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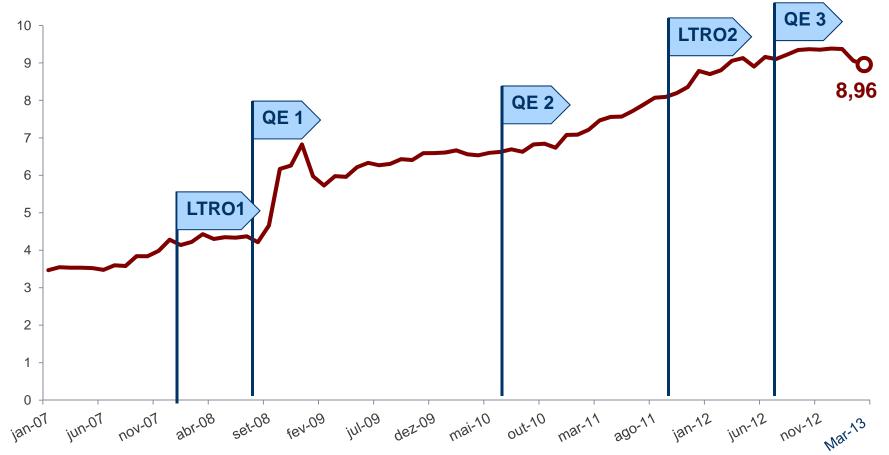
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### **Expansion of International Liquidity (US\$ trillions)**

(USA, Europe, United Kingdom and Japan) - 2007-2013

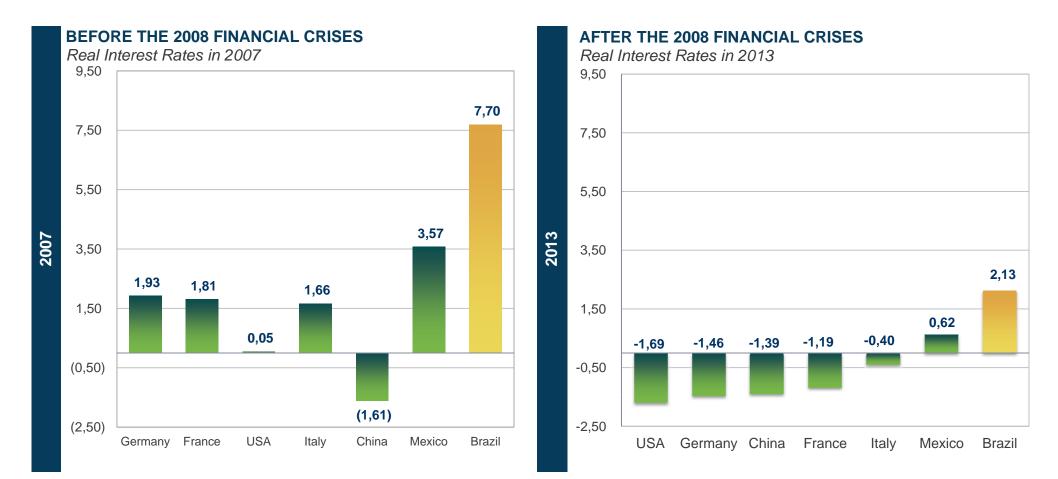


Source: Bloomberg

### **Unconventional Monetary Policy**

- Zero lower bound monetary policy in advanced economies associated with intense liquidity injection in their domestic financial system.
- Fiscal situation in most advanced economies is rather a problem than part of the solution.
- Central Bankers are trying to boost growth under such challenging circumstances.
- However, this has led to the "currency war", as it is a noncooperative or competitive not zero-sum game.

#### **Ex-ante Real Interest Rate (% p.a), Before and Then**



Source: Bloomberg

# Brazil is implementing a set of policies that sustains economic growth

- Flexible monetary policy
- Countercyclical fiscal policy
- Floating exchange rate regime with more competitive Brazilian Real under "currency war"
- Promoting investment, mainly in infrastructure sector, fostering productivity
- Reduction of financial costs of investments
- Reduction of tax costs with widen tax exemptions due to fiscal space
- Promoting long-term capital market
- And, also managing capital inflows as part of the economic policy toolkit

## The policy toolkit to manage capital account

- Higher IOF rates on short-term capital inflows, including external loans up to 1 year.
- ◆ IOF rates derivate margin deposit.
- ♦ IOF rates on excessive long position on BRL.
- Banks have to park at the Central Bank 60% of short dollar positions that exceed the limit of US\$ 3 billion. The deposits should be in cash and receive no interest rate.

