Economic and Political Dynamics in Argentina under the New Administration

Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Brazil



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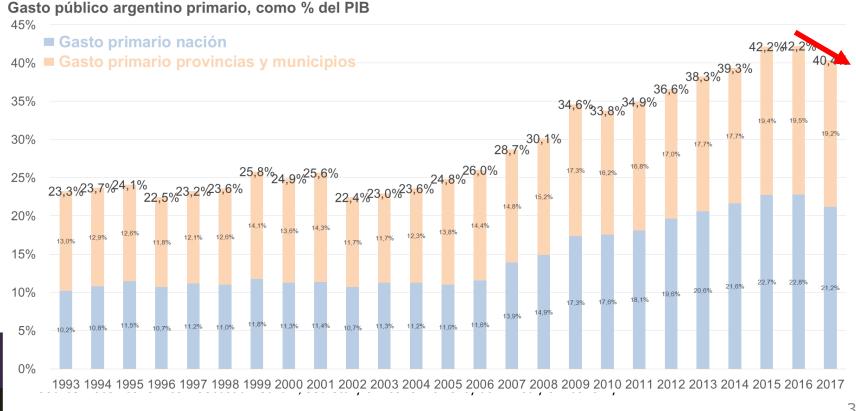
A Simple Story of Argentina



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Total Consolidated Public Expenditure (% of GDP - Galiani)

- From 2002 and 2015, 13 years of Populism almost double Public Expenditure from 22.4% to 42.2% of GDP
- Macri reduced it down in 4 years by more than 5% percentage points of GDP



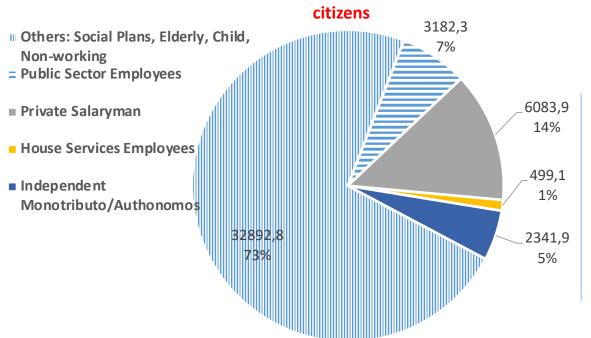
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Argentine Population and Income Earning Workers

 As of July 2019, private productive activity by 20% of total population provides financial support for 45mm people, reflecting social plans, unconventional pensions and unnecessary public employment created by 13 years of populism



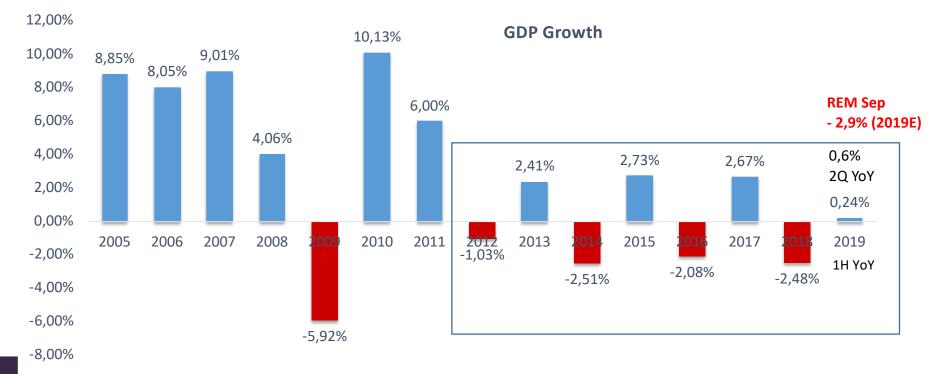
Working Population as Percentage of Total Population of 45MM

Only 20% (8,9mm people) generate financial resources to supporta populaton of 45MM



Source: Prepared by Fructus Capital based on information sourced from Secretary of Labour

- Argentina has high growth potential reflecting competitive advantages in various sectors
- However, 13 years of Populism have severely affected growth mechanisms and left a country with serious problems including high taxes and unproductive labor capital

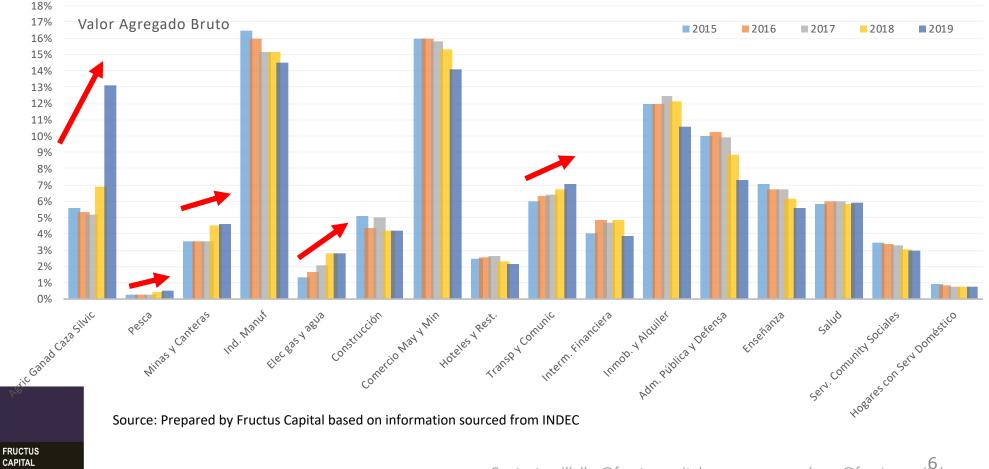


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Key Selected Sectors Driving the Future of Argentina

