

Latam Daily Flash

8 November 2013
Economic Analysis

Madrid
Juan Ruiz
Chief Economist, South America
juan.ruiz@bbva.com
+34 913745887

Enestor dos Santos
Principal Economist, Latam
enestor.dossantos@bbva.com
+34 639827211

Cecilia Posadas
Economist, Latam
c.posadas@bbva.com
+ 34 913746279

With contributions from the BBVA
Research Latam Team:

Lima
Hugo Perea
Chief Economist, Peru
hugo.perea@bbva.com
+51 1 2112042

Bogota
Juana Tellez
Chief Economist, Colombia
juana.tellez@bbva.com
+571 3471600

Santiago
Jorge Selaive
Chief Economist, Chile
jselaive@bbva.com
+56 2 2939 10 92

Mexico City
Carlos Serrano
Chief Economist, Mexico
carlos.serranoh@bbva.com
+ 5255 5621 4354

Javier Amador
Principal Economist, Mexico
javier.amadord@bbva.com
+ 5255 5621 3095

In Peru central bank surprised by cutting its policy rate, the CB said the cut took into account that growth has slowed below its potential rate. Inflation data from Brazil confirmed that the downward trend has come to an end. We have adjusted our inflation forecast upwards, and also updated our interest rates forecast and now expect the Selic to close 2013 at 10%.

Peru - Central Bank surprised by cutting its policy rate

The Central Bank (CB) lowered the benchmark rate 25 basis points, bringing it to 4.0%. The decision was widely unexpected, given that in its latest press releases the CB had been arguing that GDP growth was close to its long term trend. However, today, the CB said the cut took into account that growth has slowed below its potential rate. Going forward, the uncertainty about the path that the policy rate will follow has increased, given the sudden change in the CB perception on the state of the economic cycle and the expected rebound of activity since the last quarter of the year (see [Peru Flash](#)).

Brazil - Inflation's downward trend comes to an end; we adjust our Selic forecast upwards

Yearly inflation came in at 5.84% YoY in October, broadly in line with expectations (BBVAe: 5.82% YoY; consensus: 5.87% YoY) and more or less stable in comparison to the previous reading (5.86% YoY). Taking into account the data released yesterday and the likelihood of an adjustment in fuel prices in November, we have adjusted our inflation forecasts for the end of the year from 5.7% YoY to 5.8% YoY (and to 6.0% YoY in November), as we expect the declining trend in inflation to reverse after having dropped continuously since June (6.70% YoY). As inflation remains high and resilient (not only observed inflation but more especially expectations), and given the lack of signals from the monetary authority about the end of the ongoing monetary tightening cycle, we have also updated our interest-rate forecasts and now expect the authority to adjust the Selic by another 50bp at its next monetary policy meeting (the last in 2013), taking it to 10.0% at the end of the year. The tightening is likely to continue at the beginning of 2014, with a final 25bp hike in January.

Mexico - Core inflation remains subdued while non-core inflation was driven higher by electricity tariffs

Headline inflation was pretty much in line with expectations, increasing 0.48% in October (BBVAe: 0.43%; consensus: 0.46%). Annual inflation remained practically unchanged, decreasing from 3.39% in September to 3.36% in October YoY. Core inflation was 0.19% MoM, in line with consensus expectations and a touch above our below-consensus forecast (BBVAe: 0.15%), decreasing slightly in annual terms to 2.48% YoY from 2.52% in September. Compared with our forecast, the upside surprise was mainly driven by a stronger than anticipated acceleration in the "other services" component which rose 0.46% MoM (BBVAe: 0.25%), driven higher by a 2.13% MoM increase in mobile phone rates. The strong services print more than offset the softer than expected increase in the core goods component (actual: 0.11% MoM; BBVAe: 0.15%).

Chile - Trade balance registered a surplus of USD241mn in October

After three consecutive months of deficits, the balance of trade was a positive USD241mn in October, accumulating a surplus of USD1,079mn in 2013. The figure was driven by exports at USD7,044mn (-5.4% YoY) while imports reached USD6,803mn (-13.9% YoY). Meanwhile, copper exports amounted to USD3,893mn (-14.0% YoY). These prints showed a sharp slowdown in the value of imports due to both a deceleration in domestic demand and decreases in the price of oil-related products.