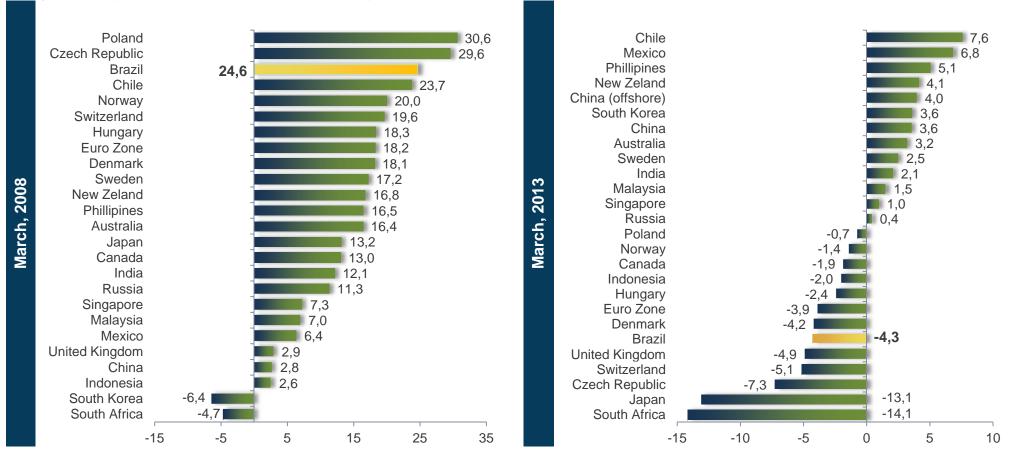
#### **IOF rates on Portfolio Investments and External Loans**

|                                    | 3/12/2008 | 10/19/2009 | 10/04/2010 | 10/18/2010 | 07/26/2011 | 12/01/2011 | 02/29/2012 | 03/09/2012 | Today |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Portfolio                          |           |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |       |
| Fixed Income                       | 1.50%     | 2.00%      | 4.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00% |
| Long-Term Corporate<br>Bonds       | 1.50%     | 2.00%      | 4.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00% |
| Equity                             | 0.00%     | 2.00%      | 2.00%      | 2.00%      | 2.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00% |
| Derivative Margin<br>Deposit       | 0.38%     | 0.38%      | 0.38%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00% |
| External Loan<br>up to             |           |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |       |
| 90 Days                            | 5.38%     | 5.38%      | 5.38%      | 5.38%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00% |
| 270 Days                           | 0.38%     | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00% |
| 1 Year                             | 0.38%     | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00% |
| 2 Years                            | 0.38%     | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00% |
| 3 Years                            | 0.38%     | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 6.00%      | 6.00%      | 0.00% |
| 5 Years                            | 0.38%     | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 6.00%      | 0.00% |
| Excessive Long<br>Positions On BRL | 0.00%     | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 0.00%      | 1.00%      | 1.00%      | 1.00%      | 1.00%      | 1.00% |

Source: Ministry of Finance

# Carry Trade Transactions: changing capital account composition

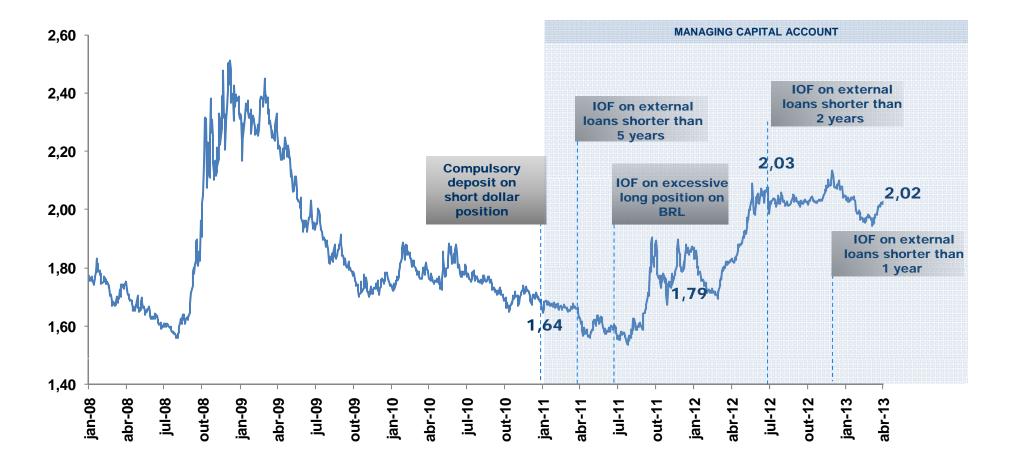
Carry Return\* (% accumulated on a 12-month basis)



