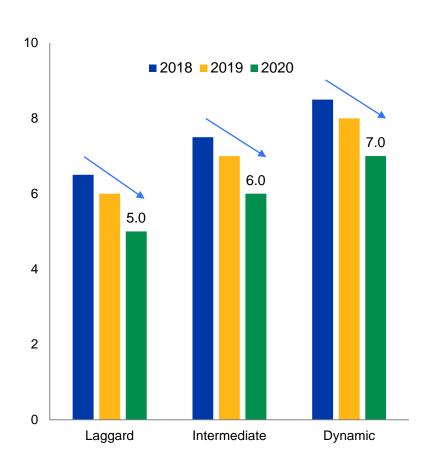
Source: National Institute of Statistics (INE); Central Bank of Uruguay

### Flexible and forward-looking wage-setting guidelines to reduce indexation and non-tradable inflation inertia



#### Government's guidelines for 2018-2020 wage negotiations

(Annual increases in nominal wages by economic sector, in %)

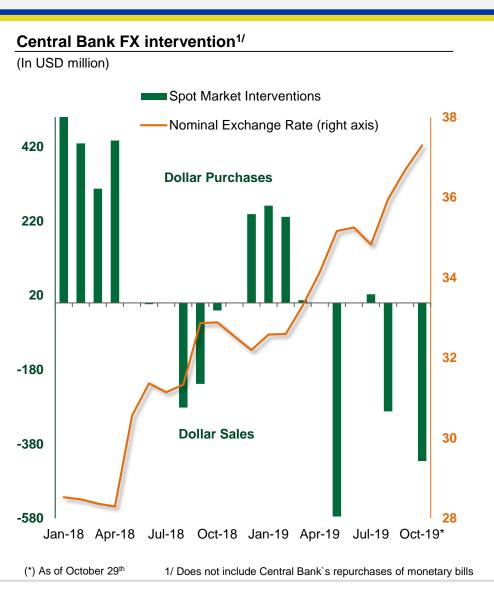


#### Wage-setting guidelines in the private sector

- Nominal wage adjustments based on forward-looking inflation
- Wage increases depending on sector's economic situation
- Longer-term wage contracts and less frequent real wage corrections

### Central Bank market has intervened on both sides of the market to smooth out FX fluctuations





## Stock of Central Bank Open Market instruments (In USD million) 12,000 10,000 8,000 6,000 4,000 2,000

Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

2007

2009

2011

2013

2015

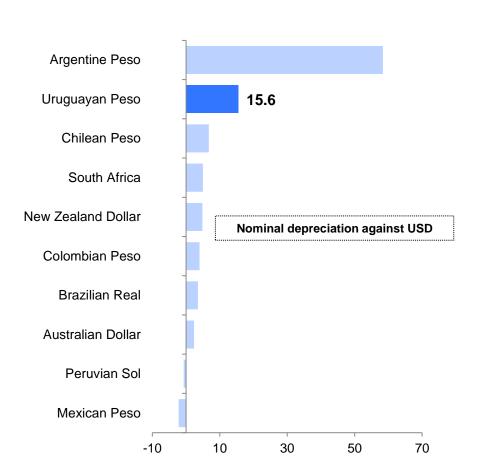
2017 Aug-19

### Nominal exchange depreciation in line with other Latam countries and trade competitors; RER broadly in line with fundamentals



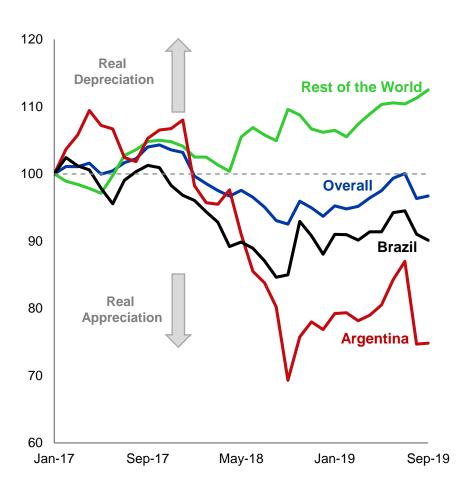
#### Currency performance vs USD: Latam and other relevant trade competitors

(Year-to-date change in nominal exchange rate, in %, as of October 14th)



#### Effective real exchange rate

(Index base 100 = January 2017)



