

## Colombia | BanRep increased its monetary policy rate up to 7.25%

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During its May meeting the Central Bank's Board increased its monetary policy rate 25 bp taking the repo rate up to 7.25% (Consensus: 7.25%; BBVAe: 7.5%). During the press conference, BanRep's Managing Director, Jose Dario Uribe, pointed out that the majority of the members voted for the 25bp interest rate hike. In addition, the Board announced the suspension of the auction program of call options. In our view, the end of the monetary policy hiking cycle is close to an end. Nonetheless, several elements could keep BanRep's Board in a data-dependent mode. Particularly, 1Q16 GDP data and May's inflation print will be important elements to assess in the next CB's meeting.