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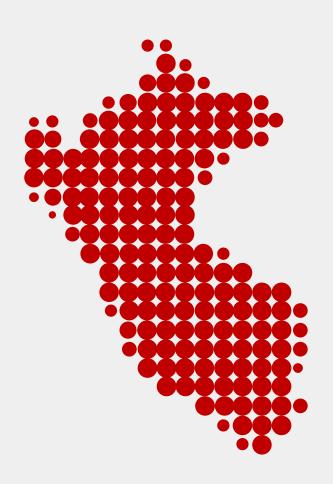
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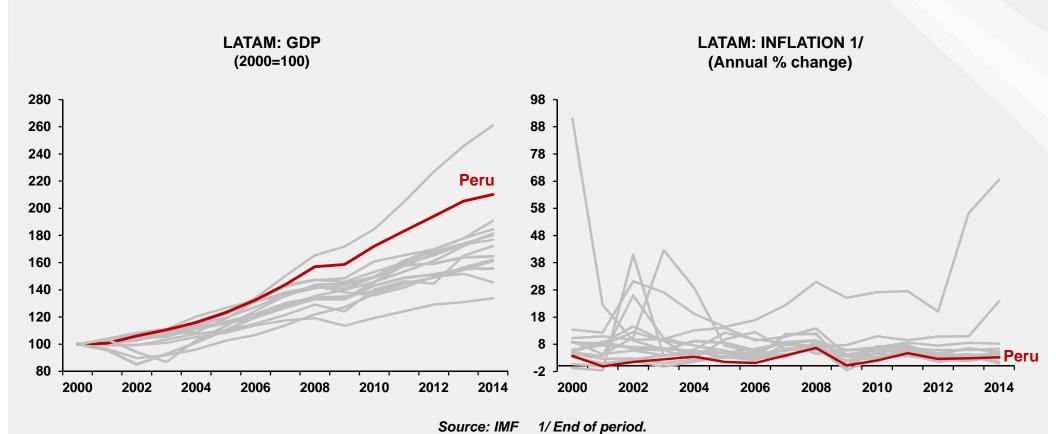
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## Peru is among the top performers in the region

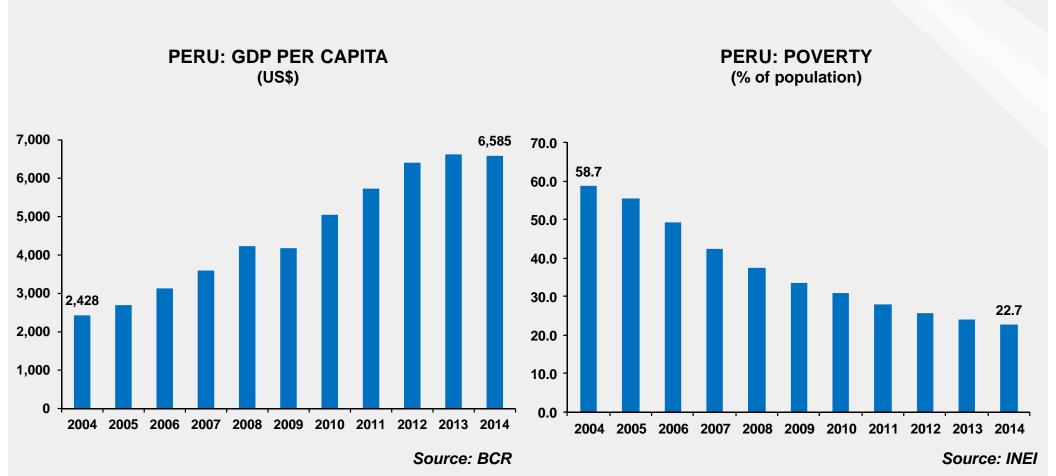


Source: IMF



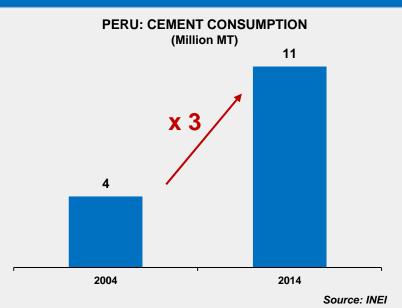
#### **Economic growth and social progress**



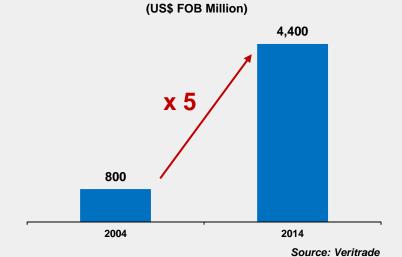


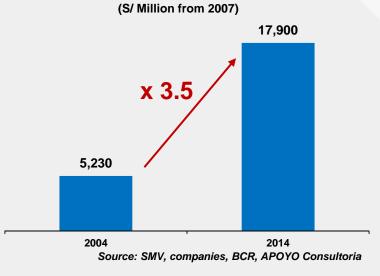
## New and bigger markets





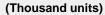
PERU: NON-TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXPORTS

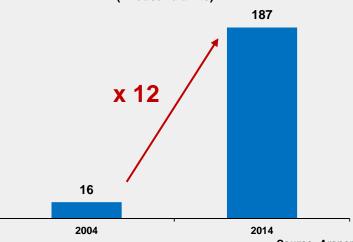




**PERU: RETAIL SALES** 

**PERU: NEW VEHICLE SALES** 



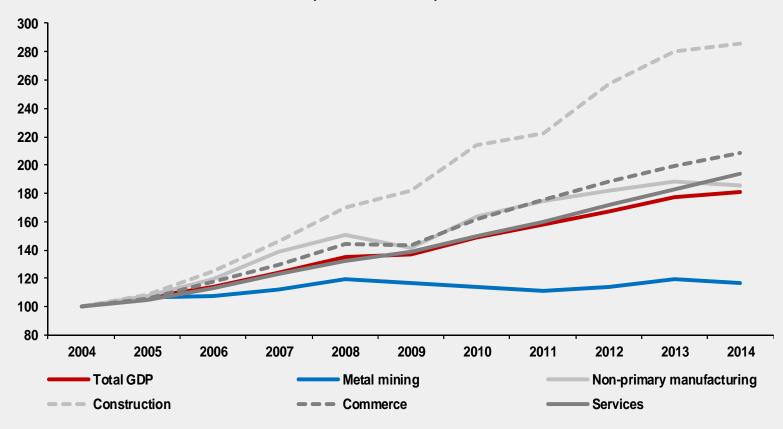


# **Economic growth across sectors**



#### **REAL GDP BY ECONOMIC SECTORS**

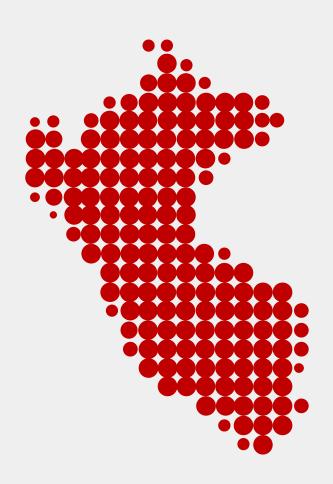
(Index 2004=100)



Source: BCR

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## Resilience: still growing after all these shocks

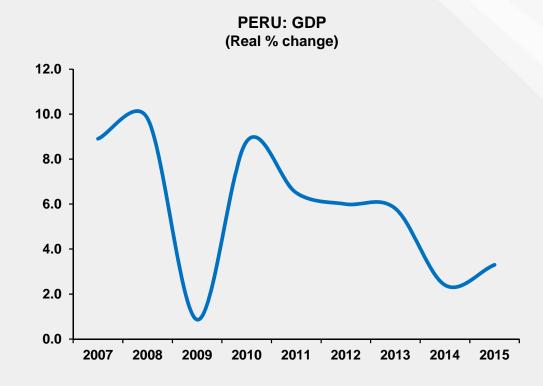


#### Between 2013 and 2015:

Copper price - 41%

Gold price - 37%

Foreign Direct - 42%
Investment

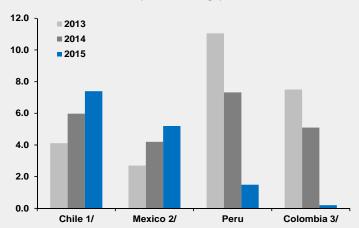


Source: BCR

#### Peru endured the different shocks without fiscal support



#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL EXPENDITURE (Real % change)

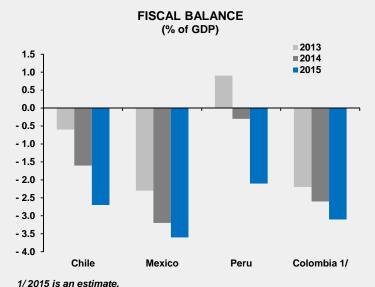


1/2015 is the Central Government total expenditure.

2/ Total budget expenditure.

3/2015 is an estimate.

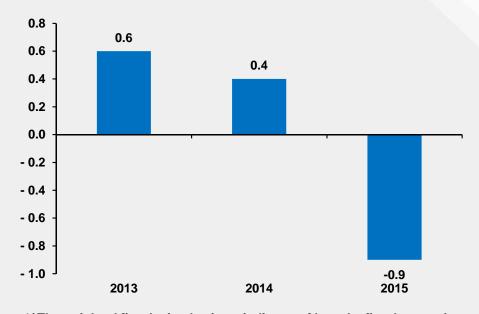
Source: BCR, Dipres, Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público, IMF



13 is all estillate.