What to watch today

Chile - Consumer price index (October, 7:00hrs NYT)

We expect October CPI to be the same as in September (0.0% MoM and +1.4% YoY). Increases in prices of perishable food, due to supply shock (climate factor), should be fully compensated by decreases in prices of fuels. Although monthly inflation is low, we only expect the annualised figure to be below 2% temporarily.

Calendar: Indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
FIPE CPI - Monthly	4 Nov	Oct	0,43%	--	0,48%	0,25%
PMI Services	5 Nov	Oct	--	--	52,1	50,7
FGV Inflation IGP-DI MoM	6 Nov	Oct	0,74%	--	0,63%	1,36%
Commodity Price Index MoM	6 Nov	Oct	-2,81%	--	-2,67%	-2,82%
Vehicle Production Anfavea	6 Nov	Oct	--	--	323776	332029
IBGE Inflation IPCA MoM	7 Nov	Oct	0,60%	0,55%	0,57%	0,35%
CNI Capacity Utilization (SA)	8 Nov	Sep	82,15%	--	--	82,00%
IGP-M Inflation 1st Preview	8 Nov	Nov	0,60%	--	0,30%	0,85%
FGV CPI IPC-S	8 Nov	Nov	0,60%	--	0,63%	0,55%
Chile						
Economic Activity YoY	5 Nov	Sep	4,15%	3,90%	3,90%	4,10%
Central Bank Meeting Minutes	5 Nov	--	--	--	--	--
Trade Balance	7 nov	Oct	-\$132	--	\$241	-\$220
Exports Total	7 Nov	Oct	--	--	\$7044	\$5853
Imports Total	7 Nov	Oct	--	--	\$6803	\$6074
CPI YoY	8 Nov	Oct	1,44%	0,00%	--	2,00%
Colombia						
CPI MoM	6 Nov	Oct	0,13%	0,11%	-0,26%	0,29%
CPI Core MoM	6 Nov	Oct	--	0,07%	0,03%	0,26%
Exports FOB	8 Nov	Sep	--	\$4850	--	\$4978.3
Colombia Monetary Policy Minutes	8 Nov	--	--	--	--	--
Mexico						
Consumer Confidence Index	4 Nov	Oct	92,80	--	91,2	94,10
Central Bank 3Q Inflation Report	6 Nov	--	--	--	--	--
CPI MoM	7 Nov	Oct	0,46%	--	0,48%	0,38%
CPI Core MoM	7 Nov	Oct	0,19%	--	0,19%	0,32%
Gross Fixed Investment	8 Nov	Aug	-3,00%	--	--	-0,40%
Central Bank Monetary Policy Minutes	8 Nov	--	--	--	--	--
Vehicle Production AMIA	6 Nov	Oct	--	--	285230	241740
Peru						
Reference Rate	8 Nov	Nov	4,25%	4,25%	4,00%	4,25%

Most recent Latam reports

Date	Description
7-11-2013	➤ Flash Peru: Central Bank surprised by cutting its policy rate
7-11-2013	➤ Uruguay Economic Outlook: Second Half 2013 (in Spanish)
7-11-2013	➤ Mexico Inflation Flash: Core inflation remains subdued while non-core inflation was driven higher by electricity tariffs
7-11-2013	➤ Peru Economic Outlook: Fourth Quarter 2013 (in Spanish)
6-11-2013	➤ Chile Economic Outlook: Fourth Quarter 2013 (in Spanish)
6-11-2013	➤ Colombia Flash: October inflation surprised on the downside by falling 0,26% MoM and reducing annual inflation (1,84%) below the target range
5-11-2013	➤ Flash Chile: Monthly activity reached 3.9% YoY in September (in Spanish)
5-11-2013	➤ Chile Economic Watch: 3Q13 Budget Execution: More revenue and less expenditure
4-11-2013	➤ Flash Peru: October Inflation was in line with market expectations
1-11-2013	➤ Mexico Economic Watch: Update of Fiscal Reform: approved in both Chambers with few changes

