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# ***Brazil: Economic and Monetary Outlook***

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2. Growth Dynamics: stabilization and signals of recovery

3. Monetary Policy

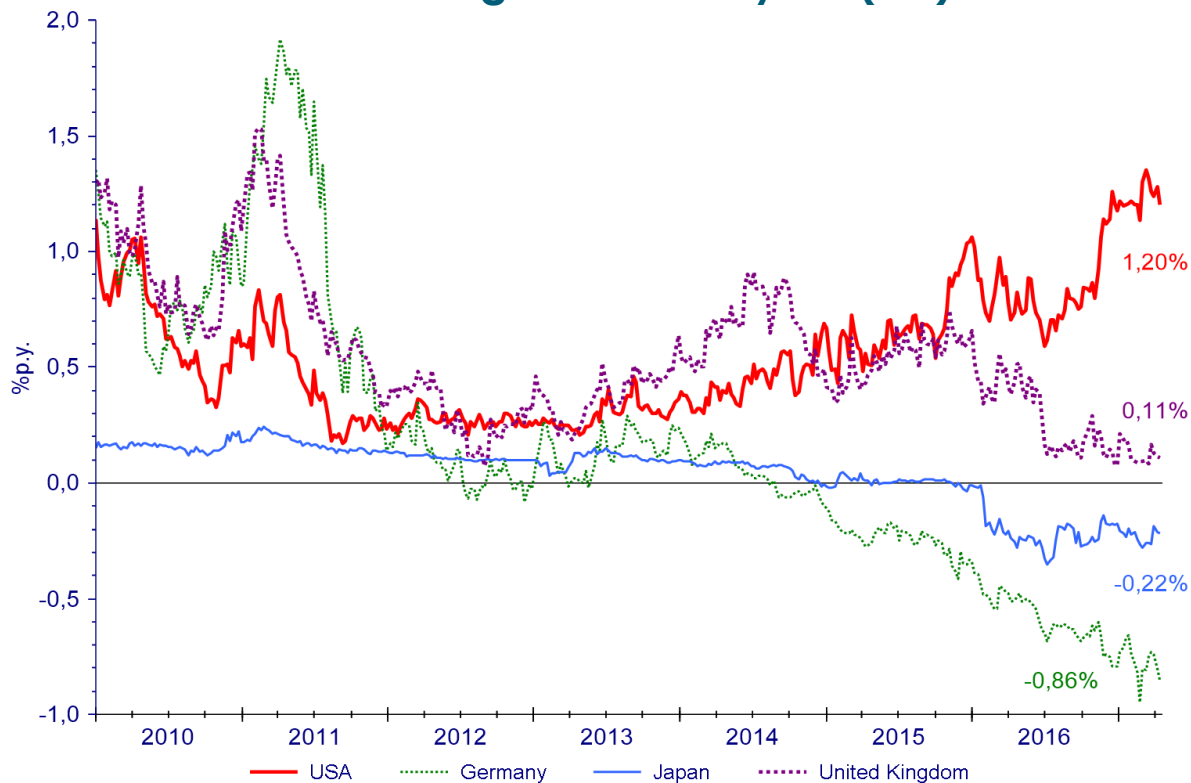
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# International Context: uncertainty and mitigating factors for some EMEs

- Positive outlook for global economic activity, despite underlying uncertainty
- US tightening with limited impacts on global yields
- Mitigating factors for some EMEs:
  - Terms of trade and commodity prices, despite recent volatility;
  - Resilient capital flows and asset prices;
  - Growth Stimulus in G4 with low inflationary risks: Europe and Japan
- Risks:
  - Sustainability of current growth momentum.
  - Commodities prices volatility
  - Faster than expected MP tightening in advanced economies
  - Protectionism and global growth
  - Outlook for Chinese economy

# US tightening with limited impacts on global yields

## Sovereign Bonds – 2 year (G4)



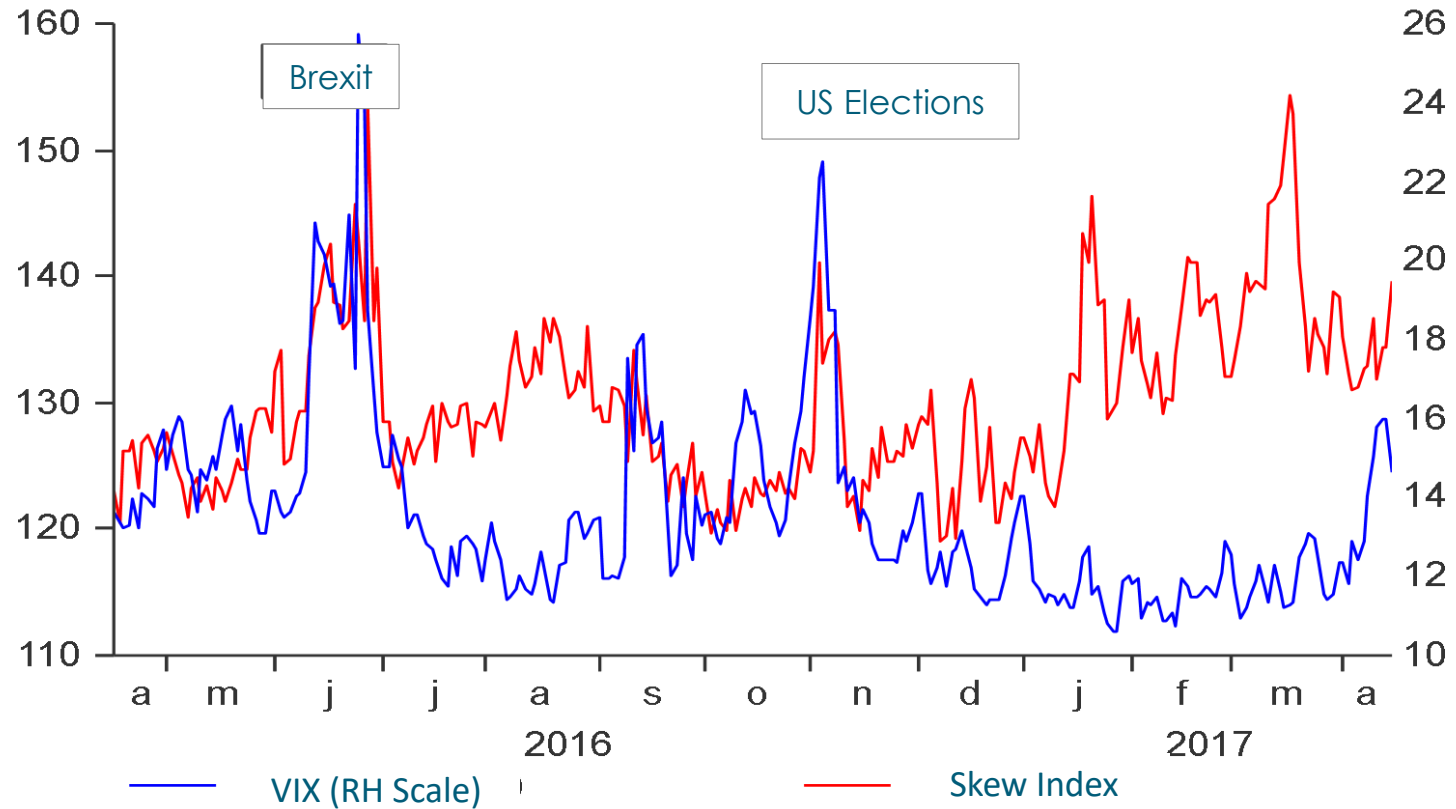
## Sovereign Bonds – 10 year (G4)



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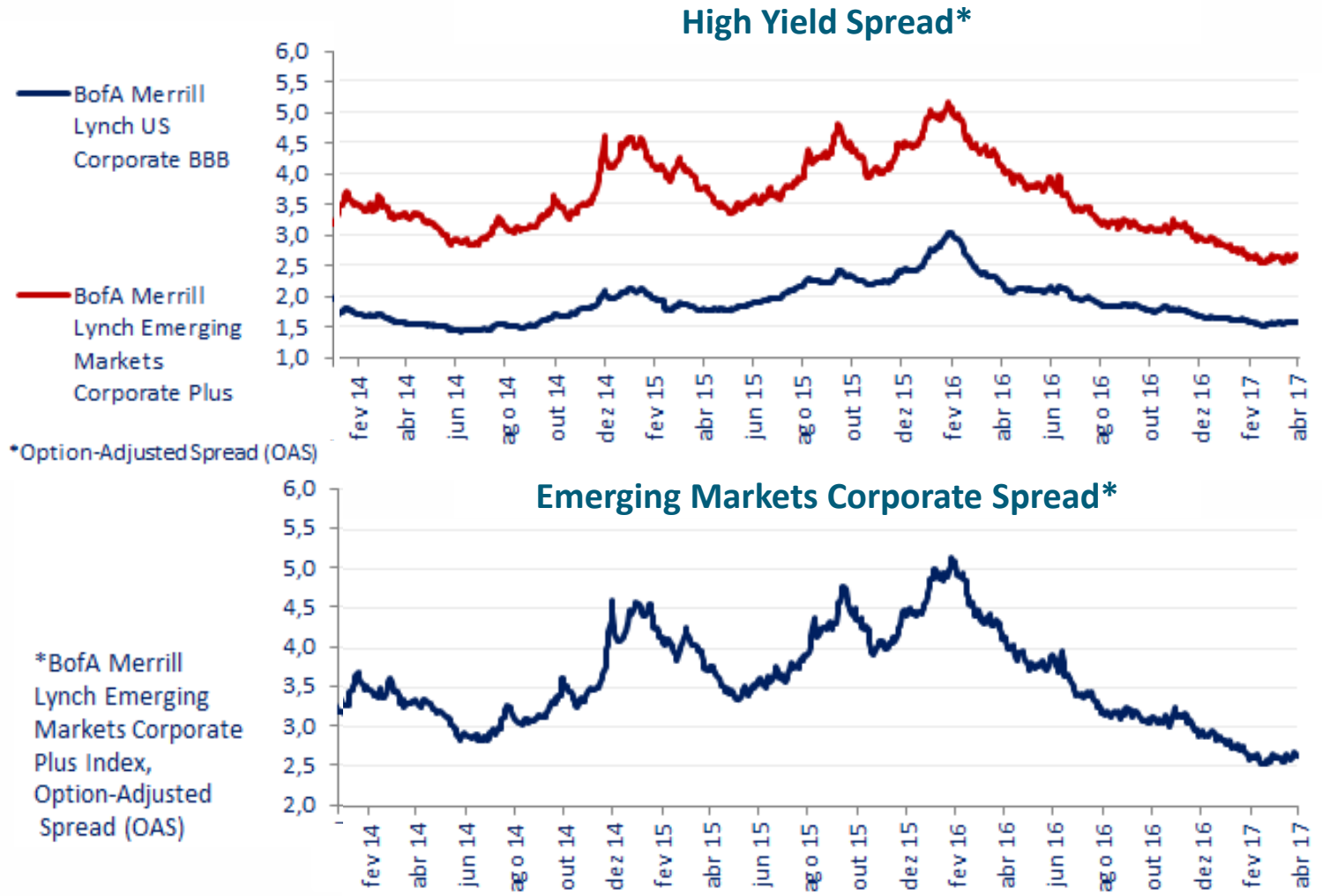
# Market Indicators

## Skew Index vs VIX



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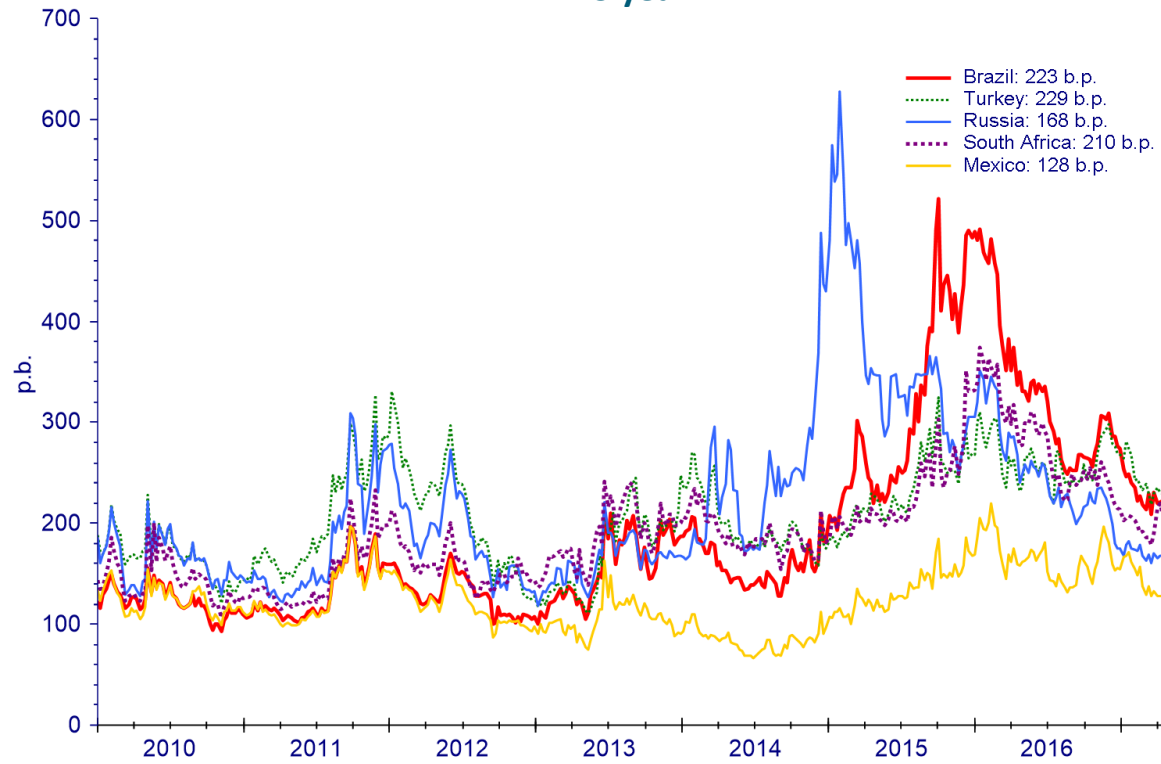
# Emerging Markets and US Corporative Spreads