Source: BCR, LatinFocus

## WEIGHTED FISCAL STIMULUS 1/ (% of potential GDP)

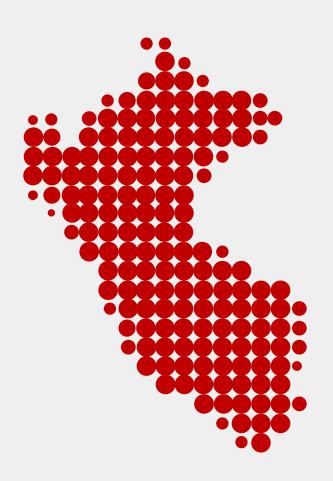


1/ The weighted fiscal stimulus is an indicator of how the fiscal stance is impacting on the economic cycle, taking into account public expenditure's multiplier effects on the economy.

Source: BCR

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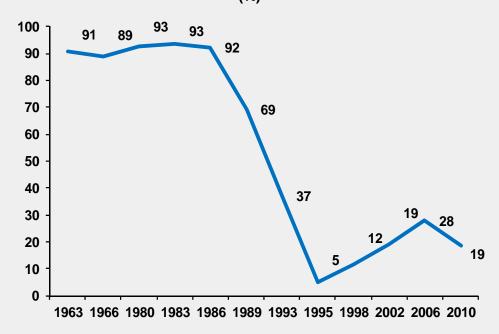
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# Politics is based on individuals and not on political organizations

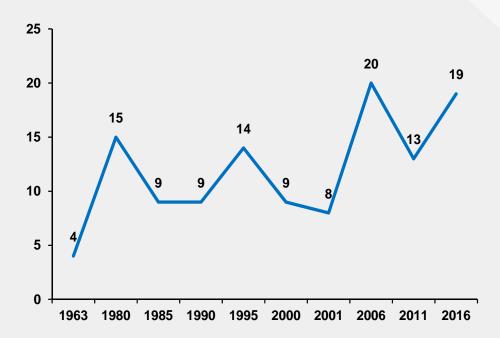


# VOTES RECEIVED BY TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES IN MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL ELECTIONS (%)



Source: Jurado Nacional de Elecciones (JNE)

#### **NUMBER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES**



Source: Jurado Nacional de Elecciones (JNE)

#### **Result: Political fragmentation of authorities**



#### Peru



- 25 regions
- 22 different "political colors"
- Regions, provinces and municipalities execute more than 60%1/ of public investment.

1/2012-2015 average.

Source: BCR

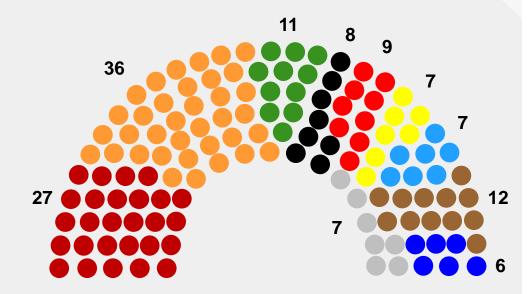
#### **Result: Political fragmentation of Congress**



