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Government Securities Market in Georgia

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Challenges of Debt Management

- **External Market**

- High share of external debt into total (**81%**), mostly concessional debt from IFIs
- Available concessional financial resources have been depleting over time

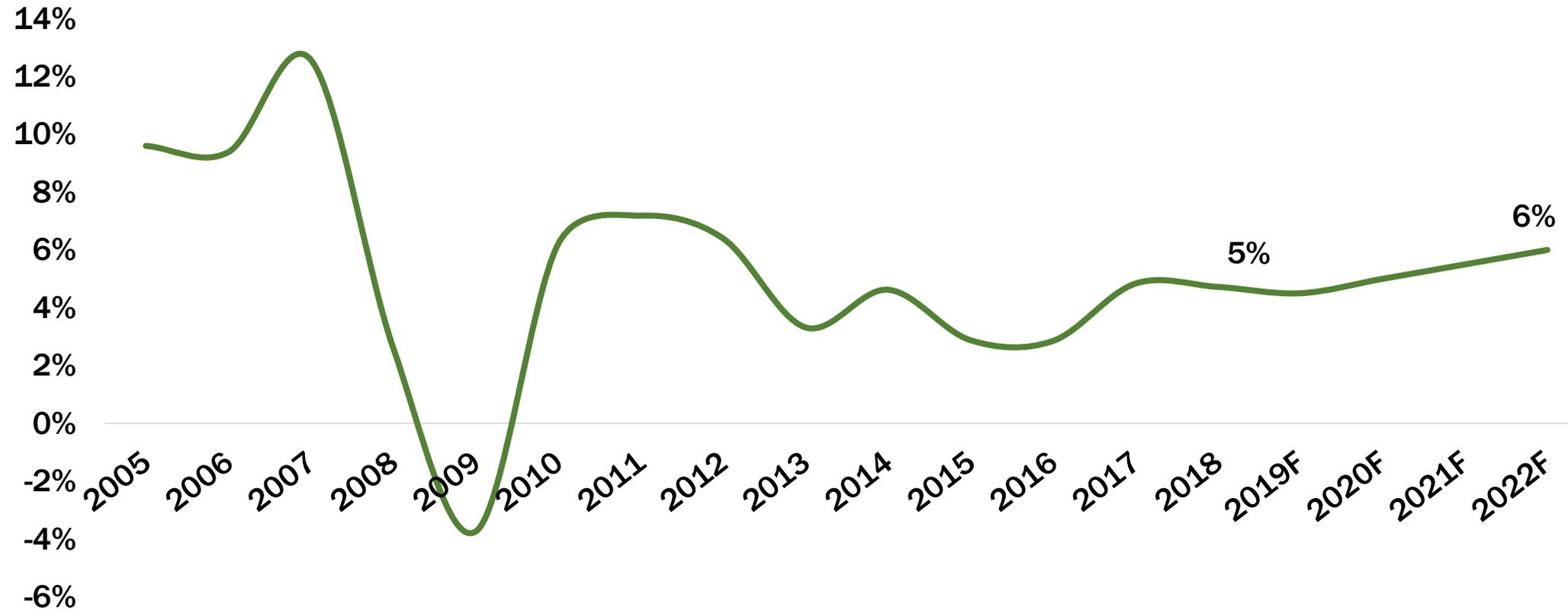
- **Domestic Market**

- Non-diversified investor base (mostly banks)
- Relatively small market
- Small size of a single ticket
- Low liquidity on the market



