



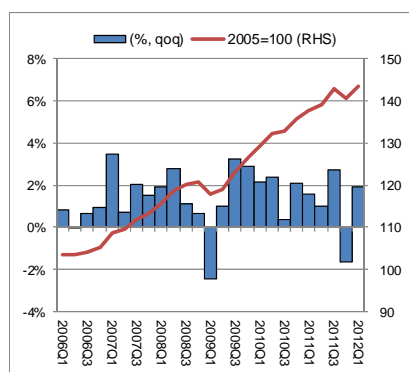
REAL SECTOR

Real GDP quickened by 4.2% in 2012Q1

Real GDP expanded 4.2% in 2012Q1 from a year earlier and grew 1.9% on a seasonally adjusted basis from 2011Q4, spurred by increased in Construction as well as in Transport & Communications. In 2011Q4, the Uruguayan economy grew 3.5% YOY and contracted 1.6% from the previous period.

Growth in the first quarter was led by Construction, which expanded 12.9% mainly because of the building of *Montes del Plata*, a USD 2.0billion pulp mill. Transport & Communications expanded 9.4% explained by growth in mobile telephony and data transmission and, to a lesser extent, the performance of freight services.

Growth Domestic Product
On a seasonally adjusted basis



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

Commerce, Restaurants, & Hotels grew 5.0% due to the increased level of activity of commercial services.

The agricultural sector registered an expansion of 1.3% due to growth in agricultural production alone, since livestock production posted a drop during this quarter. Significant output

increases of wheat, sorghum, and soybeans due to an increase in the areas sown and in average yields per hectare were partially offset by lower production of rice with less acreage and lower yields. In the livestock sector there was a decrease in slaughtering as well as lower exports of live cattle. Milk production increased due to higher stock of milk cows and good yields. However, it failed to offset the overall decline in the livestock industry.

The added-value of the Manufacturing Industry decreased 1.2% in annual terms. This decline was mainly due to the shutdown of the state oil refinery until mid-February and the contraction of some branches of the food industry, as well as in textile production and motor vehicles, among others. Nevertheless, other branches recorded significant growth, notably those related to dairy products, rice, and other grain mill products, basic chemicals, and machinery for general use.

Electricity, gas, and water dropped by 22.1% YOY, mainly due to electricity generation, given the need to resort to a larger share of thermal generation, which has less added value. Meanwhile, the production of gas and water posted positive rates during this period.

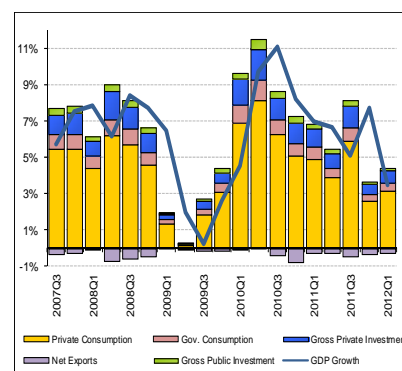
Domestic demand grew over the same quarter of last year due to an increase in the Consumption Expenditure (6.3%) and Gross Capital Formation (8.9%).

Goods and services exports expanded 1.9%, boosted by growth in good external sales as wheat, wood pulp, dairy, and rice. Imports of goods and services showed an increase of 9.5%

YOY due to a rise in goods purchases and services abroad (tourism and other services).

Imports rose by 9.5% over the same period last year while exports showed an increase of 1.9%.

Contribution to GDP Growth by Expenditure
On a quarterly basis



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

Leading indicators confirm that the Uruguayan economy will probably continue growing in 2012Q2. According to the private think tank Cinve, its Indicator Trend of Economic Activity (ITAE) points out that the economy will post a slight expansion of less than 1%. Additionally, the Cinve projection for this year indicates that the economy will grow 4.3% in real terms.