#### **COMPOSITION OF THE PERUVIAN CONGRESS**

**July 2011** 

37 21 9 12 47 **December 2015** 

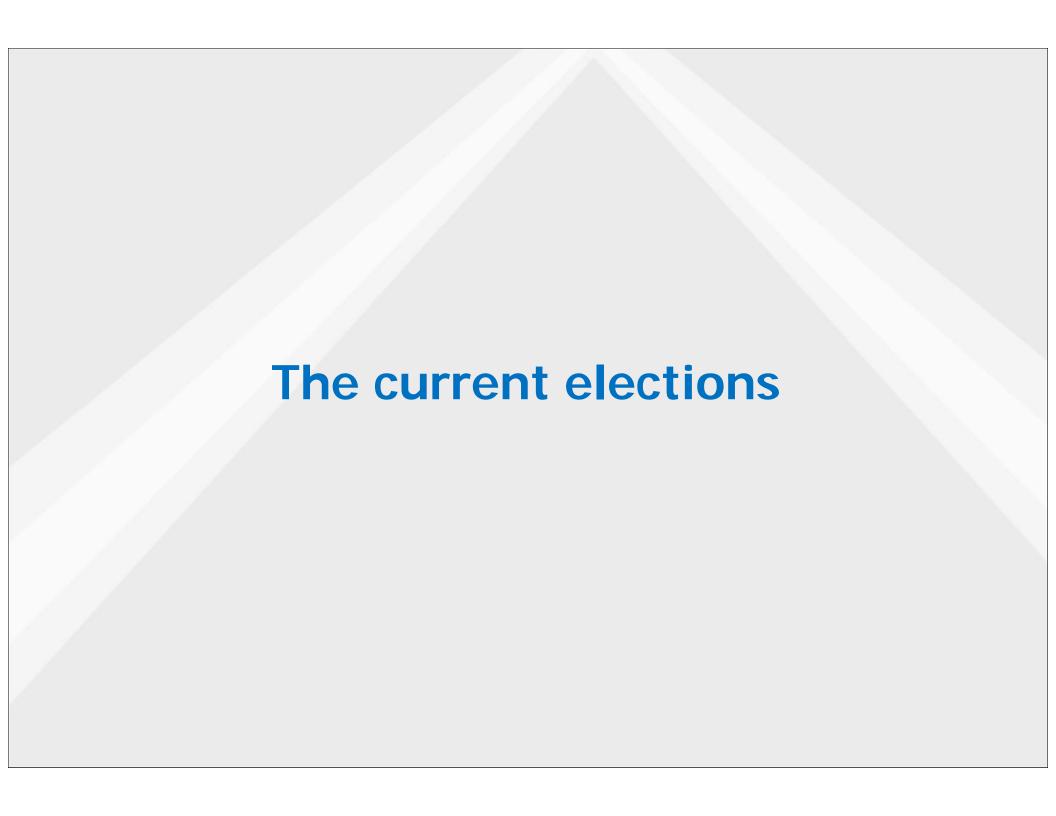


6 parliamentary groups

22 Congressmen per group (avg.)

10 parliamentary groups

14 Congressmen per group (avg.)



## 19 candidates and a very confusing process



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**Vote intention (March 2016)** 



Keiko Fujimori (Fuerza Popular) 35%



Julio Guzmán (Todos Por el Peru)

17%



Pedro P. Kuczynski (Peruanos Por el Kambio)

**7**%



Alfredo Barnechea (Accion Popular)

5%



Alan García (Alianza Popular)

4%

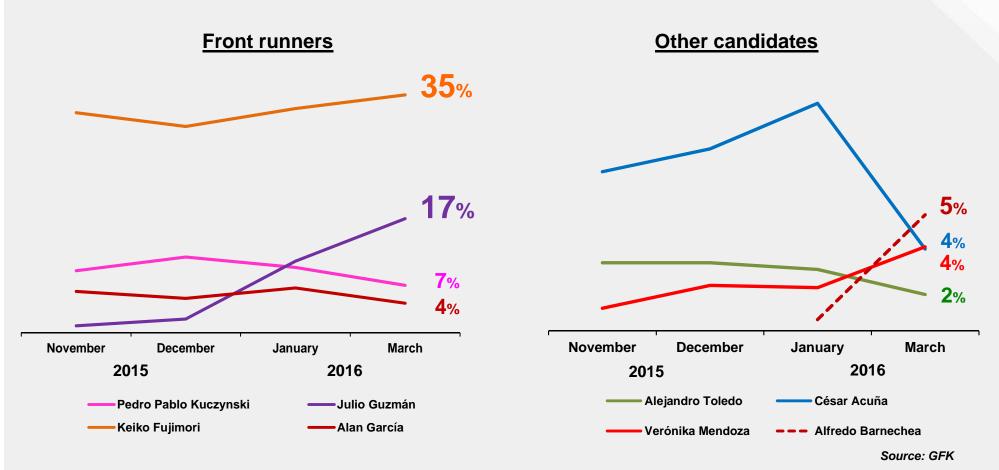
Source: GFK

#### **Voting intentions up to March 2016**



#### **VOTING INTENTION NOVEMBER 2015 – MARCH 2016**

(% of respondents)

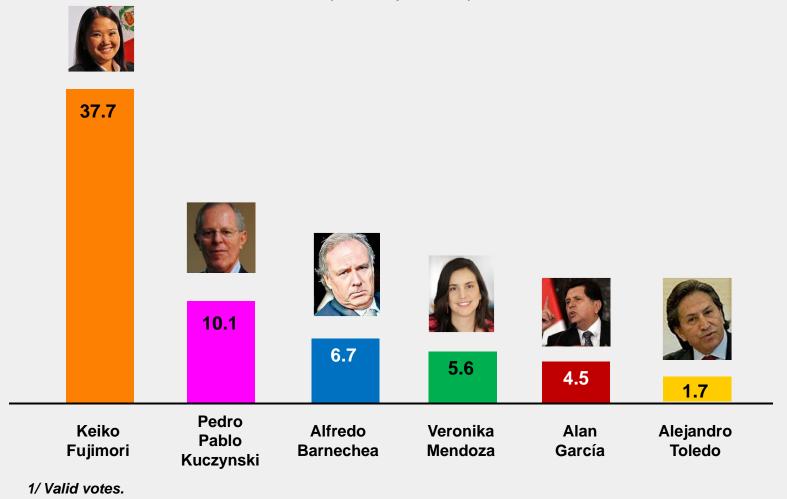


#### "Exercise" without Guzmán and Acuña



#### MARCH 2016: VOTING INTENTION WITHOUT GUZMÁN AND ACUÑA 1/

(% of respondents)



Source: GFK

# 32 days to election day but it is still too early to call the final results



20%

Decided their vote one week before election day.