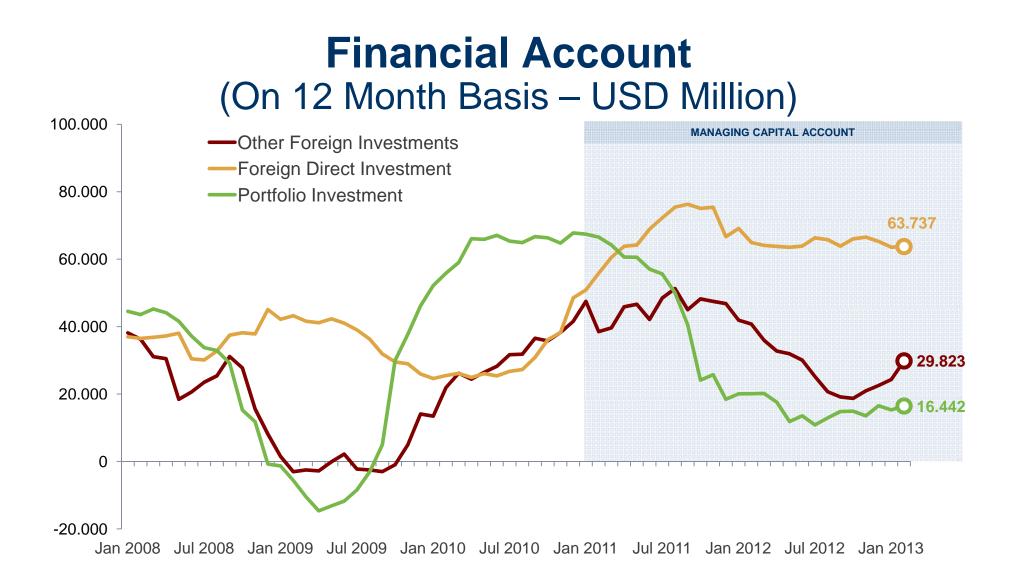
\* The carry return is equal to the return on investment in fixed income securities minus the cost of foreign currency loans.

Source: Bloomberg

# Brazil: macroprudential measures put forward since 2011 stamped appreciation

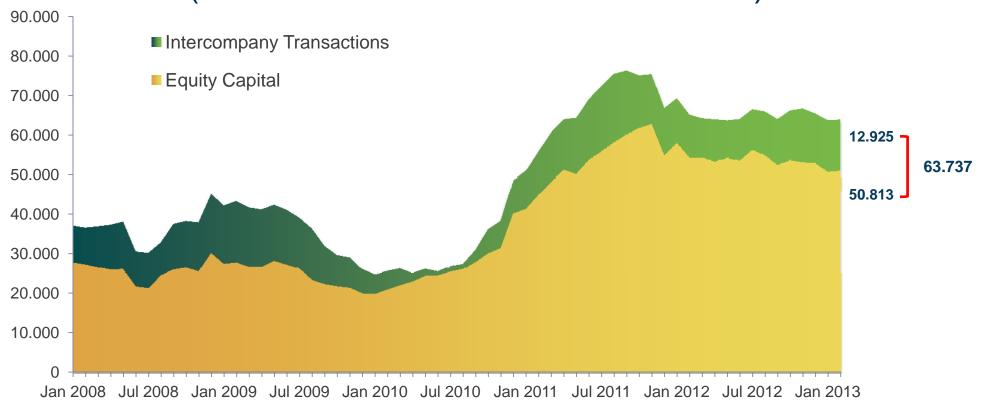


Source: Thomson Reuters



Source: Central Bank of Brazil

### **Foreign Direct Investment** (On 12 Month Basis – USD Million)



Source: Central Bank of Brazil



Less "liability dollarization" and low "fear of floating"