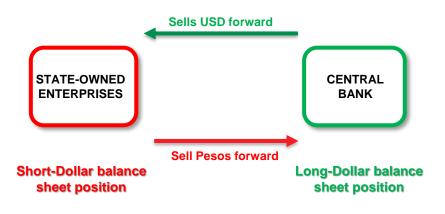
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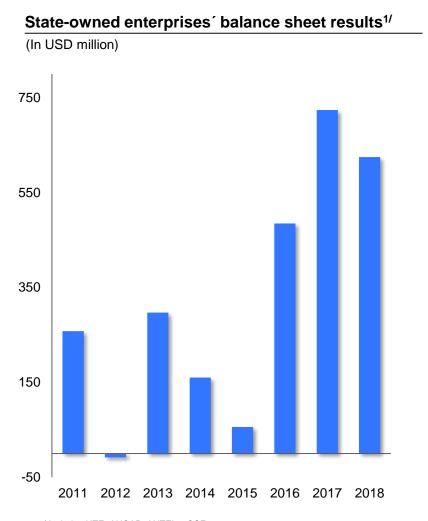
## Improvement in SOE's management and policies strengthened financial position and operating efficiency



#### Improvement in financial health of public enterprises

- More efficient management and reduction in operating costs
- Reduced vulnerability to exchange rate fluctuations and diversified sources of funding.
  - Coordinated with MoF and Central Bank (sovereign asset and liability management framework)





1/ Includes UTE, ANCAP, ANTEL y OSE

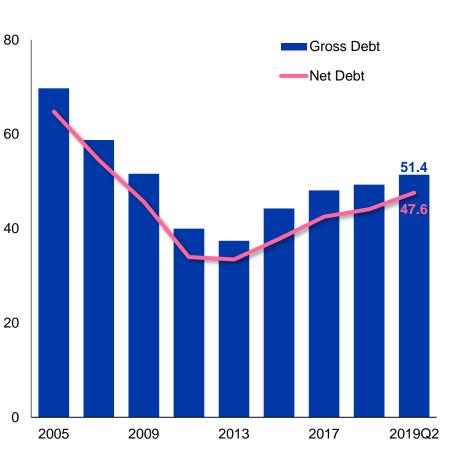
Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance

## Active debt management has improved the debt profile, reducing currency and rollover risks...



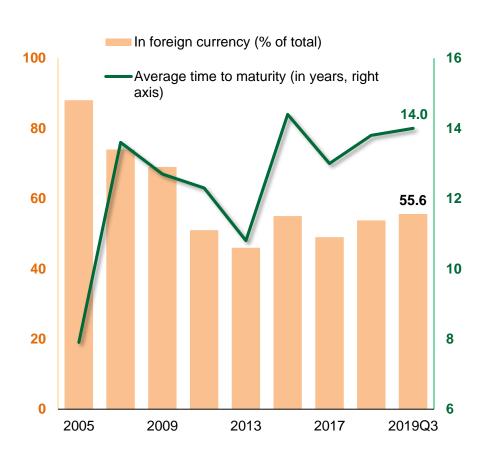
#### **Central Government (CG) debt**

(In % of GDP, end-period)



#### **Currency and maturity composition of CG debt**

(End-period)



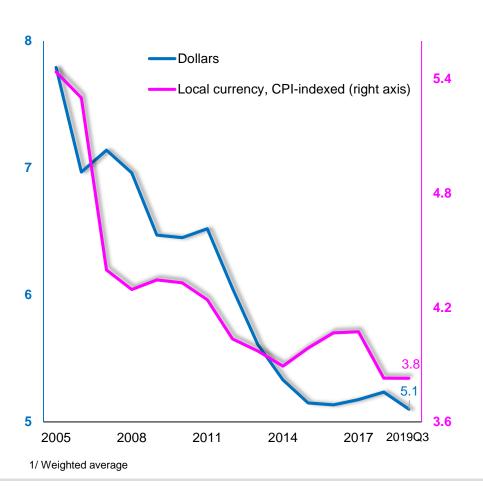
Source: Debt Management Unit, Ministry of Economy and Finance

## ...while keeping borrowing costs subdued and risk spreads in line with better-rated peers



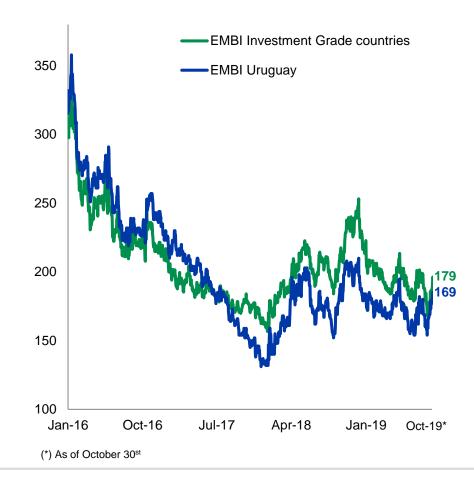
#### **Central Government (CG) borrowing costs**

(Average interest rate on outstanding debt, in %)1/



#### Sovereign risk premium

(In bps)



