

The image shows a close-up, low-angle view of a highly decorative architectural element, likely the capital of a column. The structure is composed of several curved, concentric bands. The outermost band features a repeating pattern of stylized, overlapping leaf or scale-like motifs. Below this is a wide, smooth band. The next band inward is the most ornate, featuring intricate relief carvings of floral and foliate designs, including large, five-petaled flowers and scrolling vines with smaller leaves. Below this is another band with a repeating pattern of small, pointed motifs. The entire structure is set against a warm, golden-brown background that suggests a large, vaulted interior space with high ceilings. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures and three-dimensional quality of the carvings.

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RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

República Administradora de Fondos de Inversión Sociedad Anónima (Republica AFISA)

This company was incorporated in December 2003 as a joint stock company, for the purpose of managing the Bank portfolio of receivables rated 4 and 5, through the management of the First Financial Trust for BROU Portfolio Recovery.

Subsequently, the management of other portfolio recovery trusts was included, as well as the portfolio of the former Banco de Credito, the portfolios of the Bank Assets Recovery Funds managed by the Central Bank of Uruguay and acquired by our Bank in 2009, and of delinquent taxes of Departmental Governments.

The mission of República AFISA is to establish, develop and assist the strengthening of trusts in Uruguay as a financial instrument for the recovery of assets, the organization of savings and investments, the development of the capital market and other business for which a trust may prove to be a suitable financial instrument.

In this sense, there has been increased participation of República AFISA in structuring and issuing securities (debt and share certificates) and managing trusts in different economic areas, with involvement in trusts related to the extension of rural electrification throughout the country, the Unified System for Collection of Vehicle related Income, the funding of Departmental Governments, debt restructuring of street lighting with UTE, the resurfacing project in Ciudad de la Costa, selling of municipal property, construction of social housing, wind farm projects, in the health area (Casmu, Asociación Española, Casa de Galicia) and with the Río Negro Industrial Park.

In 2015, apart from the financial trusts already existing in 2014 (Bandes III, Salto V, Salto Vb, Salto VI, Ventus I, Compass real estate project and debt restructuring of street lighting with UTE), Republica AFISA became

involved in civil works trusts with the Departmental Governments of Salto, Rivera, San Jose and Rio Negro, the wind power generation trusts Pampa and Arias with UTE, and a new trust with CASMU.

Also civil works trusts with the Departmental Governments of Florida and Paysandú, an infrastructure trust with CAF, a trust to support dairy farmers (FFAL III) and trusts in the health area (Asociación Española, Casa de Galicia) are in the process of structuring and shaping.

The recent public offering issues by trusts structured and administered by República AFISA have contributed to the development of the capital market in Uruguay, allowing the setup of production and real estate projects, and public infrastructure works.

The Bank owns 100% of the capital stock.

República Negocios Fiduciarios S.A.

This company was incorporated in February 2013, as a joint stock company, for the purpose of conducting trust business under the provisions of Law No. 17,703 and other regulations and supplementary provisions, except for financial trusts.

In this context, there is increased participation of the company in managing trusts, participating in trusts for road construction, purchase of machinery for Departmental Governments, and guarantee for microfinance institutions and cooperatives.

In 2015, the administration of the Sectoral Commission Fund Trust, the Guarantee Trust for Microfinance Institutions and the National Guarantee Fund Trust for the Development of Cooperative Efforts continued.

Also, two guarantee trusts with private companies and one real estate trust with the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining are in the process of structuring.

The Bank owns 100% of the capital stock.



República Microfinanzas Sociedad Anónima

BROU is the owner of 100% of the shares of the corporation called REPUBLICA MICROFINANZAS S.A., incorporated in 2008 for the main purpose of promoting financial inclusion through the development of small economic units and low income entrepreneurial sectors in Uruguay. This company makes financial products and services available that may contribute to the economic and social development of these low income sectors.

For that intended purpose, during the period closed in September 2015, the company disbursed 31,308 loans, worth 956 million Uruguayan pesos, to micro entrepreneurs and low-income families, and continued showing a rapid expansion. The existing credits portfolio on that date was over 993 million Uruguayan pesos.

The company serves from its headquarters in Montevideo the demands of micro entrepreneurs in the metropolitan area of Montevideo, covering the capital city and the Departments of San Jose, Canelones, Florida and Colonia. With its regional offices, it provides services in the Departments of Artigas, Florida, Lavalleja, Maldonado, Rivera, Rocha, Salto, Paysandú, Cerro Largo, Treinta y Tres and Tacuarembó, and in the Department of Canelones there are offices in Barros Blancos, Costa Urbana Shopping Mall, Las Piedras and Pando.

