



### **Fondul Proprietatea**

Commentary on the Potential Impact on the Net Asset Value of the Fund from the Emergency Government Ordinance approved by the Government of Romania on 21 December 2018



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### **Background and Main Provisions of the Emergency Government Ordinance**



On 18 December 2018, the Minister of Public Finance published on its website a fiscal package to be passed through Emergency Government Ordinance ("OUG"), targeting the electricity, gas, telecom, banking and private pension fund sectors. The main provisions of OUG approved on 21 December 2018, with an impact on the Fund's NAV are as follows:

- 2% Tax on turnover for companies in the electricity and gas sectors (versus 3% Tax on the electricity sector in the initial draft)
- Capping gas prices for households at RON 68 MW/h until February 2022 and for industrial consumers at a mix between RON 68 MW/h, import price, and storage cost
- Capping electricity prices for households and small enterprises (with less than 50 employees and revenues less than EUR 50 million) at a price to be set by the regulator ("ANRE")
- Asset tax on banks: a progressive tax rate linked to the 3-month and 6-month quarterly ROBOR average
- Changes to the Pilar II Pension Funds:
  - option to transfer from Pilar II to Pilar I after at least 5 years of contributions to Pilar II
  - the reduction of the contribution fee from 2.5% to 1%
  - higher capital requirements for the Pillar II Pension Fund managers



## 2% Tax on Turnover for Companies in the Electricity Sector



#### Hidroelectrica – 35.38% of the Fund's NAV<sup>1</sup>

mil RON	2017	H1 2018
Revenues	3,265.9	1,992.2
EBITDA	2,224.7	1,457.8
Net profit	1,349	984
Electricity sold (TWh)	14.7	9.2
Impact assuming @ 2% tax on Sales	65.3	39.8
%EBITDA	(2.9%)	(2.7%)
% Net profit	(4.8%)	(4.1%)



- The additional tax as approved by the Government would impact the entire electricity sector (generation, transportation, distribution, supply).
- We would expect the additional cost to be at least partially absorbed through a higher market price for electricity.
- In accordance with its trading strategy, Hidroelectrica generally sells forward (for the following year) a certain percentage of its production.



<sup>1.</sup> Source: FP Factsheet as at 29 November 2018.

# 2% Tax on Turnover for Companies in the Electricity Sector



#### Nuclearelectrica - 1.63% of the Fund's NAV1

mil RON	2017	H1 2018
Revenues	1,897.29	968.62
EBITDA	872.50	487.34
Net profit	303.87	182.306
Electricity sold (TWh)	10.74	4.97
Impact of the 2% tax on Sales	37.95	19.37
%EBITDA	(4.35%)	(3.98%)
% Net profit	(12.49%)	(10.63%)



<sup>1.</sup> Source: FP 28 September 2018 Detailed Statement of Investments.

### 2% Tax on Turnover for Companies in the Electricity and Gas Distribution and Supply Sector



#### **Electricity distribution companies**

Company	%NAV <sup>1</sup>	Comments				
E-Distributie Banat	5.46%	The companies operate in a regulated market, tariffs are set annually by the local				
E-Distributie Muntenia	4.20%	regulator and allow the company to generate a certain rate of return over the asset base. Legislation for the next 5 years has been recently approved; in the past, new				
E-Distributie Dobrogea	3.43%	taxation introduced by the government has been passed through into the tariffs				

#### **Electricity supply companies**

Company	%NAV <sup>2</sup>	Comments
Enel Energie Muntenia	0.62%	The companies operate on the liberalized market. As the entire market would be
Enel Energie	0.58%	impacted by the new taxation, it is expected that new tax regime would translate into higher electricity prices.

#### Gas distribution & supply companies

Company	%NAV <sup>1</sup>	Comments
Engie Romania	4.77%	For the distribution part, the company operates in a regulated market, tariffs are set annually by the local regulator. Legislation for the next 5 years is expected to be approved in the first part of 2019. On the supply side, for households, the final price is set based on a cost plus margin methodology.

<sup>1.</sup> Source: FP Factsheet as at 29 November 2018.



<sup>2.</sup> Source: FP 28 September 2018 Detailed Statement of Investments.

# **Electricity Price Cap for Households and Small Enterprises**



- The liberalization of the electricity markets has been completed at the end of 2017
- The price cap would impact the electricity generation companies (Hidroelectrica, Nuclearelectrica, and CE Oltenia) and will start on 1 March 2019 until 28 February 2022
- No details were provided on the price level, which will have to be set by the regulator (ANRE) at the beginning of each year. The methodology should be published in January 2019
- The regulated market accounts for 25-30% of the total electricity sold, as shown in the table below

	2016		2017		H1 2018	
	Free Market	Regulated Market	Free Market	Regulated Market	Free Market	Regulated Market
Quantity (TWh)	33.5	13.5	36.1	12.4	19.2	5.6
<ul> <li>Quantity sold on the regulated market by Hidroelectrica and Nuclearelectrica</li> </ul>	-	4.1	-	1.7	-	0
Price (RON/MWh)	162.8	160.6	172.5	204.9	N/A	221.3