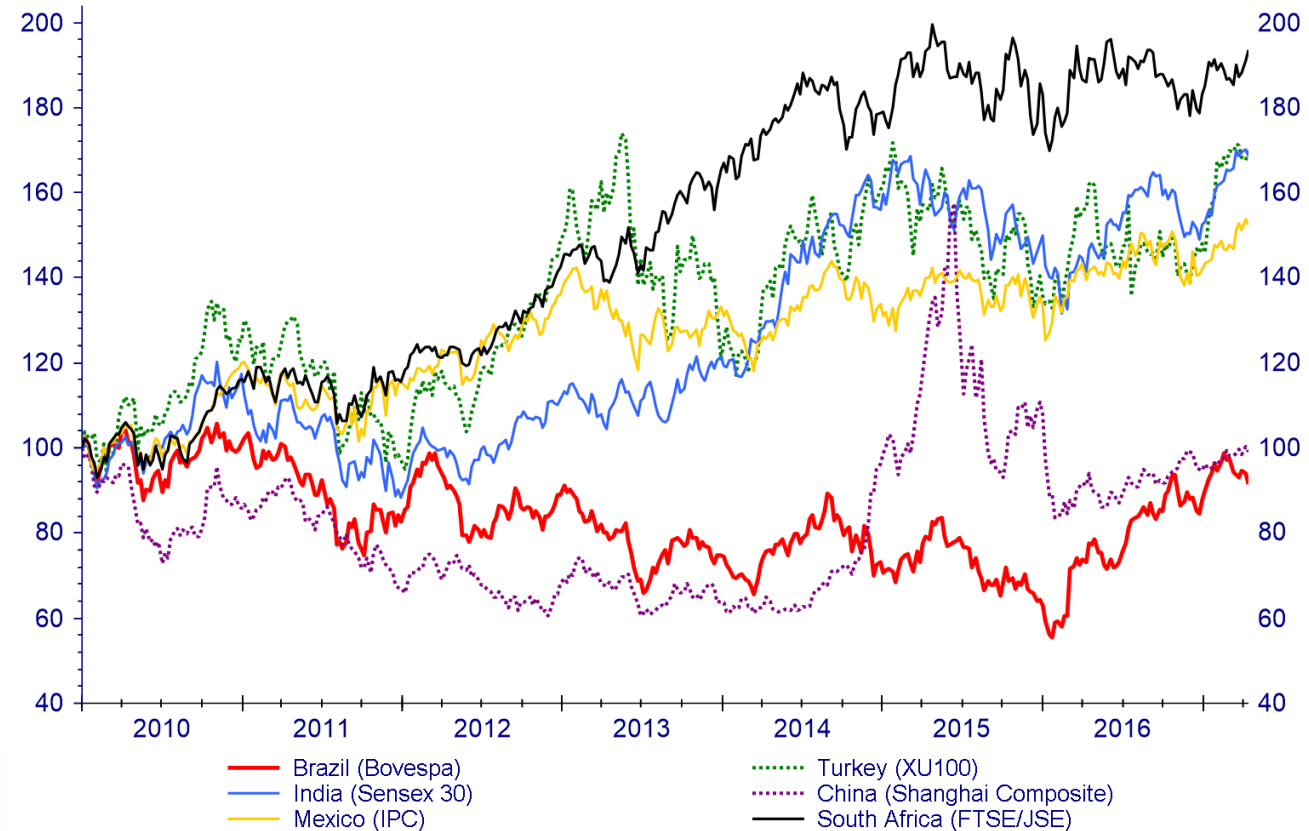
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# EME benefiting from better risk perception

**CDS Sovereigns  
5 year**



**Stock Markets – Emerging Economies  
01/01/10 = 100**

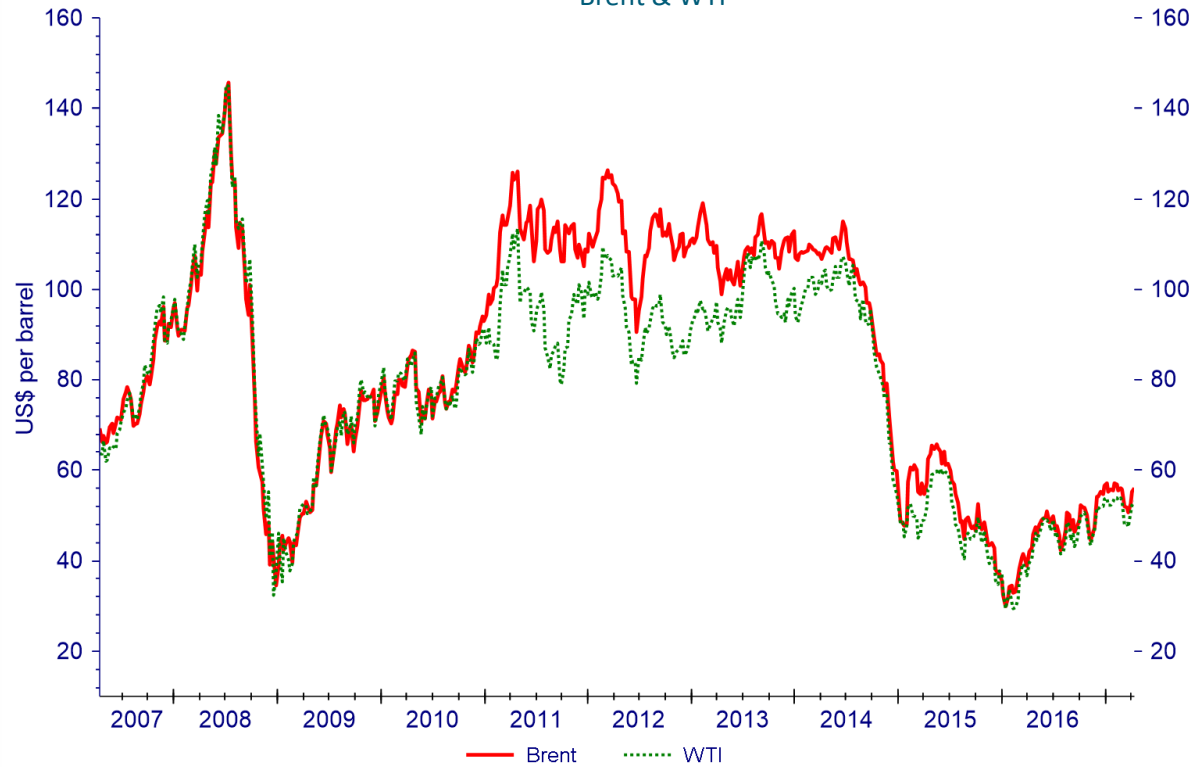


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# Commodity prices

## Petroleum

Brent & WTI



## Iron Ore



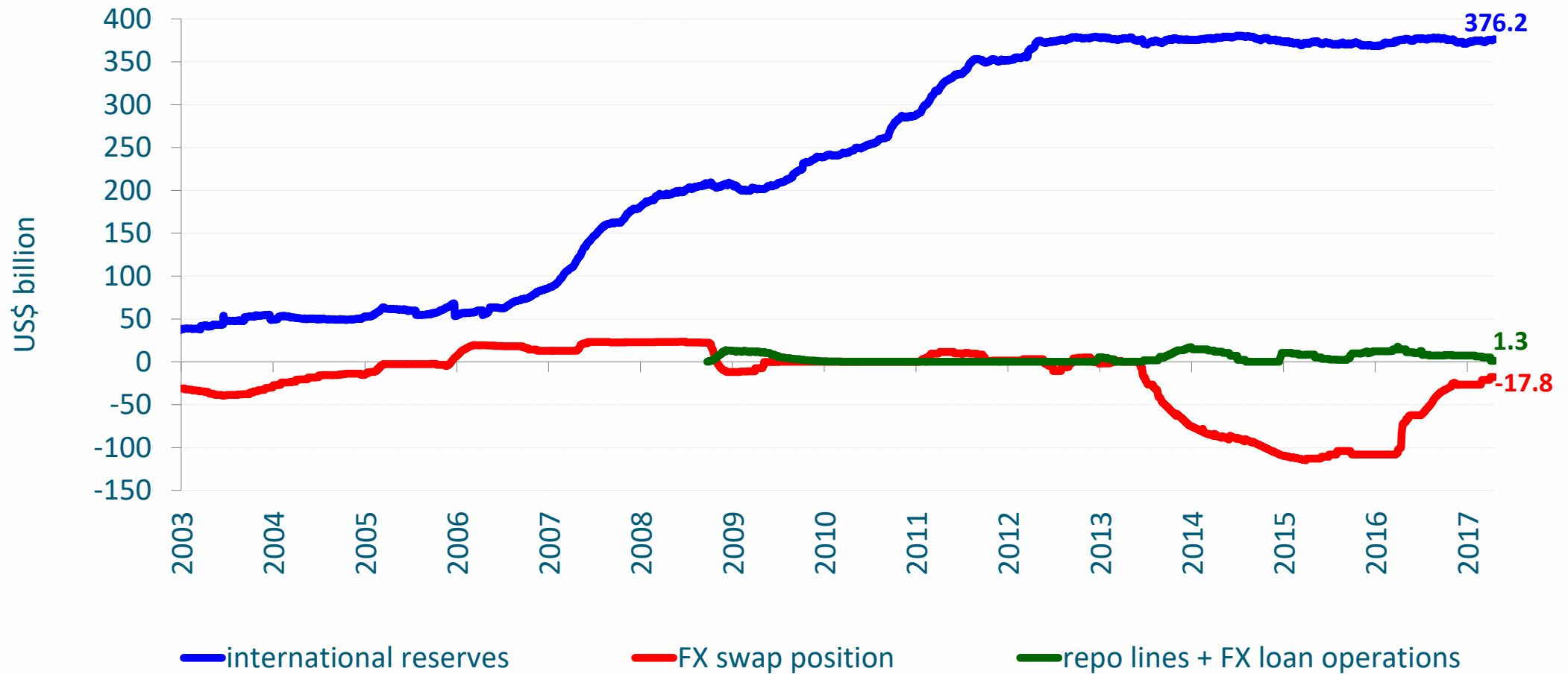
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# Brazil in the International Context

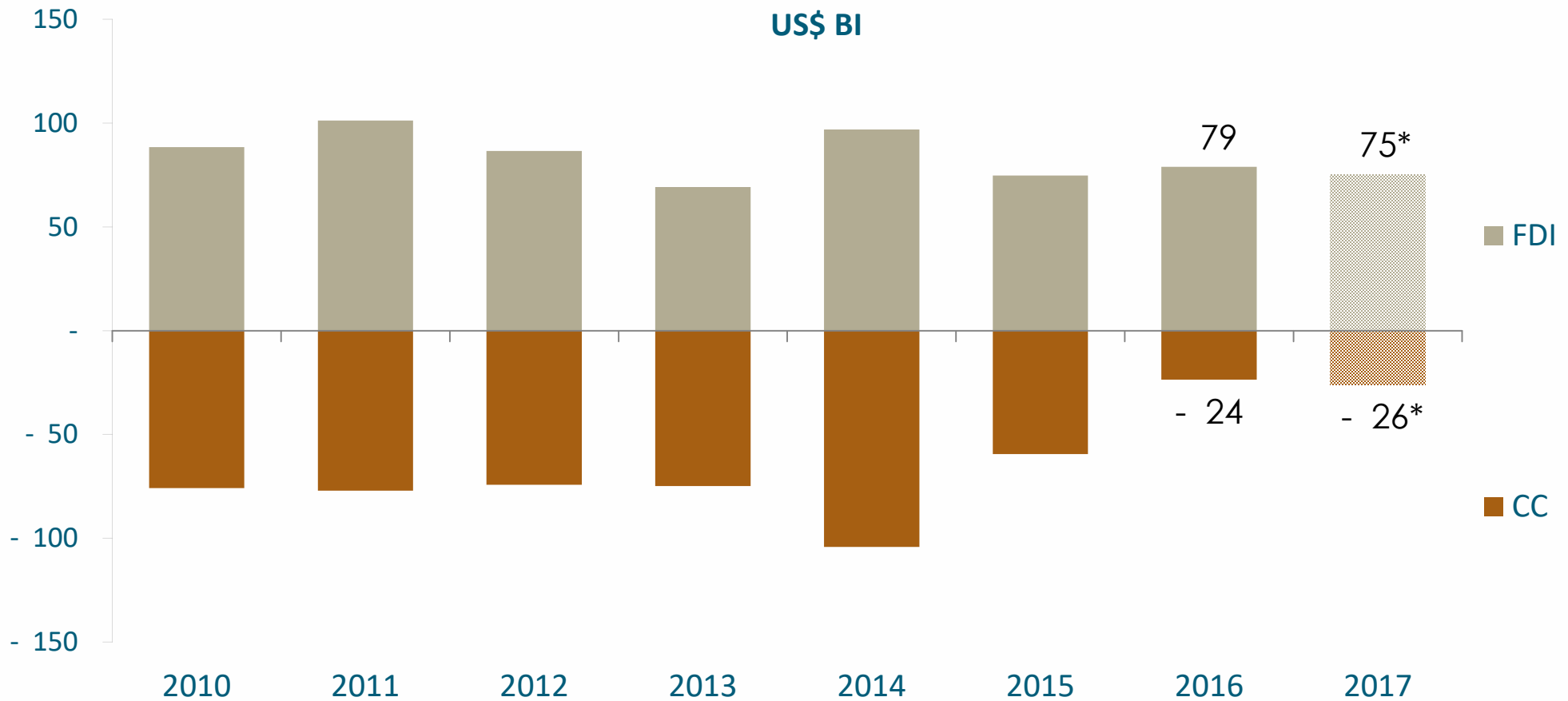
- The global outlook coincides with a period of economic stabilization in the Brazilian economy, and improvement in its fundamentals.
- Brazil is now less vulnerable to external shocks.