Macroeconomic Overview

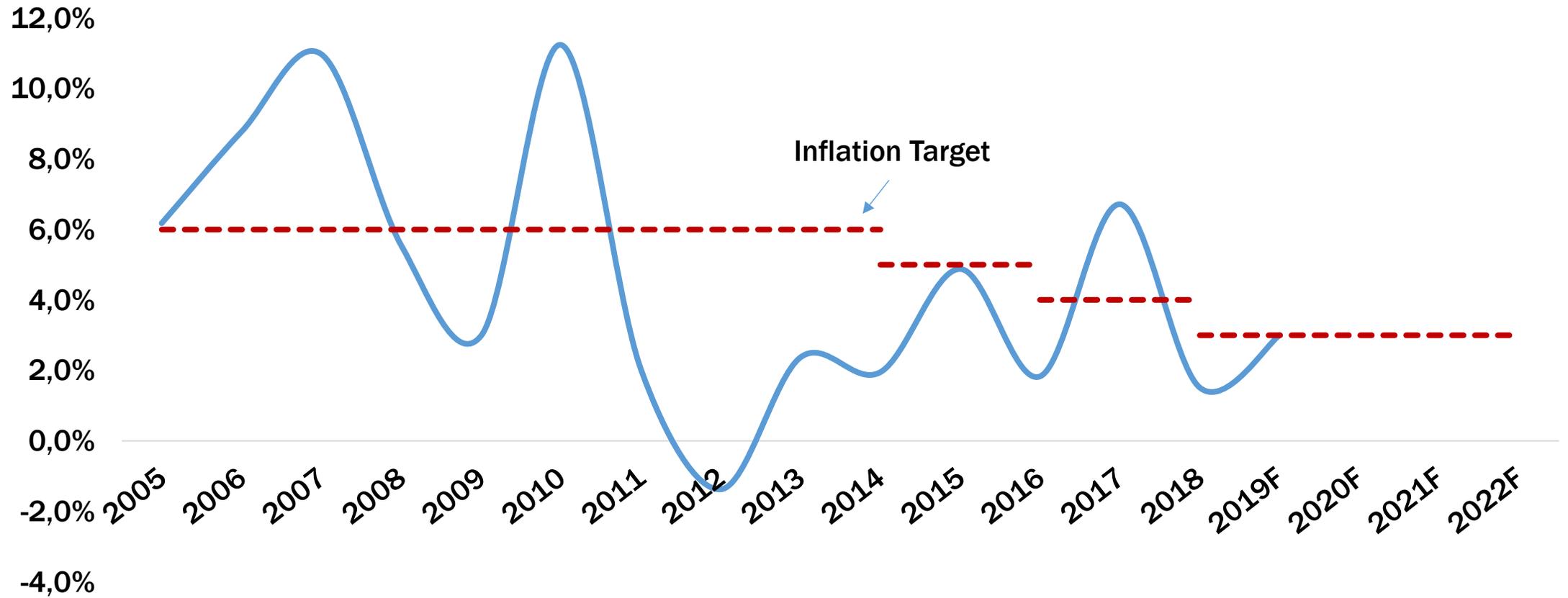
Real Growth





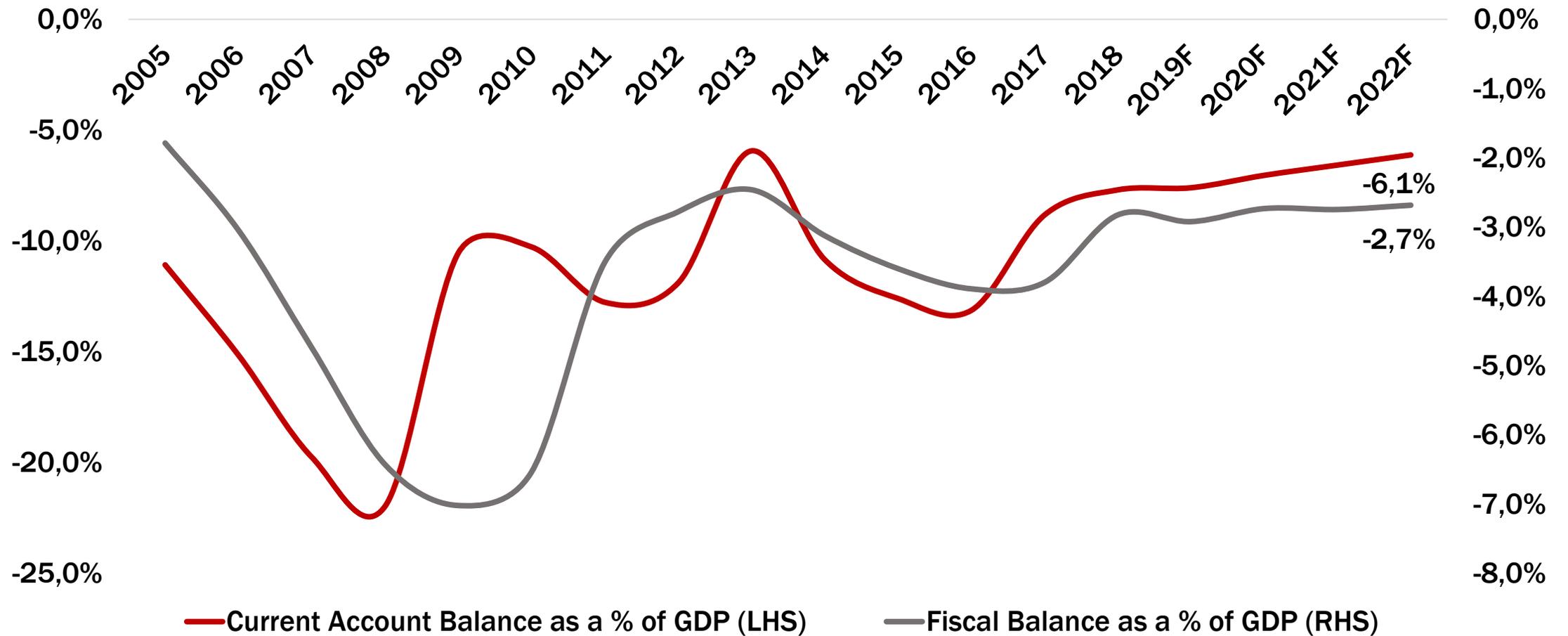
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CPI Inflation





