

# GEORGIAN MACRO OVERVIEW

4Q20 and FY20 results 24 February 2021



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## **COVID-19 STATISTICS**



GEORGIA'S STATISTICS AS OF:	<b>4-Dec-20</b> Peak period of the second lockdown	<b>21-Feb-21</b> Now	% change
ACTIVE CASES	27,370	3,257	-88%
DAILY CASES	5,450	258	-95%
AVERAGE DAILY TESTS <sup>1</sup>	13,720	15,741	+15%

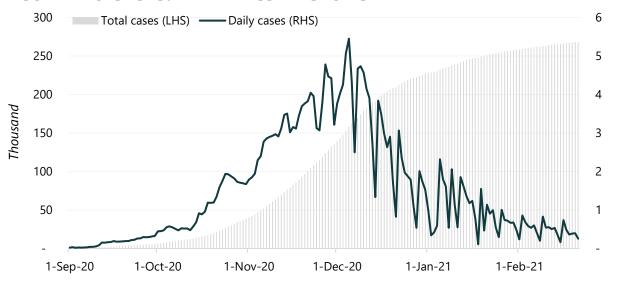
268,355

TOTAL CASES

2.6%

**7-DAY POSITIVE RATE** 

#### **COVID-19 CASES: DYNAMICS IN GEORGIA**



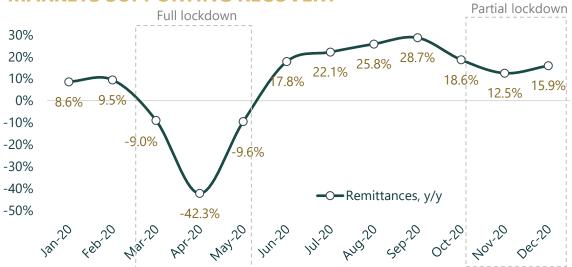
Restrictions imposed/active at 28 November 2020	Status
Suspension of the municipal and inter-city transportation	Lifted
Remote operation of secondary schools and universities. Suspension of public and private kindergartens.	Lifted
Suspension of non-grocery shops/ shopping mall operations except for online sales	Lifted
Closing of restaurants and other food facilities, except for takeaway, delivery and drive-in services	Lifted <sup>2</sup>
Suspension of regular flights	Lifted
Country-wide night-time curfew from 21:00 to 05:00	To be lifted in the coming days
Closing of gyms and swimming pools; suspension of activities of sport, art and cultural clubs.	To be lifted in the coming days
Hotels, ski lifts and trails shut down in winter resorts.	To be lifted in the coming days

**ECONOMY NEARING FULL REOPENING** 

## **MACROECONOMIC FAST INDICATORS IN 2020**

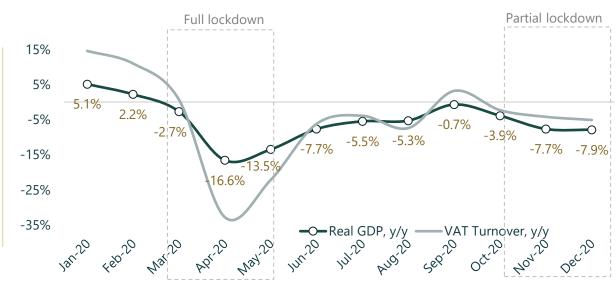


## RECORD HIGH REMITTANCES AND DIVERSIFYING EXPORT MARKETS SUPPORTING RECOVERY





#### **REAL GDP GROWTH RECOVERY DYNAMICS**



#### **ECONOMY WAS SUPPORTED BY**

- \$ UNPRECEDENTED STIMULUS AROUND THE GLOBE
- \*\*\*\* STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT
- SIZEABLE FISCAL PACK
- SOUND MONETARY POLICY FRAMEWORK
- RECORD HIGH REMITTANCES
- DIVERSIFYING EXPORT MARKETS

Georgia Capital PLC | Source: Geostat, NBG.

## **GOVERNMENT MEASURES**



#### ACCUMULATED BUFFERS AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT HAVE ALLOWED THE GOVERNMENT TO LAUNCH SIZEABLE MEASURES

#### **US\$ 3 billion funding facility**

- US\$ 3 billion (predominantly loans) from international donors (incl. US\$ 450m from IMF):
  - US\$1.5 billion intended for the private sector
  - US\$1.5 billion for the public sector

#### **Monetary policy**

- Easing non-price credit conditions (LTV, PTI, etc.);
- Intervening in the FX market (US\$ 953 million sold in March-January, including US\$873 million in 2020);
- Monetary policy rate reduced to 8.0%;
- Introducing US\$ 400 million currency swap facility for the financial sector to provide GEL liquidity;
- Reduced capital conservation buffer (2.5% of Risk Weighted Assets) and 2/3 of currency induced credit risk buffer total of GEL 1.6 billion:
- Temporary liquidity instrument to support credit to SMEs;
- Moratorium announced on new regulatory activity.