# Brazil: International Reserves vs. FX Swap and Repo Lines or FX Loans



Source: BCB \*through April 19<sup>th</sup>

# Brazil: Current Account x FDI

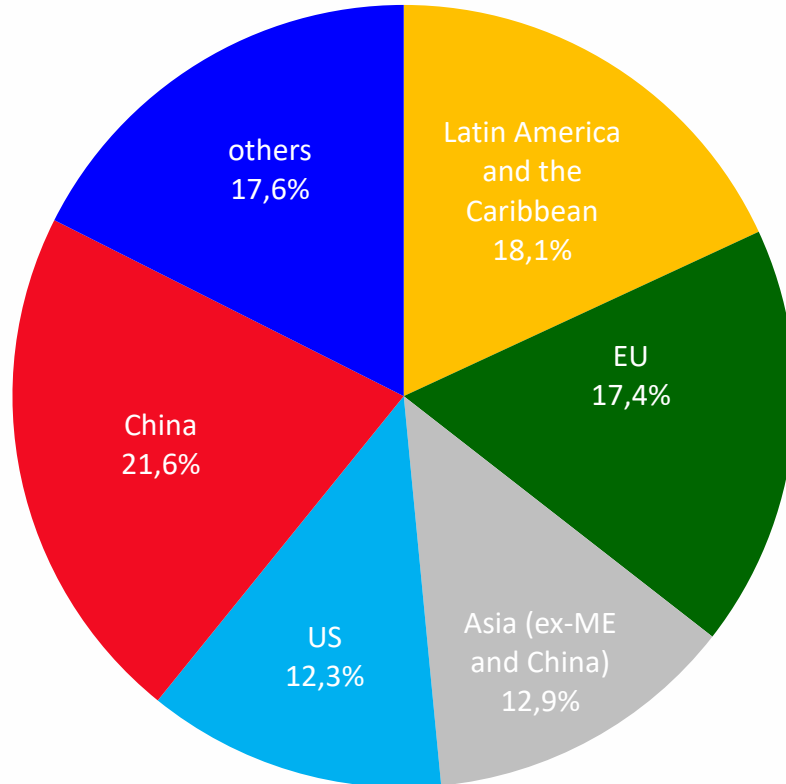


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\*Market Expectations – Focus Report, Apr 13th - 2017

# Brazil: Exports by Destination

Apr/16 – Mar/17



12m until Feb/17

Exports/GDP

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<b>Total exports</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Latin America and the Caribbean	1.8%
European Union	1.8%
Asia (ex-ME and China)	1.3%
USA	1.3%
China	2.0%
others	1.8%

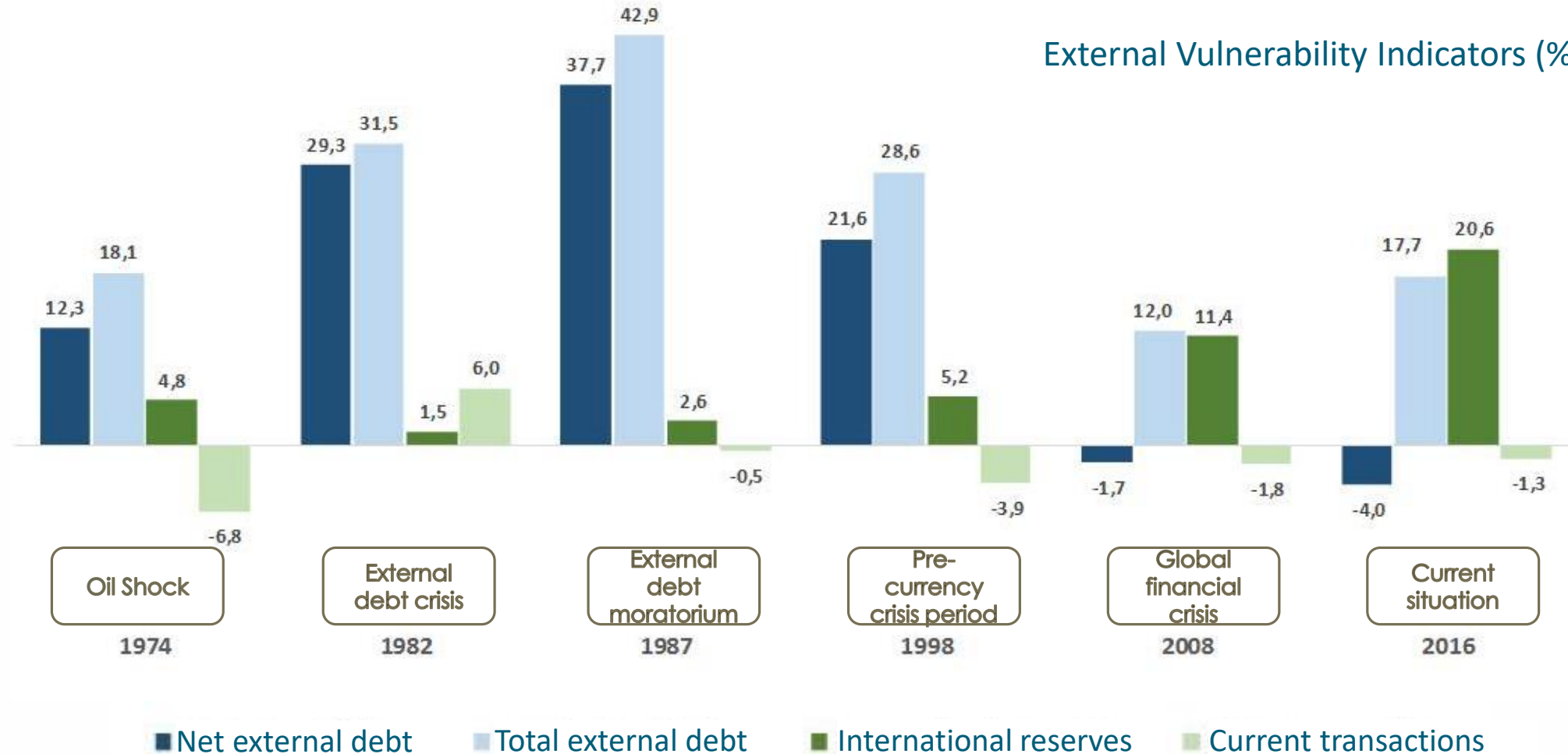
Mar/16 – Feb/17: US\$191.0 billion

Apr/16 – Mar/17: US\$195.1 billion

Source: BCB

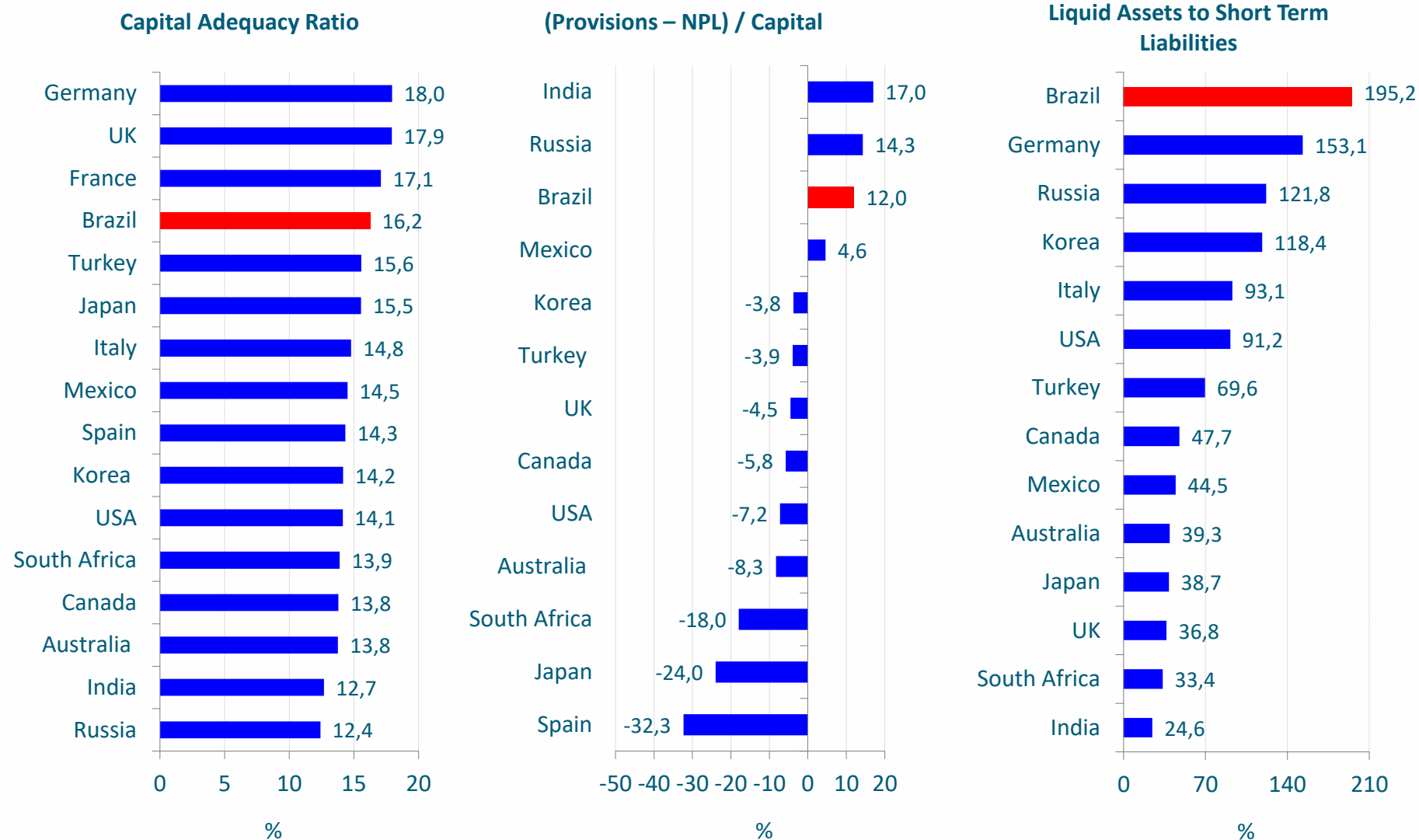
# Reduction of External Vulnerability

External Vulnerability Indicators (% of GDP)



Source: BCB, National Treasury Secretariat

# Financial Soundness Indicators



Source: FMI (FSI) – latest available data

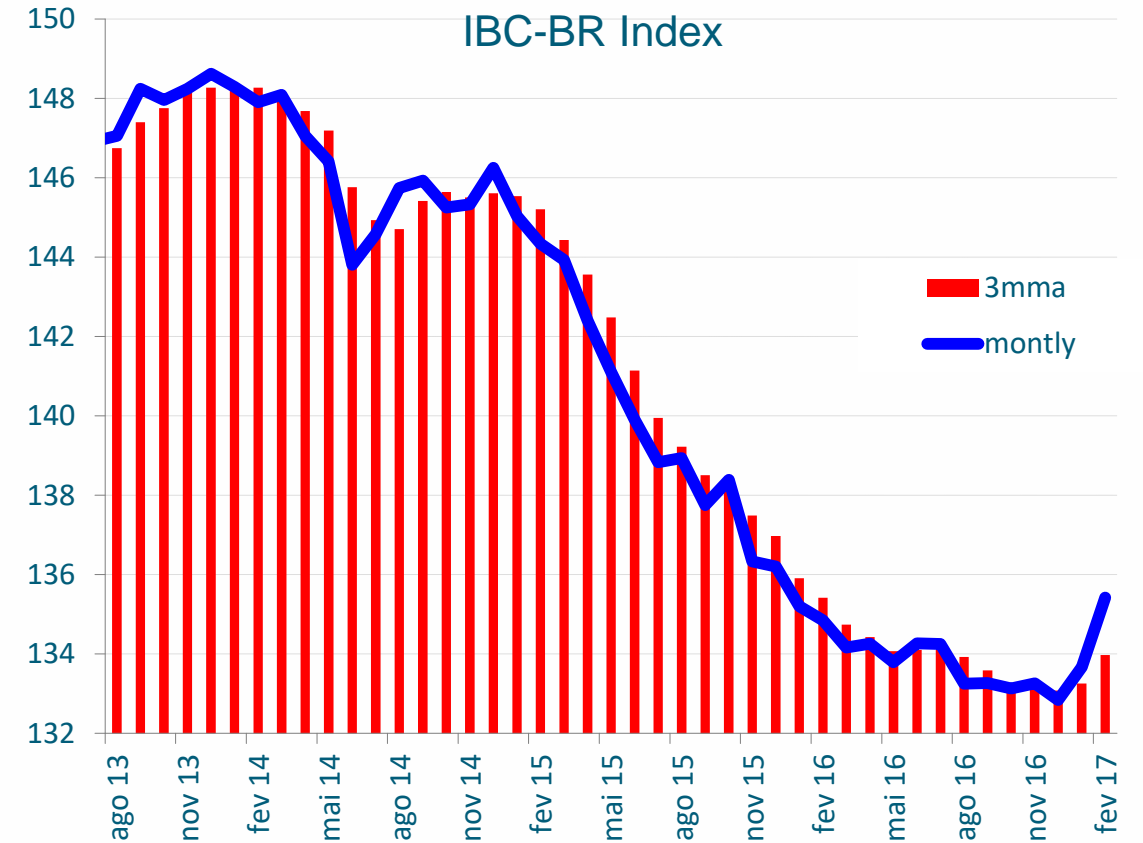
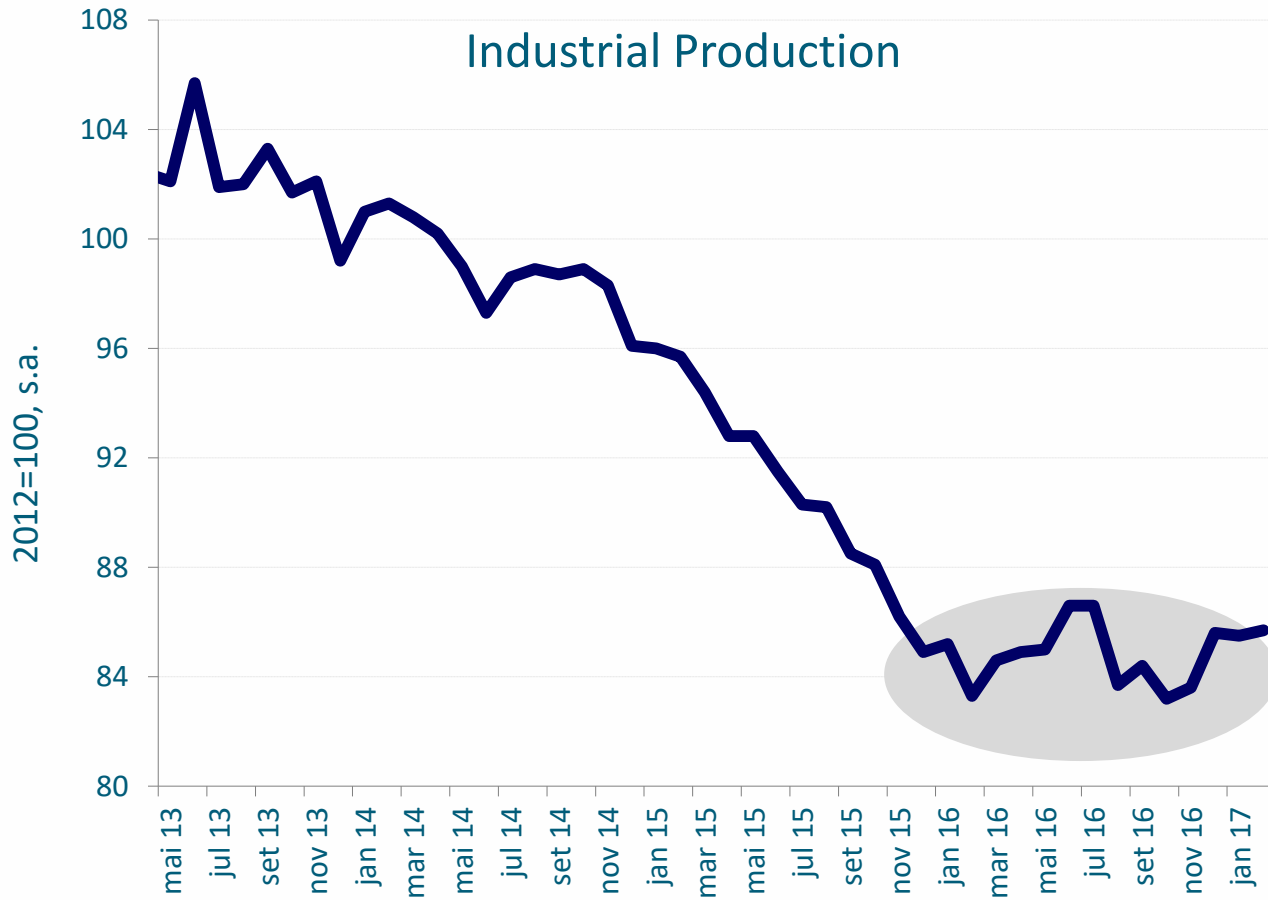
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# Stabilization and signs of gradual recovery

