

## LatAm Daily | Brazilian economic activity contracted again in February

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### Brazil - Economic activity contracted 0.3% MoM in February

The BCB's economic activity index, the IBC-BR, decreased by 0.3% MoM, in line with our expectations and somewhat less than markets anticipated (BBVAe: -0.3% MoM; consensus: -0.5% MoM). This was the fourteenth decline in a row according to the IBC-Br, which left economic activity in February 7.7% lower than in December 2014, and 9.2% lower than in December 2013, when it peaked. The IBC-Br data reinforces our view that the recession has not yet come to an end and that GDP will contract again in 1Q16. However, we expect that the fall in 1Q16 GDP will not be as sharp as those recorded in the last quarters.

### What to watch today

No news is expected for today.

## Calendar indicators

	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
<b>Brazil</b>						
FGV CPI IPC-S	25-abr	Apr 22	0.42			0.45%
Federal Debt Total	25-abr	Mar				2819b
FGV Consumer Confidence	26-abr	Apr				67.1
FIPE CPI - Weekly	27-abr	Apr 22	0.64			0.75%
Selic Rate	27-abr	Apr 27	14.25	14.25		14.25%
FGV Inflation IGPM MoM	28-abr	Apr	0.36			0.51%
Outstanding Loans MoM	28-abr	Mar				-0.50%
Primary Budget Balance	29-abr	Mar	-10.9			-23.0b
CNI Consumer Confidence	29-abr	Apr				97.6
<b>Chile</b>						
Central Bank Meeting Minutes	27-abr	0				0.00%
Manufacturing Production YoY	29-abr	Mar	1.1			1.30%
Retail Sales YoY	29-abr	Mar	3.9			7.40%
Industrial Production YoY	29-abr	Mar	1.5			1.80%
Unemployment Rate	29-abr	Mar	6			5.90%
<b>Colombia</b>						
Retail Confidence	25-abr	Mar		18		25.4
Industrial Confidence	25-abr	Mar		13		10.4
National Unemployment Rate	29-abr	Mar				10.00%
Urban Unemployment Rate	29-abr	Mar	10.3			10.30%
Overnight Lending Rate	29-abr	Apr 29	6.75	6.75		6.50%
<b>Mexico</b>						
Retail Sales MoM	25-abr	Feb	0.1			2.70%
Retail Sales YoY	25-abr	Feb	5.1			5.20%
Trade Balance	26-abr	Mar	-100	-650 m		-724.7m
Economic Activity IGAE YoY	26-abr	Feb	3	2.9%		2.33%
Unemployment Rate SA	27-abr	Mar	4.3			4.28%
GDP NSA YoY	29-abr	1Q P	2.2			2.50%
GDP SA QoQ	29-abr	1Q P	0.45	0.40%		0.50%
Net Outstanding Loans	29-abr	Mar				3154b

Source: Bloomberg and BBVA Research

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