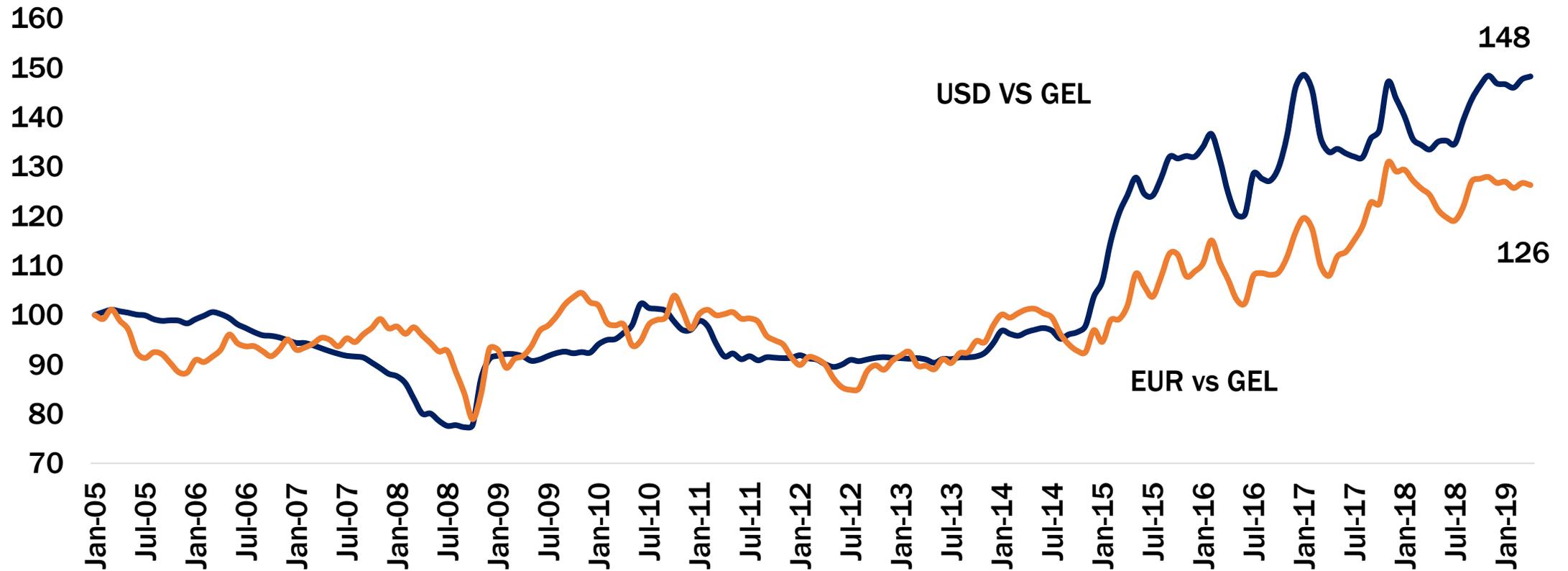
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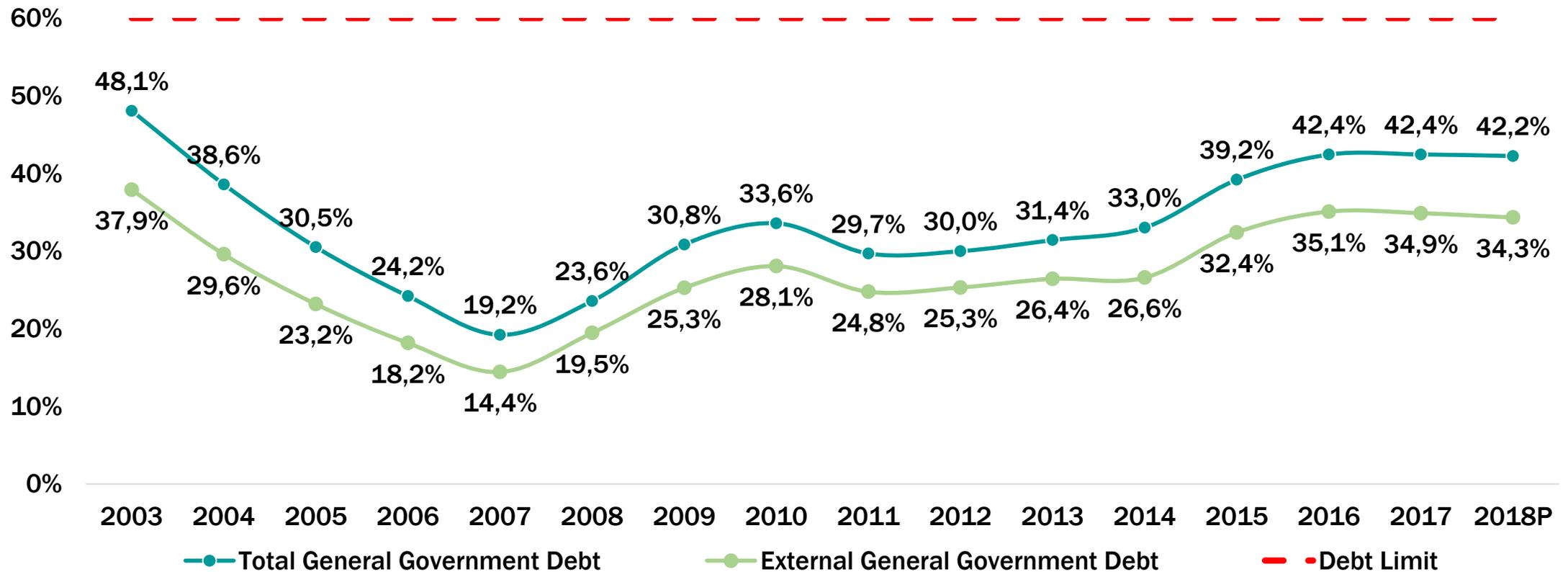
Exchange Rate Movement (Index, Jan 2005=100)