#### **Economic Plan**

#### **Budget – GEL 3.5 billion (1st stage)**

- > Social aid MM GEL 1.03 billion
- Economic support and business aid



> Anti-pandemic measures



#### **Budget – GEL 1.1 billion (2<sup>nd</sup> stage)**

> Social aid MMM GEL 545 million

Economic support and business aid



#### **Support measures**

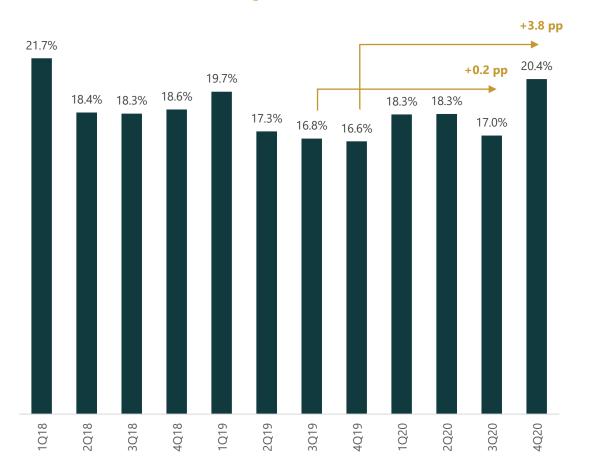
- Sectoral special support packages for tourism, agriculture and real estate sectors;
- Subsidies for utility bills, basic product prices and construction materials;
- Loan restructuring for all businesses;
- VAT returns and long-term funds for banks;
- Extra funding to support business, including a credit guarantee scheme (GEL 2bln);
- Tax deferrals for car importers;
- Social aid programs to address job losses;

- Pension indexation from Jan- 21;
- GEL 200 transfers to families for every child under 18;
- Extended into 2021:
  - Utility bills;
  - Income tax exemption;
  - Unemployment and social aid;
- Deferred 2020 income tax waived and 2021 property tax exempted for tourism;
- New support package for restaurants.

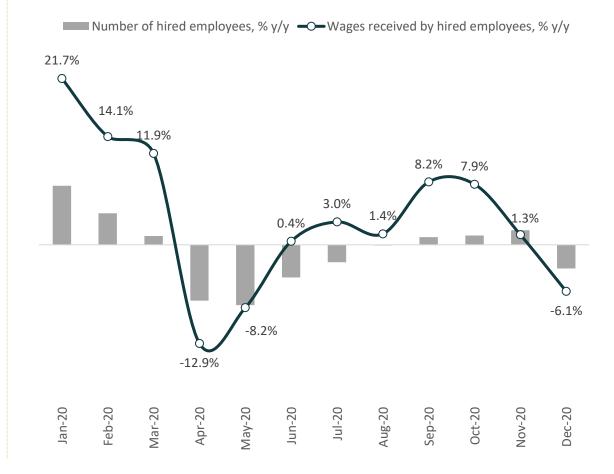
## THE LABOR MARKET DYNAMICS



## AFTER FALLING IN 3Q20, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED AGAIN IN 4Q20 ON THE BACK OF RESTRICTIONS



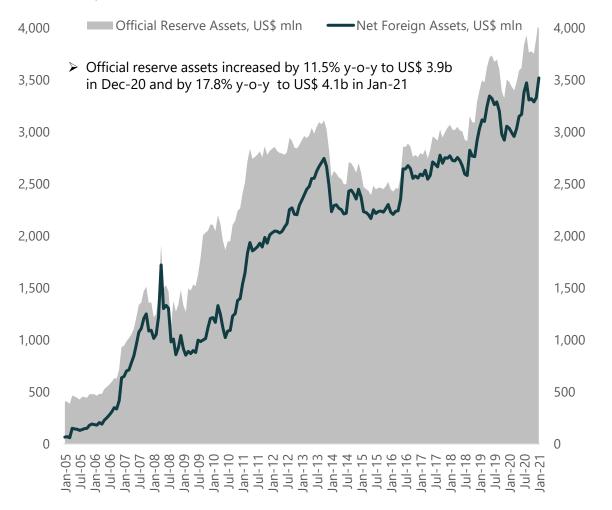
## THE NUMBER OF HIRED EMPLOYEES AND SALARIES DECREASED AGAIN BY THE END OF THE YEAR DUE TO THE LOCKDOWN