Increased credit transactions must be highlighted, covered in agreements with agencies implementing public policies which require the specific characteristics of microfinance technology and facilitate the provision of services (credit, availability of funds, etc.) to excluded sectors of the population. These services are being incorporated by the signing of various agreements, by way of example, with the Office of Planning and Budget, the National Housing Agency, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Ministry of Social Development, the Departmental Governments, and other government agencies.

Under the agreements signed with public entities and service agreements in the regional offices, this company has developed important training work for micro entrepreneurs through 90 financial education workshops attended by approximately 1,850 trainees.

For the purpose of disseminating the innovative work of Uruguayan micro entrepreneurs, in the most diverse areas of production and services, this company has developed the documentary "Creer es Crear" projected on television screens and in social networks.

República Microfinanzas S.A. consolidated its corporate purpose of providing contact center, collections, promotions, back office and other support services to BROU and to República Afisa, through its Service Center built for such purposes. The operations of the Service Center have been increasing year by year thus contributing to corporate development and customer satisfaction.

República Administradora de Fondos de Ahorro Previsional S.A. (Republica AFAP S.A.)

BROU owns a 51% share of República AFAP S.A., a leading company in our country in pension funds management, which was launched in April 1996. Its ownership is shared by our Bank with Banco de Previsión Social (37%) and Banco de Seguros del Estado (12%).

It is a benchmark company based on both its performance in the pension fund management sector and its overall management quality.

República AFAP S.A. is the pension funds management company with the largest share of affiliates, contributors, and funds under management.



FINANCIAL AND INCOME STATEMENT			
USD millions			
República AFISA	2013	2014	2015
Assets	21	23	25
Liabilities	3	4	4
Equity	18	19	21
Income for the Year	4	4	5
República AFAP			
Assets	53	59	56
Liabilities	7	7	7
Equity	46	52	49
Income for the Year	14	14	11
República Microfinanzas S.A.			
Assets	22	32	39
Liabilities	1	2	2
Equity	21	30	37
Income for the Year	-0,4	-0,4	1,6
República Negocios Fiduciarios S.A			
Assets	0,15	0,44	0,37
Liabilities	0,05	0,04	0,01
Equity	0,1	0,4	0,4
Income for the Year	0,01	0,1	0,03



República AFAP



Uruguay's Technological Lab (LATU, for its acronym in Spanish)



'Corporación Nacional para el Desarrollo' – CND (National Development Agency)

The Bank is a minority shareholder of CND (1.66% at Dec. 31, 2014), a non-governmental public entity created by amendment of section 34 of Law No. 18,602 of September 21, 2009. The main objectives of the CND are to act as a concessionaire of public infrastructure projects; act as manager and/or trustee of infrastructure development and maintenance projects, funded by public funds, national or international loans or grants; and to provide fund management and professional services. After Law No. 18,786 of July 19, 2011 was passed, duties related to the development, promotion, design and implementation of projects of public-private partnership were added to the role of the CND, and also the contribution to capacity building in this field of government contracting parties.

Bolsa Electrónica de Valores (Bevsa) (Electronic Stock Exchange)

The Bank is one of BEVSA shareholders (3.84%), together with other banks and entities.

The objective of this institution is to create a transparent and professional capital market, offering financial agents an anonymous and trustful electronic framework for their transactions and settlements.

To this effect, its strategy has been to introduce technological solutions concerning automation and economies of scale for the financial system.

Visanet

Visanet assembles all credit card issuers and provides services to all VISA issuing entities in Uruguay, among which BROU is one of the main members, due to the volume of cards handled by our Bank.

The strategy of Visanet focuses on increasing the number of merchants that accept VISA cards and become