Agricultural, Mining, Fishing, Energy and Transportation sectors leading a solid and sustainable path towards growth



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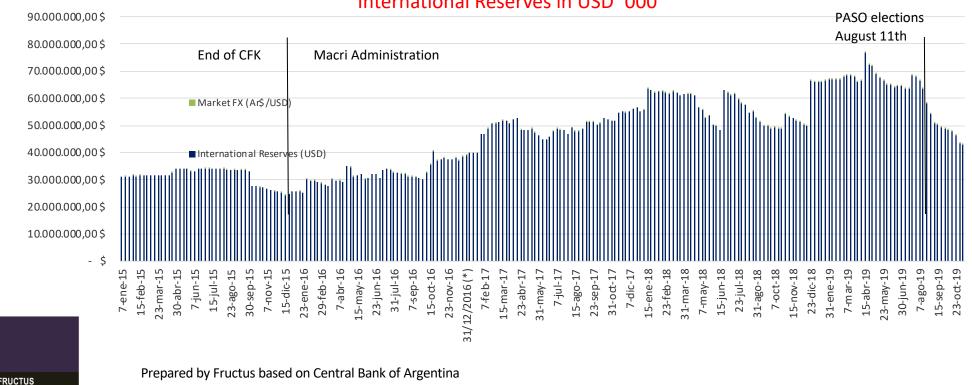
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Central Bank Condition and Foreign Exchange



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- Since populism left power in Dic 2015, International Reserves have grown by 4 x to a peak of almost USD 80bn, to fall thereafter to USD 40bn level due to political uncertainty.
- The question is ... are Reserves sufficient to support the Peso?



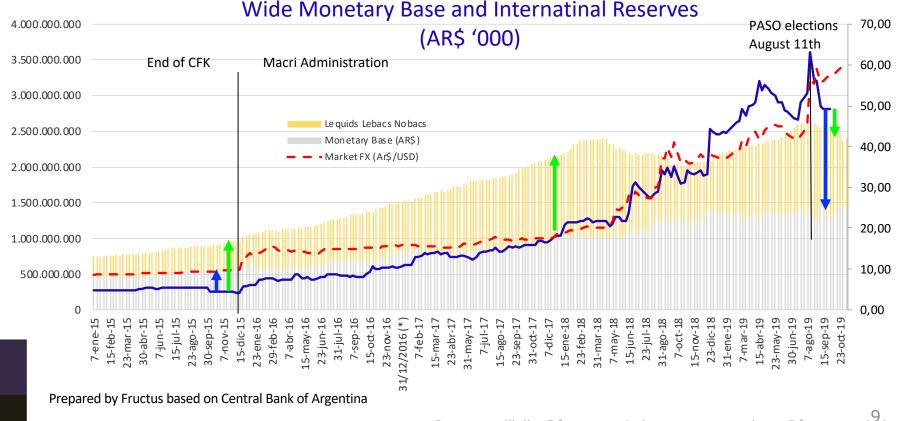
International Reserves in USD `000

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Evolution of Wide Monetary Base and Adequacy of International Reserves

- International Reserves measured in AR\$ grew since Dec 2015 faster than Wide Monetary Base
- As a result convertibility risk of the Peso has declined significantly, and recently even more so since arrival of Sandleris to Central Bank, managing a controlled decline of reserves

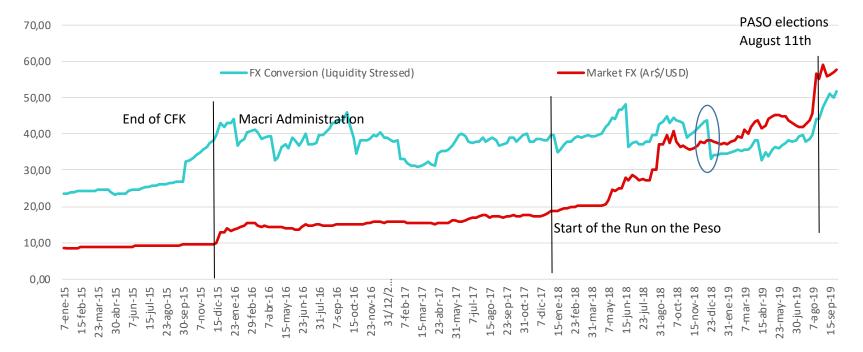


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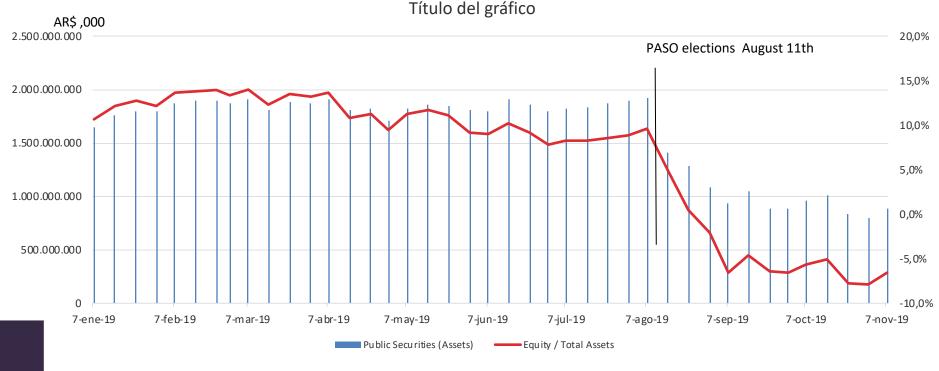
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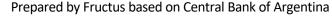
 Market FX rate started a dramatic increase towards the end of 2017, and only achieved levels above conversion rate under liquidity stressed conditions towards Dic 2018 during Sandleris governorship.