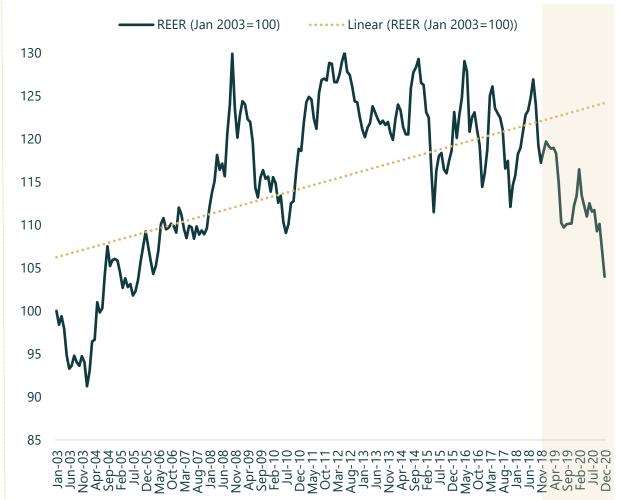
## **EXCHANGE RATE PERFORMANCE**

## GEORGIA CAPITAL

## OFFICIAL RESERVE ASSETS REACHED HISTORIC HIGH OF US\$ 4.1 BILLION BY THE END OF JANUARY 2021



## THE REAL EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE RATE HAS DEVIATED FROM THE LONG-TERM TREND FOR ALREADY TWO YEARS



Georgia Capital PLC | Source: NBG.

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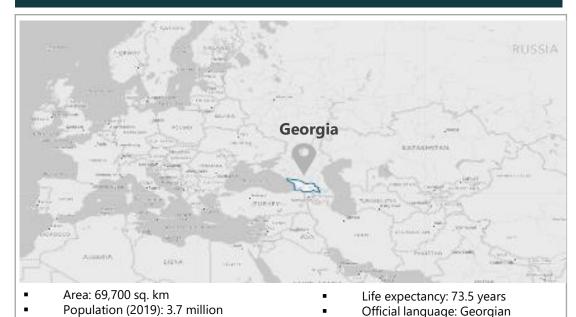
## SOVEREIGN RATINGS WITH FAVOURABLE MACRO FUNDAMENTALS



Key Ratings Highlights					
Rating Agency	Rating	Outlook	Affirmed		
Moody's	Ba2	Stable	August 2020		
S&P Global	ВВ	Stable	August 2020		
FitchRatings	ВВ	Negative	August 2020		

Georgia is favorably placed among peers				
Country	Country Rating	Fitch Rating Outlook		
Armenia	B+	Stable		
Azerbaijan	BB+	Negative		
Belarus	В	Negative		
Czech Republic	AA-	Stable		
Georgia	ВВ	Negative		
Kazakhstan	BBB	Stable		
Turkey	BB-	Negative		
Ukraine	В	Stable		

#### **General Facts**



#### Economy

Literacy: 100%

Currency (code): Lari (GEL)

- Nominal GDP (Geostat) 2019: GEL 50 billion (US\$17.7 billion)
- Real GDP growth rate 2020 (snap estimate): -6.1%
- Real GDP 2010-2019 annual average growth rate: 4.8%
- GDP per capita 2019 (PPP, international dollar) IMF: 12,227
- Annual inflation 2020: 5.2%

Capital: Tbilisi;

External public debt to GDP 2020 (expected): 47.7%

## **GEORGIA'S KEY ECONOMIC DRIVERS**



## Liberal economic policy

#### Top performer globally in WB Doing Business over the past 12 years

- Liberty Act (effective January 2014) ensures a credible fiscal framework; Fiscal deficit/GDP capped at 3%; Public debt/GDP capped at 60%.
- Following the emergency clause activation after the COVID-19 shock, the fiscal framework will return within the rule bounds in three years, as specified in the Liberty Act;
- Business friendly environment and low tax regime (attested by favourable international rankings);

## Regional logistics and tourism hub

#### A natural transport and logistics hub, connecting land-locked energy rich countries in the east and European markets in the west

- Access to a market of 2.8 billion customers without customs duties: Free trade agreements with EU, China, Hong Kong, CIS and Turkey and GSP with USA, Canada, Japan, Norway and Switzerland; FTA with Israel and India under consideration.
- Tourism inflows fell sharply to US\$ 542 million in 2020 from US\$ 3.2 billion in 2019 due to COVID-19, but tourism is expected to bounce back once the pandemic is brought under control;
- Regional energy transit corridor accounting for 1.6% of the world's oil and gas transit volumes.

#### **Strong FDI**

#### An influx of foreign investors on the back of the economic reforms have boosted productivity and accelerated growth

- FDI stood at US\$ 1.3 billion (7.2% of GDP) in 2019.
- FDI averaged 8.5% of GDP in 2010-2019.

## Support from international community

#### Georgia and the EU signed an Association Agreement and DCFTA in June 2014

- Visa-free travel to the EU is another major success in Georgian foreign policy. Georgian passport holders were granted free visa entrance to the EU countries from 28 March 2017.
- Discussions commenced with the USA to drive inward investments and exports.
- Strong political support from NATO, EU, US, UN and member of WTO since 2000; Substantial support from DFIs, the US and EU.

#### Electricity transit hub potential

#### Developed, stable and competitively priced energy sector

- Only 20% of hydropower capacity utilized; 155 renewable (HPPs/WPPs/SPPs) energy power plants are in various stages of construction or development.
- Georgia imports natural gas mainly from Azerbaijan.
- Significantly boosted transmission capacity in recent years, a new 400 kV line to Turkey and 500 kV line to Azerbaijan built, other transmission lines to Armenia and Russia upgraded.
- Additional 2,000 MW transmission capacity development in the pipeline, facilitating cross-border electricity trade and energy swaps to Eastern Europe.