Important Disclosures

The BBVA Group companies that have participated in preparing or contributed information, opinions, estimates, forecasts or recommendations to this report are identified by the location(s) of the author(s) listed on the first page as follows: 1) Madrid, London or Europe - Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., including its E.U. branches (hereinafter called 'BBVA'), 2) Mexico City - BBVA Bancomer, S.A. Institución de Banca Múltiple, Grupo Financiero BBVA Bancomer (hereinafter called 'BBVA Bancomer'); 3) New York - BBVA Securities, Inc. (hereinafter called 'BBVA Securities'); 4.) Lima - BBVA Continental S.A.; 5.) Bogota - BBVA Colombia S.A.; 6.) Santiago - BBVA Chile S.A.

For recipients in the European Union, this document is distributed by BBVA, a bank supervised by the Bank of Spain and by Spain's Stock Exchange Commission (CNMV), and registered with the Bank of Spain with number 0182.

For recipients in Mexico, this document is distributed by BBVA Bancomer, a bank supervised by the Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores de México.

For recipients in USA, this document is being distributed by BBVA Securities, a subsidiary of BBVA registered with and supervised by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. U.S. persons wishing to execute any transactions should do so only by contacting a representative of BBVA Securities in the U.S. Unless local regulations provide otherwise, non-U.S. persons should contact and execute transactions through a BBVA branch or affiliate in their home jurisdiction.

BBVA and BBVA Group companies or affiliates (art. 42 of the Royal Decree of 22 August 1885 Code of Commerce), are subject to the BBVA Group Policy on Conduct for Security Market Operations which establishes common standards for activity in these entities' markets, but also specifically for analysis and analysts. This BBVA policy is available for reference at the following web site: www.bbva.com.

Analysts residing outside the U.S. who have contributed to this report are not registered with or qualified as research analysts by FINRA or the New York Stock Exchange and may not be considered "associated persons" of BBVA Securities (as such term is construed by the rules of FINRA). As such, they are not subject to NASD Rule 2711 restrictions on communications with subject companies, public appearances and trading of securities held in research analysts' accounts.

BBVA is subject to a Code of Conduct for Security Market Operations, which details the standards of the above-mentioned overall policy for the EU. Among other regulations, it includes rules to prevent and avoid conflicts of interests with the ratings given, including information barriers. This Code of Conduct for Security Market Operations is available for reference in the 'Corporate Governance' section of the following web site: www.bbva.com.

BBVA Bancomer is subject to a Code of Conduct and to Internal Standards of Conduct for Security Market Operations, which details the standards of the above-mentioned overall policy for Mexico. Among other regulations, it includes rules to prevent and avoid conflicts of interests with the ratings given, including information barriers. This Code and the Internal Standards are available for reference in the 'Grupo BBVA Bancomer' subsection of the 'Conócenos' menu of the following web site: www.bancomer.com.

BBVA Securities is subject to a Capital Markets Code of Conduct, which details the standards of the above-mentioned overall policy for USA. Among other regulations, it includes rules to prevent and avoid conflicts of interests with the ratings given, including information barriers.

Exclusively for Recipients Resident in Mexico

BBVA Bancomer S.A. Institución de Banca Múltiple, Grupo Financiero BBVA Bancomer acts as a market maker/specialist in: MexDer Future Contracts (US dollar [DEUA], 28-day TIIEs [TE28], TIIE Swaps, 91-day CETES [CE91]), Bonos M, Bonos M3, Bonos M10, BMV Price and Quotations Index (IPC), Options Contracts (IPC, shares in América Móvil, Cemex, CPO, Femsa UBD, Gcarso A1, Telmex L) and Udibonos.

BBVA Bancomer, and, as applicable, its affiliates within BBVA Bancomer Financial Group, may hold from time to time investments in the securities or derivative financial instruments with underlying securities covered in this report, which represent 10% or more of its securities or investment portfolio, or 10% or more of the issue or underlying of the securities covered.