Sources: Debt Management Unit, Bloomberg – JPM Index

### Government financing needs and funding plans



#### Flow of Funds

(in USD million, projected)<sup>1/</sup>

	Year 2019	Year 2020
FINANCING NEEDS	4,428	3,338
Interest Payments	1,609	1,578
Amortizations of Bonds and Loans	2,495	1,709
Primary Deficit (a)	323	51
FUNDING SOURCES	4,428	3,338
Multilateral Loans	409	300
Gross Bond Issuance (b)	3,571	3,250
Net Others	225	158
Use of Assets	223	-369
Memo Item: Net Bond Issuance (c)	1,366	1,541

<sup>1/</sup> Note: Figures reported include the results of the global dollar bonds issuance and liability management operation (LMO) settled in October 2019

<sup>(</sup>e) Corresponds to the difference between gross bond issuance and total bond amortization (debt payments coming due plus, bonds repurchased in LMO).



The goal is to balance the currency composition of debt issuance in terms of local and foreign currency, at fiscally responsible rates

Source: Debt Management Unit, Ministry of Economy and Finance

<sup>(</sup>a) Obligations coming due on a contractual basis. For 2019, also includes bonds repurchased in LMO and loan pre-payments.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes transfers to the Social Security Trust Fund. Projections based on latest Annual Budget Review (June 2019).

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes bonds issued domestically and in international markets.

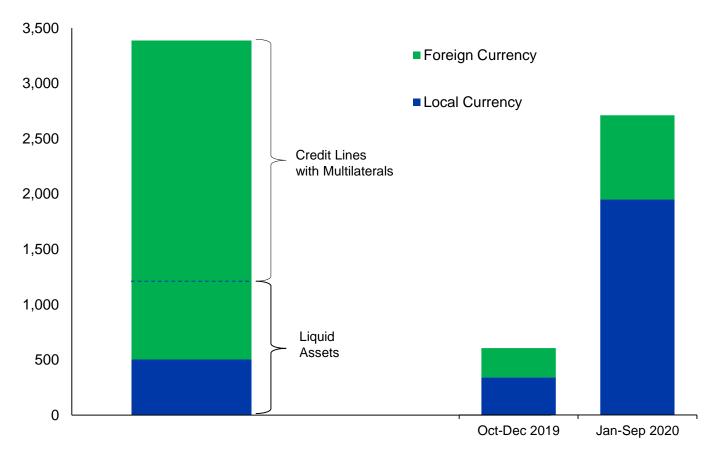
<sup>(</sup>d) Positive value indicates a reduction in Central Government reserves.

## Manageable funding needs and pre-financing policy provides flexibility in the event of external shocks



#### Government's liquidity buffers and short term debt service obligations<sup>1/</sup>

(In USD million, as of end-September 2019)2/



**Liquidity buffer** 

Short term debt service obligations

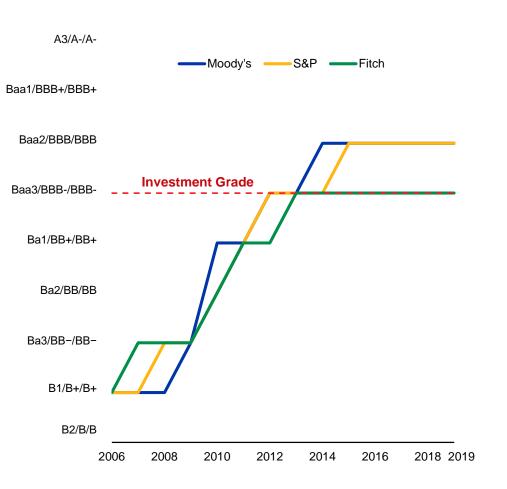
<sup>1/</sup> Debt service includes amortization plus interest payments

<sup>2/</sup> Does not include latest international bond issuance

### Uruguay's credit rating performance



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



#### **Latest Credit Rating Actions**

MOODY'S
INVESTORS SERVICE

August 2019. Confirmed Uruguay's rating at Baa2, Stable trend.



**June 2019.** Uruguay's rating affirmed at BBB- with Negative outlook.



*May 2019.* Affirmed Uruguay's rating at BBB, outlook remained stable.



January 2019. Confirms Uruguay's rating at BBB (low) with Stable trend.



January 2019. Affirmed BBB rating, stable outlook.

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

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



Sustained, albeit decelerating, growth in a volatile regional environment

Solid medium-term prospects on large-scale FDI and infrastructure projects

Steering inflation back to target, as exchange rate takes key role of shock absorber



Strong institutional foundations, social cohesion and political stability

Large international reserves and resilient government debt profile

Fiscal headwinds amid sluggish revenues and a rigid spending profile