- Recovery in businessmen confidence indexes
- Monetary Policy easing cycle
- Deleveraging process well advanced
- Strong growth in agricultural sector
- Infrastructure Concessions. Asset Sales and Privatization Agenda. Concessions to the Private Sector: Logistics Investment Program (PIL) and Infrastructure Works with regulatory stability
- Business Climate improvement and efficiency and productivity gains
- Structural Reforms (government expenditure cap, social security, tax and labor reforms)

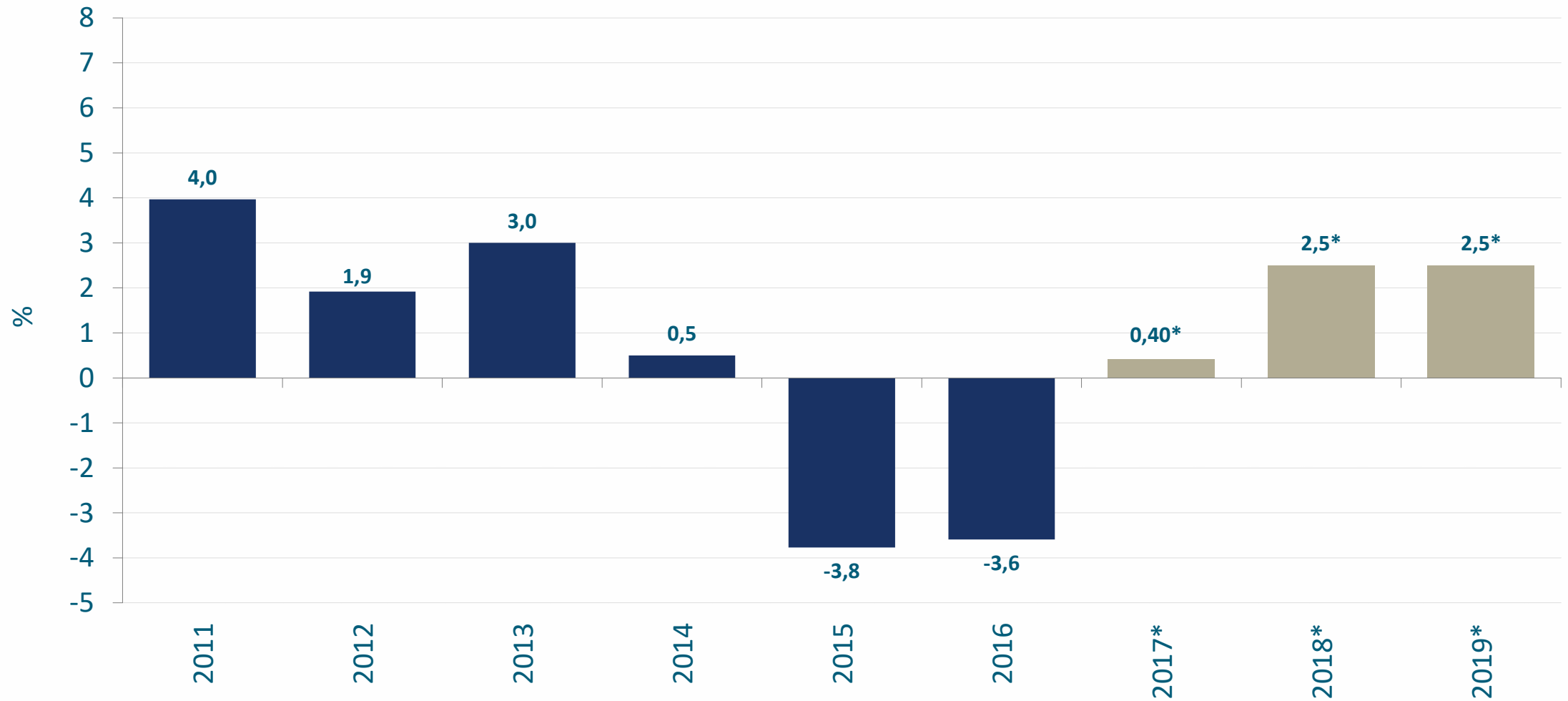


# Industrial Production and IBC-BR Index



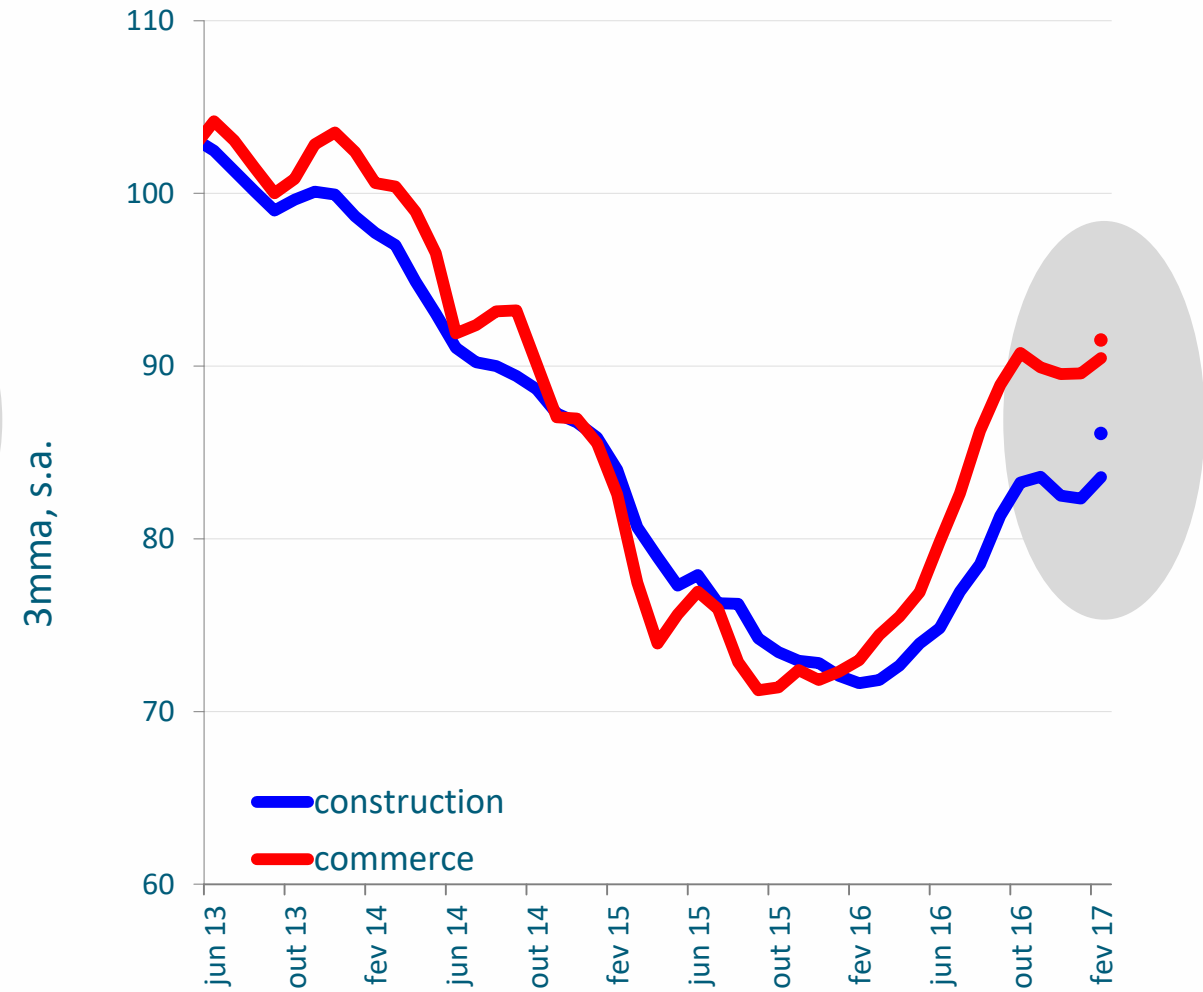
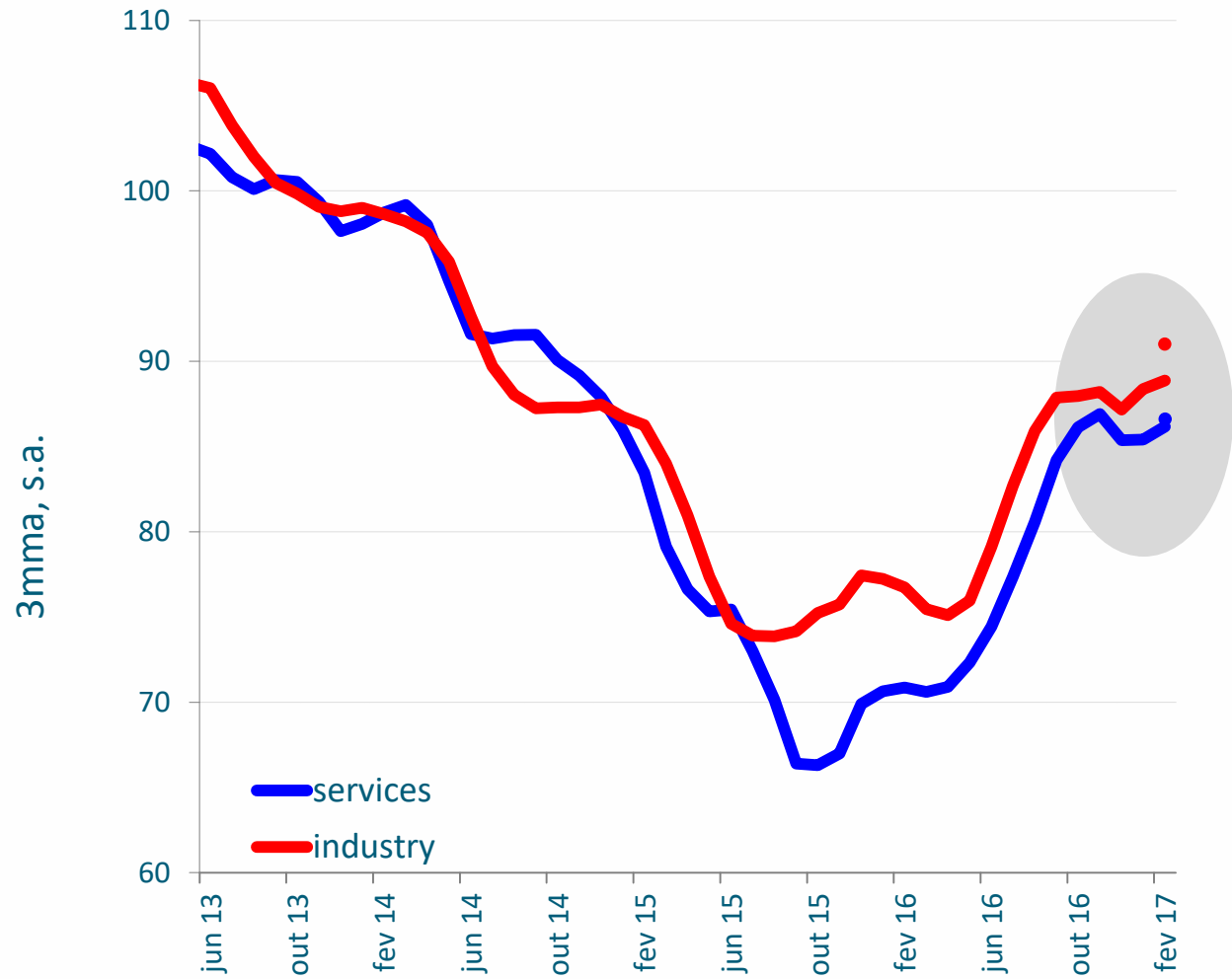
Source: IBGE

