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Economic Analysis

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Also in Brazil, the unemployment rate should have increased in February, while real wages should have moderated after January's increase. In Colombia, the current account balance should have remained stable at -3.0% of GDP in 4Q13, implying an annual deficit of 3.2%.

No relevant indicators were released yesterday

What to watch today

Brazil - Inflation Report (1Q14, 07:30hrs NYT)

The BCB's Inflation Report should give more details on the impact of the recent increase in food prices on inflation and on monetary policy. In line with the recent comments made by the President of the BCB, we expect the report to show that the monetary authority now expects higher inflation and could pave the way for at least one extra +25bp adjustment of the Selic rate.

Brazil - Unemployment rate (February, 08:00hrs NYT)

We expect the unemployment rate to increase from 4.8% in January to 5.1% in February (from 5.0% to 5.1%, stripping out seasonal issues) and real wages to moderate after growing 3.6% YoY in January.

Colombia - Current account balance (4Q13, 17:00hrs NYT)

In 4Q13 imports posted a moderate performance that was explained by a strong exchange rate depreciation. This result should offset the lower exports of coal during the same period. As a result the current account deficit should have remained stable at 3.0% of GDP between October and December 2013 and at 3.2% of GDP for the year as a whole.

Calendar: Indicators

Brazil	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
FGV CPI IPC-S	24 Mar	Mar	0.85%	--	0.83%	0.84%
Current Account Balance	24 Mar	Feb	-\$8000M	-\$8000M	-\$7445M	-\$11591M
FIPE CPI - Weekly	26 Mar	Mar	0.28%	--	0.76%	0.68%
FGV Consumer Confidence	26 Mar	Mar	--	--	107.2	107.1
FGV Construction Costs MoM	26 Mar	Mar	0.35%	--	0.22%	0.44%
Outstanding Loans MoM	26 Mar	Feb	--	--	0.58	0.07%
Unemployment Rate	27 Mar	Feb	5.10%	5.3%	--	4.80%
FGV Inflation IGPM MoM	28 Mar	Mar	1.53%	--	--	0.38%
Net Debt % GDP	28 Mar	Feb	33.5%	--	--	33.3%
Chile						
PPI MoM	24 Mar	Feb	--	--	-0.30%	0.80%
Colombia						
Industrial Confidence	26 Mar	Feb	--	0	5.8	6.7
Retail Confidence	26 Mar	Feb	--	24.0	21.9	24.0
Current Account Balance	27 Mar	4Q	-\$3300M	--	--	-\$3580M
Mexico						
Unemployment Rate NSA	24 Mar	Feb	4.90%	4.9%	4.65%	5.05%
Bi-Weekly CPI	24 Mar	Mar	0.19%	0.18%	0.17%	0.15%
Economic Activity IGAE YoY sa	25 Mar	Jan	--	1%	0.9%	0.5%
International Reserves Weekly	25 Mar	Mar	--	--	\$180700M	\$181043M
Trade Balance	27 Mar	Feb	-200.0M	-440M	--	-3195.1M
Budget Balance YTD	28 Mar	Feb	--	--	--	-4.9B

Most recent Latam reports

Date	Description
26-03-2014	➤ EAGLEs Economic Outlook: Annual Report 2014
25-03-2014	➤ Chile Flash: March CPI would be at 0.66% MoM (in Spanish)
24-03-2014	➤ Mexico Inflation Flash: Inflation is back to Banxico's tolerance interval
21-03-2014	➤ Colombia Flash: BanRep decided to keep its policy rate unchanged at 3.25% and extend its international reserve purchase program
21-03-2014	➤ Banxico Flash: Fondeo rate unchanged at 3.5%. Slightly dovish tone given the absence of a clear economic recovery
20-03-2014	➤ Latam Economic Watch: Deterioration in Latin America's manufacturing competitive
20-03-2014	➤ Brazil Economic Watch: The Brazilian manufacturing sector loses competitiveness
20-03-2014	➤ Chile Flash: Exchange rate: beware of short-term reversals
20-03-2014	➤ Colombia Flash: A good result of GDP growth in 2013
20-03-2014	➤ Mexico Flash: Monetary rate unchanged at 3.5% as inflation tends towards the range around the target (in Spanish)

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