Prepared by Fructus based on Central Bank of Argentina TDC (Liqidity Stressed) calculated as (Monetary Base + Leqids + Net Repos) / International Reserves

- Country risk premium performed a sudden rise from 700bp to 2500 bp after PASO
- The value of Securities Portfolio dropped significantly as a consequence from AR\$ 1.919 Tr to 0.962 Tr, representing a key source of negative equity, at level -5.7% of total assets





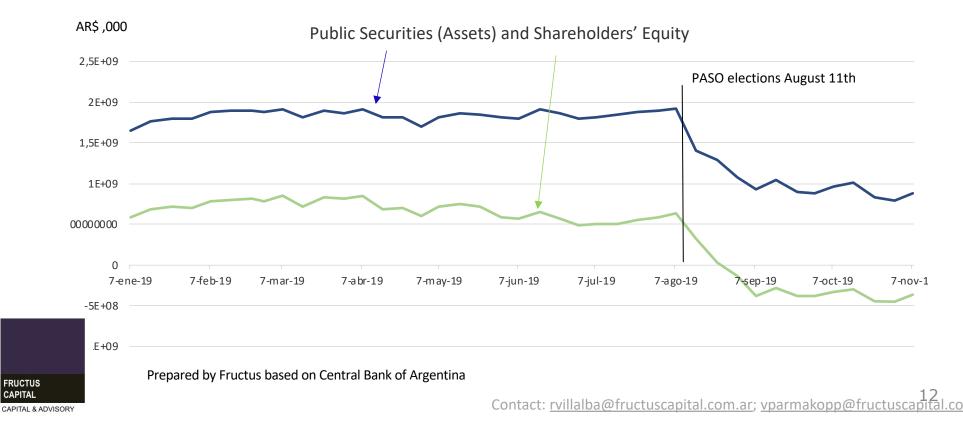
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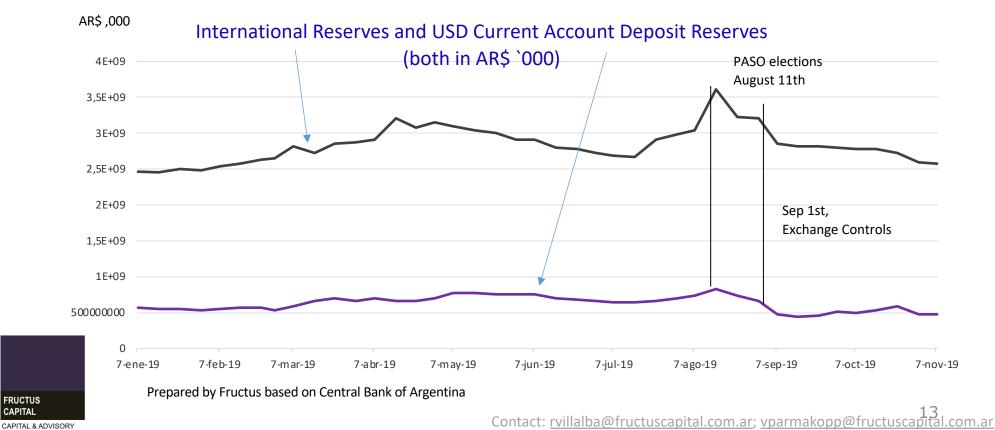
Securities Portfolio drop in Value brings Equity into Negative Territory

- Total Value of Equity dropped from AR\$ 634 bn on August 7th to AR\$ -366bn on November 7th, compared to securities Porfolio value dropping from AR\$ 1.919 bn to AR\$ 886 bn
- To the extend that country risk premium remains at high levels central bank's assets liabilities management will remain highly exposed and add pressure to the exchange rate



Current Account Deposits in Foreign Currency at Central Bank

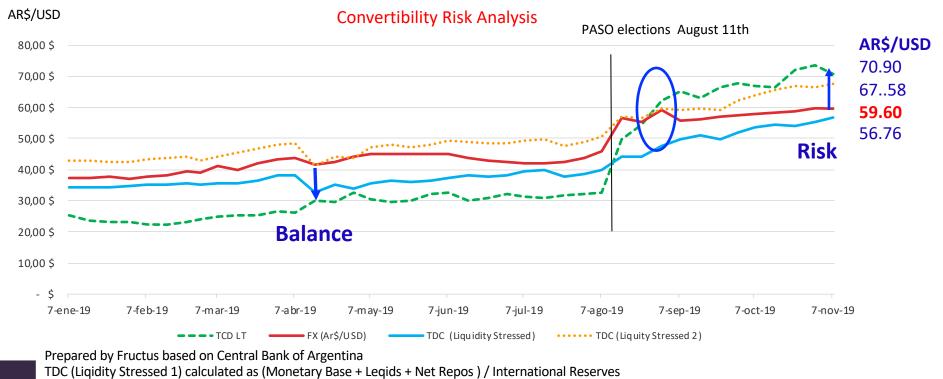
- Depositors current account reserves in foreign currency at Central Bank started to drop rapidly due to their withdrawals after PASO elections on concerns about Fernandez's policies
- Central Bank made available enough USD for depositors' withdrawals, but at the end Foreign Exchange controls were imposed



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Short Term Liquidity, A/L Management and Convertibility Risk

 Since Country Risk Premium has not eased since AF's victory, Central Bank new administration may favor a drop of the peso beyond AR\$ 71 AR\$ to USD, to absorbed negative equity



TDC (Liqidity Stressed 2) calculated as (Monetary Base + Lequids + Net Repos + Current Accounts in Foreign Currencies) /

TDC LT takes into consideration total Assets and Liabilities of Central Bank

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FX restrictions helped to calm down market and private individuals, prevent a run on bank deposits and facilitate a transition to new presidency

Will there be enough reserves under a Peronist Government?

