

#### **Key Credit Highlights of URUGUAY**



Predictable and prudent macroeconomic framework with fiscally-responsible policies.

Advancing structural reforms focused on longer-term development goals and fiscal solvency.

Reliable destination for investment and regional hub:

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Long-standing political and institutional stability, social cohesion and low country risk.

MARKET-FRIENDLY Investor-friendly policies and regulations, respect for rule of law and trade openness.

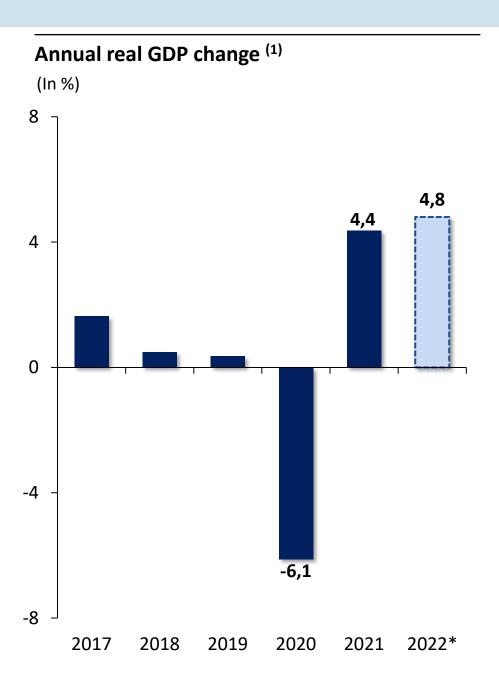
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Broad tax incentives for investment projects, sustainable business opportunities and innovation.



#### Strong economic rebound continued in 2022...

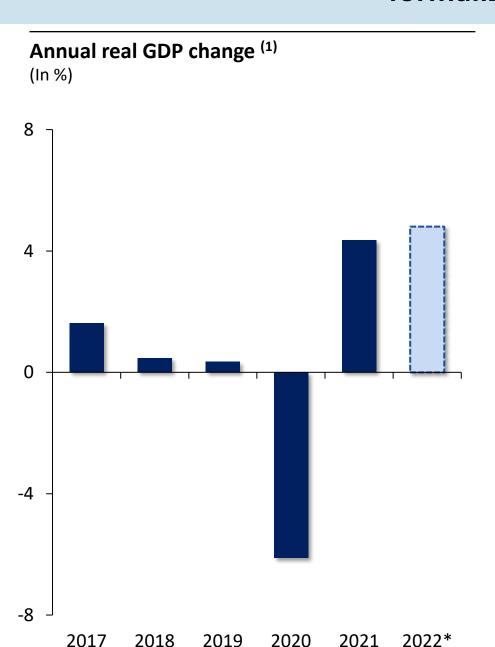






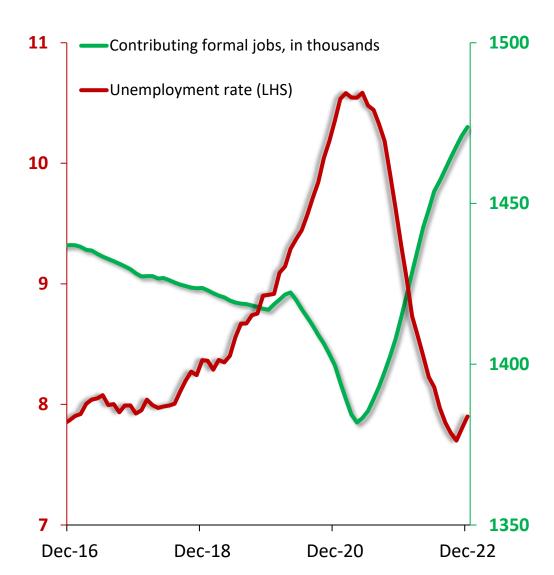
## ... reflected in a recovering labour market and higher degree of formalization.





### Formal Employment and Unemployment rate (2)

(Average of last 12 months, in %)



<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Central Bank of Uruguay and MEF.

<sup>2)</sup> Source: National Institute of Statistics and BPS, Social Security Bank.