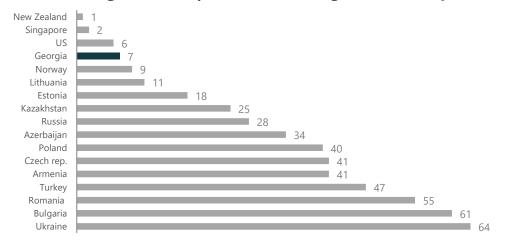
## Political environment stabilised

- Georgia underscored its commitment to European values by securing a democratic transfer of political power in successive parliamentary, presidential, and local elections and by signing an Association Agreement and free trade agreement with the EU.
- New constitution amendments passed in 2013 to enhance governing responsibility of Parliament and reduce the powers of the Presidency.
- Continued economic relationship with Russia, although economic dependence is relatively low.
- Russia began issuing visas to Georgians in March 2009; Georgia abolished visa requirements for Russians Russia announced the easing of visa procedures for Georgian's citizens effective December 23, 2015.
- Direct flights between the two countries resumed in January 2010. However, they have been banned again since July 2019 following the decision from Russia.
- Member of WTO since 2000, allowed Russia's access to WTO; In 2013 trade restored with Russia.
- In 2020, Russia accounted for 13% of Georgia's exports and 11% of imports.

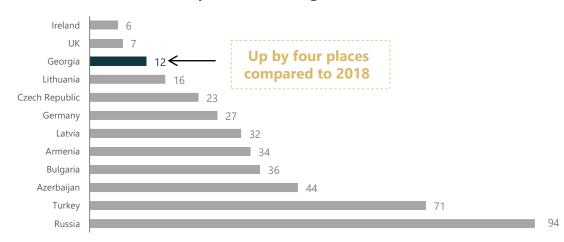
## **INSTITUTIONAL ORIENTED REFORMS**



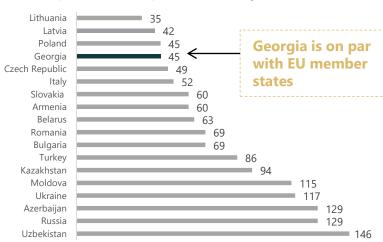
#### **Ease of Doing Business | 2020 (WB Doing Business Report)**



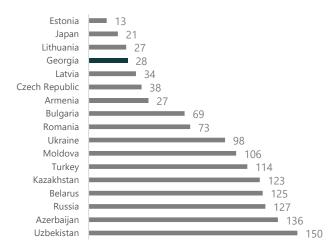
#### **Economic Freedom Index | 2020 (Heritage Foundation)**



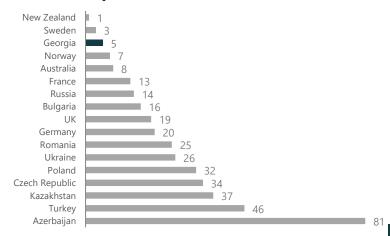
#### **Corruption Perception Index | 2020 (TI)**



#### **Business Bribery Risk, 2020 | Trace International**



## **Open Budget Index, 2019 | International Budget Partnership**



## **ECONOMY HIT HARD, BUT EXPECTED TO BOUNCE BACK FAST**



#### **Gross domestic product**

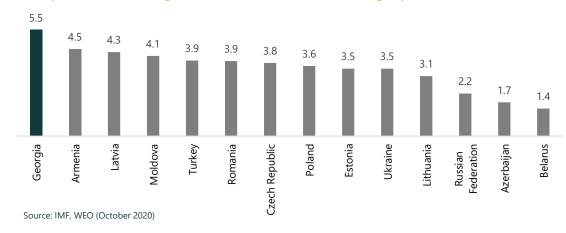
Real GDP fell by 5.8% in 9M20. According to rapid estimates, the full year recession was -6.1%, with 4Q fall of -6.5% due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown



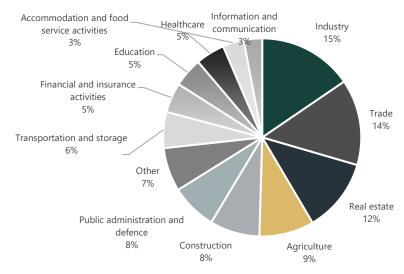
Source: Geostat

#### Medium-term growth to remain high

Comparative real GDP growth rates, % (2021-2025 average) | IMF



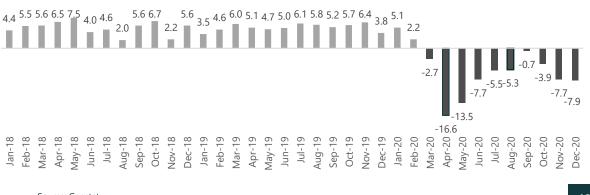
#### **Diversified nominal GDP structure, 9M20**



