Regulatory Responses to the Crisis in Brazil and Lessons Learned

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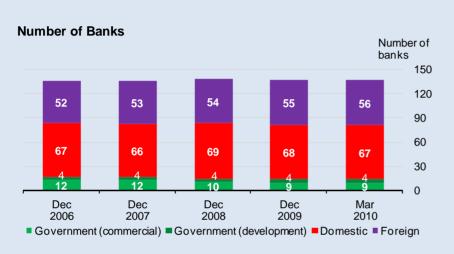


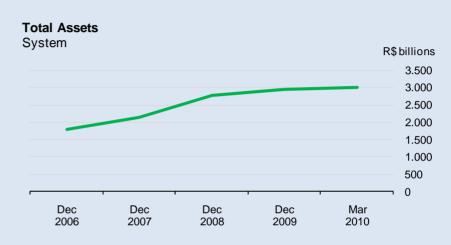
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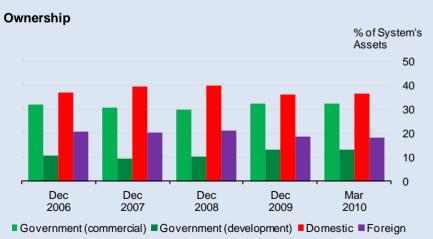
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Brazilian Financial System Overview











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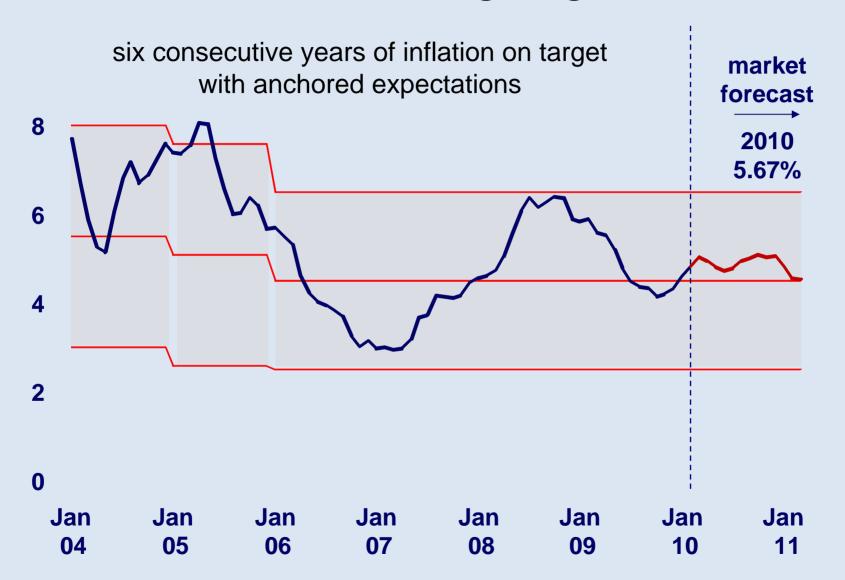


Situation before the international crisis

- In recent years, Brazil has successfully addressed historical vulnerabilities, giving room to a balanced economic growth:
 - Inflation Targeting
 - Floating Exchange Rate regime
 - Fiscal Responsibility
 - External Sector Equilibrium
 - Soundness of the Financial System