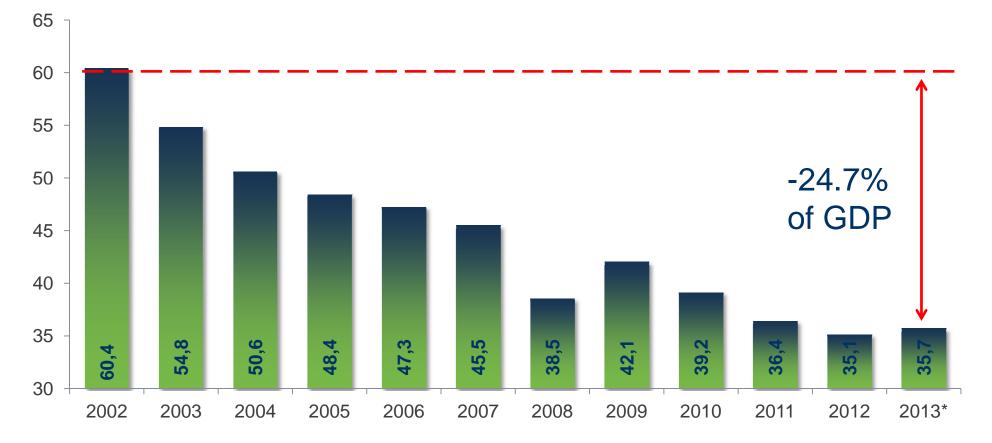
Reduced debt to GDP ratio and country risks

Better public debt denomination and maturity

Low interest on debt to GDP ratio

Good economic perspectives in the medium term

### Net Public Sector Debt (% of GDP)

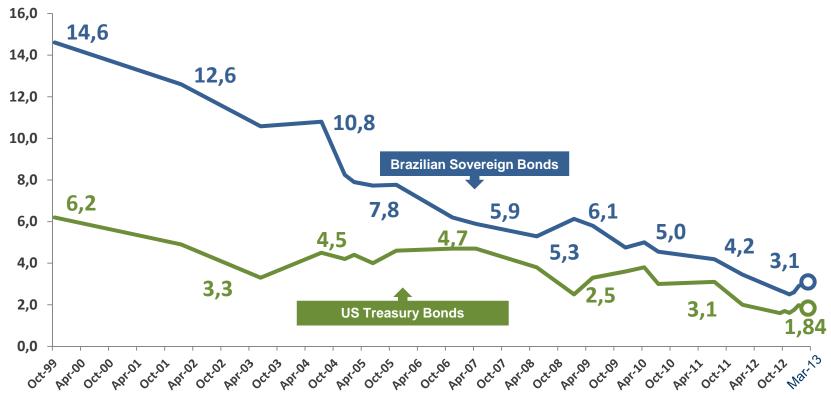


\* February, 2013 **Source:** Central Bank of Brazil

### **Increase of Investors Confidence for Sovereign Bonds**

Commitment to fiscal responsibility throughout the years combined with economic growth have contributed to the reduction of credit risk\* in Brazil.

YIELDS OF 10-YEAR BRAZILIAN AND US BONDS (% PER ANNUM)



\* Measured by the differential of yields on issue date from 10-year Brazilian bonds denominated in USD and yields from US Treasury bonds, same maturity traded on the secondary market on the same date.

\*\* From October 2012, Brazilian and US Treasury 10-year yield bonds (same maturity) traded on the secondary market on the same date.

Source: Brazilian Treasury Secretariat/Ministry of Finance and Bloomberg Produced by: Secretary of Economic Policy/Ministry of Finance

## Summing up

- Excessive international liquidity provokes side effect in emerging market economies.
- Brazil has put forward a set of macroprudential macroeconomic policy including capital account management, along with conventional monetary policy.
- Capital account management is much more a technical issue rather than an ideological one.
- It has been obtained successful results under the circumstances.
- Growth prospects: investment is the main economic policy in a context of inflation under control, growth-friendly fiscal consolidation program, solid financial system, and strong income inequalities reduction.



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