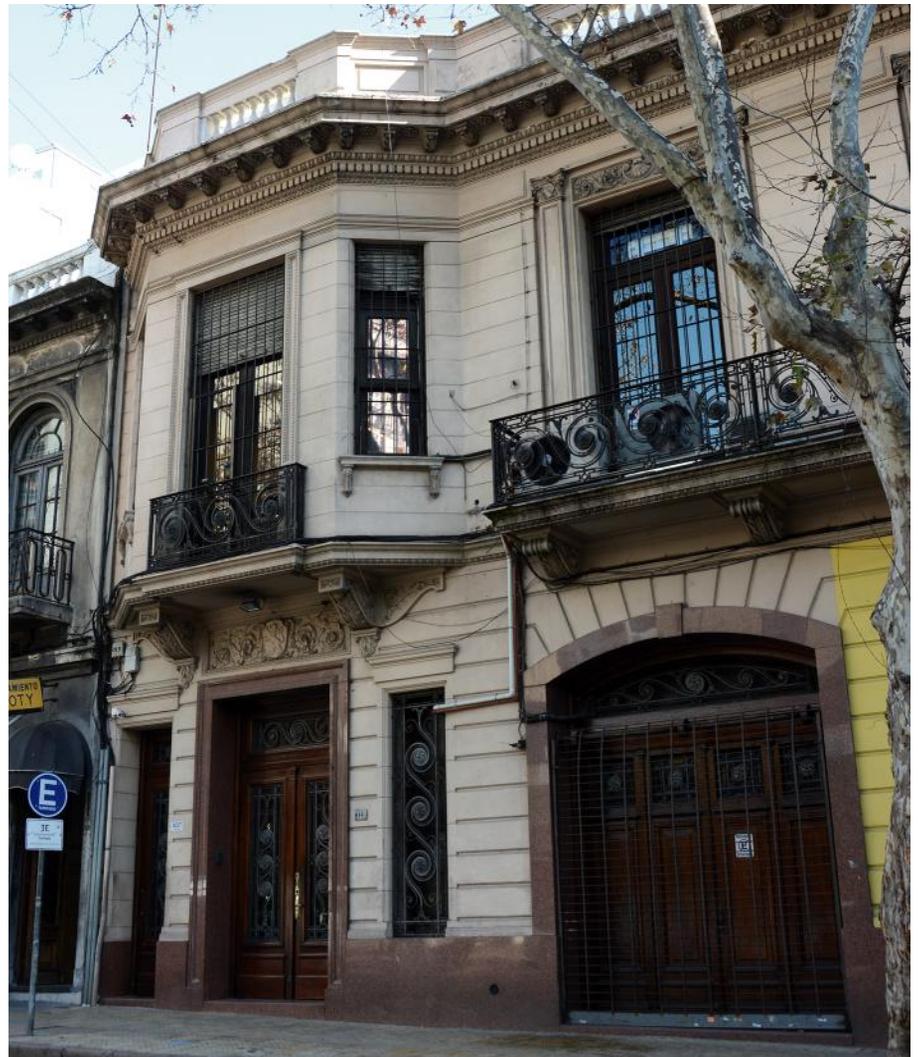
members of the system, and this has resulted in an important increase in the number of transactions.

The Bank is a shareholder (11.99%) in this company. Its number of shares is directly related to the size of its market-share.

Sistarbank S.R.L.

SISTARBANK is a company created with the primary objective of providing processing services to its partners, in their capacity as Visa International Principal Members in the field of the VISA credit cards operation system, and providing IT services for processing credit cards in general. Currently the Bank has a 40% stake.

Sistarbank





Other interests

Asociación Empretec Uruguay

The Empretec Program was established in Uruguay in 1989 based on an initiative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), supported by BROU, acting as a counterpart, providing the building, part of the equipment and office supplies.

This is a non-profit organization, incorporated in order to support systematically the development of micro, small and medium enterprises, applying the methodology of UNCTAD/EMPRETEC Program, established as an integral tool developing capabilities to support national governments in their efforts to promote the creation of sustainable support structures for such micro, small and medium-size enterprises.

After an extended period supporting the development of this organization and leading its actions, our Bank has considered desirable encouraging the possibility of transferring the leadership to other actors associated with the project. This is why during 2015 the Chamber of Industries of Uruguay became President of the Association, the offices moved to their premises, while our Bank remained in charge of the Secretariat, through its Director Ms. Adriana Rodriguez.

Laboratorio Tecnológico del Uruguay (LATU) (Technological Laboratory of Uruguay)

The LATU was created in 1965 with the purpose of increasing the quality of Uruguayan industrial production. It is a non-governmental public entity, managed by a Board composed of a representative of the Executive Branch of Government, a representative of the Chamber of Industries of Uruguay, and a representative of BROU.

Its main lines of action are: strengthening of technological capabilities, technology transfer through seminars and projects, certification of export products and verification of suitability of import products, generation of development projects and innovative projects, as well as the creation of new information technology companies.

Fundación Banco República (BROU Foundation)

The operations of this Foundation began in October 2013, with the mission of creating, supporting, promoting and sponsoring general interest actions in the fields of education, culture, health, sports, science, technology and environment, with special emphasis on vulnerable groups.

Its policy is focused on lines of action to support and promote multidisciplinary activities.

The promoted and applied cultural values include:

Professional management, based on teamwork and mutual respect, observing the highest ethical standards in internal processes.

Ensuring continuous improvement, promoting continuous training and motivation of human resources.

Having an active collaboration with public and private stakeholders, to promote a high level of development in the areas of action.

Respect for human rights and environmental protection.

During 2015 the Foundation sponsored and supported various projects and also reached various agreements with other government agencies.