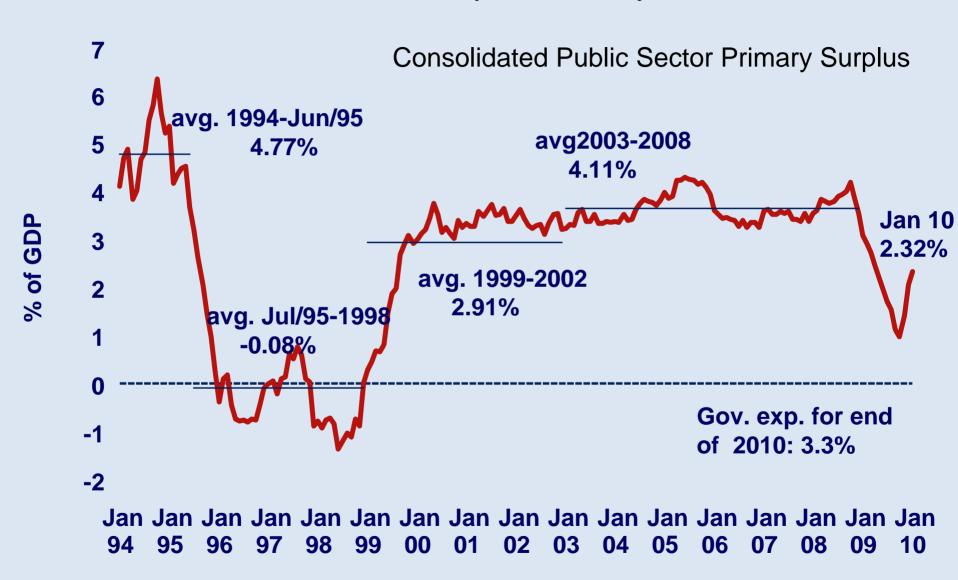


Inflation targeting



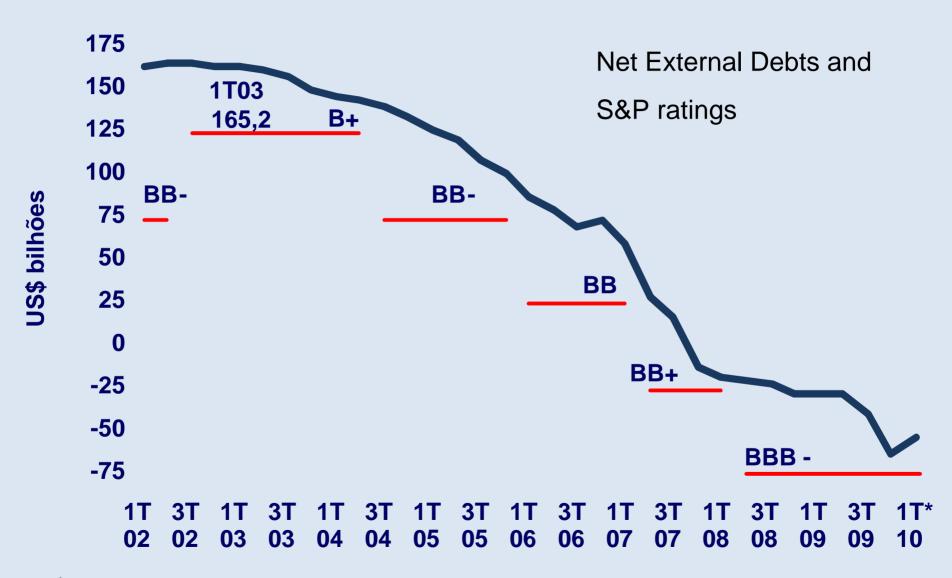


Fiscal Responsibility





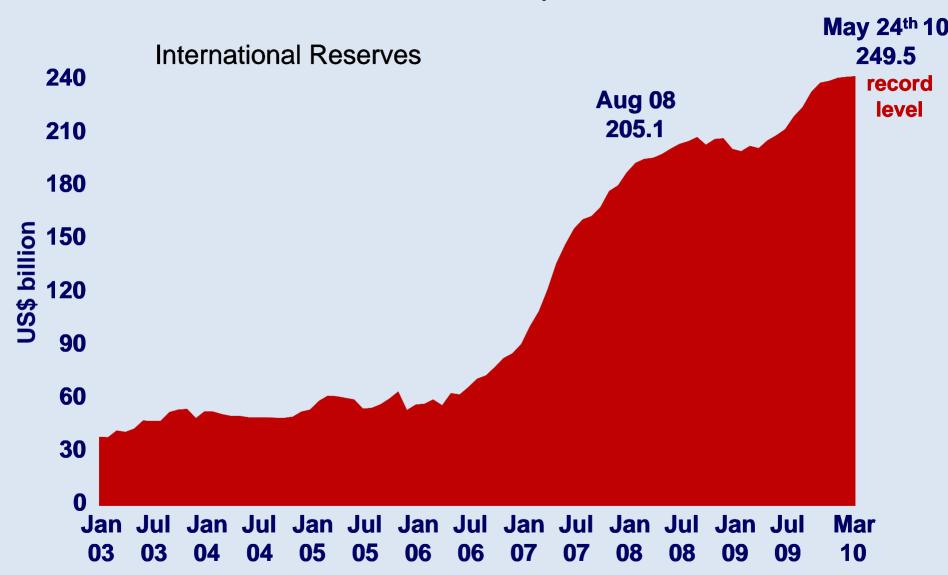
External Sector Equilibrium





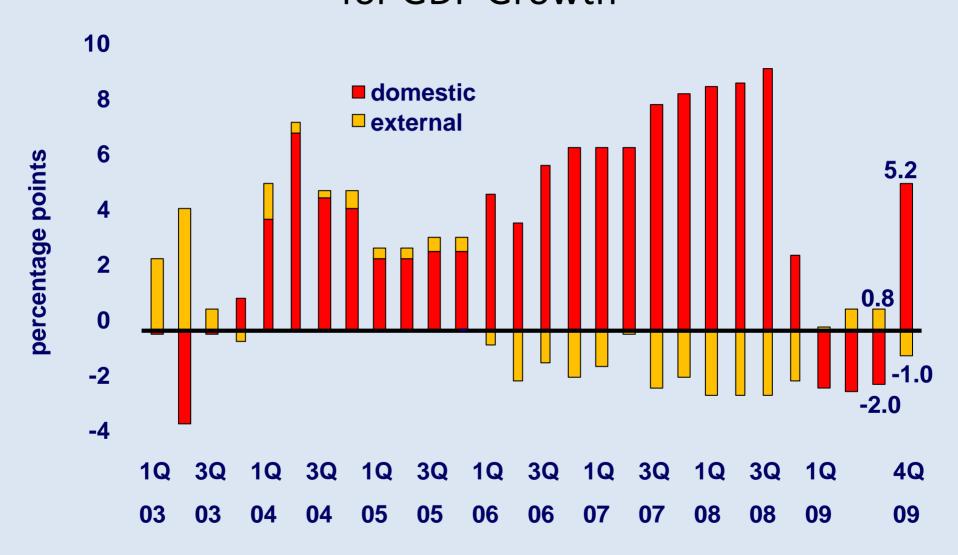
Source: BCB and Bloomberg *February: - US\$53.5 bi

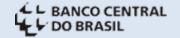
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Contribution of Domestic and External Demands for GDP Growth





Source: IBGE

Soundness of the Financial System

- Brazilian authorities have embarked on the convergence process of international regulatory standards and best practices to improve the soundness of the Financial System (Basel and IRFS, Governance rules)
- But other reasons also contributed to the resilience of the system to cope with the international crisis:
 - Conservative regulation and strong supervision processes;
 - Banks well capitalized and with good liquidity;
 - Lower exposure to markets that triggered the international crisis



Specific Characteristics of the Financial System

- All financial institutions are subject to regulation and supervision, with little overlap in the financial sector supervisors' individual mandates;
- Managers' accountability: in the case of bankruptcy, the Brazilian law requires managers' personal wealth to be frozen until the end of the assessment of responsibilities;
- Financial Instruments Bonds, Securities, Derivatives, including OTC, are mandatorily registered in a clearing house.
 The entries include identification of the final holder for each financial instrument.



Specific Characteristics of the Financial System

- Wide umbrella of banking supervision: the supervision process also covers non-financial institutions under the control of financial companies (including those which are controlled by shareholders' agreement, those sharing the same managers, and those under the same name or brand);
- CAR is requested at both levels:
 - financial consolidation (only financial companies), and
 - economic consolidation (financial and non-financial companies)
- Forward-looking provision schemes, considering expected losses as well as past due credits.



