## **GOJ UPDATE**

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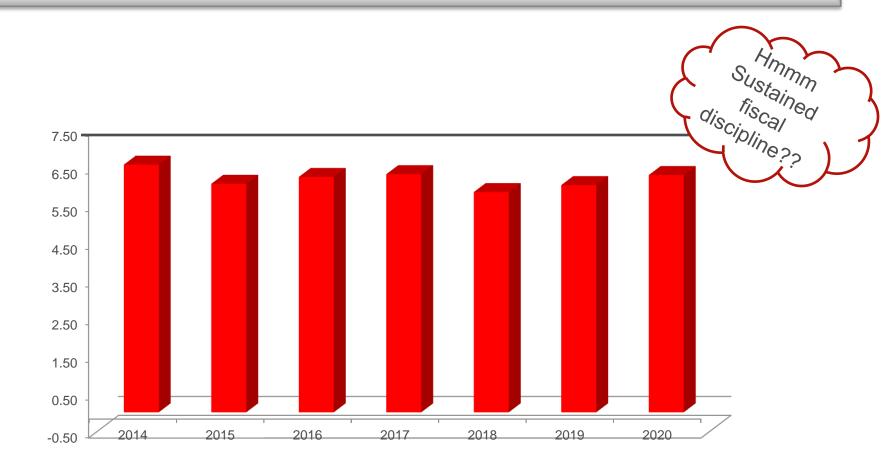


## **IMF Program: What Should You Know?**

- Extended Fund Facility that runs to 2016/17
- Program aims to eliminate fiscal deficit by 2016 and reduce Debt/GDP to 96% by 2020
  - ✓ Fiscal consolidation and debt reduction
  - ✓ Structural reforms to improve economic competitiveness
  - ✓ Private/Public Partnerships
  - ✓ Strengthen social safety net