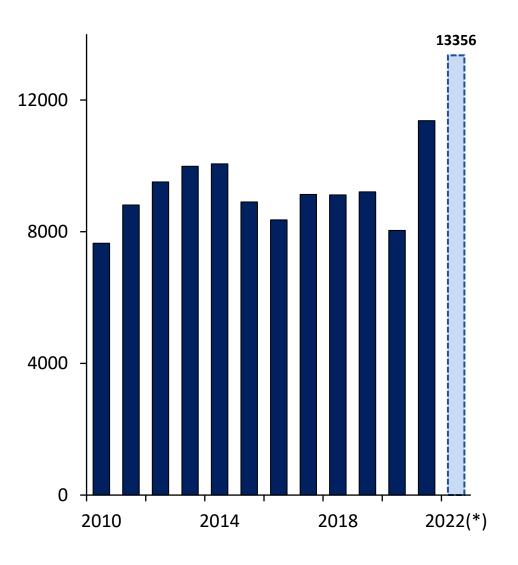


## Goods exports hit record high in 2022 on the back of higher commodity prices and strong agricultural production.



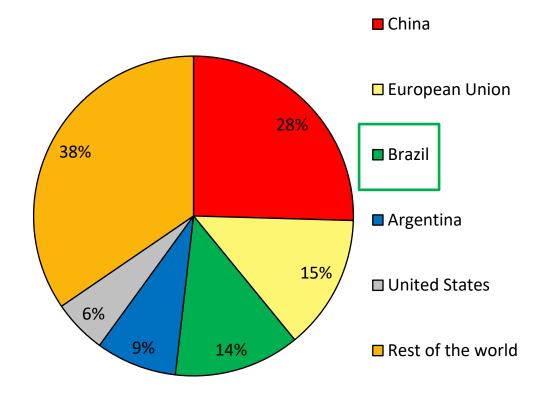
#### **Export of goods**

(Annual, in millions of FOB USD)



#### **Export of goods by destination**

(% in total of exports, 2022)



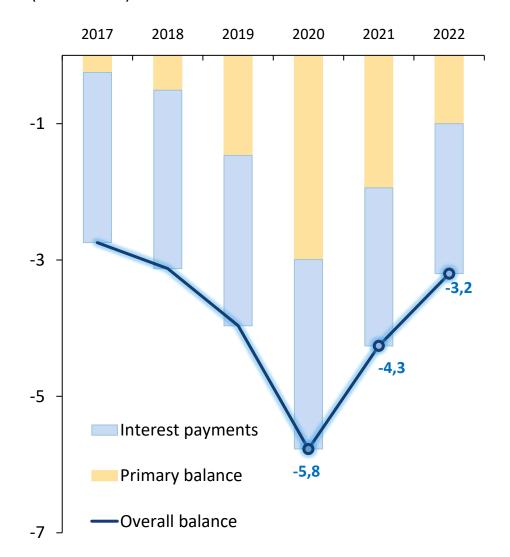


# Prudent macroeconomic policies based on disciplined public finances and delivering on fiscal rule targets....





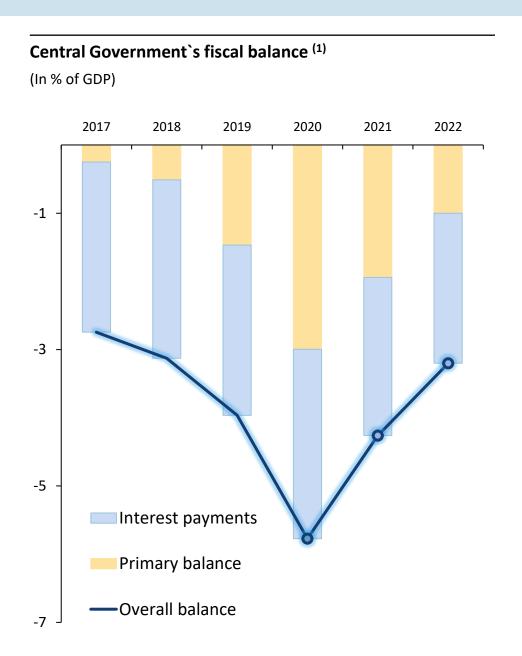
(In % of GDP)