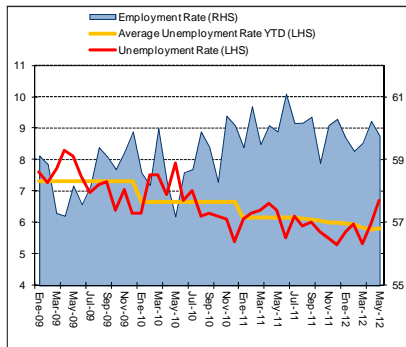
Another private think tank, Ceres, does not foresee a contraction in the second quarter even though the leading monthly indicator elaborated by Ceres (Leading Index) decreased in last March and April. In contrast, during May the Leading Index grew 0.3% with 78% of the component variables evolving favorably.

Also, according to the National Statistics Institute, the industrial production posted

its third consecutive positive print after six months of declines, expanding 8.6% in May. The official estimation for 2012 is a real growth of industrial production of 3%.

The unemployment rate was 6.7% in May, after tumbling to a record 5.3% in March. In the year ended in May 2012 the average jobless rate was 5.8% which compares positively to the 6.1% in 2011 and 6.7% in 2010. Yet, the Labor Demand Index of Ceres, which tracks job applications, increased 1% during May, posting the third consecutive increase.

Unemployment and Employment Rate
% of Economically Active Population



Source: National Institute of Statistics.

EXTERNAL SECTOR
Exports continue growing despite the global slowdown

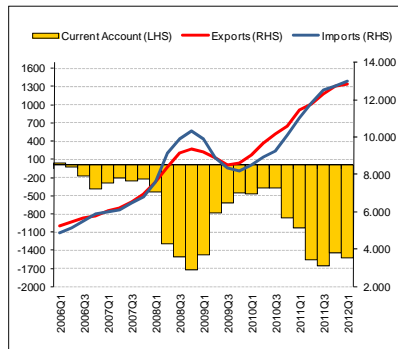
The Merchandise Trade Balance, in a FOB basis, registered a deficit of USD 170 million, equivalent to 0.4% of GDP, in the year ended in the first quarter of 2012. Although exports increased during the period reaching historical peaks and surpassing USD 12.8bn, the trade balance deficit was maintained due to an equivalent rise in imports, in particular manufacturing inputs.

Total exports continued showing a growth trend during the second quarter of 2012. In that sense, data available on orders of exported goods shows that in 2012H1 Uruguay external sales increased 15% (in current USD) compared to the same period of the previous year, according to think tank Uruguay XXI. For this year this institution foresees an increment in total goods exports of 12% (in current terms), despite the global slowdown.

The current account posted a deficit of USD 1.5billion, 3.1% of GDP, in the year ended in March 2012, while the variation of reserve assets was USD 3.5billion (7.1% of GDP). The capital inflows stood close to USD 5.0billion (10.2% of GDP).

The increase in the deficit for the year ended in March 2012, compared to the same period a year earlier, was mainly due to the result of the public sector, which expanded its negative gap at about USD 500million. Even though the private sector increased its deficit until 2011Q3, it adjusted downward in the following two quarters in more than USD 350million. This adjustment, on the expenditure side, was due to a slowdown in the pace of import growth, higher than the slowdown on exports, and an adjustment from the revenue side through the reduction of rents paid abroad.

Current Account, Exports and Imports
Million of USD



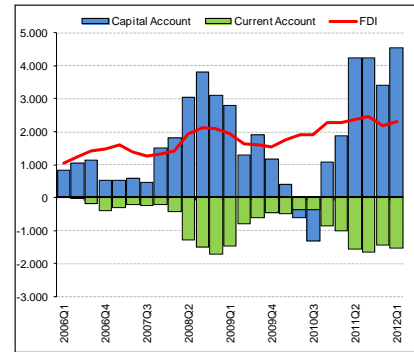
Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

The overall result of the Capital and Financial Account shows a net capital inflow of around USD 5.0billion. An important share of these flows corresponds to inflows to the private sector, although inflows to the public sector were important too.