Macroeconomic Overview

General Government Debt (% of GDP)





Primary Market

Issuance of the government securities on the domestic market renewed in 2009

<i>T-bills/T-bonds</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>6-month</i>	+	+							+	+	+
<i>12-month</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>2-year</i>		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>5-year</i>			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
<i>10-year</i>				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+



Primary Market

- Quarterly calendar is announced regularly since 2009
- Auctions take place on Tuesday at the NBG through Bloomberg system

Tenor	Frequency
T-bills	Every 2nd week 6M T-Bill
	Every 1st week 12M T-Bill
2-year	Every 2nd week
5-year	Every 4th week
10-year	Once in every quarter

- Benchmark building strategy launched in 2018 for 2, 5 and 10-year maturities with size 240 mln GEL for each tenor



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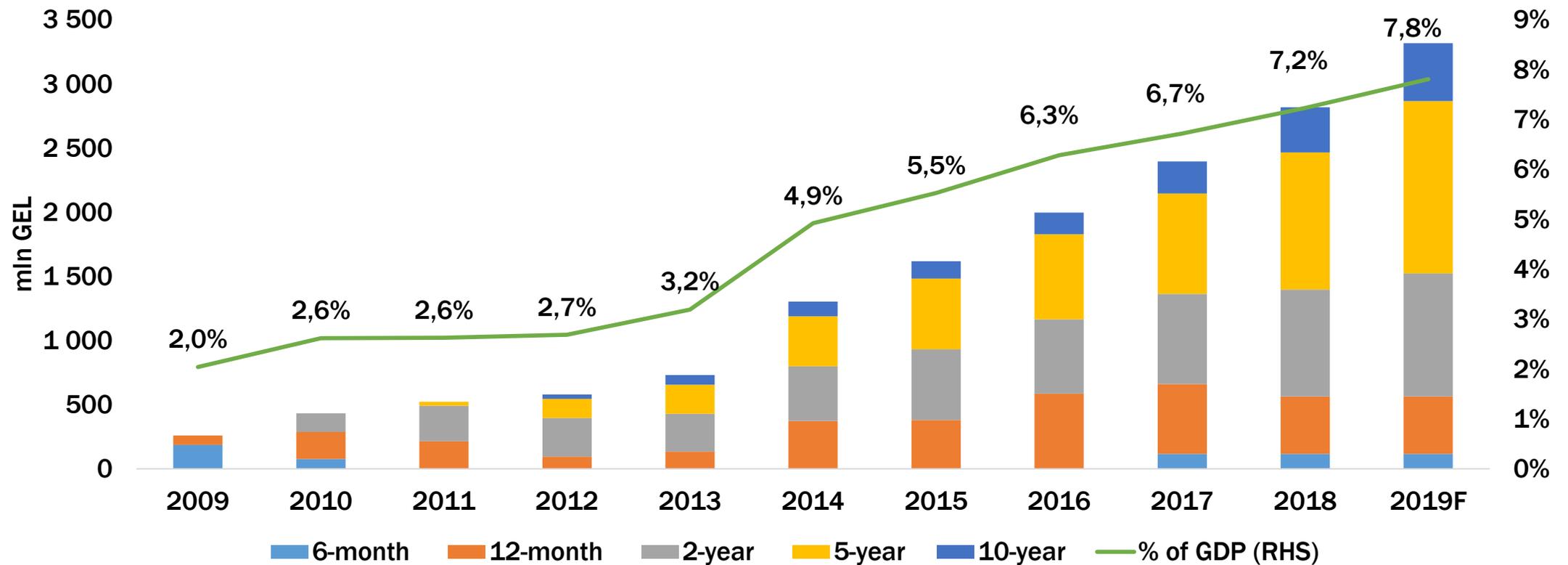
Issuance Calendar for 2019 (two quarters)

In mln GEL	Date	6M	12M	2Y	5Y	10Y
2019	Jan	20	40	40	30	25
	Feb	20	40	40	30	0
	Mar	20	40	40	30	0
	April	20	40	60	30	25
	May	20	40	60	50	0
	Jun	20	40	60	50	0
	Total		120	240	300	220



