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LatAm Daily | Economic activity in Brazil to contract again in May

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We expect the indicator to contract 0.8% MoM in May, in line with a drop of more than 1% QoQ in the 2Q15 GDP.

What to watch today

Brazil - Economic activity indicator (May, 7:30 NYT)

We expect the IBC-Br, the BCB's economic activity indicator which works as a monthly proxy for GDP, to decline 0.8% MoM in May, following a contraction of an identical magnitude in April. The deterioration exhibited by confidence indicators, the sharp slowdown of the labour markets, the decline in retail sales, amongst other factors, support our view that economic activity suffered another downward correction in May. Taking this into account, we expect GDP to contract by more than 1% QoQ in 2Q15 (vs. -0.2% QoQ in 1Q15).

	Date	Period	Consensus	BBVAe	Actual	Prior
Brazil						
Formal Job Creation Total	13 July to 20 July	Jun				-115,599
Retail Sales MoM	14 July	May	-0.2%	-0.50%	-0.9%	-0.4%
FGV CPI IPC-S	16 July	01-jul			0.72%	0.82%
CNI Industrial Confidence	17 July	Jul				38.9
Economic Activity MoM	17 July	May	-0.60%	-0.80%		-0.84%
Chile						
Overnight Rate Target	14 July		3.00%	3.00%	3.0%	3.00%
Colombia						
Retail Sales YoY	15 July	May	2.9%	3.10%	2.7%	-1.0%
Industrial Production YoY	15 July	May	-2.2%	-4.0%	-3.9%	-3.6%
Consumer Confidence Index	15 July	Jun		10	14.7%	13.7
Vehicle Sales	15 July to 17 July	Jun				22,696
Peru						
Economic Activity YoY	15 July	May	2.5%	1.80%	1.2%	4.3%
Unemployment Rate	15 July	Jun			6.8%	7.0%

Calendar indicators

Source: Bloomberg and BBVA Research

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