Source: Ipsos Peru (August 2010)

23%

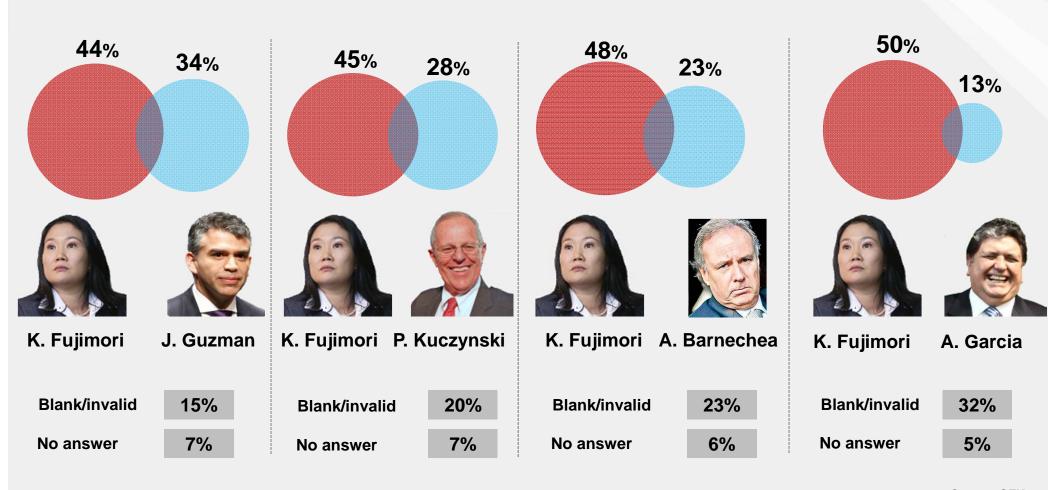
Decided their vote on election day.

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## Second round scenarios up to March 2016



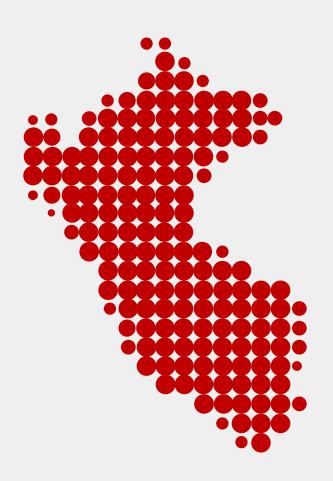
#### **VOTING INTENTION SCENARIOS FOR THE SECOND ROUND**



Source: GFK

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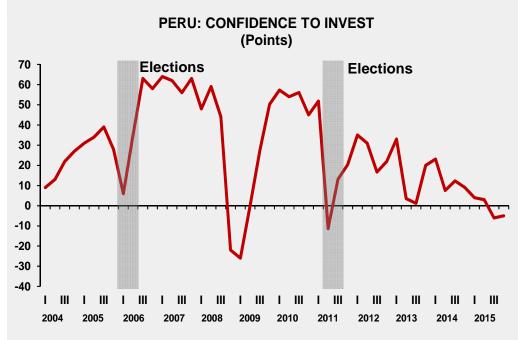
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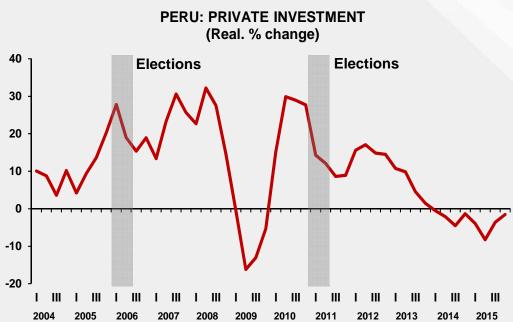
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# Presidential elections have a moderate short run effect on the economic activity







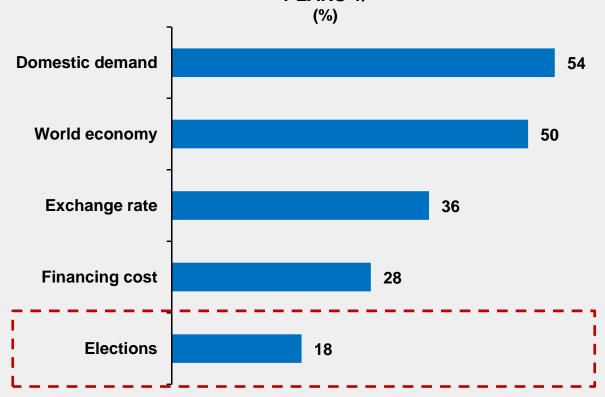
Source: Survey made to APOYO Consultoría's SAE clients

Source: BCR

## Other factors seem to be more important for investment plans



# FEBRUARY 2016: MAIN CONCERNS REGARDING CURRENT INVESTMENT PLANS 1/



1/ Percentage of people that considered it very important.

Source: Survey made to APOYO Consultoria's SAE clients

# Risk of drastic changes to the economic model is limited

# Institutional arrangements prevent significant changes to the economic model



#### **CONSTITUTION OF 1993**

«The government performs subsidiary entrepreneurial activities only under legal authorization (...)»

«Contractual terms cannot be modified by laws or any other disposition»

«Domestic and foreign investment are subject to the same conditions»

«The government guarantees the free possession and disposition of foreign currency»

Changes in the Constitution require broad and lasting political consensus.

