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Colombia – Industrial and commercial confidence data confirm that consumption is driving growth

In October, industrial confidence returned to negative numbers (-1.4 vs. 0.4 in September in a range between -100 and 100), which is associated with a possible contraction of the sector. Despite the reduction in stocks and increased orders, manufacturers were pessimistic about production for the next three months. Meanwhile, commercial confidence increased to 17.5 from 16.7 in September, boosted by a better assessment of the current economic situation and a reduction in inventories, but restricted by about a less optimistic view on sales during the next six months. All in all, confidence indicators reinforce the view that private consumption is driving growth, with a smaller contribution from private non-residential investment, both of which we had anticipated.

What to watch today

Brazil - Monetary policy meeting (unspecified announcement time)

We expect the Selic to be adjusted by another 50bp and thus reach 10.0% (vs. 7.25% in April). In addition to the decision per se, the focus will be on the communiqué, which could signal that the end of the ongoing monetary tightening cycle is close to its end. We continue to see the most likely scenario as a final 25bp adjustment in January.

Chile - Central Bank Financial Traders Survey (2nd half November, 07:30hrs NYT)

We expect the survey to show inflation estimates at around 0.2% MoM for November and expectations of a stable monetary policy rate at December's meeting. This in a context where long-term inflation expectations re-anchor to the central bank's 3% goal, reacting to the accumulated 50bp cut in policy rate during the last two months. Finally, we also anticipate an exchange-rate forecast in the order of USDCLP 525 on a three-month horizon.

Calendar: Indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
FGV Consumer Confidence	25 Nov	Nov			112.8	111.7
FGV CPI IPC-S	25 Nov	Nov	0.66%		0.67%	0.64%
FIPE CPI - Weekly	27 Nov	Nov	0.54%		0.52%	0.55%
Selic Rate	27 Nov		10%	10%		9.50%
FGV Inflation IGPM MoM	28 Nov	Nov	0.33%			0.86%
PPI Manufacturing MoM	28 Nov	Oct				0.62%
Total Outstanding Loans	28 Nov	Oct				2598B
Primary Budget Balance	29 Nov	Oct	10B			-9.0B
Chile						
Manufacturing Index YoY	29 Nov	Oct	-2.10%	-2.10%		-1.00%
Retail Sales YoY	29 Nov	Oct	7.10%	6.60%		7.00%
Unemployment Rate	29 Nov	Oct	5.70%	5.80%		5.70%
Colombia						
Outstanding Loans YoY	27 Nov	Sep				15.89%
Industrial Confidence	26 Nov	Oct		3	-1.4	0.4
Retail Confidence	26 Nov	Oct		18	17.5	16.7
National Unemployment Rate	29 Nov	Oct		9.50%		9.00%
Overnight Lending Rate	29 Nov		3.25%	3.25%		3.25%
Mexico						
Unemployment Rate	25 Nov	Oct	5.15%	5.20%	5.01%	5.29%
Current Account Balance	25 Nov	3Q	-\$4000M	-\$3390M	-\$5457M	-\$6008M

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