Source: Geostat

#### **Monthly Economic Activity Estimate, y-o-y growth**

Economic activity slowed down again since September due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown



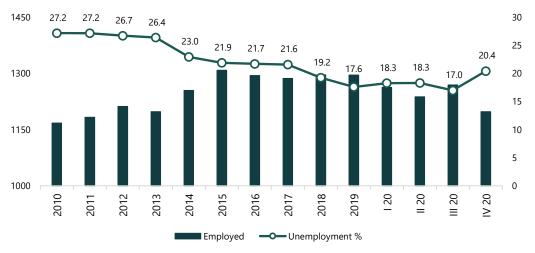
Source: Geostat 12

### SIGNS OF RECOVERY IN THE LABOUR MARKET



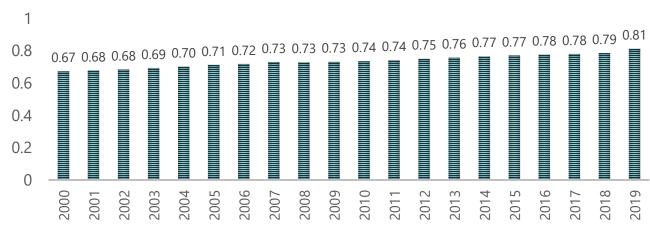
#### New unemployment rate (updated methodology) equal to 20.4% in 4Q20, up by 3.8 pp y-o-y





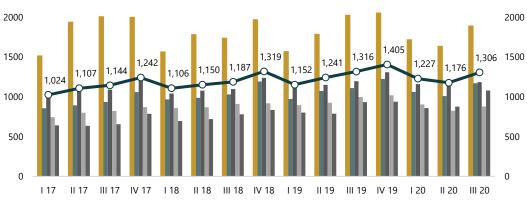
#### **UNDP Human Development Index**





#### Average monthly nominal earnings in business sector Sources: GeoStat



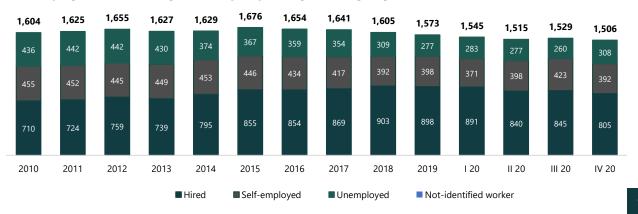


Construction Trade Real estate Accommodation and food service Education Trade

#### **Labor force decomposition**

Sources: GeoStat

Number of hired workers fell by 40,000 q-o-q and by 75,000 YoY in 4Q20, while the number of unemployed increased by 48,000 g-o-g and by 53,000 y-o-y, on the back of restrictions



## **INFLATION TO STAY SLIGHTLY ABOVE TARGET**

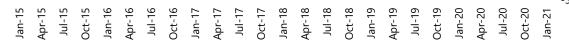


#### Inflation y-o-y vs. inflation target

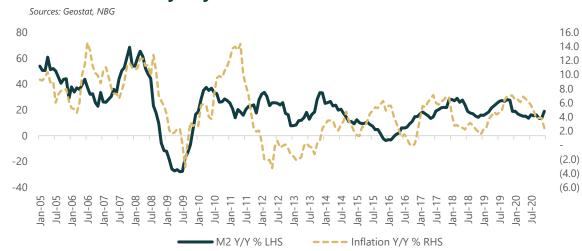
Sources: NBG, GeoStat

Inflation was under the 3% target in December-January because of a one-off impact of government-subsidized utilities being subtracted from price changes. We expect inflation to increase up to around 4% on average in 2021

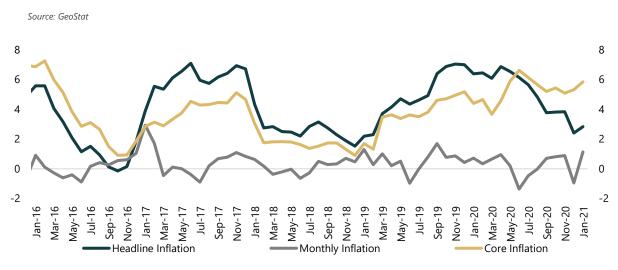




#### M2 vs. inflation, y-o-y,%



#### **Price Indices**



#### **Average monthly nominal earnings**



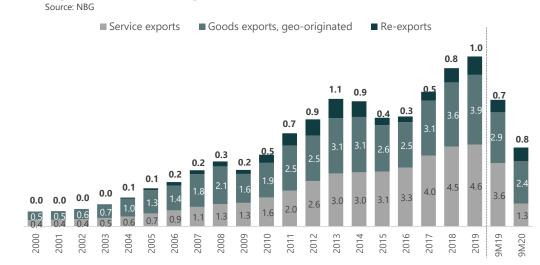
## CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE ADJUSTING AFTER RECORD LOWS



