

Banamex Survey –Analysts expect Banxico's next move on December 17

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- **We highlight that 20 out of 22 analysts surveyed expect Banxico to hike rates in December's meeting**
- **Moreover, only 2 economists expect Banxico's next move at some point of 2016**
- **For 2015, analysts expect an economic expansion of 2.4% yoy, in line with the observed in previous survey**
- **The exchange rate forecast stands at USD/MXN 16.80 in YE15, in line with the estimate in the latest survey**
- **Inflation forecast for year-end 2015 stood at 2.35% yoy, below the 2.69% observed previously**
- **Finally, economists expect inflation at 0.61% m/m in November, practically in line our 0.60% forecast**

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Analysts expect Banxico's next move to be a rate hike on December 17, 2015. Banamex just published its bi-weekly survey of economic expectations. We highlight that 20 out of 22 economists surveyed (including us) believe that Banxico's next move will be a 25bps hike in the meeting to be held on December 17. Taking a look at the breakdown, only two analysts expect Banxico to begin its hiking cycle at some point of 2016. We highlight that the median of economists expect Banxico's rate will close 2015 at 3.25%, while in 2016 it could close at 4.0%.

GDP growth estimate for 2015 stands at 2.4% yoy, in line with the observed in the previous survey (Banorte-Ixe: 2.5%; range: 2.10% - 2.51%). For 2016, consensus expects an economic expansion of 2.7% yoy, in line with the one observed in the latest survey (Banorte-Ixe: 2.7; range: 1.8% - 3.2%).

The median exchange rate forecast for year-end 2015 stands at USD/MXN 16.80, in line with the estimate in the latest survey and with our forecast. For 2016, analysts expect the currency to finish at 16.55 pesos per dollar, below the 16.68 observed in the previous survey (Banorte-Ixe: 17.60).

Inflation forecast for year-end 2015 stood at 2.35% yoy, below the 2.69% in the previous survey. Furthermore, core CPI is expected to increase 2.5% yoy in 2015. For 2016, inflation is expected at 3.34% yoy, while medium term inflation expectations stands around 3.43% yoy. For next Wednesday, economists expect inflation at 0.61% m/m in November, practically in line with our 0.60% forecast, while core inflation would stand at 0.07% in the same period (Banorte-Ixe: 0.08% m/m).

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