

LatAm Daily | Chilean figures in 2Q15 confirm slower activity

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Domestic demand figures showed a slight improvement in 2Q15 although investment in infrastructure grew 3.3% YoY. Imports contracted 5.1% YoY while exports fell 4.9%. We maintain both our forecast of 2.2% GDP growth and a current account surplus of 0.7% of GDP. Colombian consumer confidence will be released today; we expect signals of a slowdown in private consumption

Chile - GDP growth decelerated to 1.9% YoY in 2Q15

GDP growth increased 1.9% YoY in 2Q15 (0.0% QoQ; +2.2% YoY in 1H15), slightly above expectations (at +1.7% YoY). Although the investment in infrastructure print was higher than expected at +3.3% YoY, the figures still indicate slack in other domestic demand components, such as private consumption (+1.6% YoY) and investment in machinery and equipment (-15.9% YoY). Consistently, real imports declined by 5.1% YoY which added to weaker external demand that dragged real exports to -4.9% YoY. In this context, the current account surplus was 1.2% of GDP in 2Q15 and a narrower deficit of 0.1% of GDP on a yearly basis. All in all, we reiterate both our forecast of 2.2% GDP growth and a current account surplus at 0.7% of GDP for this year (see our [Chile Flash](#) in Spanish for more details).

What to watch today

Colombia - Consumer confidence (July, time undisclosed)

We expect consumer confidence to stand at 12.0 (in a range between -100 and 100), slightly below the June figure (14.7%). This indicator would be consistent with our outlook of a sharper deceleration in household spending during the second half of 2015.

Calendar indicators

	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
Brazil						
Formal Job Creation Total	14 August - 21 August	Jul	-113,950		--	-111,199
CNI Industrial Confidence	19 August	Aug	--		--	37.2
Unemployment Rate	20 August	Jul	7.0%		--	6.9%
IBGE Inflation IPCA-15 MoM	21 August	Aug	0.45%		--	0.59%
Chile						
GDP YoY	18 August	2Q	1.70%	1.70%	1.9%	2.40%
GDP QoQ	18 August	2Q	-0.18%	-0.10%	0.0%	1.00%
Current Account Balance	18 August	2Q	--	\$450M	\$761M	\$1,203M
Colombia						
Consumer Confidence Index	19 August	Jul	15	12	--	14.7
Trade Balance	21 August	Jun	--	-\$833M	--	-\$870.9M
Imports CIF Total	21 August	Jun	--	\$4,233M	--	\$4,439.6M
Overnight Lending Rate	21 August	Aug 21	4.50%	0.045	--	4.50%
Mexico						
Economic Activity IGAE YoY	20 August	Jun	--	2.30%	--	1.51%
GDP SA QoQ	20 August	2Q	--	0.40%	--	0.4%
Retail Sales YoY	21 August	Jun	--		--	4.1%
Retail Sales MoM	21 August	Jun	--		--	0.2%

Source: Bloomberg and BBVA Research

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