In that regard, the continuation of the agreement signed with Banco de Previsión Social should be highlighted. Its purpose is to offer cultural and recreational activities for elderly beneficiaries of BPS Social Programs in order to enable greater and better integration of this group into the social fabric.

This Foundation offered Storytelling and Narratives tending to provide a cultural contribution and intellectual stimulation to beneficiaries, as well as guided tours to museums and cultural attractions of our country, managed by the Foundation.



Gaucho Museum - Montevideo

In November 2015, the agreement was extended to meet the needs in several departments of the country. In that sense, these cultural activities started in the city of Maldonado, where the actions were taken in two nursing homes of that city.

Also, within the academic activities planned for the year, the International Trust Training Diploma Program was completed. This program was conducted by the Latin American Federation of Banks - FELABAN and its Latin American Committee on Trust - COLAFI, together with the Banking Associations of its Latin American member countries, and specifically in the case of Uruguay, with the Fundación Banco República (BROU Foundation) and the School of Law of the Universidad de la República (UdelaR). Thirty-one students were awarded their diplomas.

According to the Mission stated by the Foundation regarding the special emphasis on vulnerable groups, in 2015 there was a contribution to Special Olympics Uruguay, for a delegation to be able to attend the Summer Special Olympics 2015 that took place in the city of Los Angeles, California.

In that sense, the support provided to the Civil Association "El Abrojo" is worth mentioning. There was contribution to their plans relating to children and teenagers in critical context neighborhoods.

Museo del Gaucho

BROU Foundation coordinates and manages the activities of the "Museo del Gaucho y la Moneda", a leader in its subject area, consequently welcoming national and foreign visitors. The collection of native silverwork, along with the Gaucho culture collectibles that form the basis of this museum, is one of the most important in the region and unique in the country.

The quality of this Museum is also upgraded by the sculptural works that illustrate the essence and duties of gauchos, by the most renowned national artists, including: José Belloni, José Luis Zorrilla de San Martín, Reilly, among others.

During the year 2015, many activities were conducted, involving art exhibitions, presentations, participation in the Heritage Day, permanent and traveling exhibitions, fine arts exhibitions by officials and former officials, etc.

The exhibition "Té, chocolate, café..." must be highlighted, carried out during the months of July and August, this exhibition was attended by a very large number of visitors and had an excellent impact on the press, where the contribution to the memory and culture of our country was underlined.



Entities based abroad

BROU owns share capital in:

Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior S.A. (BLADDEX)

BLADDEX, in which our Bank holds 0.43% of the share, is a multinational bank specializing in foreign trade financing in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The mission of BLADDEX is to channel capital for the promotion of the development in Latin America and the Caribbean and to provide comprehensive solutions to promote foreign trade within the region. It intends to become the Regional Center for distribution and risk compensation.

More than 200 banks are shareholders, and BROU is one of the 23 banks holding class A shares which are restricted to central banks, banks with a majority of state-owned shares and other governmental entities.

SOCIETY FOR WORLDWIDE INTERBANK FINANCIAL TELECOMMUNICATION (S.W.I.F.T. SCRL.)

SWIFT is a community of cooperative inspiration, established by and for the financial services industry. SWIFT works worldwide with more than 11,000 organizations in over 200 countries, including banks, market infrastructures, insurance companies, corporations, network providers, business partners and IT companies. It ensures that the financial world carries out business transactions with certainty, by offering customers the platform, products and services necessary to connect and exchange financial information in a safe and reliable manner. Our Bank has a 0.01% stake.

Other interests

Asociación Latinoamericana de Instituciones Financieras para el Desarrollo (ALIDE) (Latin-American Association of Development Financing Institutions)

The Bank is an active member of this international organization that brings together development finance institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean, promoting cohesion and strengthening the actions and involvement of these institutions in the economic and social progress of the region.

Its objectives include sharing experiences and inter-agency coordination in order to optimize the use of available resources and support member institutions in their efforts to modernize their management structures.

Federación Latinoamericana de Bancos (FELABAN) (Latin-American Federation of Banks)

BROU is one of the 22 active members of this organization, composed of representatives from 19 countries, and including more than 600 banks and financial entities in Latin America. FELABAN is a non-profit association, created in 1965 in order to contribute to the coordination of criteria and unification of banking practices. The President of the Board for the period 2014-2016 is Ms. Maria Mercedes Cuellar, from Colombia.

The Bank has continued participating in actions developed by FELABAN.

In 2015, FELABAN celebrated its 50th anniversary, with different commemoration events. Among such events, as a tribute to the creation of FELABAN in Argentina (Mar del Plata) in April 1965, the regular meetings of the governing bodies of this Federation were held in the city of Buenos Aires on April 23 - 24. On that occasion, BROU and other active members were recognized for their continued support to the organization.