This is the main difference with the results observed a year ago, when the public sector recorded outflows of USD 1.0billion, mainly due to an increase of the assets of Banco de la República with non-residents by USD 1.5billion that were offset by an inflow to the Central Bank of USD 500million. Capital flows to the private sector accounted for a significant share of FDI flows, estimated

at USD 2.3billion in the rolling year ended in March 2012.

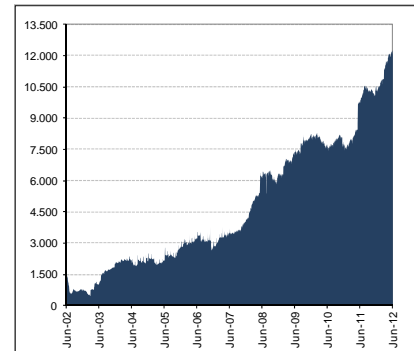
Capital, Current Account and FDI
Million of USD



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

The stock of international reserve assets totaled USD 12billion at 2012Q2, which represented an increase of USD 1.8billion compared with 2011Q4.

External Reserve Assets
Million of USD



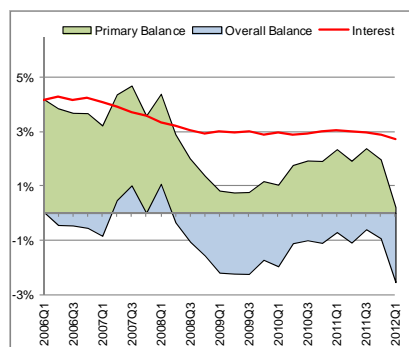
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PUBLIC SECTOR
Global deficit at 1.6% of GDP

The consolidated fiscal deficit for the year ended in May was equivalent to 1.6% of GDP. Non-financial public sector revenues stood at 28.8% of GDP in the year ended in May 2012, remaining at a similar level to that observed in the rolling year ending in April. This outcome corresponds to a slight increase in the collection of the tax collection office and the Social Security Institution (BPS), partially offset by a decrease in the current primary result of public enterprises, due to the deterioration of UTE in 2012.

The current primary expenditure from BPS - Central Government stood at 25% of GDP, growing 0.2% of GDP in relation to the rolling year ended in April. This increase was due to a slight growth of non-personal expenditures and transfers, both from the Central Government and the BPS.

Public Sector Balance and Interest Payments
% of GDP



Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance

Meanwhile, investment fell 0.2% of GDP to a lower stock of oil and derivatives by ANCAP over the year ended moving in April. Finally, the interests of public debt remained unchanged at 2.7% of GDP.

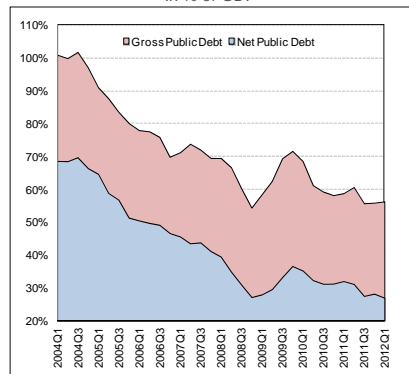
Private analysts foresee a public global deficit of 1.6% of GDP for this year and of 1.3% for 2013.

PUBLIC DEBT

Net Debt at 27% of GDP in 2012Q1

Overall consolidated indebtedness of the public sector amounted to the equivalent of USD 27.0bn at the end of 2012Q1 (56.3% of GDP).

Public Sector Gross Debt
In % of GDP



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

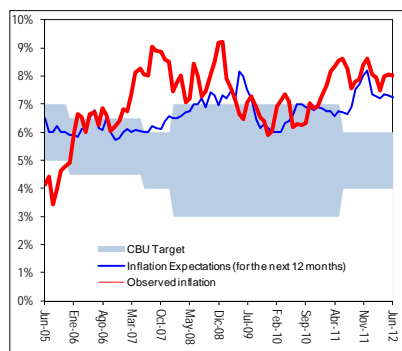
The consolidated net public debt totaled USD 13bn (26.9% of GDP).