# GDP Real Growth



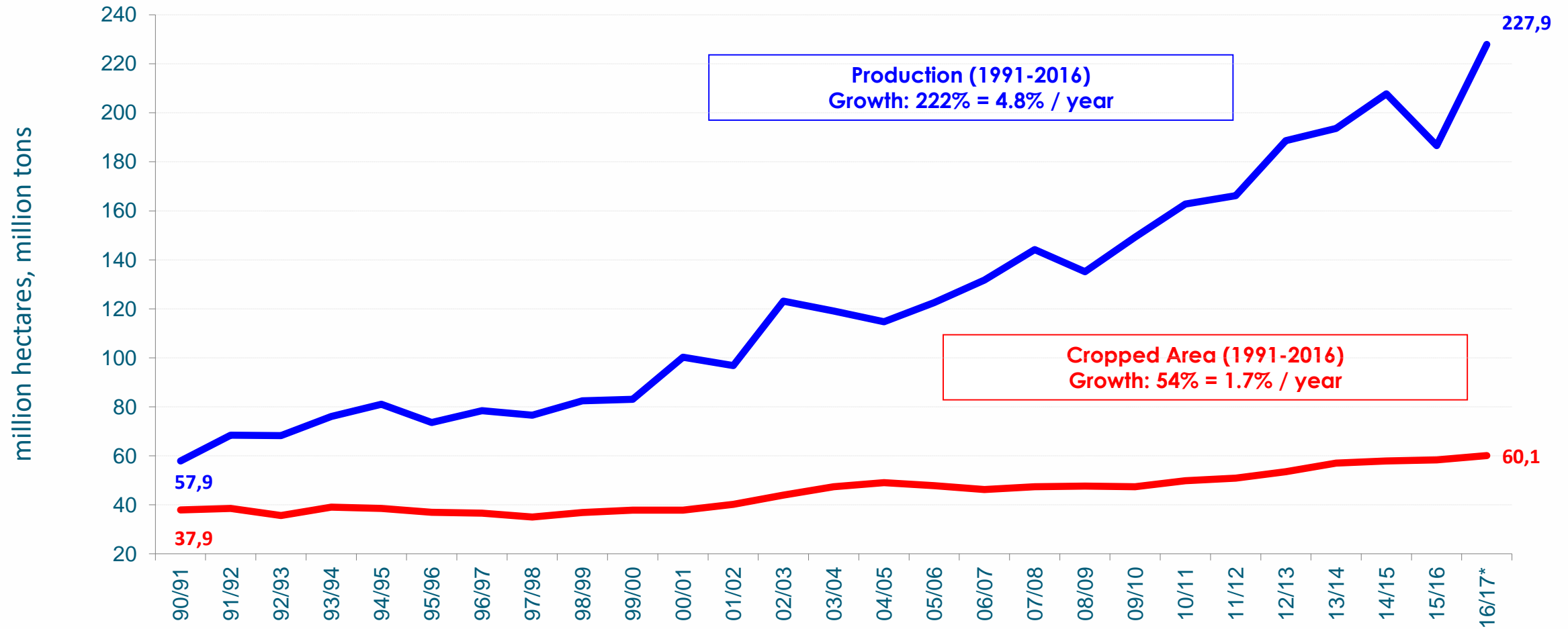
Sources: BCB / IBGE \*Market Expectations – Focus Survey of Apr 13th

# Agents' Confidence - Businessmen



Source: FGV  
Obs.: proportion of favorable answers – proportion of unfavorable answers + 100

# Grains, Production and Cropped Area

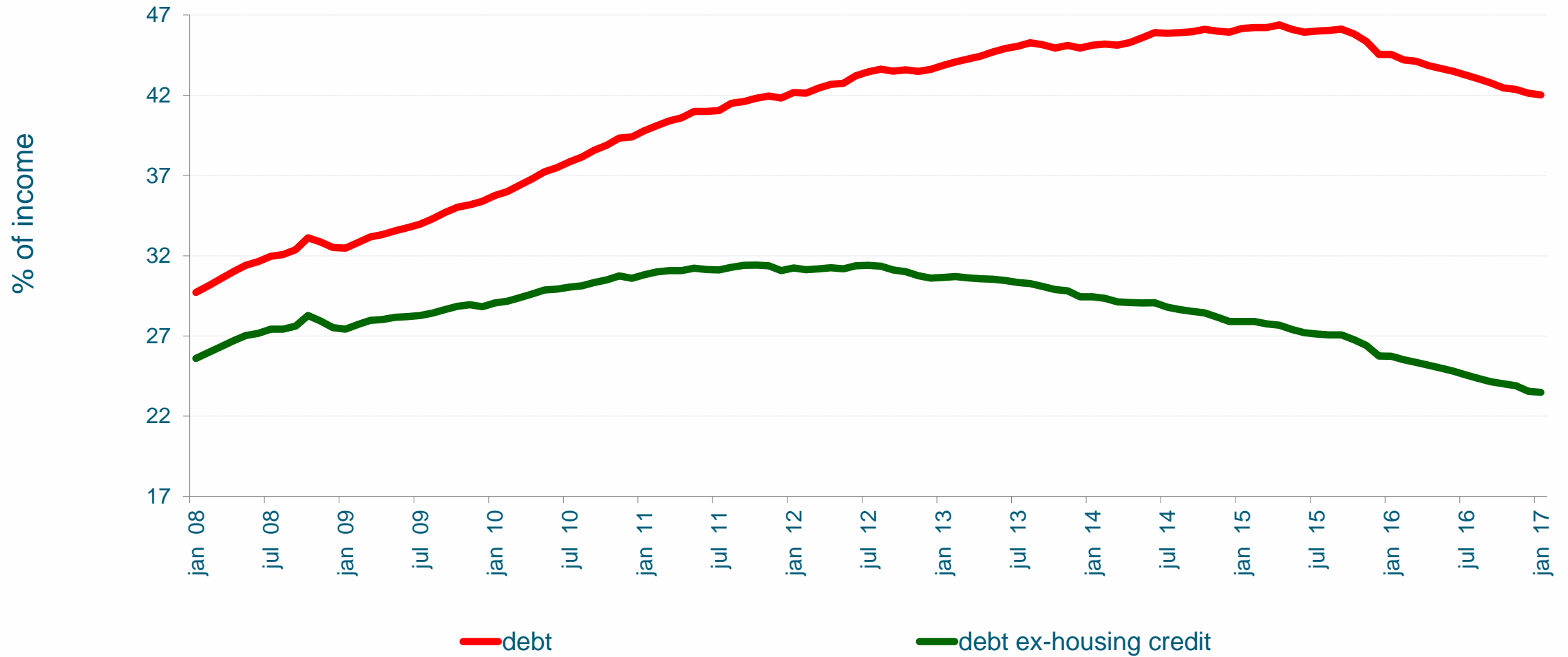


Source: Conab

\*average estimate in Apr 17

# Deleveraging Process (I)

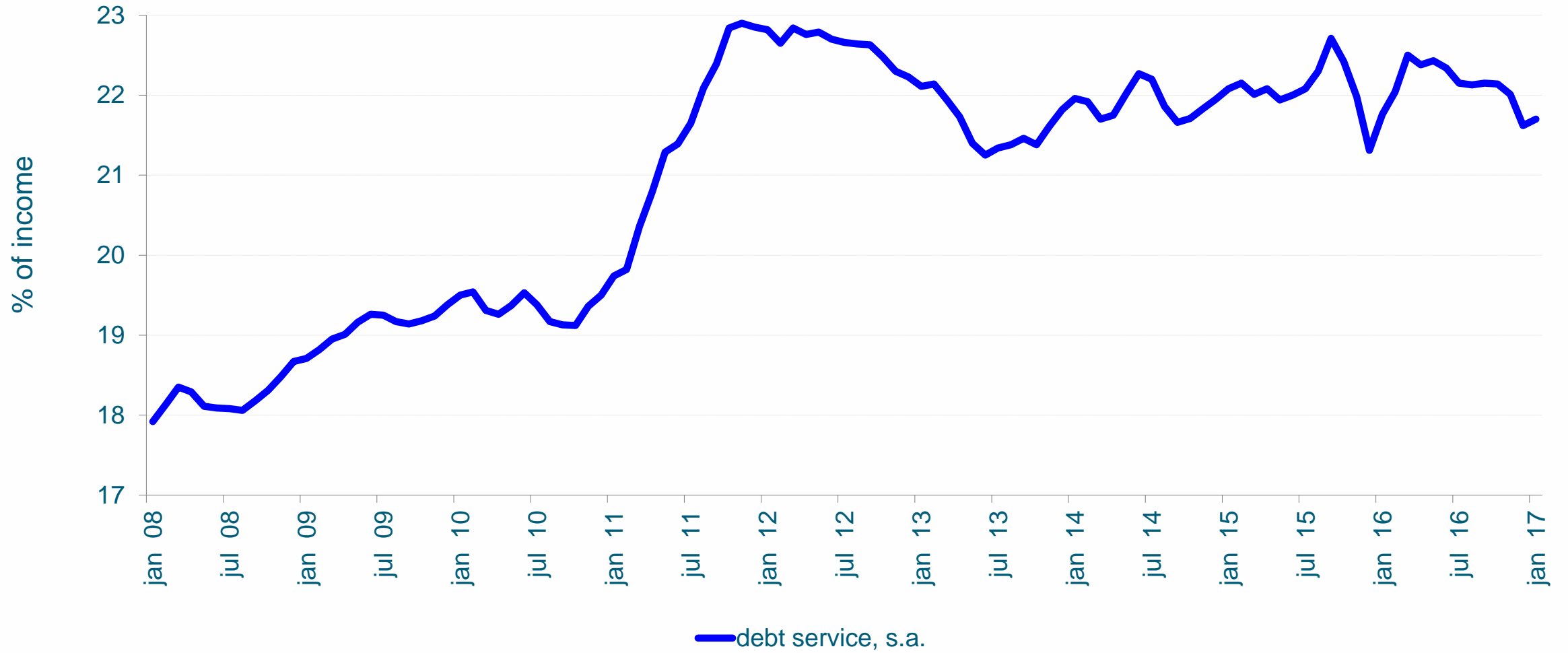
## Household Debt



Source: BCB

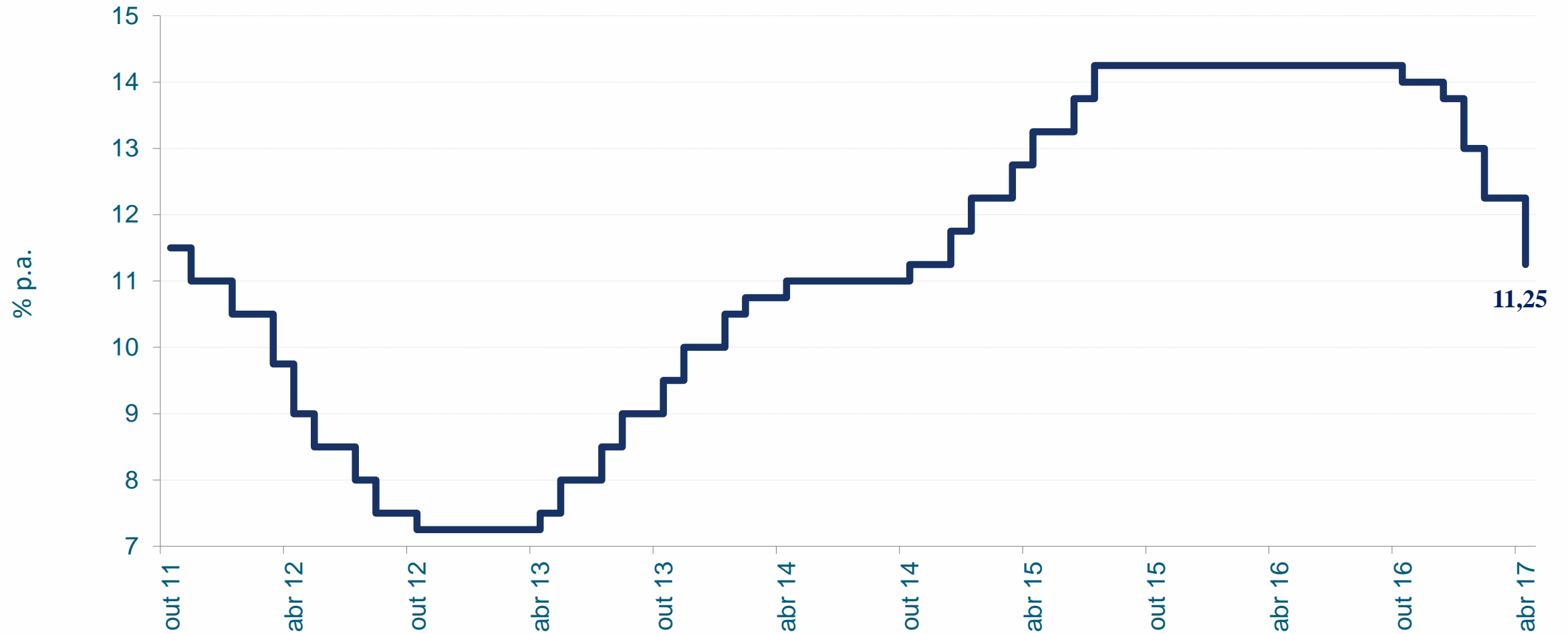
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## Debt Service