- 1. Convertibility Risk scenarios are manageable even considering negative equity of central bank, which has to be fixed soon
- 2. National Debt Service requirements in foreign currency represents an unsustainable source of risk, situation which shall be managed through debt rescheduling

Will inflation risk variables be controlled under a Peronist Administration?

- 1. If negative Fiscal Balances arise, they are likely to be financed through Monetary Expansion at least until Argentina regains access to financial markets
- 2. Leliqs interest payments covered in part with monetary expansion is a matter that has to be reviewed, for which a long term solution is required!
 - A potential conversion of Leliqs into monetary based if pursued as a "unsuitable" solution could be an additional cause of inflation.



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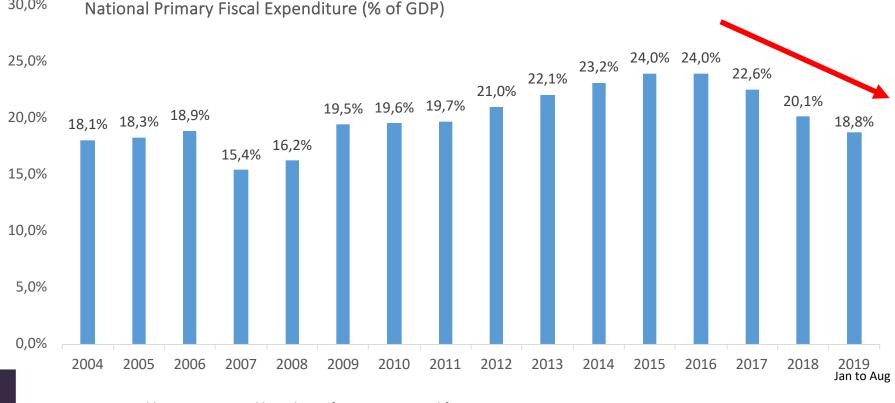
Fiscal Accounts and Debt Situation



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Evolution of National Government Primary Fiscal Spending

Drastic reduction of fiscal spending at national level is clearing the way to macro economic sustainability, however at a great political and social cost.



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(*) 2019 includes only January to August

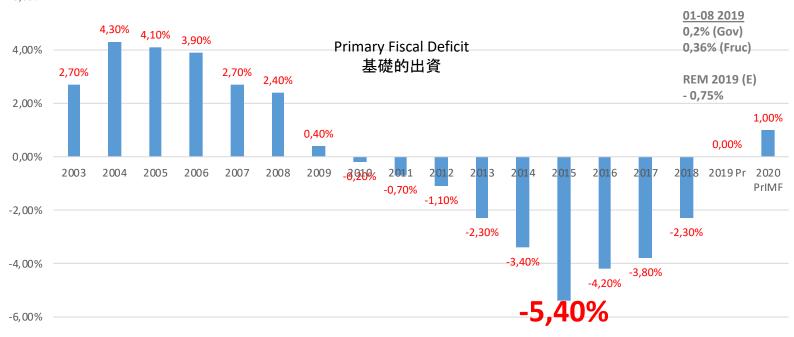
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30,0%

Elimination of Primary Fiscal Deficit at the cost of recession and increase of national debt.

- 2018 2019 Recession: 2016/17/18 accumulated deficit represents 10.2% of GDP
- Increase of National Debt: Such deficit is the main explanation of Gross Debt increase
- Minister Lacunza estimates a final primary deficit for 2019 of -0,5% of GDP (in line with IMF guideline)



Source: Ministry of Economy of Argentina with additinos by Fructus 資源:経済財務省

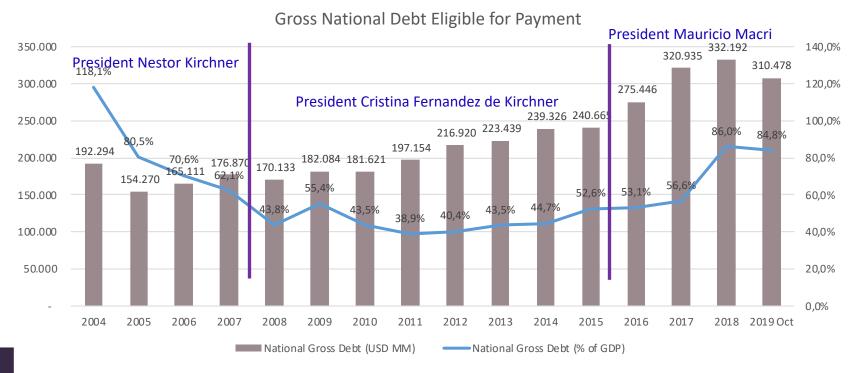
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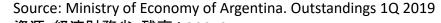
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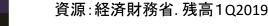
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Central Government Total Gross Debt (prior to Reschedule)

- Central Government Gross Debt increased by approximately USD 68bn since 2016 primarily to finance primary fiscal deficit inherited from CFK at -5.6% in 2015.
- Accumulated deficit for 2016-2019 was of 10.2% of GDP approx.