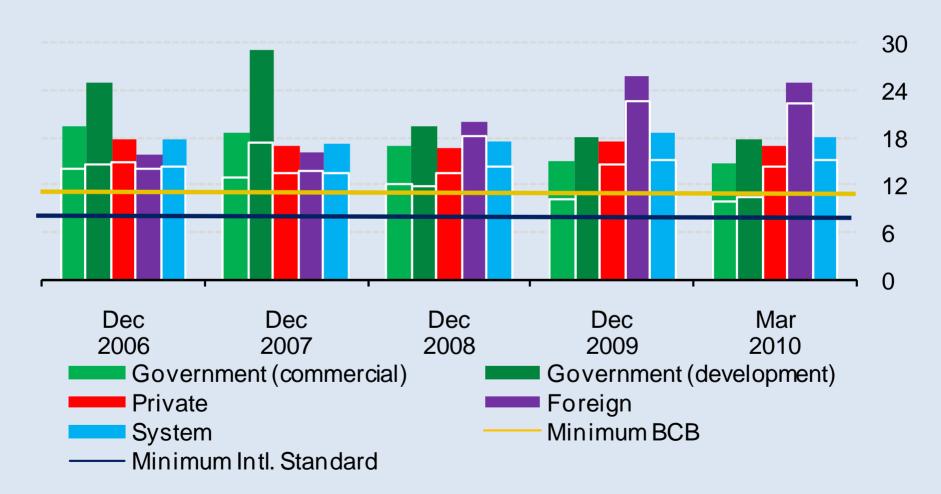
Specific Characteristics of the Financial System

- Conservative capital requirement
 - Minimum capital ratio (CAR) of 11% (minimum Basel ratio is 8%)
 - Credit ratings are not used to determine credit risk weights under the standardized approach
 - It is requested one BRL on capital for each BRL on Net Foreign Exposure (short or long). NFE can not be more that 30% of Capital.

- Supervision process
 - Focus on risk continuous on-site and off-site processes
 - Strong monitoring process uses data from the Credit Risk Bureau and the Clearing Houses on a daily basis (not only financial statements)



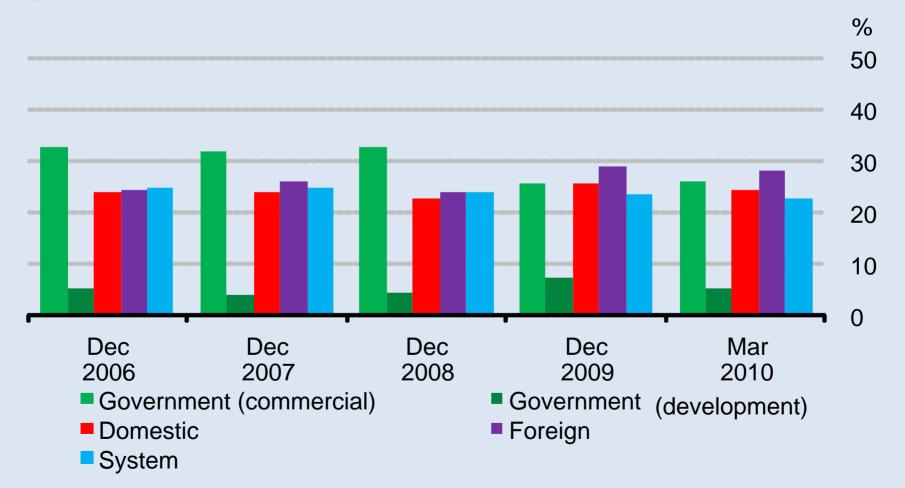
Capital Adequacy Ratio





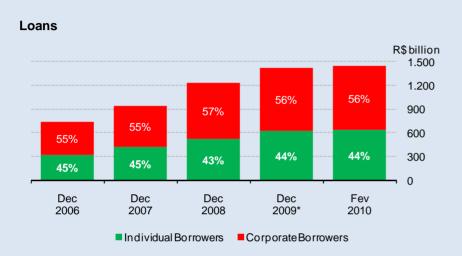
Liquidity.

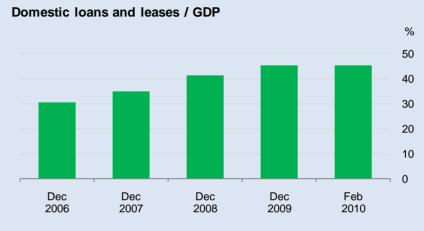
Liquid Assets to Total Assets

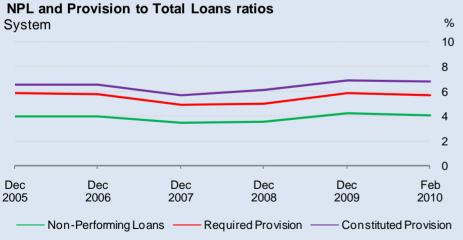


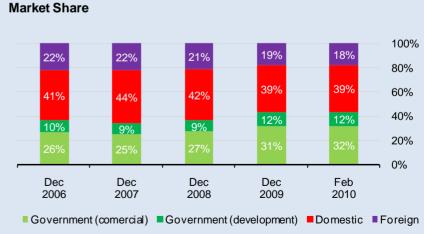


Credit evolution.