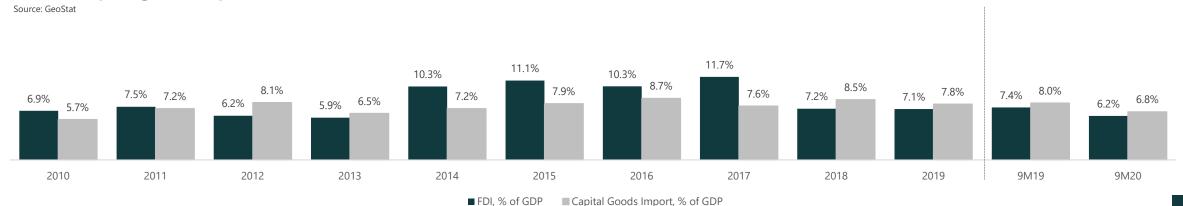
#### **Current account balance (% of nominal GDP)**



#### **Exports and Re-exports, US\$ billion**



#### FDI and capital goods import



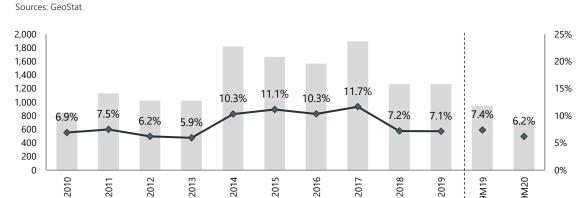
## RECORD HIGH REMITTANCES MITIGATING **DECREASED TOURISM REVENUES**

FDI, % of GDP

9M19



#### Foreign investor interest remains resilient



#### Remittances at record levels

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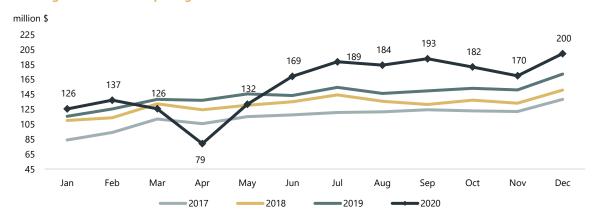
2012

2013

FDI, US\$ mn

Source: NBG

Remittance inflows have reached record high levels after bouncing back in June, with average annual growth in 2H20 equaling 20.2%



#### Visitors and tourism revenues

Sources: GNTA, NBG

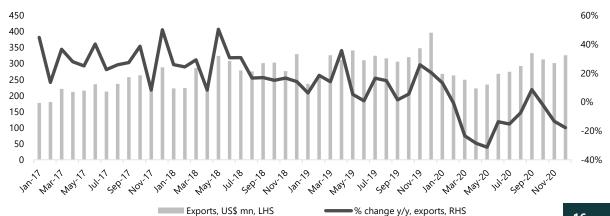
Tourism revenues fell by 83% in 2020, as borders remain closed, including a 96% fall in Apr-Dec



#### **Merchandise exports**

Source: Georstat

Goods exports fell by 12% y-o-y in 2020



## **TOURISM SECTOR**



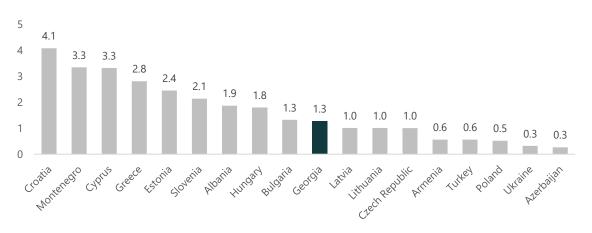
#### **Tourism revenues to GDP**

Sources: NBG, Geostat



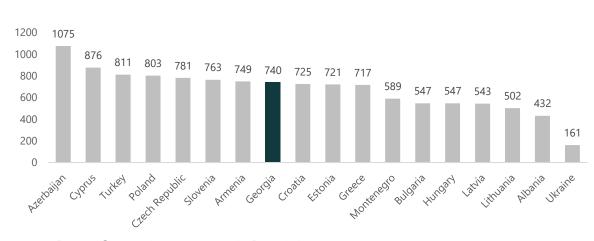
#### Arrivals to country's population, 2018