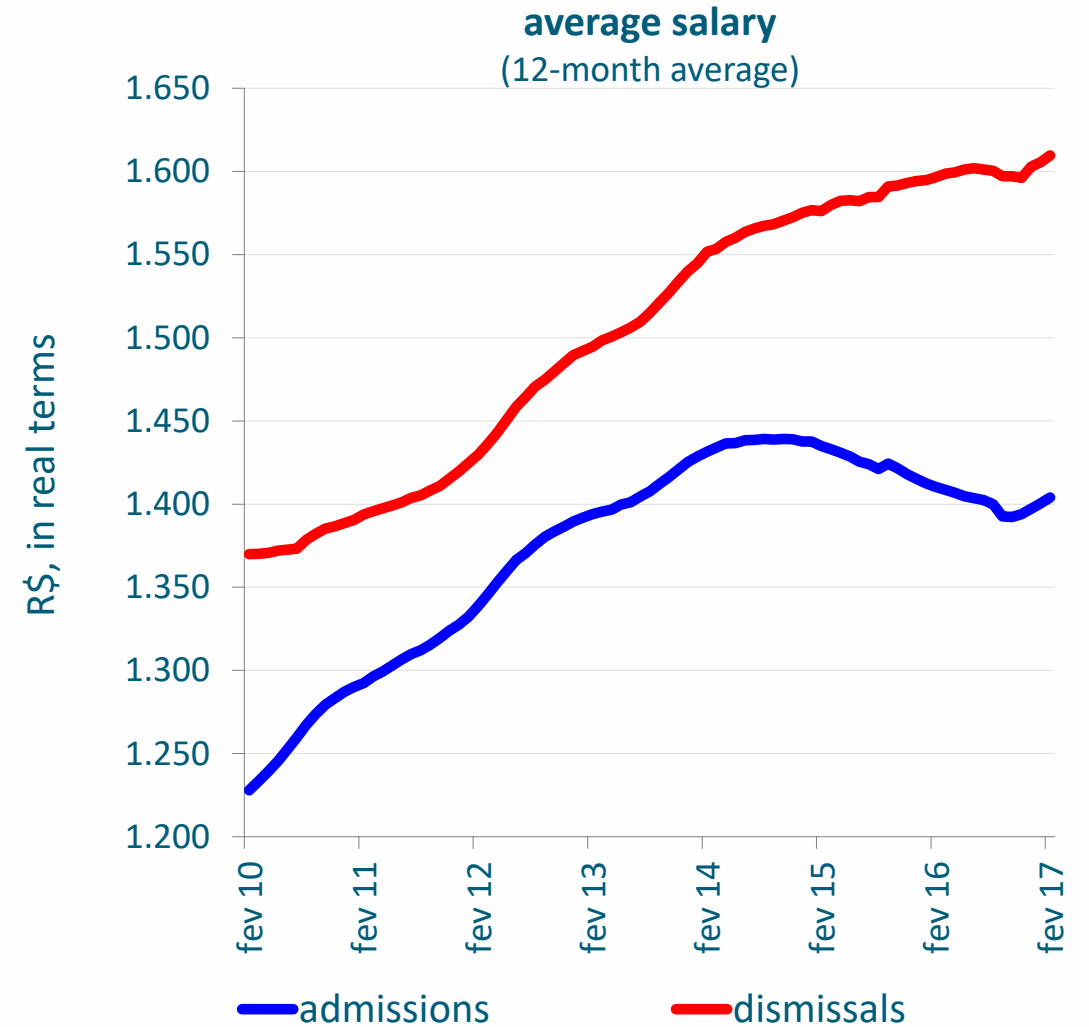
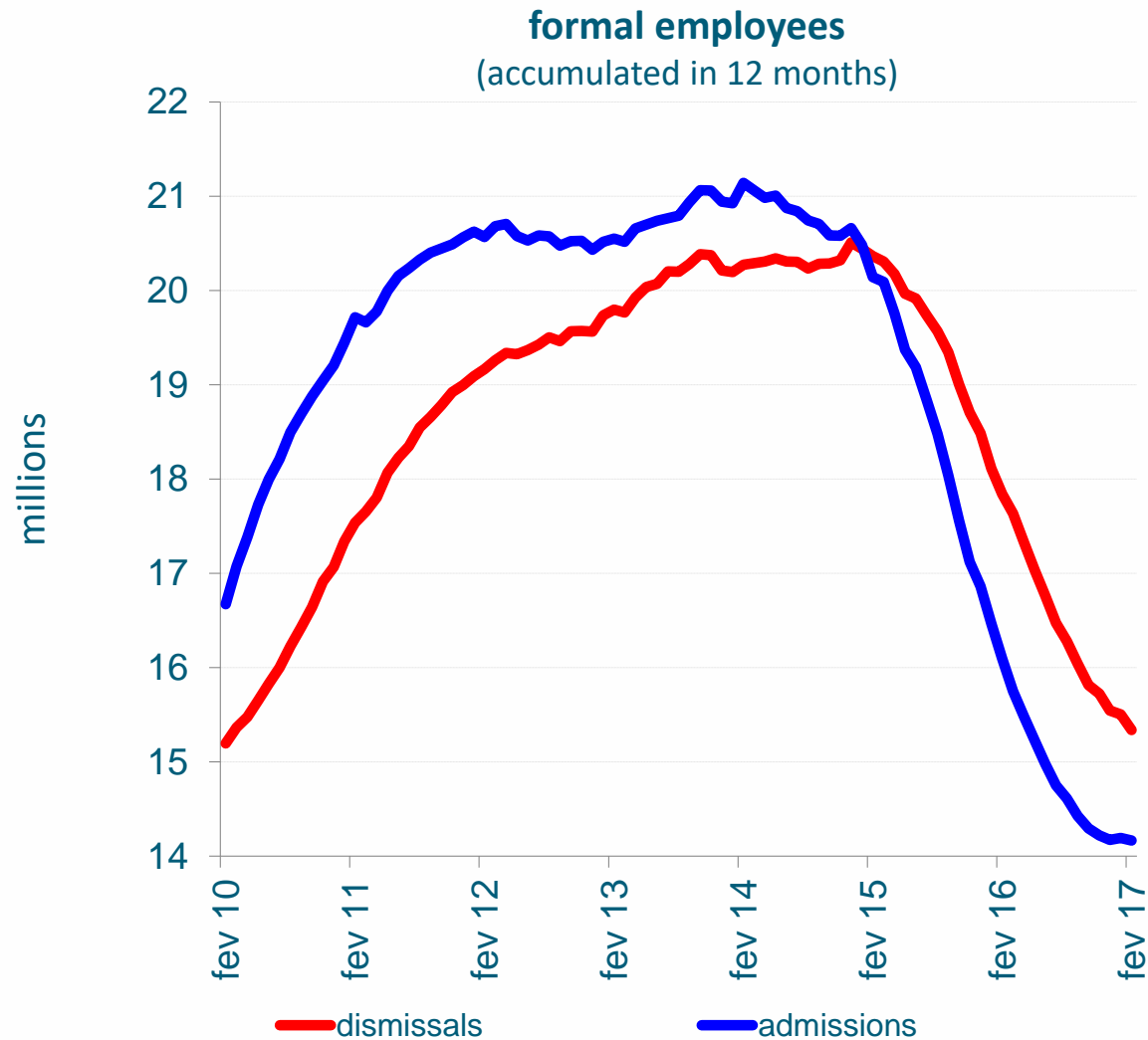
Source: BCB

# Selic Rate



Source: BCB

# Admissions and Dismissals vs. Salaries



Sources: MTPS (CAGED) / IBGE (INPC)

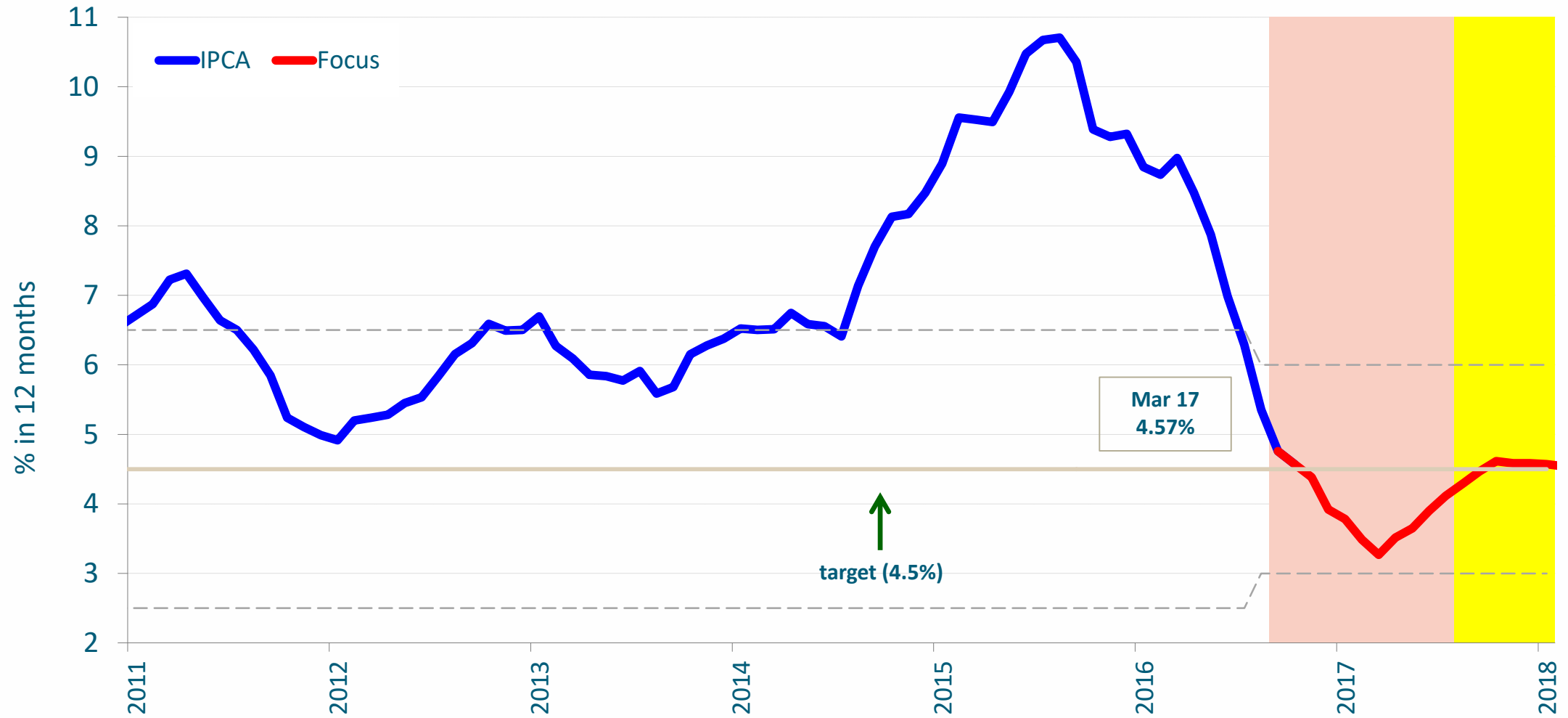


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# Monetary Policy Outlook: Inflation and current easing cycle

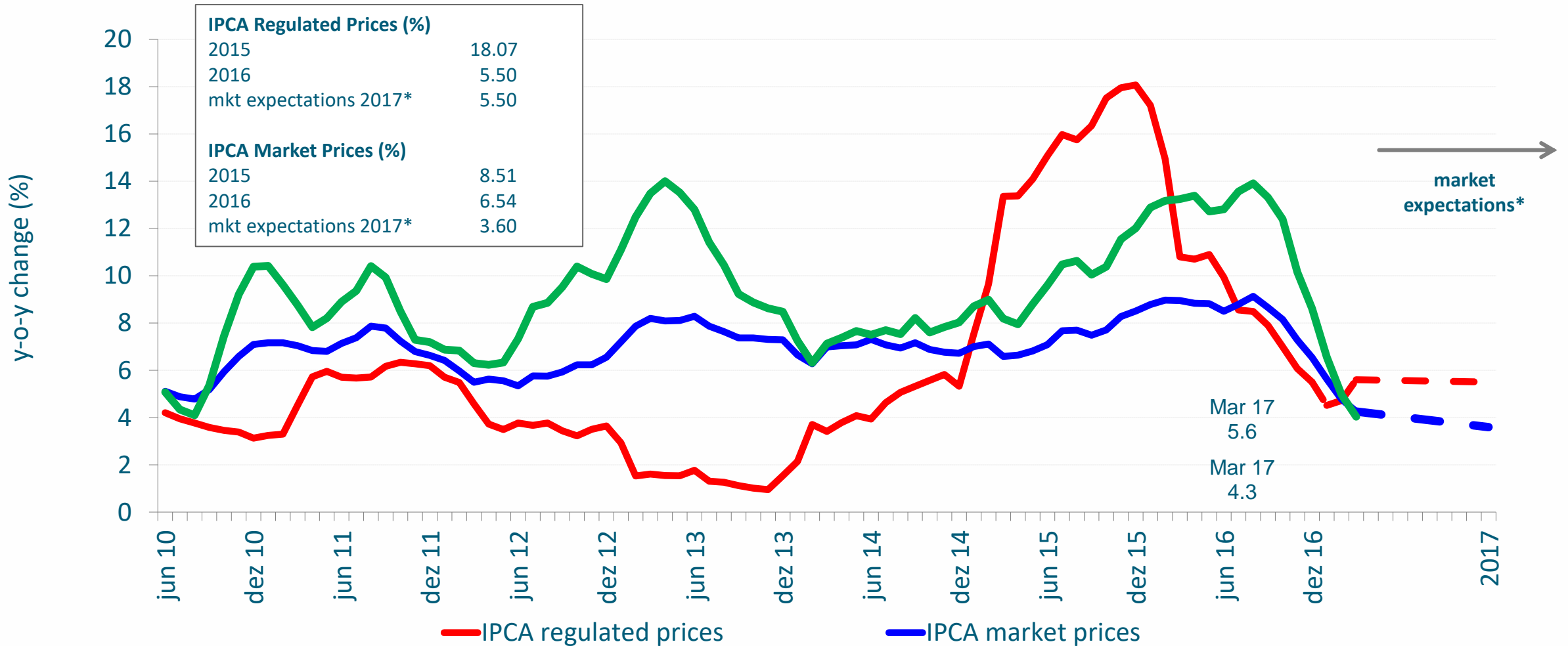
- Consolidation of a disinflation for inflation components that are most sensitive to the economic cycle and to monetary policy justified a moderate intensification of the monetary easing process. The Committee judged the pace of 100bps adequate.
- IPCA diffusion indexes exhibited a relatively large drop in recent months
- Favorable inflation dynamics, with widespread disinflation, lower persistence and expectations well anchored in longer horizons.