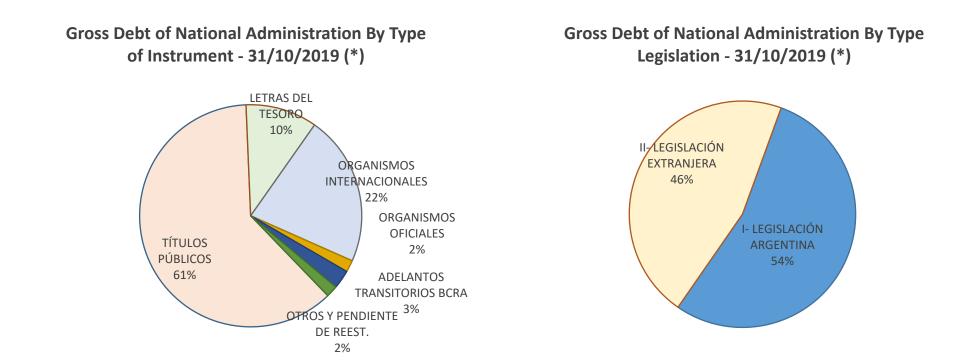


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Gross Debt Stock as of Oct 31st 2019

Total Gross Debt of USD 310,478 Bn

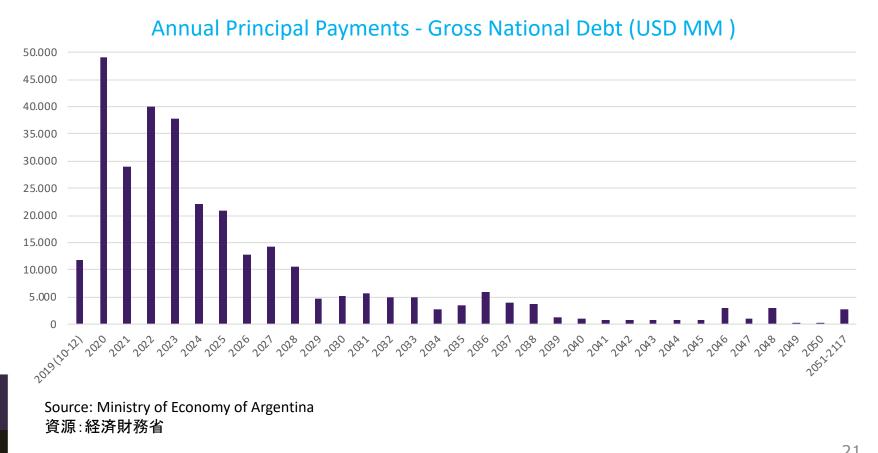




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Note: USD/AR\$ as of 30/06/2019

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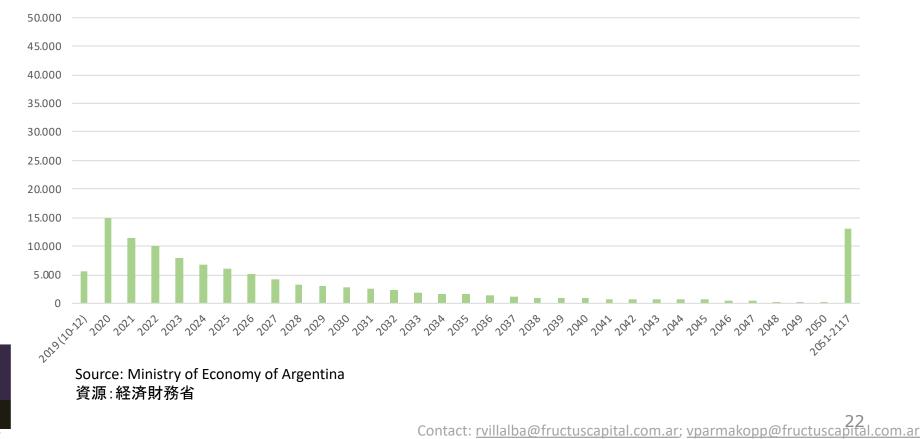
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Annual Interest Payments - Gross National Debt (USD MM)



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Stock of Gross Debt at National Government – 31st of October 2019

NATIONAL GROSS DEBT - 2019 USD '000'000 - FX 31/10/2019	Octubre (*)	Octubre %
A- GROSS DEBT (I + II + III)	310.479	100,00%
B- GROSS DEBT (Excluded Reestructuring Pending I + II)	308.053	<mark>99,22%</mark>
I- Gross Debt under Regular Payment	307.949	99,19%
Medium and Long Term	292.815	94,31%
1) Public Secuities	191.116	61,56%
- Pesos	37.124	11,96%
- Foreign Currency	153.978	49,59%
2) Treasury Bills (Letes, Lecaps)	25.157	8,10%
- Pesos	6.298	2,03%
- Foreign Currency	18.858	6,07%
3) Loans	76.048	24,49%
Multilateral	67.948	21,88%
FMI	44.019	
BID	12.724	
Official (Paris Club and Bilaterlas)	5.344	1,72%
Commercial Loans	1.450	0,47%
Loans with Guarantees, Pagare Notes and Other guarantees	1.305	0,42%
4) Transitory Advances to Central Bank of Argentina - Extraordinarios	494	0,16%
Short Term (1)	15.135	4,87%
1) Transitory Advances to Central Bank of Argentina - Ordinarios	7.923	2,55%
2) Public Securities	0	0,00%
3) Treasury Bills (Letes, Lecaps)	7.211	2,32%
- Pesos	6.699	2,16%
- Foreign Currency	512	0,16%
II- Gross Debt Under Deffered Payments	104	0,03%
III- Eligible Debt for Reestructuring (2)	2.426	0,78%
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Total National Gross Debt Interest and Principal Maturities

Total payments due on yearly basis represent a heavy weigh on National Treasury Cash Flows, which can only be sustained through capital markets refinancing. Debt Rescheduling will put off such burden from fiscal accounts for a few period.