INFLATION AND MONETARY INDICATORS

CB keeps target rate at 8.75%

Consumer prices rose 8.0% in the year ended in June 2012. Even though this figure is above the 6% upper target of the CB, it is slightly lower than one year ago when in June 2011 annual inflation had reached at 8.6%. The largest contribution to the increase in prices during the first half of the current year came basically from some non-tradable sector as education, transport, restaurants, hotels, housing and health services.

Inflation, CPI
Last 12 months



Source: Central Bank and National Institute of Statistics

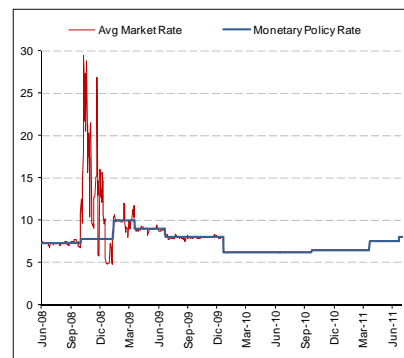
In a context of strong growth, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of CB kept its benchmark at 8.75% in June. "Uruguay's economy has again shown reasonable growth, maintaining a high use of resources and firm domestic demand. There is a noticeable increase in credit - both in local and foreign currency," the CB said in a statement. "For that reason, the focus continues to be the stability of internal prices and the need to maintain prudence on policy decisions", added the CB.

The MPC of the CB had raised its benchmark rate by 75 basis points to 8.75% from 8.0% in December 2011. After that the CB maintained it during the meetings of March and June. The MPC meets on a quarterly basis and the next committee is scheduled for September, 2012. Private analysts surveyed by the

CB forecasted an inflation of 7.8% for 2012 and 6.9% for 2013.

During the last years the Money Market Rate has followed the interest rate set by the CB.

Money Market Rates
In percentage



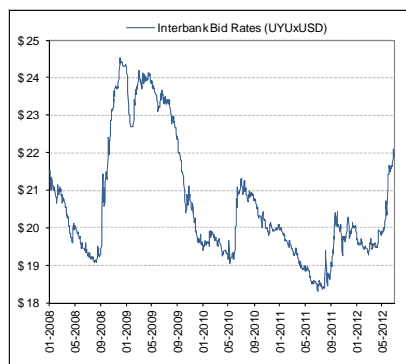
Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

Also, in July the CB announced that it will raise marginal reserve requirements (MRR) on deposits from August as part of its efforts to bring inflation within the target range. Since next month banks will have to abide by a marginal reserve requirement of 20% for deposits in local currency up from the current 15%. The requirement for foreign currency will rise to 40% from 27%.

Since June, 2011, CB introduced a system of MRR in order to bolster the impact of monetary policy rate. The MRR refers to the requirement to maintain reserves immobilized for banks on the increase in deposits compared to April 2011. Also, they were designed to support the monetary policy as they reduce the proportion of disposable funds for new loans, cushioning credit growth, its impact on aggregate demand and thus helping to moderate possible negative impacts on competitiveness.

The nominal exchange rate, in turn, closed at around UYU 22 per USD in the last days. During the first six months of 2012 the FX in the domestic market accompanied the trend in regional currencies depreciating against the US dollar, reflecting the high flexibility of the exchange system.

FX Market
UYU / USD

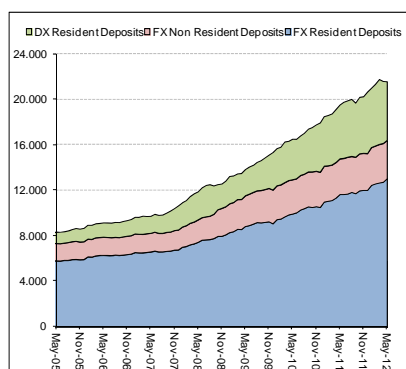


Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

Private analysts forecast a nominal exchange rate of UYU21.3 per USD at the end of the current year, according to the survey of CB reported in June. In spite of the upturn in the nominal exchange rate, Uruguay's competitiveness –measured by the Real Exchange Rate Index– registered a drop of 4% in the first half of 2012.