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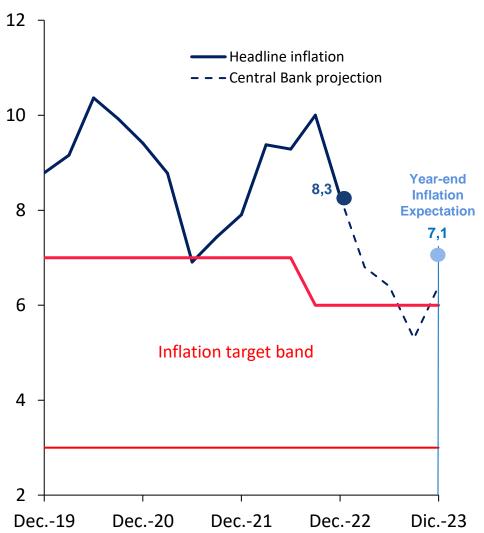
## ... and Central Bank's monetary policy focused on bring inflation down within the target band.





### Central Bank's projected inflation path and inflation expectations (2)

(YoY, in %)



<sup>1)</sup> Source: Ministry of Economy and Finance of Uruguay. (1) Does not Include extraordinary inflows to the Social Security Trust Fund.
(2) Source: Central Bank of Uruguay, Quarterly forecasts of the baseline scenario of the Central Bank as of December 2022. Median inflation expectations based on Central Bank's market survey as of December 2022.



#### Impactful structural reforms underway



#### **Fiscal Framework: Rules and Institutions**

#### **Social Security Reform**

#### **Educational Reform**

**Commercial integration and free trade** 

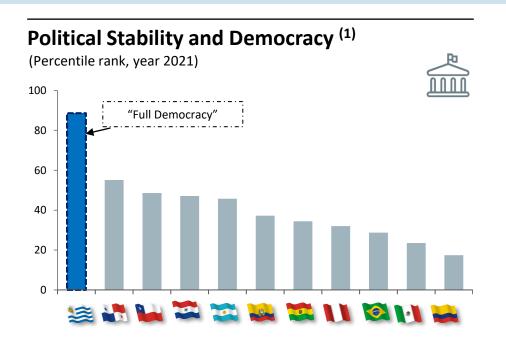
Mainstreaming environmental considerations into economic policies and sovereign financing

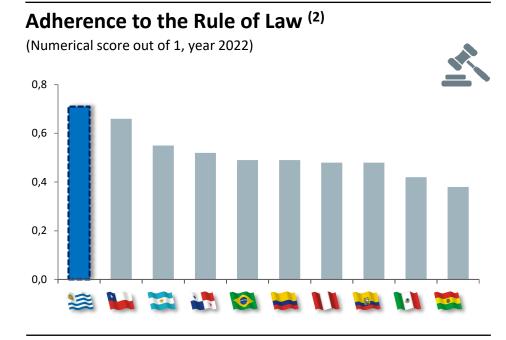


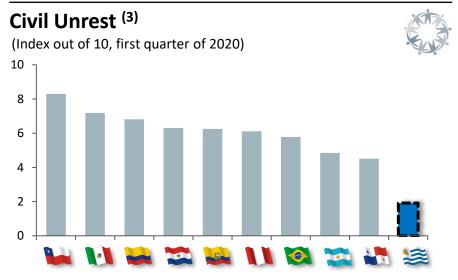
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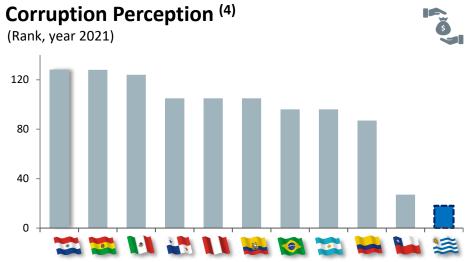
Uruguay is a bastion of institutional, political and social stability in LatAm, ranking alongside most developed nations.











<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators, World Bank (2021) and The Economist Intelligence Unit (2022).

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: World Justice Project (2022).

<sup>(3)</sup> Source: Verisk Maplecroft (2020).