Source: WDI



#### Spending per arrival, 2018

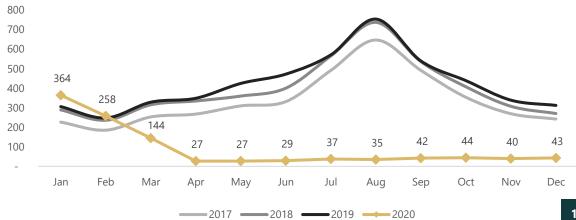
Source: WDI



#### **Number of Tourists (overnight visitors)**

Source: GNTA

The number of tourists fell by 79% in 2020, including a 92% fall since April



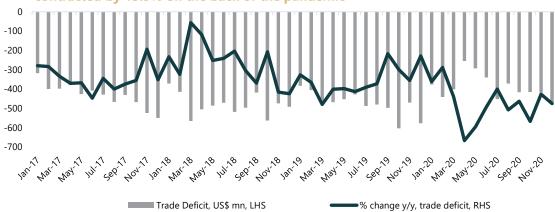
## **DIVERSIFIED FOREIGN TRADE**



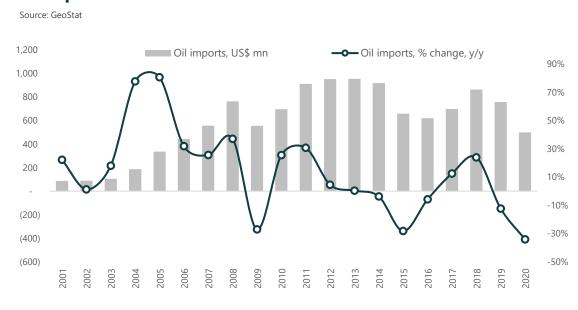
#### **Goods' Trade Deficit**

Source: GeoStat

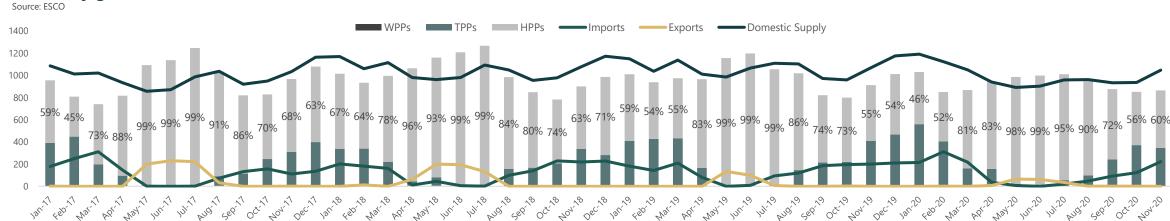
In 2020, the trade deficit fell by 18.5%, as exports were cut by 12% and imports contracted by 15.9% on the back of the pandemic



#### **Oil imports**



#### **Electricity generation and trade, GWH**



10%

-10%

-20%

-30%

-40%

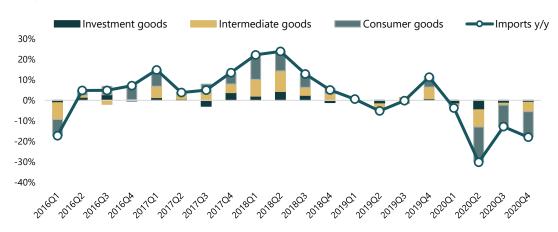
-50%

## **DIVERSIFIED FOREIGN TRADE**

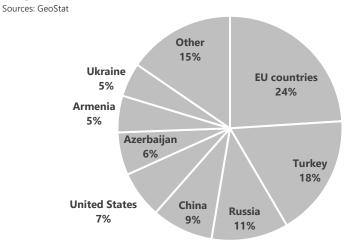
#### Imports of Goods, contribution to growth

Source: NBG

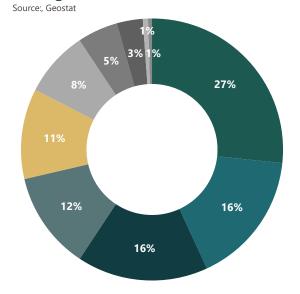
All types of goods contributed to shrinking imports in 2020, with consumer goods responsible for over a half of the total cut



#### Import countries, 2020

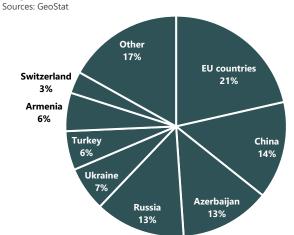


#### Foreign Demand, 2020



- Crude materials, except fuels
- Machinery and transport equipment
- Beverages and tobacco
- Manufactured goods
- Food and live animals
- Chemicals and related products
- Miscellaneous manufactured articles
- Commodities not classified elsewhere
- Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes
- Mineral fuels, lubricants

#### **Export countries, 2020**



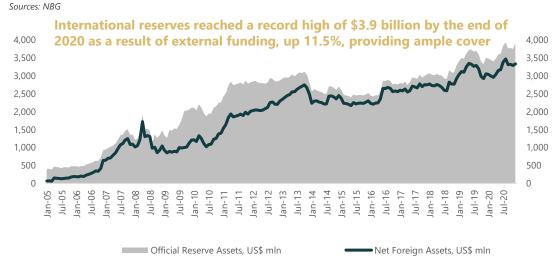
China has become the single largest destination country for Georgian exports in 2020 with a 14.3% share, as opposed to 5.9% in 2019



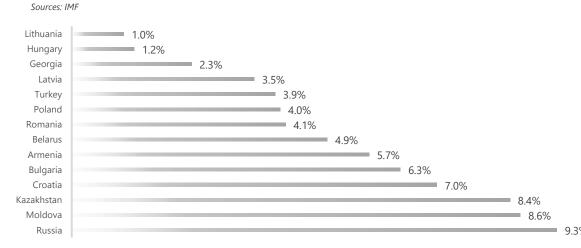
## PRUDENT MONETARY POLICY ENSURES MACRO-FINANCIAL STABILITY