# Institutional arrangements prevent significant changes in the economic model



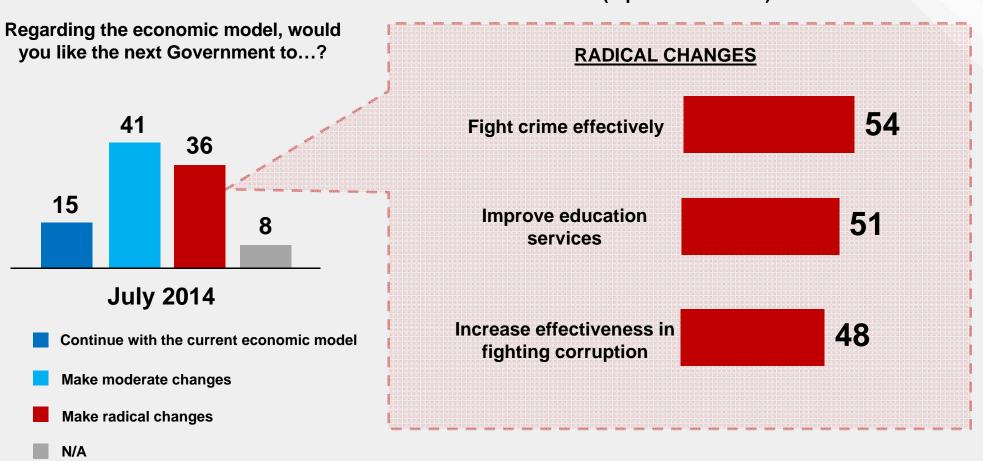
#### Other investment protection mechanisms:

- Free Trade Agreements and international treaties have the same legislative hierarchy as the Constitution<sup>1/</sup>.
- Peru is a member of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes.
- Most contracts have an arbitration clause.
- Autonomy of Central Bank and Bank and Insurance Superintendence.

#### What people think about the economic model



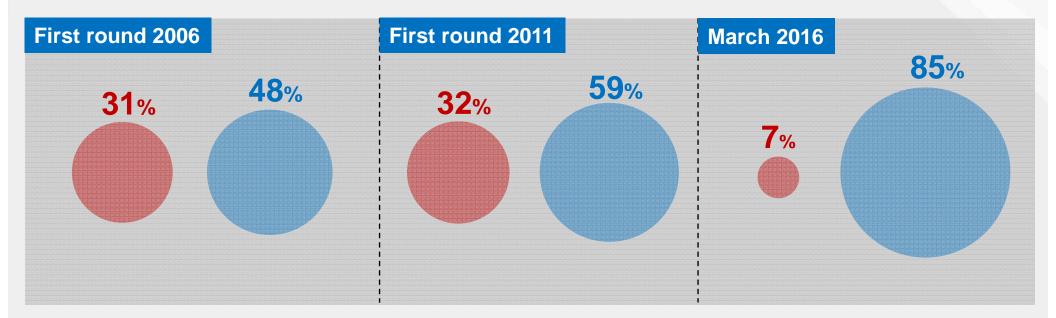
# What changes would you like the next government to do? (top three answers)



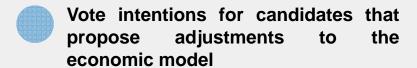
#### Vote intention and the economic model



#### PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: RESULTS AND VOTE INTENTION 1/





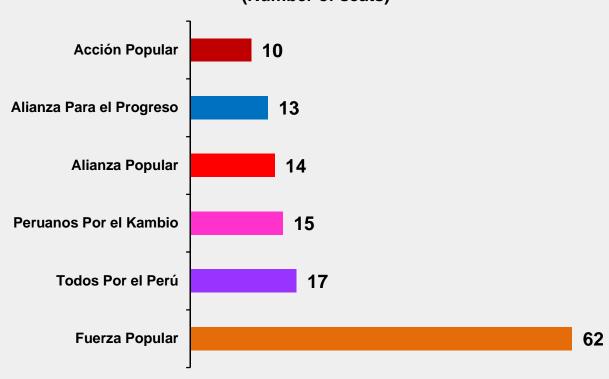


<sup>1 /</sup> Valid votes (%) in the first round of presidential elections 2006 and 2011, and urban-rural survey made in the last week of February 2016.

## **Voting intentions for Congress up to March 2016**



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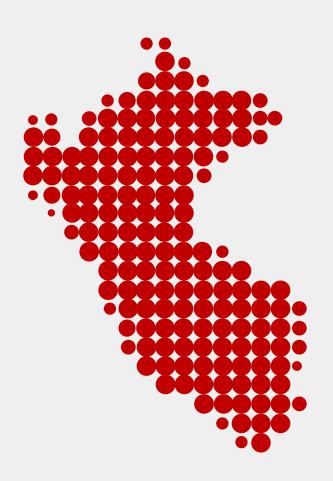


1/ Simulation over valid votes.