Primary Market

Evolution of Stock of Government Securities





Secondary Market and Investor Base

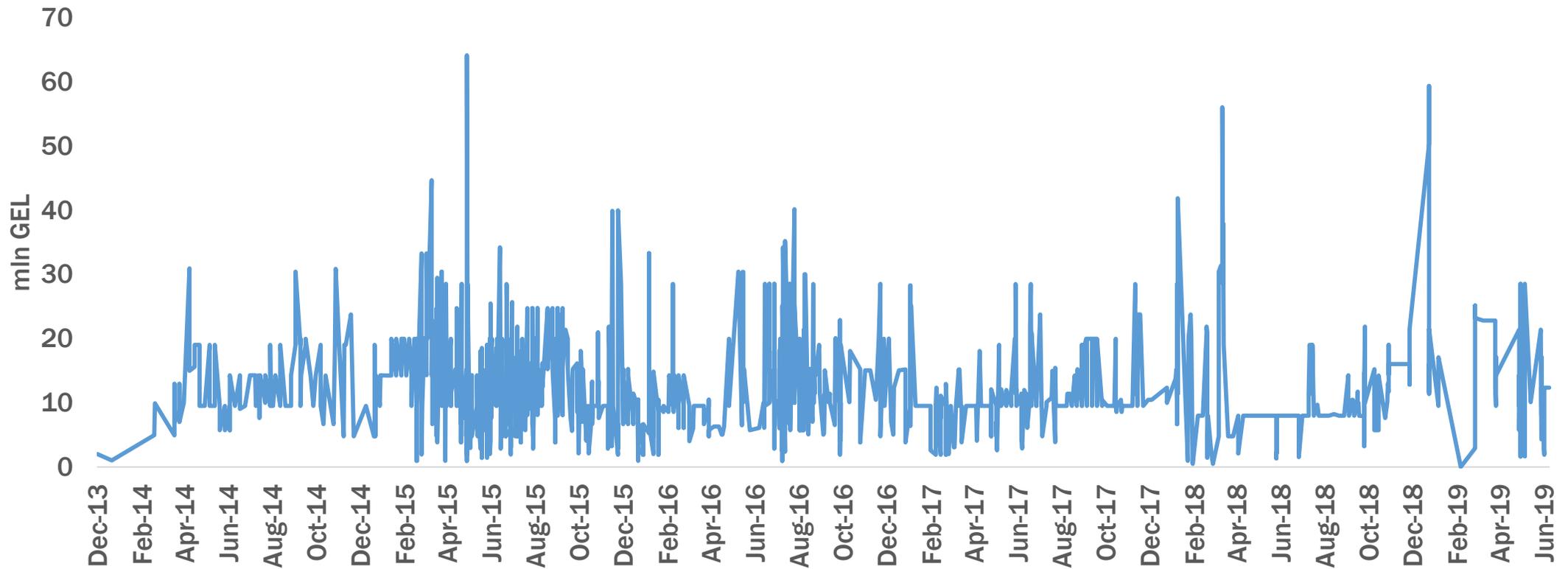
Underdeveloped Secondary Market

- **Secondary market activity is quite low**
- **Bid-Ask spreads on the secondary market are significantly high**
- **Investor base is not diversified, mostly banks are buyers of our securities**
- **Usually, banks are keeping securities until maturity**
- **Positive signal is that repo transactions between banks became active since 2013**
- **New big Investor, Georgia's pension agency became operational since January 2019**



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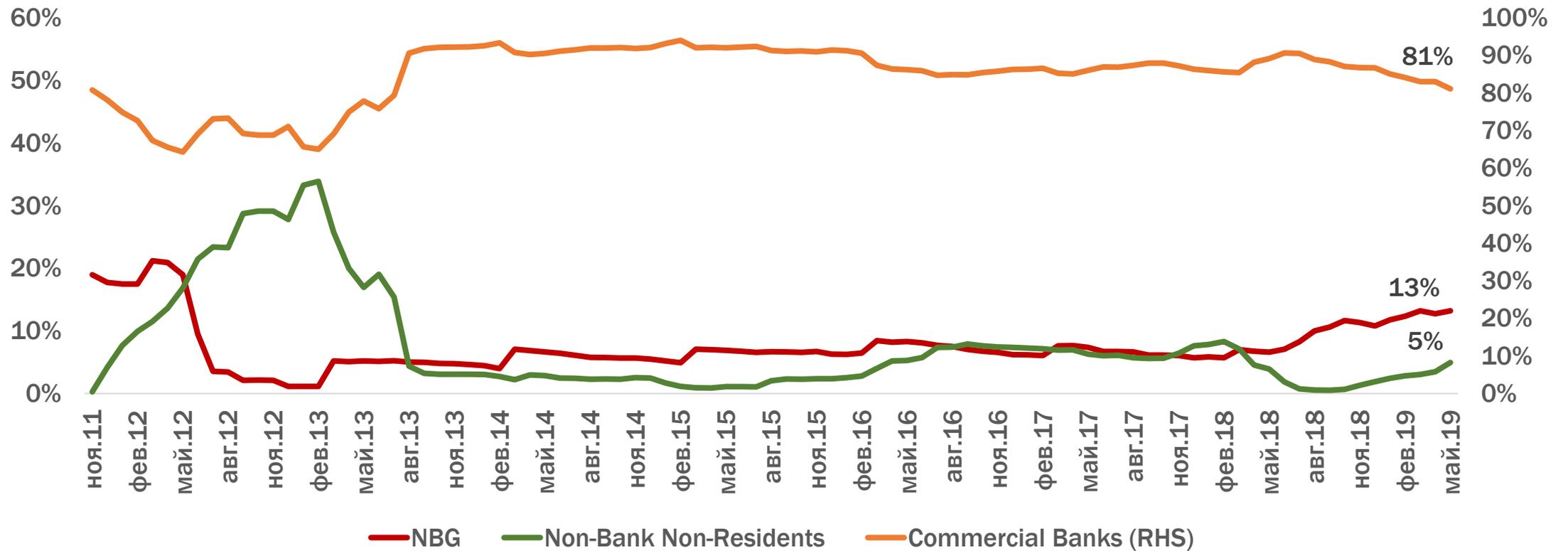
Repo Transactions Between Banks





Secondary Market and Investor Base

Holder of Government Securities





Future Plan

- Gradual increase of the size of benchmark bonds (triple in 2-3 years, \$300 mln) and overall the market size
- Implementation of Primary Dealers (PD) System to support primary and secondary market development
- Starting Liability Management Operations (LMO) to support benchmark building policy
- Improvement of communication with investors to diversify investor base
- Simplifying the access to the government securities for individuals
- For the medium term, increase the share of domestic debt into total up to **30-35%**

Thank You!