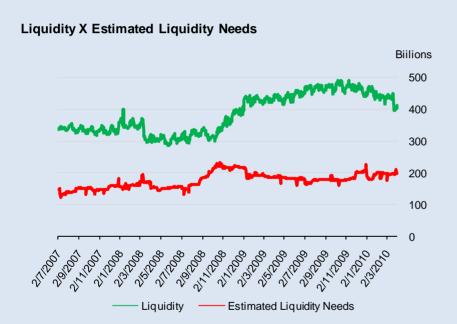








Current Liquidity *versus* Estimated Liquidity Needs on Stress Scenarios







Low impact from the triggers of the crisis in internal markets

- Although the Brazilian derivatives market is large, it is concentrated in interest rate and foreign currency risk related factors;
 - CDS volumes are irrelevant in the Brazilian derivatives market.
- Mortgages represent 6% of the Financial System's loans (despite the large growth in recent years).



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- Until Lehman's bankruptcy, the impacts were insignificant
- After Lehman, risk aversion and short-term funding needs caused the dollar shortage in global markets resulting in a large and unexpected depreciation of the Real;
- There were some non-financial companies holding exotic derivatives negotiated abroad (in forex only). They did not adequately assess the risks involved in those positions and suffered heavy losses.



- Hedge funds and other foreign investors started to repatriate capital; shortage in spot markets.
 - → BCB sold US\$ 14.5 bi in spot auctions
- There was a lack of external funding, particularly for exporters; shortage in credit markets.
 - → BCB lent US\$ 24.5 bi in repo auctions
- Exporters and other companies made hedge in the futures market, with a very short maturity structure; shortage in futures markets.
 - → BCB sold forward US\$ 33.0 bi in swap auctions



- Large banks with increased liquidity demand due to clients needing money to settle their exposure to foreign currency derivatives
- Some players needed money to cover daily adjustments and margins in the futures markets.
- Funding difficulties for small institutions, which faced risk aversion in the domestic market after the collapse in the external funding.
- Reserves requirements at R\$ 259 bi in Aug 09
 - → BCB released R\$ 99.8 bi of reserve requirements
 - → BCB earmarked R\$ 42.2 bi to small institutions
 - → BCB authorized deposit insurance of up to R\$ 20 mi for smaller institutions; (the Insurer is a private company)



- Other actions:
 - Tax relief for some industries with high-degree of interconnectivity throughout the economy
 - Stimulates the consumption

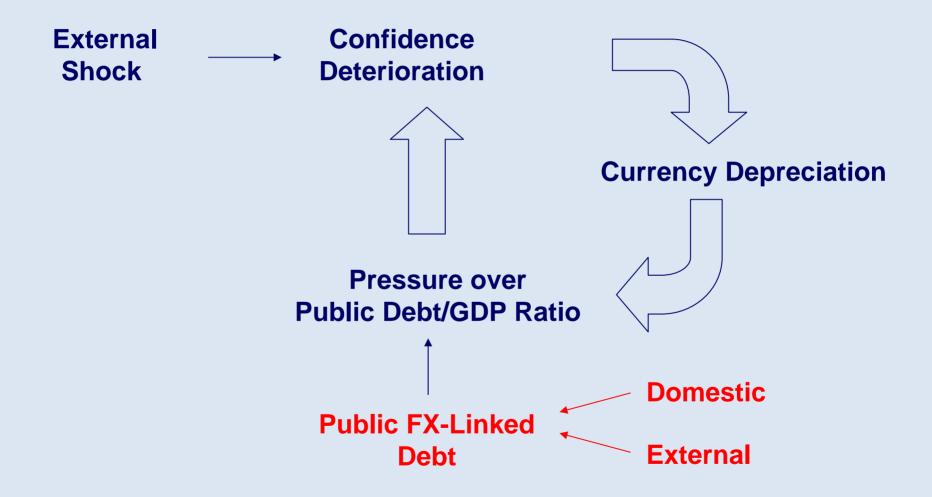
- Government banks kept lines of credit open
 - Credit needs of export firms