> Total Debt Service (Principal and Interest) of Gross National Debt (USD '000 - % of GDP)



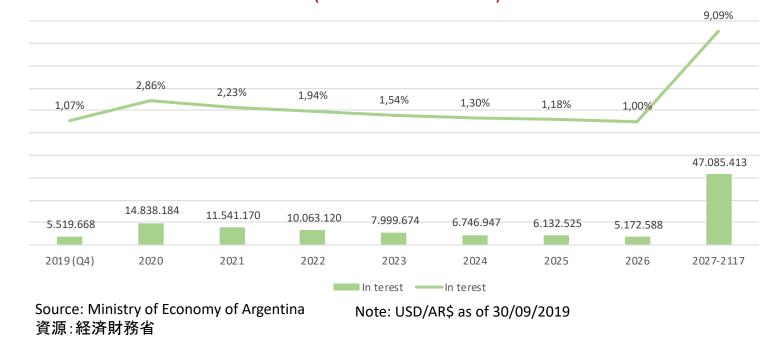
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Interest payments due on yearly basis between 1% and 2.86% of GDP represent an indication of a required primary surplus to achieve fiscal balance. Debt rescheduling (interest included) will ease the way to fiscal balance for the time being.

> Total Interest of Gross National Debt (USD '000 - % of GDP)



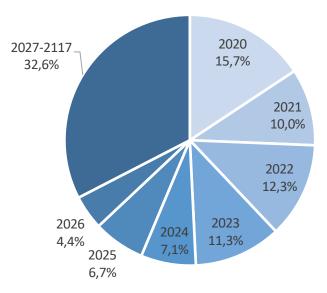
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Total Interest and Principal Maturities

Heaviest debt service weight in 2020 -2023 representing 49.3% of total



Time Distribution of Debt Service Payments (Principal + Interest)

Note: USD/AR\$ as of 30/09/2019 Excludes payments for 2019

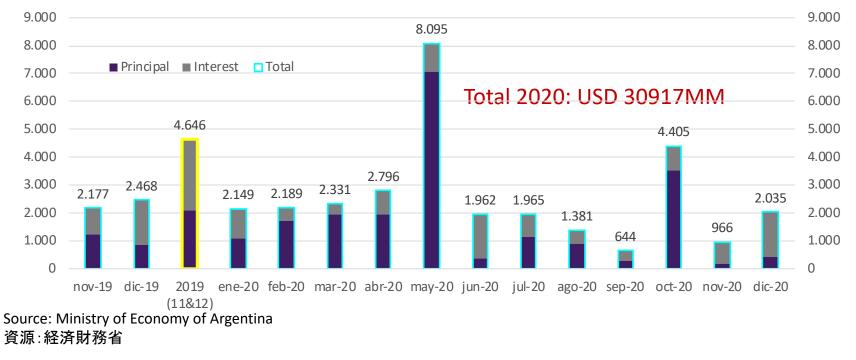


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Montly Foreign Currency Debt Payment Obligations run short <u>above USD 2bn</u>, between Nov 2019 and April 2020, which – worst case scenario - may be managed with Central Bank reserves while new administration negotiates rescheduling with IMF and private Debt holders

Montly Payments of Principal and Interest Denominated in Foreign Currency (USD MM) 2019 nov & dic - 2020



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1. USD 100bn Debt re-profiling

 Required to attend a liquidity situation caused by sudden change in capital market's conditions after PASO election of August 11th

2. USD 44bn IMF Stand -by facility

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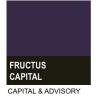
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- To be renegotiated into an Extended Fund Facility (EFF)
- Some structural reforms will be required
- 3. National Government solvency risk is declining
 - Based on current account surpluses, federal public finances, competitive FX, key sectors moving into long term growth, better managed central bank and improved liquidity due to first small rescheduling
 - Political uncertainty is the key risk component!
- 4. New Administration has to maintain fiscal financial balance
 - Required for feasible policy, debt sustainability and return to capital markets

- 1. Foreign Currency Payments Due between December 2019 and April 2020 represent USD 12bn approximately.
 - If this payments were to be made with Central Bank Reserves, we would be looking at a USD well above 95 AR\$/USD (<u>coeteris paribus for other variables</u>). The effects of Central Bank's negative equity need to be added to this
 - Foreign Currency Payments go up heavily in May 2019, making any payments out of Central Bank reserves unsustainable, highly disrupting for the whole economy and therefore unlikely to happen.
 - So... Negotiations for rescheduling with IMF and private debt holders MUST take place and BE CONCLUDED well before May 2020
- 2. Good News is that both IMF and Private Debt Holders have strong incentive in favor of a successful rescheduling of principal and interest for at least next 4 years
- 3. If Rescheduling is successfully achieved, the next key challenge will take place on the political front, to at least maintain primary fiscal balance
 - It needs to be considered uncertainty about when capital markets will reopen again