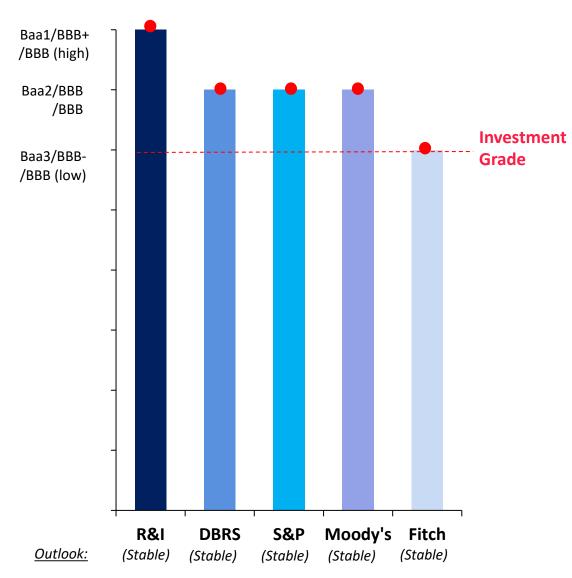
<sup>(4)</sup> Source: Transparency International (2022).



#### Uruguay is an investment-grade country...



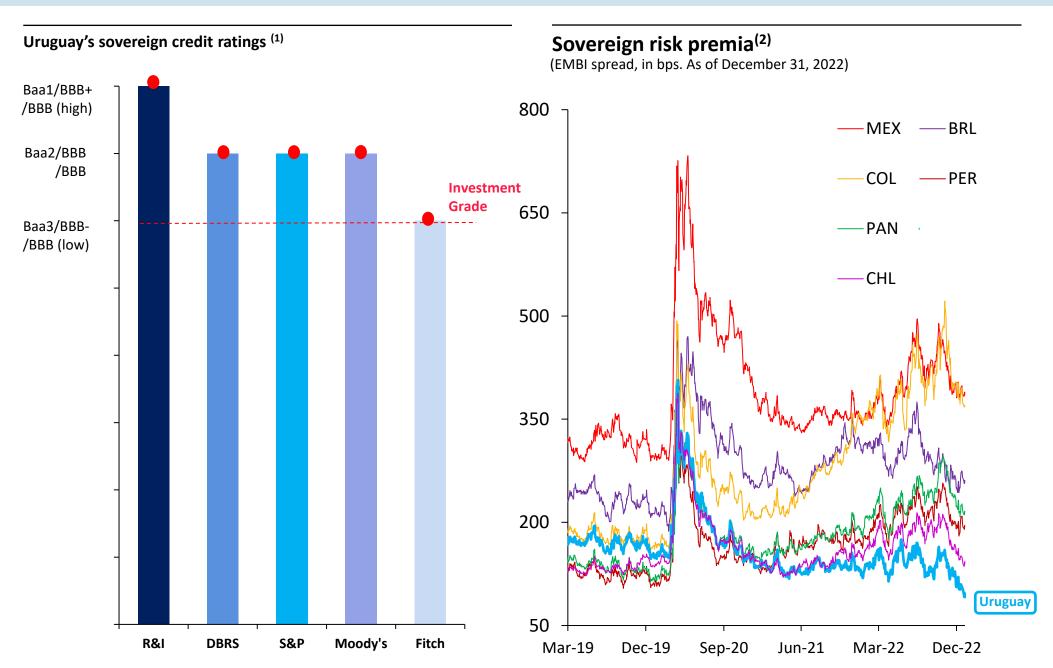
#### Uruguay's sovereign credit ratings (1)



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#### ... and has the lowest sovereign risk premia in LATAM.





<sup>1)</sup> Source: Moody's, S&P, R&I, DBRS-Morningstar and Fitch

(2) Source: Bloomberg

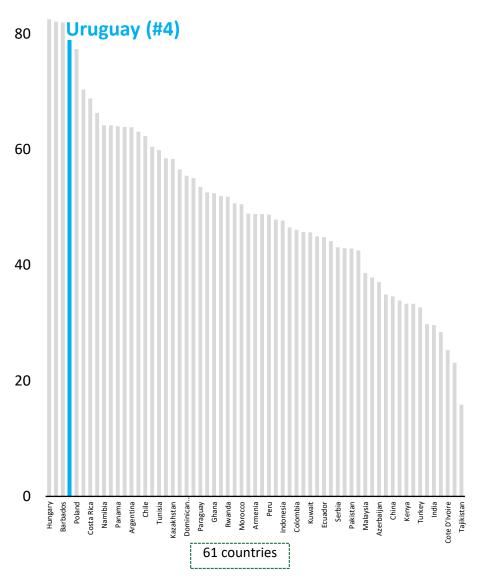


### Uruguay is among the top global performers on ESG fundamentals...



#### **Emerging markets' ESG Score**

(Index, 100 = best performance; as of end-December, 2022)





