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Colombia - Confidence index confirms good consumption performance in 4Q13

In December, the retail confidence index stood at 22.0 (in a range between -100 and 100), above November's figure (18.5). Altogether, in 4Q13 the confidence indicator exceeded the 3Q13 print by 2.6 points. Retailers are optimistic about their company's financial situation and on expectations of sales six months ahead. However, industrial confidence remained in negative territory (-1.3), although it was an improvement on November's figure (-5.2). Inventory reduction at the end of 2013 boosted three-month expectations about production. As a result, we expect stronger private consumption during 4Q13 than in 3Q13, but a later recovery in private non-residential investment than we initially expected.

What to watch today

Brazil - Credit report (December, 07:30hrs NYT)

We expect to see a moderation in loans from public banks at the end of the year, in line with very recent trends. This would contribute to the overall moderation of credit markets in Brazil in 2013 vs. 2012, driven by both structural (higher household indebtedness) and short-term issues (moderation in activity and tighter monetary conditions).

Calendar: Indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
FIPE CPI - Weekly	27 Jan	Jan	0.86%		0.86%	0.83%
FGV Construction Costs MoM	28 Jan	Jan	0.59%		0.70%	0.22%
Outstanding Loans MoM	29 Jan	Dec				1.50%
FGV Inflation IGPM MoM	30 Jan	Jan	0.49%			0.60%
PPI Manufacturing MoM	30 Jan	Dec				0.62%
Unemployment Rate	30 Jan	Dec	4.40%	4.30%		4.60%
Primary Budget Balance	31 Jan	Dec	11,0B	14.0B		29.7B
Chile						
Manufacturing Index YoY	30 Jan	Dec		0.50%		-1.10%
Retail Sales YoY	30 Jan	Dec		8.00%		9.20%
Unemployment Rate	31 Jan	Dec	5.70%	5.90%		5.70%
Central Bank Meeting Minutes	31 Jan	Jan				
Colombia						
Industrial Confidence	28 Jan	Dec		0	-1.3	-5.2
Retail Confidence	28 Jan	Dec		20	22	18.5
Urban Unemployment Rate	31 Jan	Dec	9.30%	9.70%		9.30%
Overnight Lending Rate	31 Jan	Jan	3.25%	3.25%		3.25%
Budget Balance	31 Jan	Dec				-\$1997B
Mexico						
Economic Activity IGAE YoY	27 Jan	Nov	0.80%	0.10%	0.10%	1.33%
Trade Balance	27 Jan	Dec	819,5M	1101.0M	1657,6M	339.1M
Overnight Rate	31 Jan	-	3.50%	3.50%		3.50%
Peru						
CPI MoM	2 Feb	Jan	-			0.17%



Most recent Latam reports

Date	Description
28-01-2014	Chile Flash: We expect January CPI at 0.14% and see a negative bias on our February CPI forecast (in Spanish)
24-01-2014	Mexico Banking Flash: Bank deposits: momentum in the second half of the year (in Spanish)
23-01-2014	> Brazil Flash: COPOM sees higher inflation and stable economic activity ahead
23-01-2014	Mexico Inflation Flash: Inflation in the first fortnight of January
22-01-2014	Mexico Economic Watch: The evolution of educational attainment in Mexico and the OECD, 1960-2010 (in Spanish)
22-01-2014	> Peru Real Estate Outlook 2013
21-01-2014	> Colombia Economic Watch: How good are the employment data?
20-01-2014	Chile Flash: We expect December Imaec between 2.2% and 3.2% YoY and GDP to close 2013 around 4.1%
16-01-2014	> Chile Flash: Central bank kept policy rate at 4.5% but includes a dovish bias
16-01-2014	Serial Flash: Higher inflation and a weaker currency force the COPOM to maintain the tightening pace



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