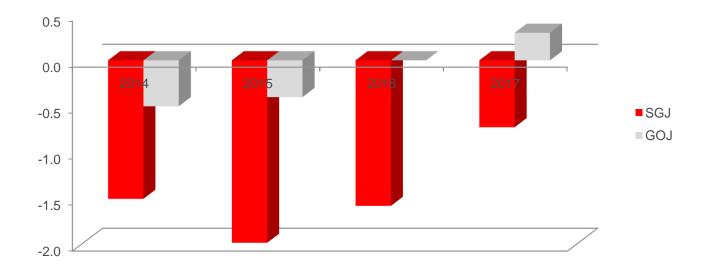


# **Projection: Primary Surplus**



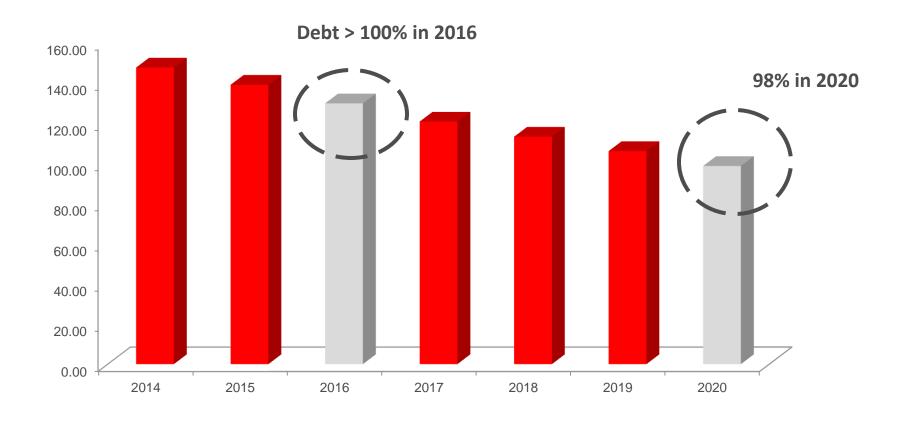


# **Projection: Fiscal Balance**



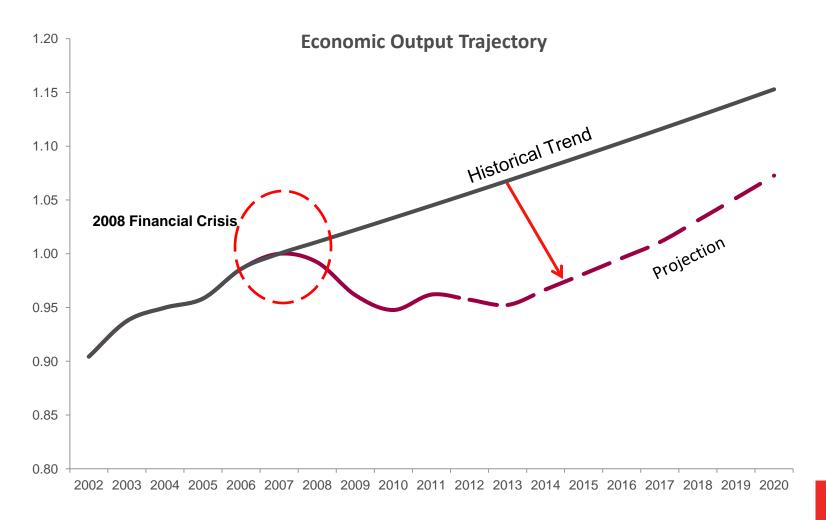


# **Debt Trajectory**



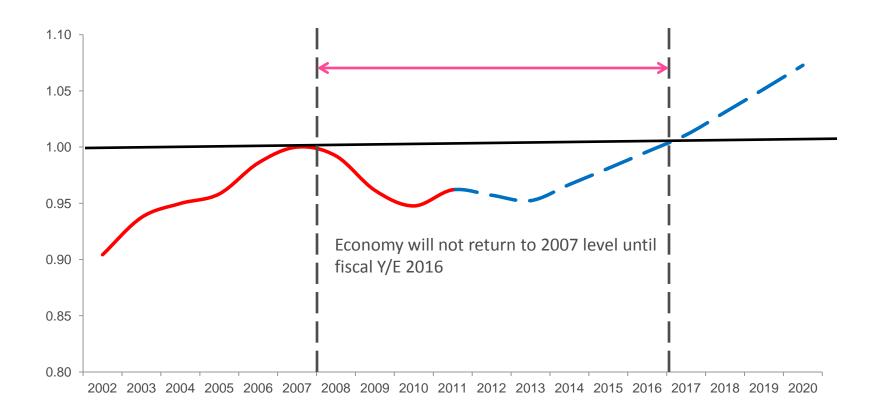


# The Pain Gap





# **Excess Capacity**





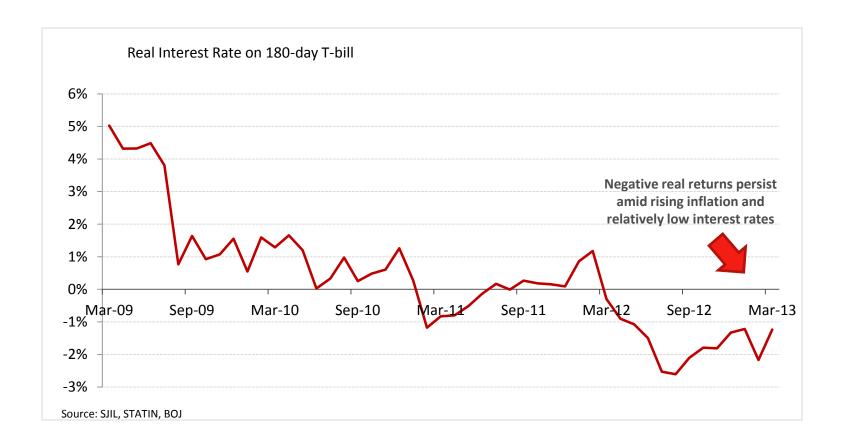
## **Macro Outlook**







### **Real Interest Rate**



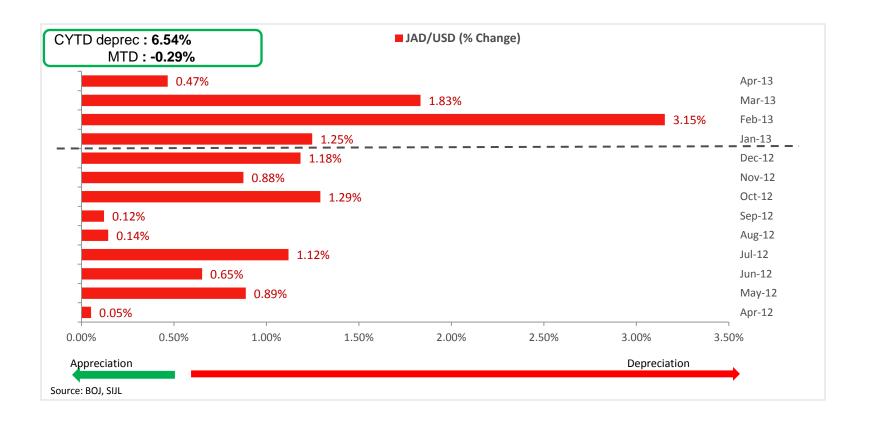


### **Interest Rates & Inflation**

- J\$ Short Term Rates
  - BOJ will remain accommodative for the foreseeable future
  - Economy still very weak
  - Second round inflation pass through low
- J\$ Long Term Rates ~expected future short rates
  - Driven by solvency concerns: sustainability of fiscal program
- Inflation: we expect inflation to range between 8%-10% for the current fiscal



## **Monthly Exchange Rate Movement**





# **Real Exchange Rate**





# **Credit Rating**

	Current	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
Best		B/Stable	B/Stable	BB+/Stable	BB+/Stable
Modal	CCC+/Stable	CCC+/Stable	B-/Stable	B/Stable	B/Stable
Worst		CCC+/Negative	CCC+/Negative	CCC+/Negative	CCC+/Negative



#### Structural Reform Measures

- Secured Transactions Framework to facilitate improved access to credit
- Insolvency Act
- Establish flexible work arrangements by the end of FY 2013/14
- Streamline the Business registration process through the use of a multipurpose registration instrument
- M-Commerce
- Increase MSME-financing wholesaled through the DBJ
- Far Reaching Tax Reforms
- Labour Market Reform flexible work arrangements by end of FY13/14



### What You Need to Know

- Program is <u>difficult</u> but not <u>crazy</u>
- Important risks:
  - Execution (Project management and political)
  - Shocks (economic and weather)
- Government has more work to do on increasing revenue and/or cutting expenditure
- Unemployment is likely to remain high over the life of the program
- Far reaching structural reforms that will improve the ease of doing business