The overall banking sector, in turn, continued to increase deposits. As of May 2012, residents' foreign currency deposits increased to USD 13.0bn, compared to USD 11.1bn of one year before. Non-residents' deposits totaled USD 3.4bn in this period, compared to USD 3.1bn from the previous year.

Total Deposits in the Banking System
Million of USD



Source: Central Bank of Uruguay

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

R&I upgrades Uruguay's rating to "BB+" with and Stable outlook

On July 20th, Rating and Investment Information Inc. (R&I) upgraded the Uruguay Foreign Currency Issuer

Rating to "BB+" from "BB", with a stable outlook. "Uruguay's economy is expanding steadily, supported by solid FDI. The fiscal and financial systems remain sound, and the current account deficit is limited", said the rating agency.

R&I said that Uruguayan economy "gained a certain level of resilience against external shocks" and foresees a real growth for 2012 between 3% and 4%. "Solid personal consumption on the back of wage increases and fixed capital formation spurred by the entries of foreign companies are expected to underpin the economic growth of the country", pointed out R&I.

According to this rating agency, Uruguay's prudent financial management remains unchanged.

On the banking system R&I highlighted that it "maintains sufficient provisions for non-performing loans as well as a certain level of risk resilience".

In April Standard & Poor's had raised the Uruguay's long-term sovereign rating in foreign currency to "BBB-", achieving the Investment Grade (IG) status. The others rating agencies that evaluates Uruguay –Moody's Investors Service, Fitch Ratings and DBRS—had rated Uruguay with "BB+" with positive outlook which means a high probability to accomplish the IG category in the short term.

Uruguay's project for a deepwater Port on the Atlantic coastline

Uruguay will invest at least USD 700million for building a deepwater port—with a vessel depth between 18 and 20 meters– to boost exports along the Atlantic coastline beginning in 2014.

The Uruguayan government invited China to participate in the construction and development of this new port, which, given its significance and cost, "would become the largest investment ever in Uruguayan history". The port will be built through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) system. The cargo terminal will be multipurpose: intended for bulk, iron ore, and other cargoes. Also, the new port will be used as a

terminal for liquid fuels and for a regasification plant.

The issue was brought up by the Uruguayan president Mr. José Mujica during a meeting in Montevideo in last June between the Uruguayan ministerial cabinet and the Chinese Premier Mr. Wen. The future terminal, which lies on a strip of land between the Atlantic Ocean and an inland lagoon in an area six kilometers long, parallel to the coast, is also considered a prime tourist area because of its sand dunes and open sea. On June 27th, President Mujica signed a Decree to the consideration of the General Assembly enabling the deepwater port and also designated 458 hectares for expropriation for this purpose.

On the other hand, Uruguay has begun works in the extension of a pier in the Montevideo Port to cater to the cruise industry which should be ready for the next season 2012/13. The infrastructure investment is estimated in USD 60million. This season several cruise companies will use Montevideo port for the exchange of passengers given the good communications system and easy air connections from the international airport Carrasco, only 45 minutes from downtown.

CAF invests USD 70million for new headquarters in Montevideo

In June Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF) has awarded the project for the construction of a new building in Montevideo where the multilateral institution will move its headquarters, to the area that was formerly the city's Central Market.

The project, which covers renovation or demolition of the old central market building, creation of spaces for cultural activity including an art gallery, a garden, and an underground car park, will demand an investment of USD 70million in Montevideo's old central market building. The building will be finished by mid 2014.



The designed new building of CAF in Montevideo

CAF is a development bank established in 1970 that currently consists of eighteen countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe, as well as fourteen private banks from the Andean region. The organization promotes a model of sustainable development through credit operations, grants, and technical support, and offers financial structuring to public and private sector projects in Latin America.

