





Latam Daily | Gloomier outlook in Mexico and Chile

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Mexican industrial output fell in May implying that the IGAE is likely to drop and growth to slow. Colombian CB minutes revealed concern about GDP growth, domestic demand and core inflation. We expect rates to remain unchanged. Chilean economists revised downwards their GDP growth forecast for 2015 and 2016 while anticipating that the MPR will remain unchanged until 2H16

Chile - Economists' survey revised downwards GDP growth expectations for 2015 and 2016

Growth forecast for 2015 and 2016 were revised downwards to 2.3% and 3.0% from 2.6% and 3.4%, respectively. Also, inflation is expected to reach +3.8% YoY at the end of the year (from 3.5% YoY in previous survey), while long-term inflation expectations remain anchored to central bank target of 3% YoY. In terms of monetary policy, results indicated a slightly more dovish view considering a stable policy rate at 3% for the next eleven months and postponing hikes into 2H16. Finally, the exchange rate forecast points to a stable currency at around CLP640 per dollar.

Colombia - BanRep minutes

The central bank released the minutes of its June meeting. According to the report, BanRep's board mentioned that the new information available corroborates the gradual contraction in domestic demand and output growth. In addition, the members of the board emphasised that annual inflation has declined, but core inflation indicators increased. Nevertheless, the report highlighted that inflation expectations continued to be anchored. It is important to note, that on this occasion, the minutes signalled that the balance of payments deficit on current account "poses vulnerability to the Colombian economy". All in all, the minutes ratified our view that BanRep will keep its repo rate on hold for the rest of the year.

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Calendar indicators

	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
Brazil						
Formal Job Creation Total	13 July to 20 July	Jun				-115,599
Retail Sales MoM	14 July	May	-0.2%	-0.50%		-0.4%
Economic Activity MoM	15 July	May	-0.60%	-0.80%		-0.84%
FGV CPI IPC-S	16 July	01-jul				0.82%
CNI Industrial Confidence	17 July	Jul				38.9
Chile						
Overnight Rate Target	14 July		3.00%	3.00%		3.00%
Colombia						
Vehicle Sales	13 July to 15 July	Jun				22,696
Retail Sales YoY	15 July	May	2.9%	3.10%		-1.0%
Industrial Production YoY	15 July	May	-2.2%	-4.0%		-3.6%
Consumer Confidence Index	15 July	Jun		10		13.7
Peru						
Economic Activity YoY	15 July	May	2.5%	1.80%		4.3%
Unemployment Rate	15 July	Jun				7.0%

Source: Bloomberg and BBVA Research

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