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The Dominican Republic receives the award Sovereign Issuer of the Year

The country received the "Sovereign Issuer of the Year 2018" award by LatinFinance, the main global source of intelligence on financial markets and the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean.

This is due to the government's successful issuing of bonds on international markets during the months of February and July of last year.

The organization recognizes the financing strategy implemented by the country, which combined the issuance of bonds in US dollars at different maturities and the historical milestone of the first issue made in local currency, which was done last year.

In the transaction of February 2018, bonds were placed in US dollars with a maturity of 30 years, at an interest rate of 6.5% (the lowest achieved by the country for that number of years), for an amount of US \$1 billion, and bonds in Dominican pesos for an amount of DOP \$40 billion, at 5 years and a rate of 8.9%.

In July, bonds were placed in US dollars with a term of 10 years, at an interest rate of 6.0%, for an amount of US \$1.3 billion, after having a demand of around 2.7 times the amount of that issue, mirroring the significant interest for bonds of a country with sovereign credit rating.

The Minister of Finance, Donald Guerrero Ortiz, stated that the transaction was optimal in terms of costs and risks, because it managed to keep the weighted average interest rate of the portfolio stable.

He added that this reduced the risk of refinancing by increasing the average life of the portfolio from 9 to 9.6 years and mitigated the exchange rate risk by including a proportion of financing in local currency.

"This recognition reaffirms the confidence that the markets have in the sovereign credit of the Dominican Republic", the official said.

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