

## Daily Latam | Colombia GDP weaker than expected in 4Q14, the year ends at 4.6% in 2014

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*Today we are awaiting the publication of Chile's national accounts of Chile during 4Q14, where we expect GDP growth in 2014 of 1.8%.*

### Colombia – Growth in 2014 was good, but what matters now is 2015

Economic growth in the fourth quarter stood at 3.5%, weaker than we expected (4.5%) and the market (3.9%), largely due to the impact of the low growth in civil works. QoQ, GDP growth registered a slight slowdown from the 3Q14 result, from 0.9% QoQ to 0.7% QoQ. The components of growth remained similar, with construction and commerce contributing the most to the annual rate. The tradable sectors were sluggish, while services had an acceptable quarter. The government maintained its high level of spending, and taxes registered an outstanding variation of 8.2% YoY. As a result, the economy grew 4.6% in 2014, very close to the 4.9% of 2013. For 2015 we maintain our forecast of 3.6%, with different paces in the two halves of the year: we anticipate that the economy will expand 3.2% and 4.1% in the first and the second half, respectively.

### What to watch today

#### Chile – National accounts (4Q14, 06.30hrs NYT)

We expect GDP to have grown 1.9% YoY in 4Q14, closing 2014 with a +1.8% GDP growth. Domestic demand, although recovering due to the acceleration of fiscal expenditure, is likely to remain sluggish, mainly in terms of private demand (consumption and investment). The latter, added to the depreciation of the real exchange rate, is a signal that the adjustment in the current account of the balance of payment continued during the last quarter of 2014, closing the full year with a deficit at around 0.9% of GDP, below the 3.4% deficit of 2013.

## Calendar indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
FGV CPI IPC-S	16-Mar	Mar-19	1.42%	--	1.49%	1.3%
Economic Activity MoM	16-Mar	Jan	0.02%	0.20%	-0.11%	-0.6%
Formal Job Creation Total	16-Mar	Feb	26500	--	-81774	-81774
Tax Collections	16-Mar	Feb	85800M	--	125281M	125282M
FGV Inflation IGP-10 MoM	17-Mar	Mar	0.81%	--	0.83%	0.4%
CNI Industrial Confidence	17-Mar	Mar		--	37.5	40.2
FIPE CPI - Weekly	19-Mar	Mar-19	0.91%	--	--	1.0%
IBGE Inflation IPCA-15 MoM	20-Mar	Mar	1.24%	1.18	--	1.3%
<b>Chile</b>						
GDP QoQ	18-Mar	4Q	0.92%	0.93%	--	0.4%
Overnight Rate Target	19-Mar	Mar-23	3.0%	3.0%	--	3.0%
<b>Colombia</b>						
GDP YoY	17-Mar	4Q	4%	--	3.50%	4.2%
Trade Balance	20-Mar	Jan	-1660	--	--	-1452.7
Retail Confidence	20-Mar	Feb		--	--	22.7
Industrial Confidence	20-Mar	Feb		--	--	80.0%
Overnight Lending Rate	20-Mar	Mar-24	4.50%	--	--	4.5%
<b>México</b>						
Retail Sales YoY	20-Mar	Jan	3%	2.91%	--	2.4%
<b>Perú</b>						
Unemployment Rate	16-Mar	Feb	7%	--	6.90%	6.4%
Economic Activity YoY	16-Mar	Jan	1.80%	2.10%	1.68%	0.5%

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