DISCLAIMER

This document and the information, opinions, estimates and recommendations expressed herein, have been prepared by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (hereinafter called "BBVA") to provide its customers with general information and are current as of the date of issue and subject to changes without prior notice. BBVA is not liable for giving notice of such changes or for updating the contents hereof.

This document and its contents do not constitute an offer, invitation or solicitation to purchase or subscribe to any securities or other instruments, or to undertake or divest investments. Neither shall this document nor its contents form the basis of any contract, commitment or decision of any kind.

Investors who have access to this document should be aware that the securities, instruments or investments to which it refers may not be appropriate for them due to their specific investment goals, financial positions or risk profiles, as these have not been taken into account to prepare this report. Therefore, investors should make their own investment decisions considering the said circumstances and obtaining such specialized advice as may be necessary. The contents of this document are based upon information available to the public that has been obtained from sources considered to be reliable. However, such information has not been independently verified by BBVA and therefore no warranty, either express or implicit, is given regarding its accuracy, integrity or correctness. BBVA accepts no liability of any type for any direct or indirect losses arising from the use of the document or its contents. Investors should note that the past performance of securities or instruments or the historical results of investments do not guarantee future performance.

The market prices of securities or instruments or the results of investments could fluctuate against the interests of investors. Investors should be aware that they could even face a loss of their investment. Transactions in futures, options and securities or high-yield securities can involve high risks and are not appropriate for every investor. Indeed, in the case of some investments, the potential losses may exceed the amount of initial investment and, in such circumstances, investors may be required to pay more money to support those losses. Thus, before undertaking any transaction with these instruments, investors should be aware of their operation, as well as the rights, liabilities and risks implied by the same and the underlying stocks. Investors should also be aware that secondary markets for the said instruments may be limited or even not exist.

BBVA or any of its affiliates, as well as their respective executives and employees, may have a position in any of the securities or instruments referred to, directly or indirectly, in this document, or in any other related thereto; they may trade for their own account or for third-party account in those securities, provide consulting or other services to the issuer of the aforementioned securities or instruments or to companies related thereto or to their shareholders, executives or employees, or may have interests or perform transactions in those securities or instruments or related investments before or after the publication of this report, to the extent permitted by the applicable law.

BBVA or any of its affiliates' salespeople, traders, and other professionals may provide oral or written market commentary or trading strategies to its clients that reflect opinions that are contrary to the opinions expressed herein. Furthermore, BBVA or any of its affiliates' proprietary trading and investing businesses may make investment decisions that are inconsistent with the recommendations expressed herein. No part of this document may be (i) copied, photocopied or duplicated by any other form or means (ii) redistributed or (iii) quoted, without the prior written consent of BBVA. No part of this report may be copied, conveyed, distributed or furnished to any person or entity in any country (or persons or entities in the same) in which its distribution is prohibited by law. Failure to comply with these restrictions may breach the laws of the relevant jurisdiction.

In the United Kingdom, this document is directed only at persons who (i) have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within article 19(5) of the financial services and markets act 2000 (financial promotion) order 2005 (as amended, the "financial promotion order"), (ii) are persons falling within article 49(2) (a) to (d) ("high net worth companies, unincorporated associations, etc.") Of the financial promotion order, or (iii) are persons to whom an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the financial services and markets act 2000) may otherwise lawfully be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document is directed only at relevant persons and must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not relevant persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons. The remuneration system concerning the analyst/s author/s of this report is based on multiple criteria, including the revenues obtained by BBVA and, indirectly, the results of BBVA Group in the fiscal year, which, in turn, include the results generated by the investment banking business; nevertheless, they do not receive any remuneration based on revenues from any specific transaction in investment banking.

BBVA is not a member of the FINRA and is not subject to the rules of disclosure affecting such members.

BBVA is subject to the BBVA Group Code of Conduct for Security Market Operations which, among other regulations, includes rules to prevent and avoid conflicts of interests with the ratings given, including information barriers. The BBVA Group Code of Conduct for Security Market Operations is available for reference at the following web site: www.bbva.com / Corporate Governance".

BBVA is a bank supervised by the Bank of Spain and by Spain's Stock Exchange Commission (CNMV), registered with the Bank of Spain with number 0182.