

Latam Daily | Confidence prints in Colombia anticipate a domestic demand slowdown in 2015

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Today, among other indicators, we are waiting for the publication of the survey of analysts in Chile, which should confirm the anchoring of inflation around the central bank's target of 3% along with the expectation of a stable MPR in the coming months.

Colombia – Business confidence is slowing, but not at the same pace as consumer expectations

In March, industrial confidence was 4.1 (range between -100 and 100), below the February figure (7.3). According to the results, the next three months' production expectations remained at high levels, but the recovery in current orders is still very slow. Meanwhile, business confidence stood at 20.3, slightly below the February figure (21.4). Traders reduced their assessment of the current situation, but increased their confidence on six months' ahead sales. In total, confidence anticipates a slowdown in domestic demand during 2015.

What to watch today

Chile – Financial trader's survey (2nd fortnight April, 07:30hrs NYT)

We expect inflation estimates at around +0.3% MoM for April, and long-term inflation expectations anchored to the central bank's 3% YoY target. Results will also point to a stable monetary policy rate in coming months.

Brazil – External accounts report (March, 09:30hrs NYT)

We expect both economic activity and the recent currency depreciation to imply some reduction in the current account deficit in March, a trend likely to persist for the rest of the year.

Colombia – Imports and trade balance (February, 17:00hrs NYT)

We expect imports to fall 14.3% YoY, settling at USD CIF 4,286mn. Meanwhile, the trade balance should post a deficit of USD955mn, less than the January figure. All in all, this result would help to gradually close the current account imbalance for 2015.

Calendar indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Cons ens us	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
Central Bank Weekly Economists Survey	20-Apr		-		-	
Current Account Balance	22-Apr	Mar	-\$5000M		-	-\$6879M
Foreign Direct Investment	22-Apr	Mar	\$3600M		-	\$2769M
FGV CPI IPC-S	23-Apr	Apr 22	0.76%		-	0.93%
Fomal Job Creation Total	24-Apr	Mar	-20400		-	-2415
Tax Collections	24-Apr	Mar	96138,5M		-	89982M
Chile						
Central Bank's Traders Survey	22-Apr		-		-	
PPI MoM	24-Apr	Mar	-		-	-0.011
Colombia						
Retail Confidence	21-Apr	Mar	-	14	20.3	21.4
Industrial Confidence	21-Apr	Mar	-	2	4.1	7.3
Trade Balance	22-Apr	Feb	-\$1189,5	-955	-	-\$1797.6
Imports CIF Total	22-Apr	Feb	\$4,800	4,286	-	\$4885.0
Overnight Lending Rate	24-Apr	Apr 24	4.5%	4.50%	-	4.5%
Mexico						
Banamex Survey of Economists	21-Apr		-		-	
Economic Activity IGAE YoY	23-Apr	Feb	2.40%	2.34%	-	2.0%
Retail Sales YoY	24-Apr	Feb	4.50%	4.46%	-	4.7%
Retail Sales MoM	24-Apr	Feb	0.10%	-0.10%	-	2.1%

Source: Bloomberg and BBVA Research

Most recent Latam reports

Date	Description
04.16.2015	Chile: Central bank kept policy rate at 3%, as widely expected
04.13.2015	Mexico: Industrial production pushes down our growth expectations
04.10.2015	Peru: New monetary pause and the window of opportunity for rate cut is reduced (In Spanish)
04.08.2015	Brazil: Inflation jumps above 8%; pressure from administered prices to ease ahead
04.08.2015	Chile: March's CPI increased 0.6% MoM, below market expectations
04.06.2015	Chile: Imacec expanded 2.0% YoY in February, slightly above expectations
04.06.2015	Colombia: Inflation in March reaches maximum in 6 years driven by food costs (In Spanish)
30.03.2015	Mexico: IGAE and exports point to moderate economic performance in the first quarter
30.03.2015	Chile: Activity by sector anticipates an Imacec at around 2% YoY in February

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