# Consumer Price Inflation (IPCA)



Source: BCB, Focus  
Focus: expectations as of Apr 13<sup>th</sup>

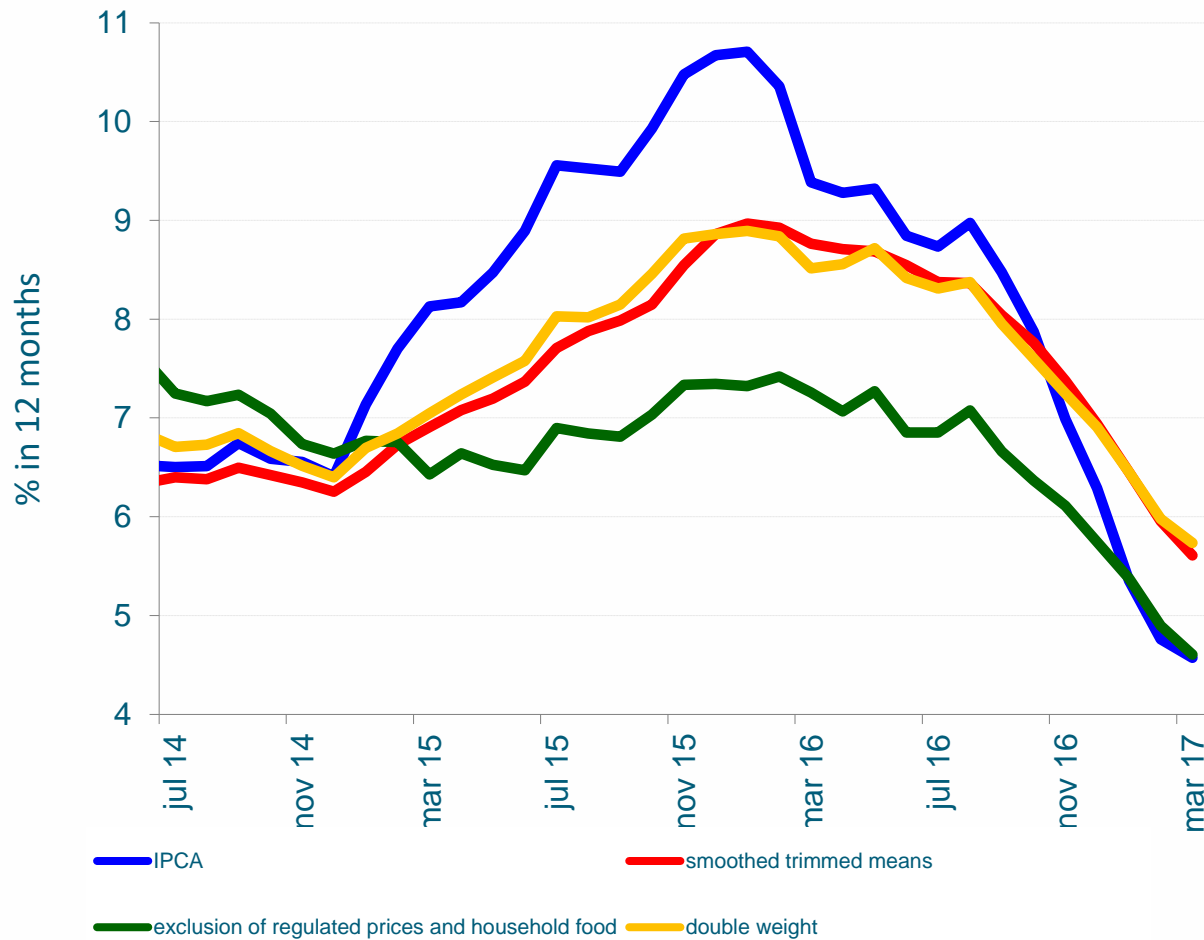
# Market, Regulated and Food Prices



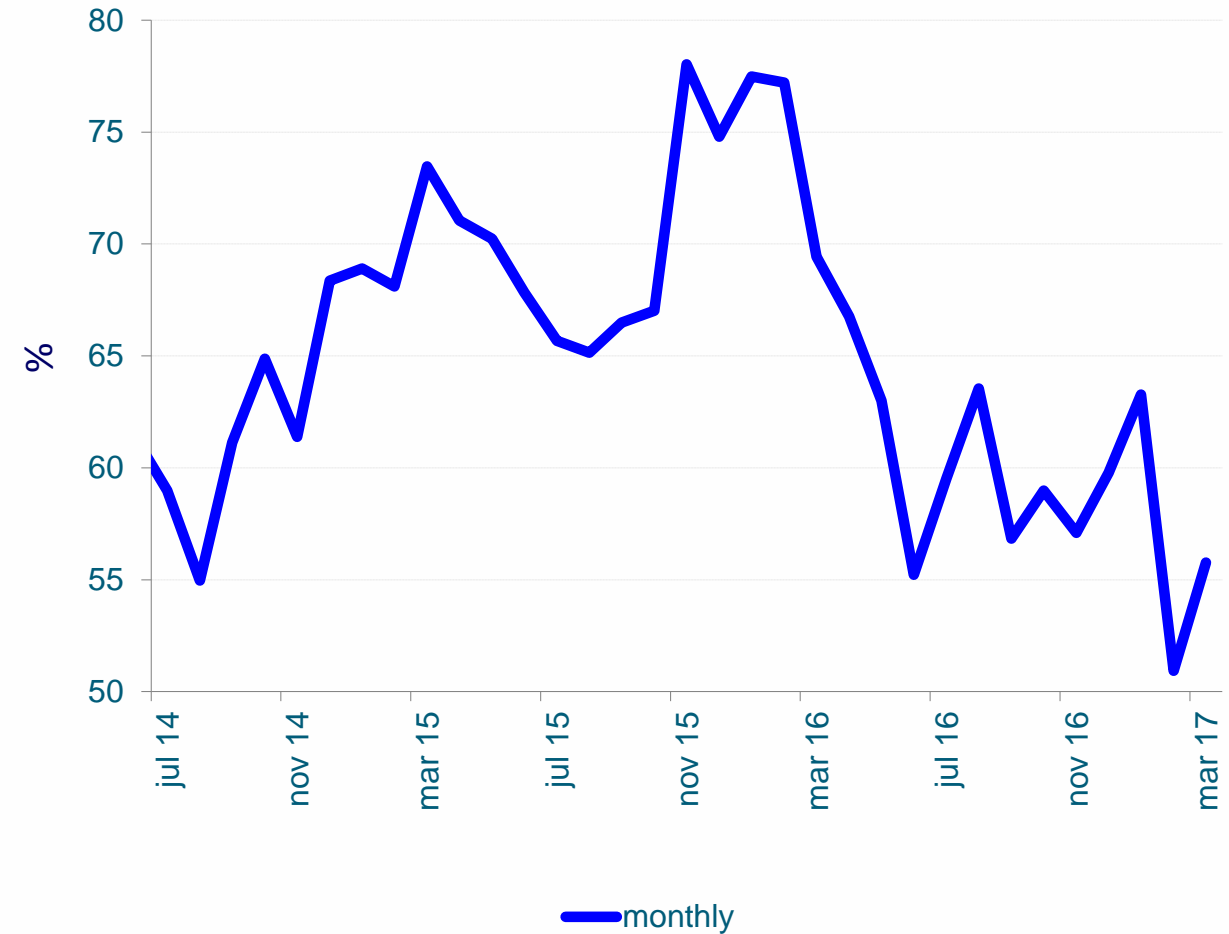
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\*as of April 13<sup>th</sup>

# IPCA – Headline, Cores and Diffusion Index

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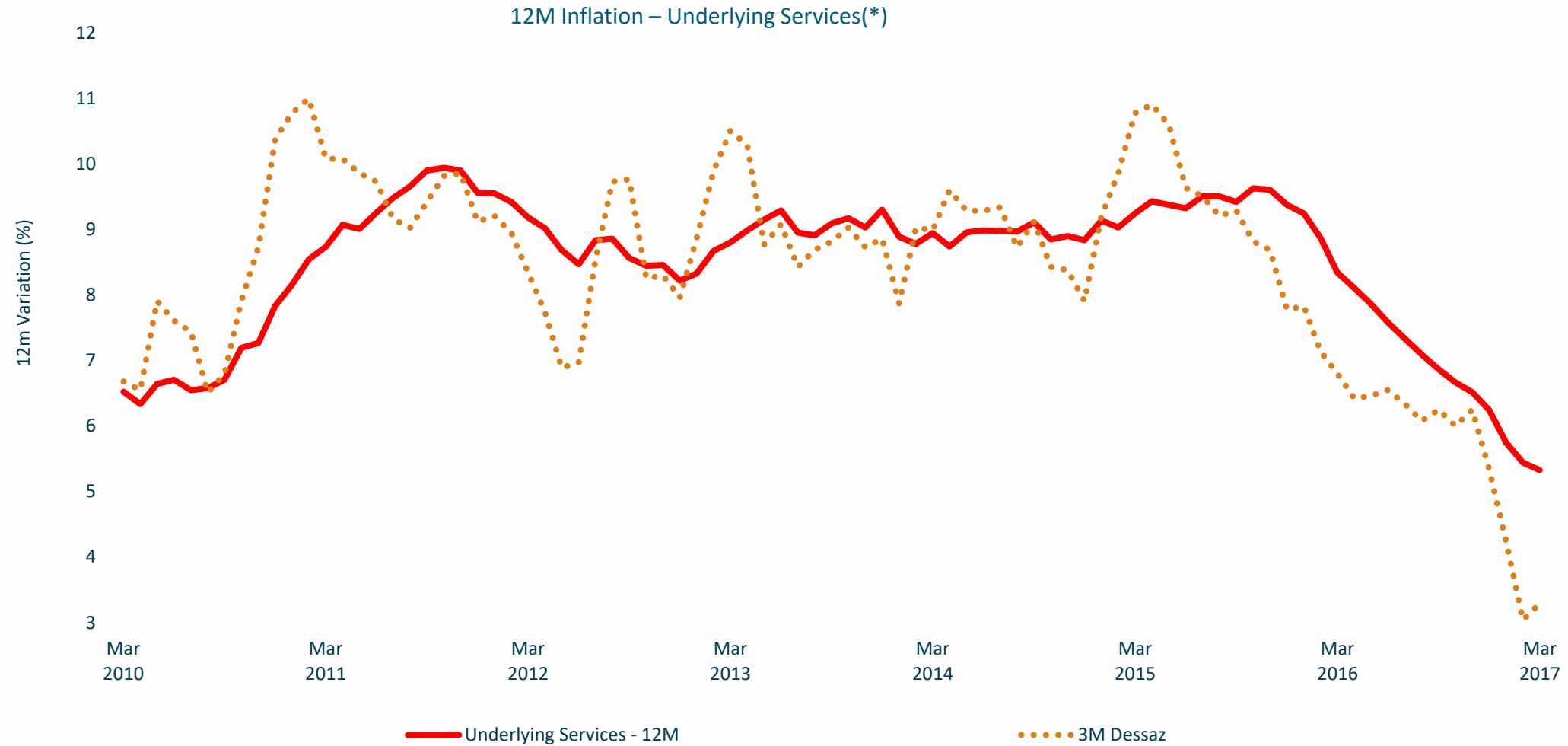


## Diffusion Index



Source: IBGE

# Services Prices Path (CPI-IPCA): Underlying Component (moving average)

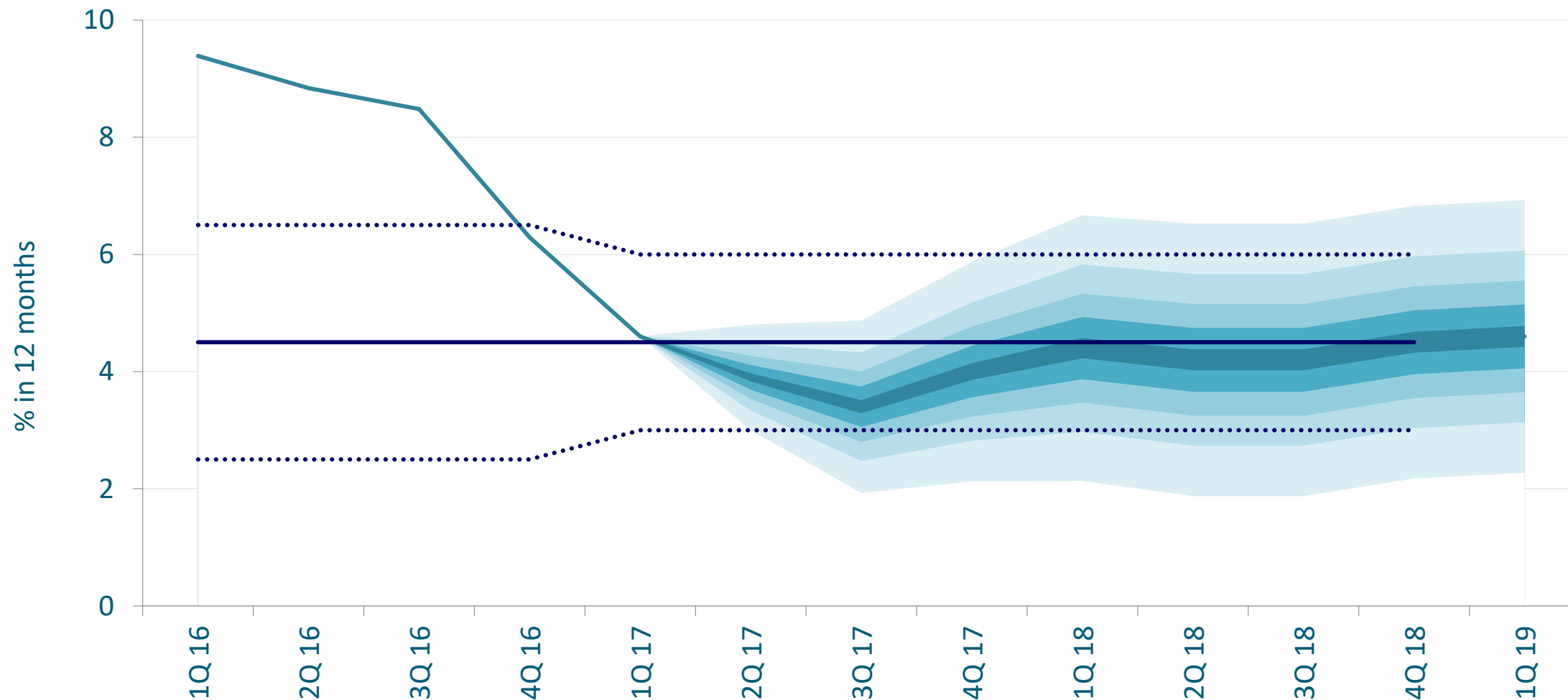


Source: BCB

(\*) Overall services excluding domestic services, courses, communication and tourism.