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Power Struggle and Beyond



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Alberto Fernandez won elections with 48% of votes (38% of the electorate)

• Kirchnerism/PJ has control of Senate but not of Deputies

Balance of Power may be secured whereby Cambiemos leads a strong opposition to prevent uncontrolled Populism

- Cambiemos 40% of votes is an excellent results well above expectations
- Other forces such as Lavagna, Gomez and Espert may accompany rational propositions
- Possible cooperation between AF and Cambiemos at some future

Alberto Fernandez and CFK sustaing opposing views about the future

- Alberto Fernandez is in a Power Construction process
- CFK claims victory for herself unless proven otherwise
- Massa holds a portion of the votes

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CFK-AF Association was intended to win elections

But the real Alberto Fernandez has openly confronted CFK's radical populist policies

AF also looks to lead key group within Peronism, pursuing a transformation into a Republican Democratic Party

CFK Radical Populism

- Neglecting republican and democratic principles, with manipulation of constitution
- International alliance with radical populist state and possible confrontation against western democracies
- Radica Socialist Economic Policy

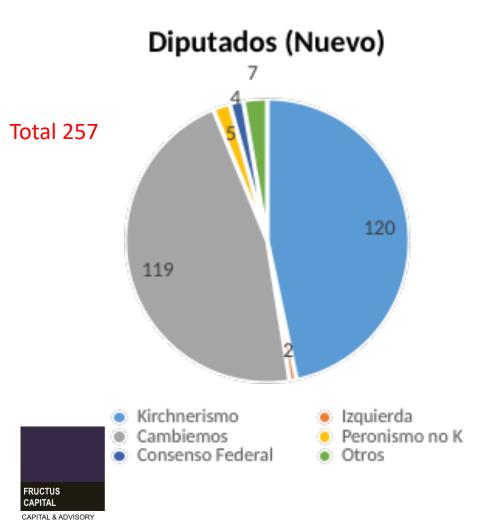
Alberto Fernandez Social Democratic Populism

- Maintenance of republican principles
- International associations based on common economic interest
- Keynesian style Social Market Economic policy





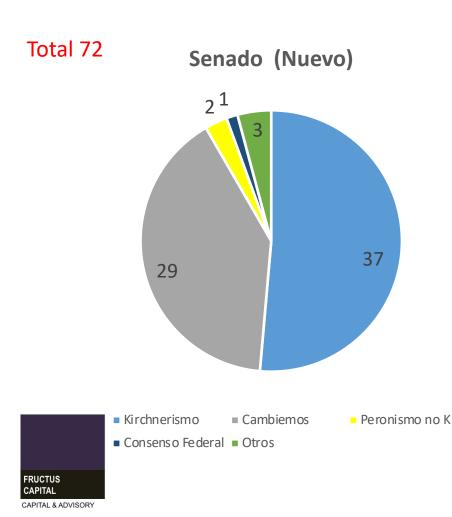
Chamber of Deputies – Nobody holds Quorum or Majority



- 1. Kirchner/PJ Increased by 10 seats to total 120
 - Requires 9 more votes to obtain quorum/majority
- 2. CFK and Traditional Peronism as separe forces
 - Máximo Kirchner to head the Kirchner/PJ 's block against strong opposition from non-CFK deputies
- 3. Cambiemos Increased by 10 seats to total 119
 - Requires 10 more votes for quorum/majority
- 4. Massa holds power to pivot between AF, CFK & Cambiemos!
 - President of the Chamber
 - Has at least 13 deputies of his own and growing
- 5. Other forces to pivot support as suitable

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The Senate – Kirchnerism/PJ with Quorum and Majority



1. Kirchnerism/PJ has obtained absolute majority

- Won 6 additional seats and has
- 2. AF to construc his power at the Senate to compete agains CFK
 - Build strong ties with Governors,
 - Already has suport of 14 Senators and growing
 - Carlos Caseiro will lead this block
 - May pivot with Cambiemos following his needs
- 3. CFK will also put all energy in Senate
 - She is the formal President of the Senate
 - José Mayans will lead CFK's block

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Key Appointments for Transition

FRIST decision made by Alberto Fernandez to incorporate 2 key members to the transition team highlights his drive for Transparency

Gustavo Beliz

- Ex Minister of Justice under Nestor Kircher
- Advocate of republican anti-corruption practices had to resign due to his convictions
- Moved to Washington as Officer of IDB

Vilma Ibarra

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- Previouly Senator and Deputy at national level
- Advocate of republican anti-corruption practices
- Critized CFK policies including corruption practices on her book Cristina vs Cristina
- Closed personal friend of AF, somehow provides a reference about Alberto's ethical principals



Cabinet Reveals itself as Rather Moderate Peronism

Economy Guillermo Nielsen?

Production: Matías Kulfas

Energy Sergio Lanziani

Central Bank Miguel Pesce

Public Works Gabriel Katopodis

YPF Jorge Sapag?