New tender for investment projects in Banco República reaches a record of USD 500million

In May Banco República (BROU), the biggest commercial bank in Uruguay, received a record of loan applications for financing projects in the seventh annual tender for investment projects. The loan applications totaled almost USD 500million for 74 projects, double the applications of last year, reflecting the strong investment momentum in Uruguay. Since 2005, the state owned bank has called on companies to submit proposals for financing investment projects that increase productivity, implement sustainable production mechanisms, increase the added value of exports, and generate high-quality jobs.

On the other hand, BROU is preparing to call tenders for the construction of an intelligent building, with an estimated investment of USD 50million. In this

new building the state-owned bank will install VIP offices, a cultural and exhibition center.



The intelligent building of BROU will demand an investment of USD 50million

In 2011 BROU achieved earnings of USD 232million which represented the best result in the history of the bank.



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Uruguay	Economic Indicators ⁽¹⁾													last available	as of:
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
Public Finances															
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Non Financial Public Sector															
Overall balance/GDP															
	-2.9	-3.2	-3.4	-2.3	-1.0	-0.6	-0.8	-0.5	-1.8	-1.9	-0.8	-0.7	-2.5	2012Q1	
Revenue/GDP	26.0	27.2	26.6	27.9	28.0	28.0	28.4	28.6	26.9	26.9	35.0	28.8	29.4	2012Q1	
Expenditure/GDP	29.0	30.3	30.0	30.1	28.9	28.6	29.2	29.1	28.6	28.8	35.8	29.5	31.9	2012Q1	
o/w non-interest	26.9	27.9	26.2	24.6	24.0	24.2	24.9	25.3	25.8	26.1	32.8	27.1	29.4	2012Q1	
interest	2.0	2.4	3.8	5.5	4.9	4.3	4.3	3.8	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.4	2012Q1	
Primary balance/GDP	-0.9	-0.8	0.4	3.2	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.3	1.1	0.8	1.7	1.8	0.0	2012Q1	
Gross debt/GDP	30.6	37.4	74.6	89.7	82.8	68.3	60.8	58.0	45.1	56.3	42.8	42.2	41.0	2012Q1	
Gross debt/Revenue	117.4	137.8	280.7	321.9	296.3	243.9	214.4	202.9	167.7	195.7	143.7	146.4	146.6	2012Q1	
External debt/GDP	23.2	24.9	56.8	72.9	66.9	53.6	47.2	46.7	34.8	39.8	30.4	27.0	26.3	2012Q1	
External debt/Gross debt	76.0	66.6	76.1	81.2	80.8	78.6	77.6	80.5	77.3	70.7	71.1	64.0	64.0	2012Q1	
Foreign currency debt/Gross debt	76.0	66.6	76.1	79.6	76.9	75.2	73.1	68.0	66.6	64.0	62.3	51.6	51.6	2012Q1	
Interest Payments/Revenue	7.9	8.9	14.4	19.8	17.5	15.5	15.3	13.4	10.8	9.9	8.2	8.4	8.3	2012Q1	
Public Sector															
Overall balance/GDP	-3.3	-3.4	-3.7	-2.6	-1.8	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	-1.6	-1.7	-1.1	-0.9	-2.5	2012Q1	
Primary balance/GDP	-1.2	-0.9	0.2	3.0	3.8	4.0	3.7	3.6	1.4	1.2	1.9	2.0	0.2	2012Q1	
Gross debt/GDP	40.0	48.2	83.6	100.8	97.2	80.2	69.9	69.5	54.4	71.7	58.2	55.9	56.3	2012Q1	
Net Debt/GDP	26.4	31.5	61.2	68.3	66.5	51.4	46.7	41.2	27.1	36.6	31.2	28.2	26.9	2012Q1	
Gross External Debt/GDP	39.0	42.8	77.4	91.3	84.5	65.6	53.8	52.1	39.6	46.1	36.7	32.1	32.3	2012Q1	
External Debt Service/International Reserve Assets	27.6	33.2	119.2	66.7	52.2	55.2	157.4	25.1	21.2	11.9	19.6				

(1) Data from 2008 are preliminary and may be subject to revision.