# Conditional Inflation Forecasts

Scenario with Focus Selic and Exchange Rates



Source: BCB

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# Business Environment Improvement

- Microeconomic Measures
  - Measures to support the reduction of margin on bank loans
    - Streamline credit worthiness list (Cadastro Positivo)
    - System for Electronic Receivables
    - Creation of Central Bank work force to investigate spread reduction
  - Real-estate market
    - Enhance the credit market with creation a mortgage-back security (LIG)
  - Cut time to open new companies
  - New BNDES Policy
    - Working capital credit line (BRL 5 bn to direct operations and BRL 8 bn ton indirect ones)
    - SME classification change: from BRL 90 to BRL 300 mi in gross operating revenue/year
    - Incentives to integrate different industries
    - Monitoring and evaluation of results
  - Government Severance Indemnity Fund for Employees - FGTS
    - FGTS investment fund new selection rule based on strict project finance
    - Withdrawal authorization for inactive employees' accountant: estimate of BRL 30 bn

Source: Ministry of Finance

# Business Environment Improvement

## Modernize Labor Legislation (PL 6.787/2016, PLC 30/2015)

- Collective Agreements will prevail over Law Provisions (relative to 13 points)
- Temporary work contracts maximum period will go from 3 to 8 months
- Improvements in the Job Protection Program (PPE), renamed Job Insurance Program (PSE)
  - New admission criteria
  - Maximum annual cost
  - Fines and punitive measures in case of fraud and noncompliance with the program rules

## Tax Reform: Simplify Tax System

- Expected to be submitted to Congress still in 2017
- Focus: PIS and Cofins (federal) , ICMS (state)
- Announced measures in the subject includes a series of system to reduce red-tape costs

# Agenda BC+: lower neutral rate and higher MoP Effectiveness

- The main goal is to pursue a more efficient financial system, with more free market credit, contributing to increase the power of monetary policy.

- Based on four Pillars:

**I. Increase financial citizenship**

**II. Increase financial system efficiency**

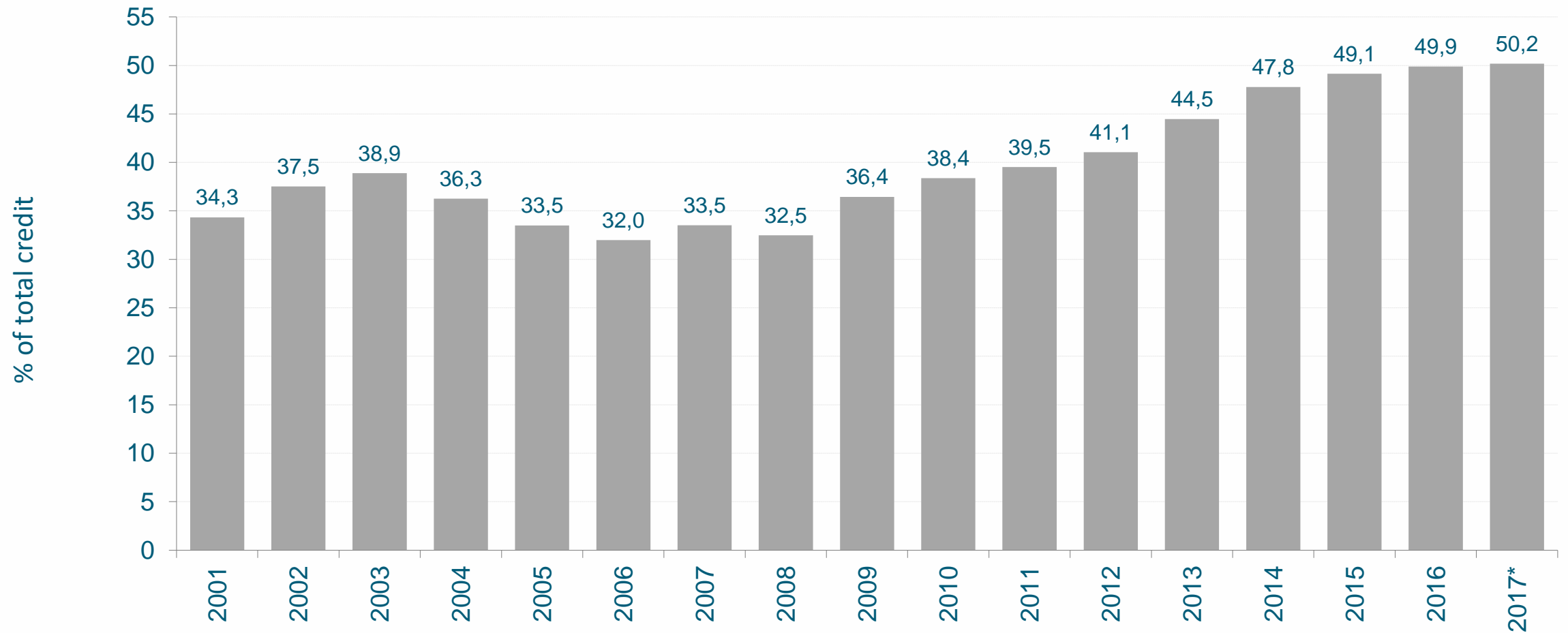
**III. Improve legal framework**

**IV. Reduce cost of credit**

# Directed Credit, Quasi-Fiscal Impulses and Long Term Rates

- New economic policy involved a significant decrease in expansionary quasi-fiscal impulses
- From the monetary policy standpoint, a more efficient financial system, with more free market credit, contributes to increase the power of monetary policy.
- **Structural measures (Agenda BC+)** aim to reach a sustainable reduction in overall cost of credit, increasing economic efficiency and productivity, thereby helping monetary policy effectiveness
- **New methodology for TLP** (parameter for the remuneration system of directed credit) aligned with market rates favors monetary policy effectiveness.

# Earmarked Credit



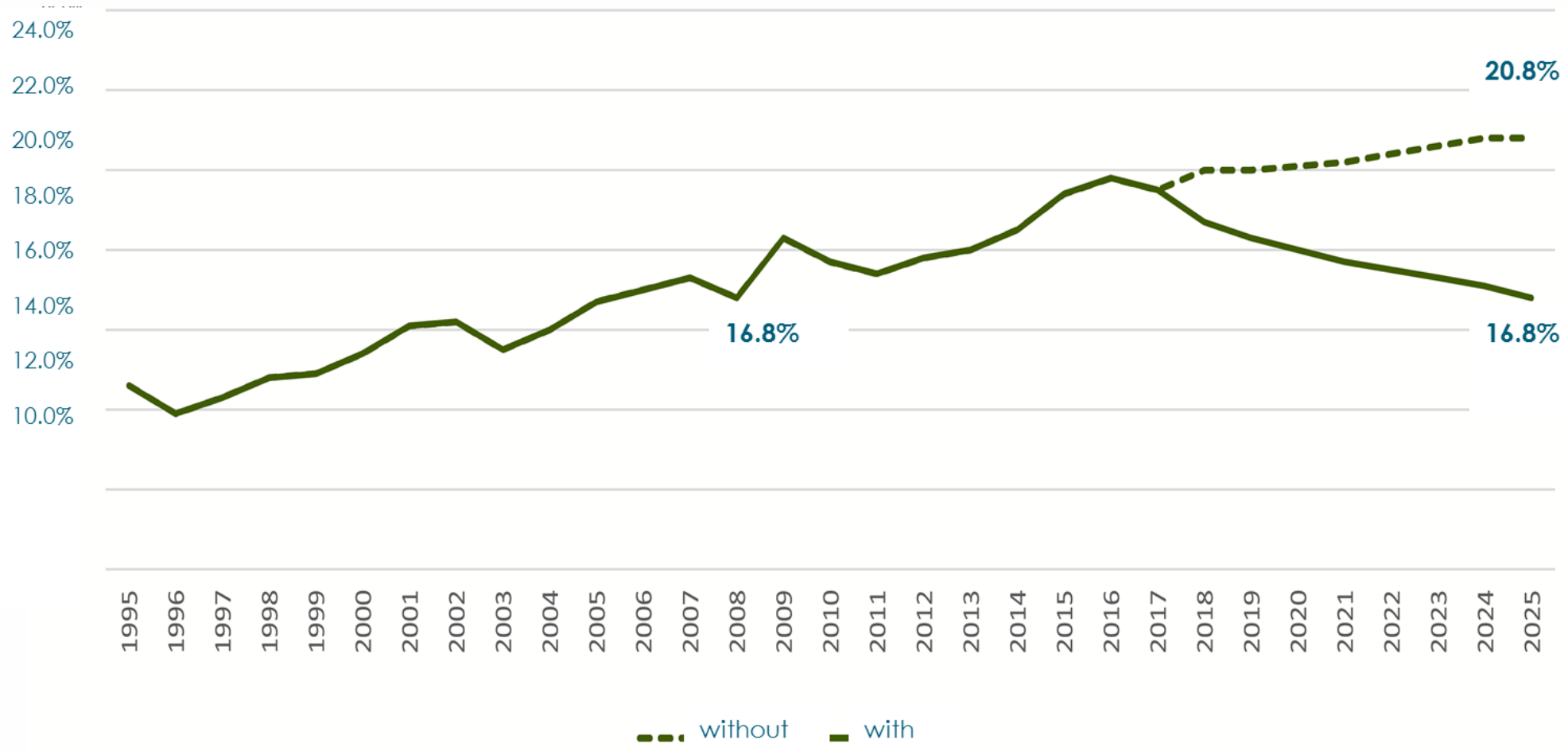
Source: BCB  
new methodology since Mar 07  
\*Feb/17

# Structural Fiscal Reform Agenda and Monetary Policy Effectiveness

- Persistent growth in expenditures caused a **fiscal deterioration that eroded confidence.**
- **Structural Fiscal Reform Agenda is critical** to bring fiscal equilibrium back, assuring public debt sustainability through a recovery in primary surpluses' horizon;
- **Intertemporal consistency in fiscal policy is critical for monetary policy effectiveness**, definitively removing uncertainty for longer horizons.
- **Spending Ceiling** - *Constitutional Amendment was approved in October 2016.*
- **Social Security Reform** is under sound debate in the society, and in advanced consideration in the Chamber, with expected examination in the floor by mid-May.

# Spending Cap will anchor fiscal policy opening room for primary surpluses

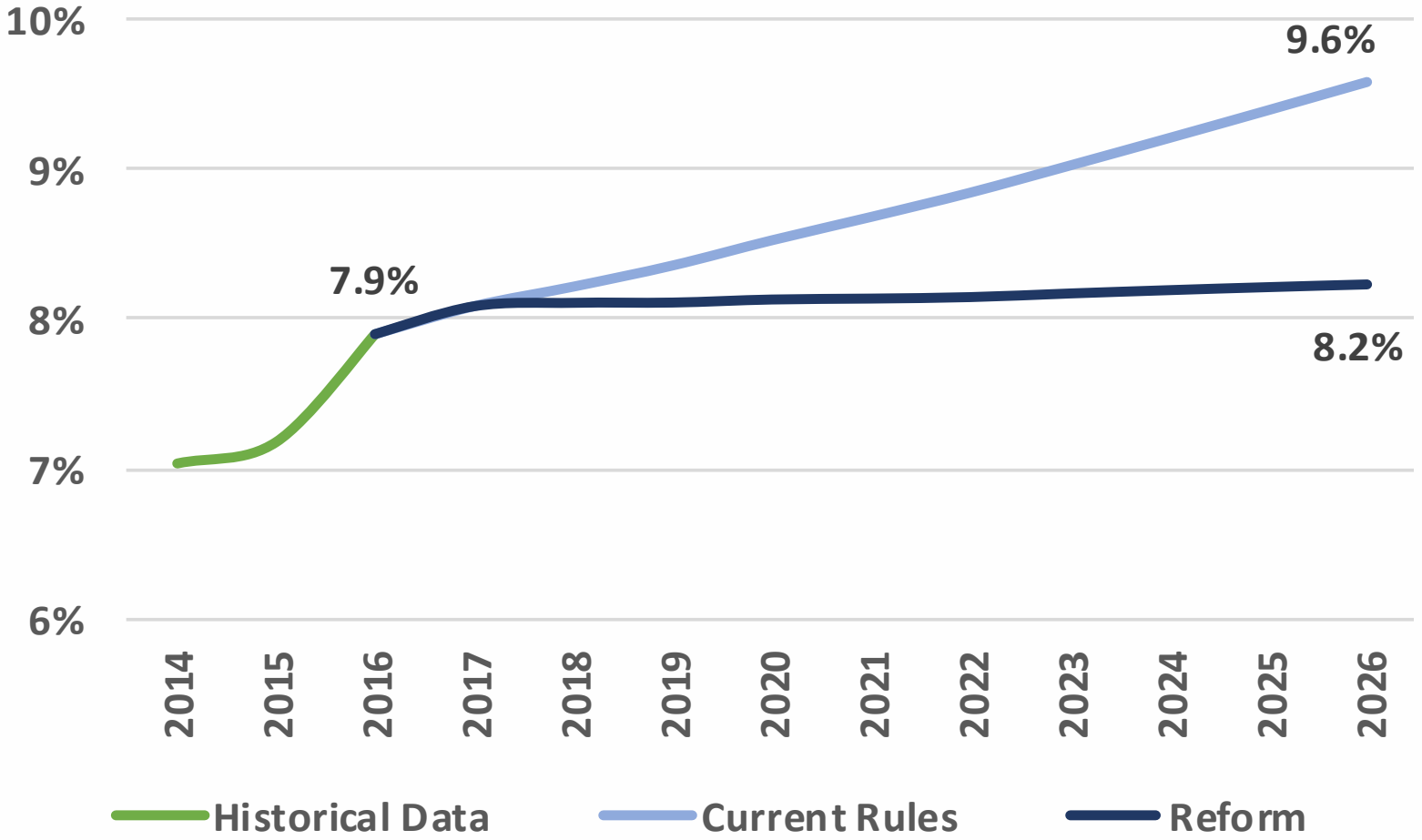
## Projection of Primary Expenditures with and without Expenditures Cap (% GDP)



Source: National Treasury Secretariat

# Social Security Reform - Key Features and Positive Impacts

## Evolution of RGPS Expenses (% GDP)



Source: National Treasury Secretariat



# Outlook for the Brazilian Economy: Conclusions (I)

- **Positive outlook for global economic activity, but relevant global uncertainty and risks for EME** (faster tightening in US, protectionism, Europe's politics, Protectionism and global growth, and Outlook for Chinese economy)
- **Brazil is resilient to external volatility and risks.** Sound current account financing through FDI; Low overall exposure to forex liabilities including corporates; diversified trade ties (global trader) and financial system with solid capital structure and limited leverage.
- Monetary Policy easing, microeconomic reform agenda, and structural sound growth in agriculture favor a **gradual growth recovery along 2017.**
- **Real and nominal interest rates are falling in Brazil.** The policy rate (Selic) fell during the past few months and it is expected to fall further. The real interest rate have also receded.

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