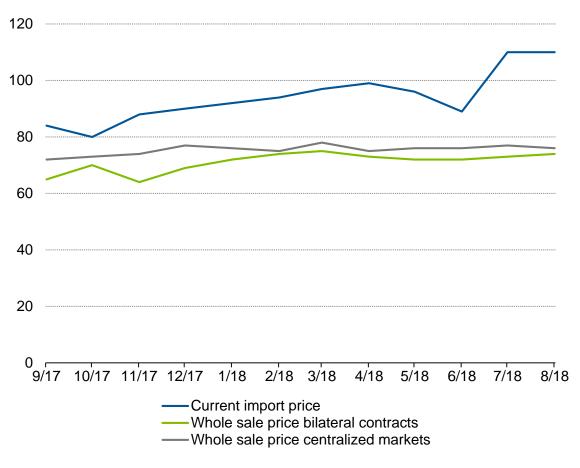


Source: ANRE

# Gas Price Cap at RON 68/MWh – Potential impact on OMV Petrom



#### Gas Price evolution on the wholesale market<sup>1</sup>





- Natural gas is mainly produced and commercialized in Romania by the two biggest producers of the country Romgaz and OMV Petrom.
- The average wholesale price for the gas on the centralized market (grey line) and through bilateral contracts (green line) varied between RON 66 – 78 / MhW in the last 12 months, as of August 2018. The proposal of the Government Ordinance is to cap this price at RON 68 / MWh until February 2022 for households and at a mix of RON 68/ MWh, import price, and cost of storage for industrial consumers
- Capping gas prices contradicts already approved Romanian legislation, as well as Romania's obligations as European Union member state to observe the free market principles and liberalize the gas market.



<sup>1.</sup> Source: ANRE August 2018 report.

#### **Asset tax for banks**



#### BRD GSG - 2.36% of the Fund's NAV1

mil RON	2017	9mo 2018
Operating income	2,786	2,289
Result before Cost of Risk	1,313	1,185
Net profit	1,406	1,134
Equity	7,369	7,163
Total Assets	54,927	54,508
Impact assuming @ 0.3% tax rate <sup>3</sup>	160	164 <sup>2</sup>
% Equity	(2.2%)	(2.3%) <sup>2</sup>
% Operating income	(5.8%)	(7.2%) <sup>2</sup>
% Result before Cost of Risk	(12.2)%	(13.8%) <sup>2</sup>
% Net profit	(11.4%)	(14.5%) <sup>2</sup>

mil RON	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018 <sup>4</sup>
avg. 3M & 6M ROBOR	1.97	2.52	3.18	3.13
avg. (3M & 6M ROBOR less 150 reference rate)	0.47	1.02	1.68	1.63
avg. (3M & 6M ROBOR less monetary policy rate)	(0.17)	0.11	0.68	0.63

- 1. Source: FP Factsheet as at 29 November 2018.
- Annualized data.
- 3. The calculations assumes the taxation is imposed annually; more clarifications are expected.
- 4. Until 20 December 2018.



- The tax rate would depend on the positive gap between the 3 –and 6-months money market rate and a reference rate proposed in the OUG of 2%.
- As proposed, the tax rate applied to total assets, would be 10bps for a positive gap of up to 0.5%, 20bps for a positive gap between 0.51% -1.0%, 30 bps for a positive gap between 1.01% -1.5%, 40bps for a positive gap between 1.51% -2% and 50bps for a positive gap higher than 2%.
- Currently the National Bank monetary policy rate is 2.5%.



#### **Pilar II Pension Funds**



- The approved draft of the OUG included several provisions impacting the Pillar II Pension Funds, but did
  not include the initial proposal to allow contributors to the Pilar II Pension Funds to redeem their
  contribution:
- Ability to transfer contributions from Pilar II to Pilar I (Government pension fund)
- Reduction of the initial fee from 2.5% to 1.0%
- Higher capital requirements for the Pillar II Pension Fund managers
- Broadening the investment opportunities by allowing to invest in public private partnerships



### **Conclusions**



- Overall, the impact of the Emergency Government Ordinance on the Fund's unlisted assets will depend on the level of the price cap for electricity generation companies and the degree to which some of the additional taxes will be passed through in the tariffs by the electricity and gas distribution companies. As mentioned on slide 6, the regulator should enact the methodology in January 2019 (exact timing is not yet known)
- The share prices of the listed companies in the Fund's portfolio have already reacted to the potential negative impact from the initial draft and have recovered part of the losses upon the approval of the amended OUG
- Furthermore, the unlisted companies in the Fund's portfolio are in the annual revaluation process and the
  updated valuations will be incorporated in the Net Asset Value report for December 2018, which will be published
  by 15 January 2019. Some of the Fund's largest unlisted assets, including Hidroelectrica, Bucharest Airports, and
  Salrom had a strong performance throughout the first 9 months of 2018 and this would be considered in the
  updated valuations.
- However, given that the measures detailed in this presentation were published and approved on very short notice
  and without public consultation, we are currently still assessing the extent of the impact of the OUG on these
  valuations. Moreover, as stated above, there are regulatory clarifications still required
- The Fund will carefully analyze all the proposals of EGO and is determined to take any necessary legal steps to defend the value of its portfolio companies



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