Legal Secretary Vilma Ibarra

Chief Cabinet Minister Santiago Cafiero

Secretary of Presidency Eduardo Valdez

Foreign Relations Felipe Solá









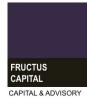
Interior Wado de Pedro

Defense Agustin Rossi





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1- Relations with USA

• Argentine is fully dependent on US relations, primarily due to Foreign Debt situation. Confronting against USA on Bolivia matters is highly negative for Argentina

2- Relations with Brazil

- Confrontation between AF and Bolsonaro is leading into conflicting decisions affecting both countries
- Bolsonaro won't attend AF Presidential Assumptioon Ceremony- First time in 17 years!
- Also extended a import quota to USA in conflict with Argenitna's interest
- Brazil is pushing for reduction of import tariff from 13.5% to 6% or 4% within 4 years term). This puts Mercosur at serious risk

3- Relations with Mexico

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- Look to counter balance past relationships with Cuba and Venezuela, working closer with Mexico socialist populism, which is a friendly to USA
- Looks to position an alternative relationshi to counter-balance preasure from Brazil



4- Grupo de Puebla

- Looks to counterbalance Cuba-Venezuela radical poulism axis in Latin America
- Show leadership to fix the problem of poverty in Latam

5- Relations with China

- China is building full strategic alliance with Brazil, which is top commercial partner, and first investment in Brazil
- Huawei announced investment in Brazil primera planta y en 2020 5G en Brazil

6- Relations with Europe

- AF visited Spain and Portugal in September and will travel to Europe (Farnce, Germany, italy) before December 10th
- Wants to obtain support for IMF negotiation and show leadership facing Latam stress conditions
- FTA with Europe is under review for the moment

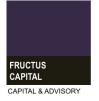


7- Relations with Japan

• AF is likely to support strong ties with Japan, given limited exposure to down side risks of economic association

- Cambiemos obtained a high 40.37% of votes which allows as the key opposition force to achieve a good balanced of institutional power including Congress
- Alberto Fernandez is likely to pursue a moderate social market economy policy and makes an excellent first move announcing key team members which are strong in republican transparency credentials
- Battle between CFK's radical populism and AF's moderate social market model is starting to unwind
- The Transit to a sound economy resolutoin of debt, inflation and growth is the breaking point!
- Events in Latin America have the potential to feed back to Argentina and cause social ignition

Outlook



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1- Fiscal deficit is not a feasible option due to lack of financing means

- Signals indicate that fiscal balance is to become a key objetive
- Debt rescheduling is a must for such policy
- Higher spending shall be financed with tax increases
- Higher tax expected for personal assets and export taxes for certain products

2- Sovereign Debt

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- Negotiation with IMF and Debt holder will start soon
- Outcome is expected to be in favor of rescheduling

3- Foreign Exchange and Reserves

- New FX controls provide some room of action for the incoming cabinet, while containing possible market reactions, primarily by residents and local companies
- Monetary Base expansion shall be kept under control (on a base case) following new yet to be agreed targets with IMF under rational fiscal management
- Central Bank negative equity and leliqs problem has to be fixed at some near term
- Any payment of debt services with Central Bank reserves will have a negative impact on peso exchange rate

4- Inflation and Interest Rates

- Declining Leliqs interest rates and expected inflation for upcoming months is the starting point
- This is in conflict with possible financing of fiscal expenditure with Monetary Expansion in future
- Conversion of Leliqs into Monetary Base could represent an important risk if it happens
- Some ideas for DesIndexation of the economy creates risk scenarios

5- Sources of Growth

- Vaca Muerta will be secured as a recipient of Foreign Investments and as the KEY to the future of Argentina as a source of growth and forein exchange
- Energy in general, agribusiness, mining, fishing, technology, transportation and infrastructuring... and related sectors to these mentioned here will be the key drivers

6- Short Term Political Environment

- Elections results show institutional balance of power in Congress to control Populist policies
- General Economic and Social Agreement is a key tool for goverannce of real politik
- Social conflict in Latam may inpact in Argentina igniting claims of social movement

Possible Scenarios

	Primary Surplus & Fiscal Financial Balance	Primary Fiscal Balance	Primary Fiscal Deficit
Political Weight	Possible	Highly Possible	Underweight
IMF	Renegotiate into EFF and accept reform	Renegotiate into EFF and accept some reform	Unclear due to IMF possible conditions
Debt	Reschedule Principal payments	Reschedule Principal and Interest payments	Unsuccessful attempt to Reschedule fully
Fiscal Surplus	Primary surplus to sustain interest payment	Primary balance possible under debt reschedule	Incompatible with extreme populism
Fiscal Spending	Freeze and reconfigured	Reconfigured and increase	Increase as needed
Tax Increase	Possible to achieve primary surplus	Required to finance increase in spending	As possible
Monetary Expansion	Controlled	Limited	As needed
International Reserves	Increase due to current account surplus and selected capital inflows	Stable. Possible increase if twin surplus of current account/primary balance	Freeze with capital and FX controls, due to current account deficit

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Risks and Opportunities

	Risk	Opportunity
Political	 CFK sustaining Political Power Latin American Crisis enhancing social conflict in Argentina 	 Dismemberment of CFK-AF-Massa The Birth of Repuclican Peronism Alliance AF/Cambiemos in Congress
Economic Growth	 Capital controls preventing inflow of capital Social unrest 	 Competitive FX rate to help drive growth Encapsulated Vaca Muerta Activation of unemployed Human Capital
Fiscal Conditions	Escalation of Fiscal SpendingIncrease of Taxes	Drive from Fiscal balance into surpluses
Monetary	 Monetary expansion for fiscal financing Conversion of Leliqs into Monetary Base Negative equity value for Central Bank Un-indexing of the economy 	 Monetary consolidation under international reserves expansion Decline of country risk premium Declining inflation expectations
IMF	CFK not to accept EFF conditions	• EFF conditions to be implemented with support of Peronism
Debt	 Collapse of rescheduling of Principal and Interest due to political and fiscal conditions 	 Successful rescheduling of Principal and Interest Regain access to capital markets

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