Source: GFK, APOYO Consultoria

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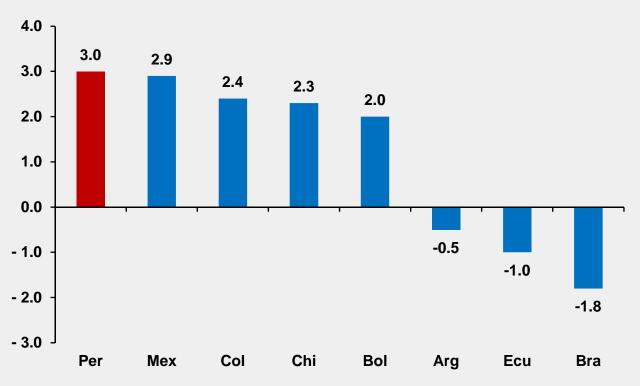
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# Peru: among the top performers in Latam in the upcoming years



LATAM: GDP, 2016-2017 1/ (Real % change)



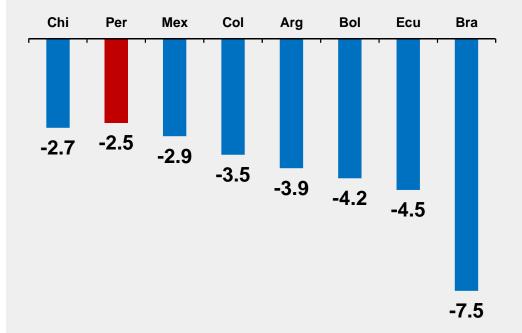
1/ Forecast made in February 2016.

Source: LatinFocus, APOYO Consultoria

#### Peru: no pending macroeconomic adjustments ahead

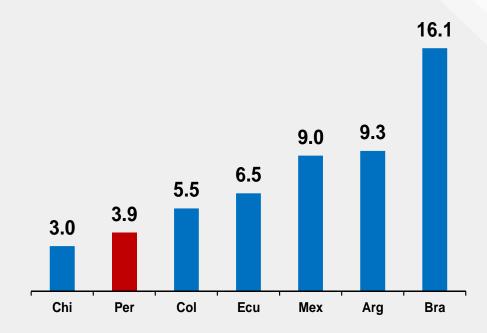


LATAM: AVERAGE FISCAL BALANCE, 2016-2017 (% of GDP)



Source: LatinFocus, APOYO Consultoria

LATAM: PUBLIC FINANCING NEEDS 2016 (% of GDP)

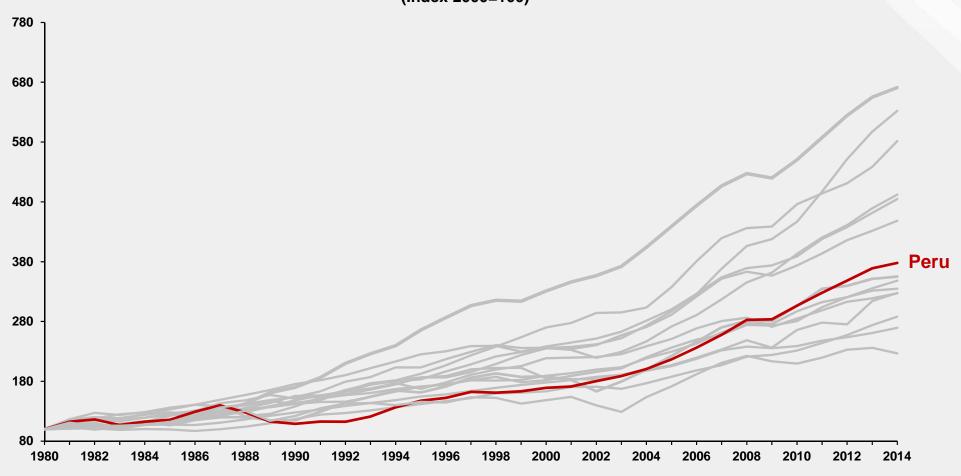


Source: IMF, APOYO Consultoria

## Peru: there is still room to catch up



#### LATAM: GDP PER CAPITA 1/ (Index 2000=100)



1/ Based on Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)

Source: IMF

#### Peru: market opportunities



Smartphone and pay-TV penetration are low, but they are increasing very fast.

((( Smartphone penetration, 2014 30%



Pay-TV penetration, 2014

**20%** 

2 E-commerce is barely used.

E-commerce sales, 2013 (US\$ million)



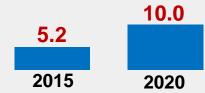
800



2,500

Infrastructure investment through PPP will double in the next five years.

Infrastructure investment through PPP (US\$ billion)



Peru receives fewer tourists than its main competitors in Latin America.

International tourist arrivals, 2014 (Million tourists)



3.5

Brazil

5.

9.6

Argentina

Mexico

China demands agricultural products in which Peru is very competitive.

Blueberries

5

Chinese imports, 2014 (US\$ billion)

1.4

Peruvian participation

4%

33

Peru has room for more fast fashion stores.