#### **International reserves**



#### Nonperforming loans to total gross loans, latest 2020

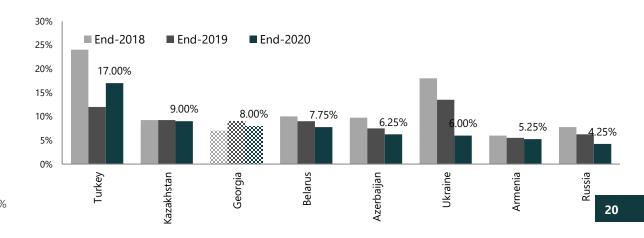


## Monetary policy rate Sources: NBG



#### Monetary policy rate vs peers

Sources Central banks



### FLOATING EXCHANGE RATE - POLICY PRIORITY



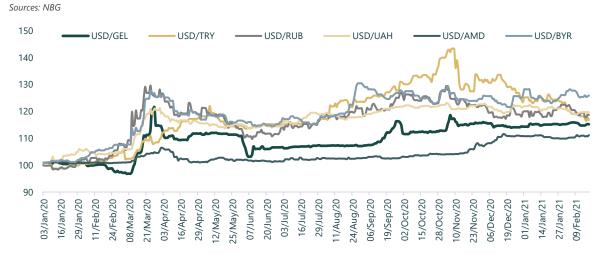
#### **Central Bank's interventions**

Sources: NBG

NBG has sold \$953 million since March 2020 (\$873 million in 2020) on the foreign exchange market and maintains a declaration of active intervention policy to provide liquidity

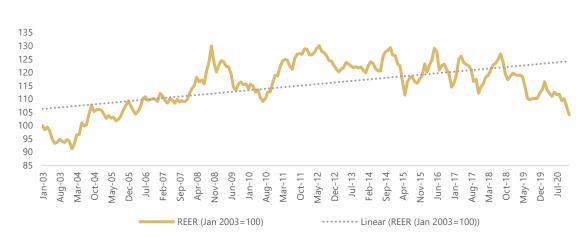


#### **Exchange rate indices (1 January=100)**



#### Real effective exchange rate (REER)

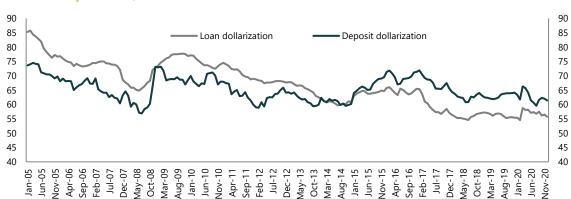
Sources: NBG



#### **Dollarization ratios**

Source: NBG

Both deposit and loan dollarization jumped in March on the back of the pandemic and GEL depreciation, but have declined since then

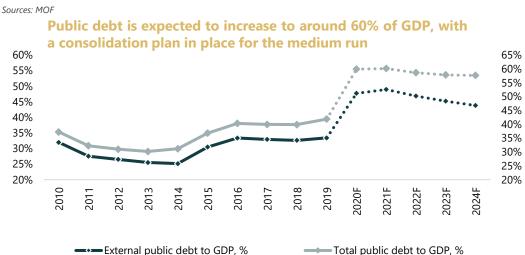


## PUBLIC DEBT TO RISE IN THE SHORT RUN

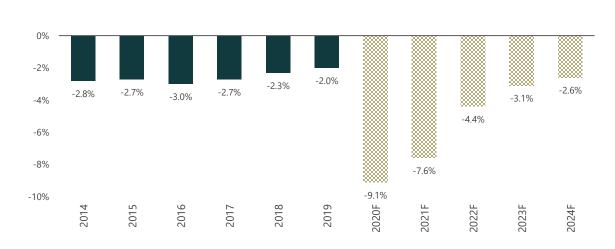


#### **Public debt**

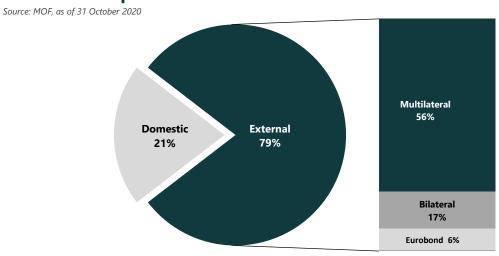
Source: MOF



#### Overall Balance (IMF Modified), % of GDP

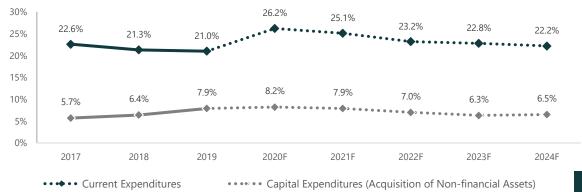


#### **Breakdown of public debt**



#### **Current vs Capital Expenditure, % of GDP**

Capital expenditures reached record highs in 2019 and will prove key in the fiscal stimulus



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