

Latam Daily Flash

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Yesterday there were just a few indicators published in the region. In Mexico, a weaker than anticipated Global Activity Index confirms our call for a slight deceleration in 1Q13e. In contrast, in Peru the central bank raised its GDP forecast for 2013 slightly on the back of strong capital inflows supporting domestic demand. Today will be a quiet day in Latam, with no major indicators expected either.

Mexico - Global Activity Index shows slight moderation in 1Q13

Global activity index grew in January 0.20% MoM (seasonally-adjusted). This increase was slightly below BBVA Research's expectation of 0.50% MoM, and confirms a deceleration at the beginning of 1Q13.

Peru - Central bank raises its GDP and capital inflows forecasts for 2013

In its latest Inflation report, the central bank increased its GDP forecast for 2013 from 6.2% to 6.3%. This revision is underpinned by stronger domestic demand, which is in part due to higher expected private capital inflows, especially long-term flows. Hence the central bank's new 2013 macroeconomic base scenario is in general more in line with our forecast.

What to watch today

No major indicators expected today

Calendar: Indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
FGV CPI IPC-S	25-Mar	2-mar	0.68%	--	0.78%	0.63%
FGV Consumer Confidence	25-Mar	Mar	--	--	113.9	116.2
Trade Balance (FOB) - Weekly	25-Mar	2-mar	--	--	\$211M	-\$448M
FIPE CPI - Weekly	26-Mar	2-mar	-0.18%	--	--	-0.11%
FGV Inflation IGP-M (YoY)	27-Mar	Mar	8.13%	--	--	8.29%
Central Bank 1Q Inflation Report	28-Mar	1-ene	--	--	--	--
Unemployment Rate	28-Mar	Feb	5.70%	5.70%	--	5.40%
Primary Budget Balance	28-Mar	Feb	5.25B	--	--	30.3B
Chile						
Manufacturing Index	28-Mar	Feb	2.50%	0.80%	--	4.30%
Retail Sales (YoY)	28-Mar	Feb	8.20%	6.20%	--	9.50%
Copper Production Total	28-Mar	Feb	--	379474	--	474496
Unemployment Rate	28-Mar	Feb	6.00%	6.10%	--	6.00%
Colombia						
Current Account	26-Mar	4Q	--	-\$2931M	--	-\$3630M
Urban Unemployment Rate	27-Mar	Feb	12.30%	12%	--	13.10%
Mexico						
Global Economic Indicator IGAE	25-Mar	Jan	2.60%	2.50%	3.24%	1.42%
Trade Balance	27-Mar	Feb P	-1200M	-707M	--	-2866.4M
Bloomberg Mar. Mexico Economic Survey	27-Mar	1-ene	--	--	--	--
Budget Balance (Year to date)	27-Mar	Feb	--	--	--	21.10B

Most recent Latam reports

Date	Description
23-3-2013	➤ Mexico Banking Flash: Financial System Stability Council: the Mexican financial system maintains an adequate level of resistance to turbulence
22-3-2013	➤ Flash Colombia: BanRep cut policy rate by 50 bps to 3.25%
22-3-2013	➤ Mexico Inflation Flash: March's bi-weekly inflation: Food-driven upside surprise; temporary increase and low and stable core inflation keep monetary policy expectations unchanged
21-3-2013	➤ Mexico Banking Flash: ICAP: banks pass the first Basel III test
21-3-2013	➤ Mexico Real Estate Flash: Bank lending for housing construction is contracting: True or False?
21-3-2013	➤ Flash Colombia: Colombian economy remains on a path of high growth
21-3-2013	➤ Mexico Banking Flash: Private-sector credit continues to grow at double-digit rates
20-3-2013	➤ Mexico Real Estate Flash: Strong mortgage activity in early 2013
20-3-2013	➤ Mexico GDP Flash: 4Q12 GDP: growth based on the good performance of the private consumer expenditures, as opposed to investment
18-3-2013	➤ Chile Flash: Domestic demand remains dynamic in line with current account worsening

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