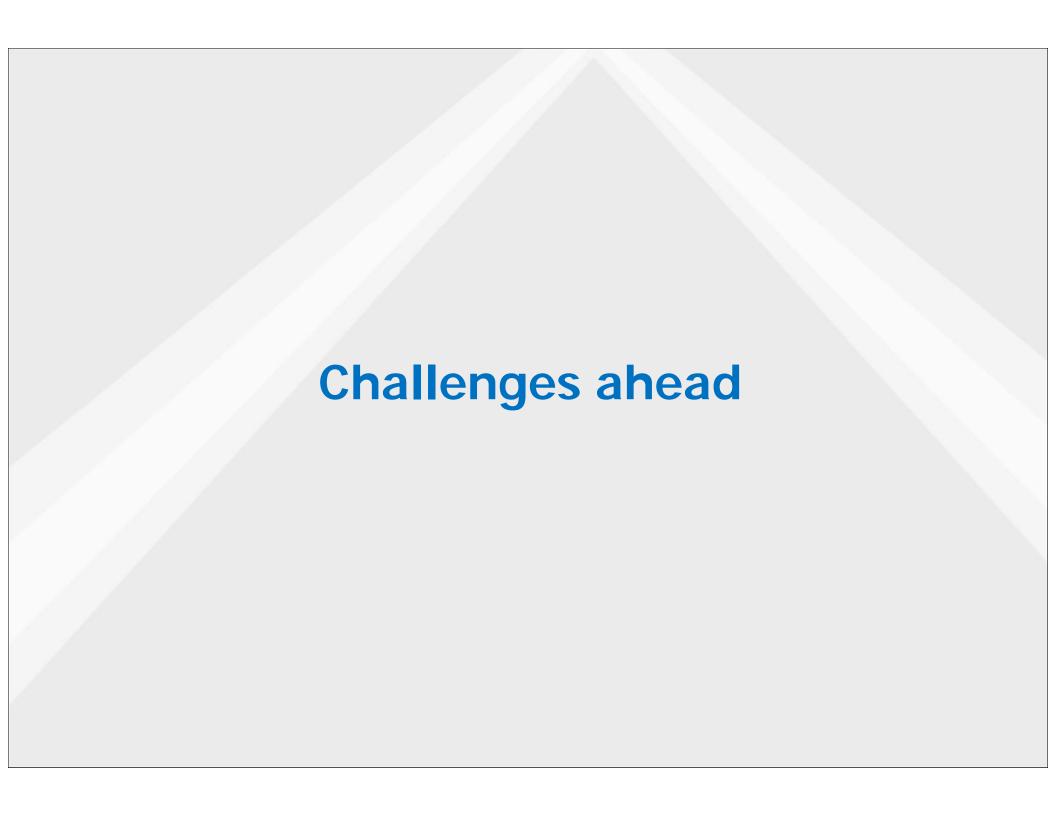
Number of fast fashion stores, 2016



Colombia

**19** 

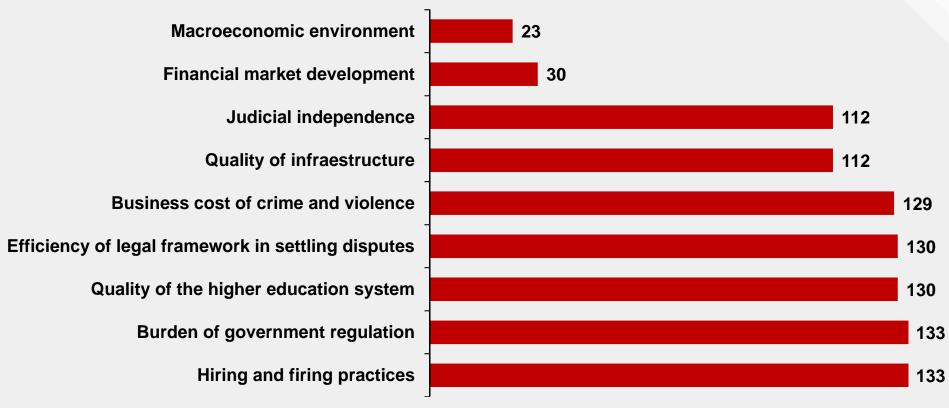
★ Chile



# A good macroeconomic environment is necessary, yet insufficient



# PERU: GLOBAL COMPETITIVNES RANKING, 2015-2016 (Rank out of 140 countries)



Source: WEF

#### Challenges ahead



# OECD: MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL REVIEW OF PERU

- Reduce inefficiencies in investment and improve quality in infrastructure and logistics.
- Simplify complex and burdensome labor regulation and reduce non-wage costs.
- Implement a more effective taxation system and improve progressivity in the tax system.
- Improve the quality of essential public services (health, education).
- Improve governance of all branches in Government to tackle corruption.

Source: OECD

#### Pending reforms need:

- Political dialogue and leadership.
- Political consensus.
- Continuity in the implementation and a long term approach.



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