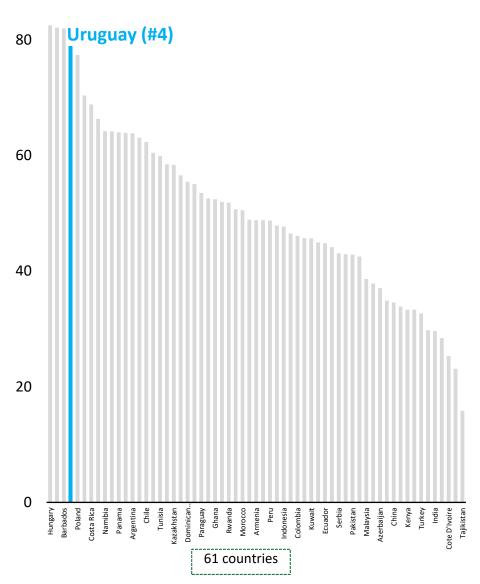
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# ... and according to Euromoney (2022), is "the most reliable country in LATAM to invest in", which is reflected in large FDI inflows.



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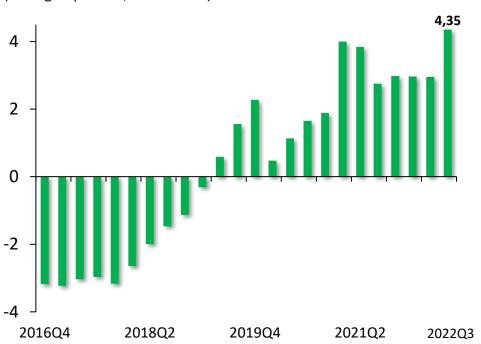


#### Euromoney country risk ranking, 2022

Uruguay ranked #1 as "the safest country in Latin America to invest in".

#### FDI net capital inflows (2)

(Rolling 4-quarters, in % of GDP)





### Uruguay offers a favorable environment and financial freedom for doing business.





Source: Uruguay XX1



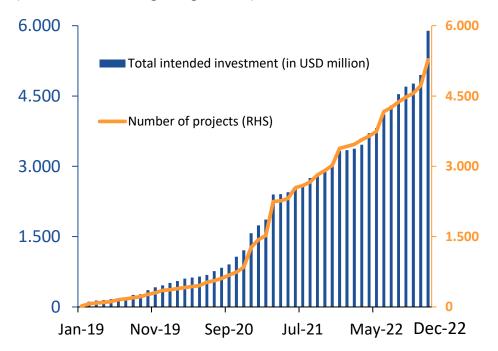
### Broad tax incentives for domestic and foreign investment projects...



### New tax breaks for big-ticket construction projects, social housing and clean energy

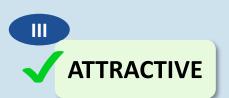
✓ Recent changes to the General Investment Promotion Regime (COMAP) providing more tax incentives encouraging employment creation (housing, offices and urbanization construction) and clean energy technologies.

### Investment projects presented under COMAP regime (1) (Cumulative since beginning of 2019)



 Uruguay grants several incentives to different types of activities, from industrial to commercial and service activities performed in the country.

 Main incentive schemes available in the country are provided for by the Investment Promotion Law, free zones, free port and free airport schemes, publicprivate partnership agreements, industrial parks and temporary admission.



# ... and recent launch of an Innovation Hub program to strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystem in tech industry and sustainable production.



Program is focused on **strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem** along three vectors:

- Deep-Tech (big data, the internet of things, cybersecurity and fintech).
- **Green-Tech** (renewable energy, circular economy, electromobility and green hydrogen).
- Bio-Tech (life sciences and agri-business).

For that purposes, it envisages:

- Developing "venture builders" and "innovation campus" to promote the development or establishment of high-tech companies in the country.
- Strategies and policies for the promotion, development and attraction of human talent.



# República Oriental del Uruguay

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