- Summary of the conditions that lowered the impact on the Brazilian economy and its Financial System:
 - Successfully addressed historical vulnerabilities
 - Domestic demand-based growth
 - Sound Financial System
 - Low exposure to markets that triggered the international crisis
 - Quick and coordinated reaction from the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance

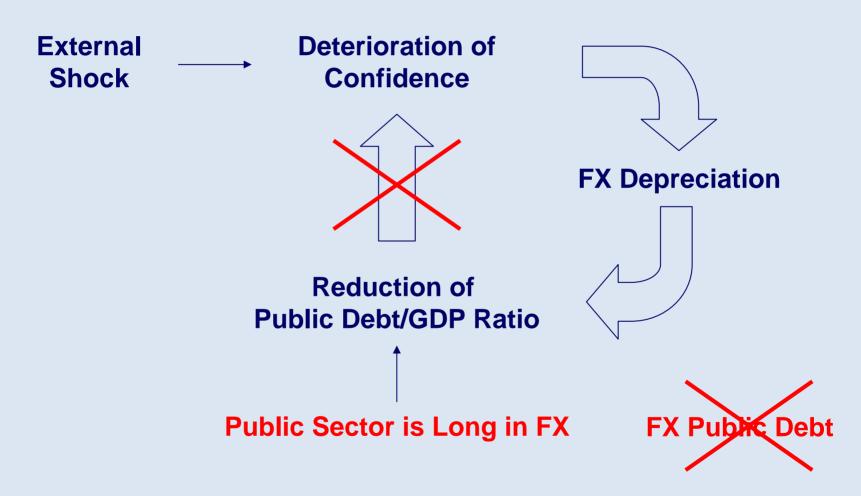


Effects of Confidence Crises on the Brazilian Economy - Past





External Shock Feedback Loop: Now





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Current situation

- Giving its macroeconomic fundamentals, Brazil has been able to reverse, without much distress, many of the anti-crisis policy measures:
 - Return of reserve requirements to pre-crisis levels;
 - Reversal of actions in the foreign exchange market;
 - Tax relief phased out the tax cuts that had been adopted during the crisis.
 - The BCB increased the basic interest rate in the last monetary policy committee meeting and has given signs of further tightening.



Brazilian Banks: Delinquency





Unemployment

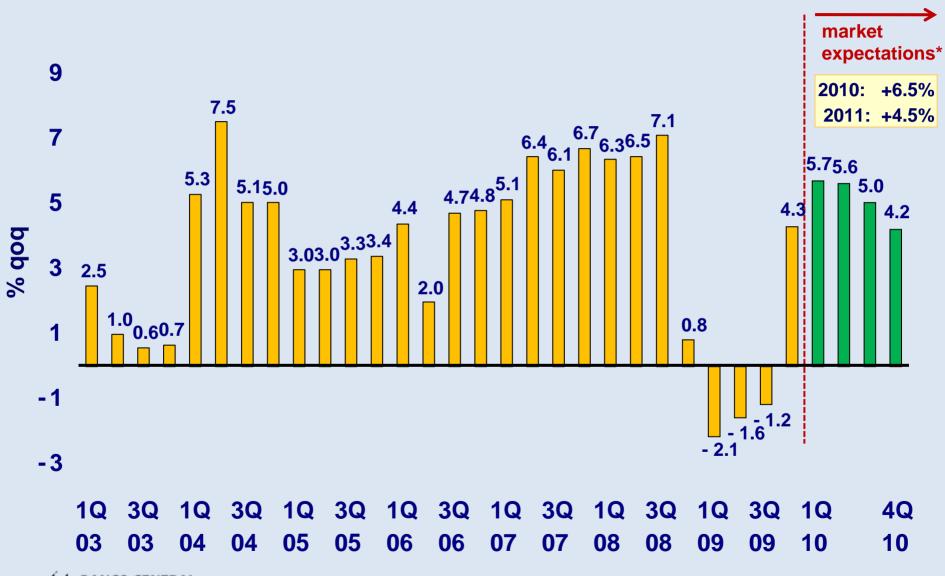
unemployment following a downward path



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Source: IBGE

GDP Growth



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Sources: IBGE and BCB *as of M

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Thanks!



Soccer World Cup



Olympic Games

See you in Brazil!

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