

Citibanamex Survey – Analysts now forecast Banxico’s next rate cut in August 2018

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- **Citibanamex just published its bi-weekly survey of economic expectations**
- **Economists’ consensus signals that Banxico’s next rate movement will be a 25pb rate cut during a meeting taking place in August 2018 (previous: July 2018)**
- **It is worth mentioning that there are several opinions regarding the next movement, since 4 analysts still forecast a rate hike throughout the year, while the remaining economists forecast cuts as early as February 2018, although most expect it on the second half of the year (Banorte-Ixe: -50bp in August)**
- **Regarding inflation, economists keep expecting it to close 2017 at 6.25%, in line with our 6.2% estimate**
- **Core inflation by YE17 is forecasted at 4.99% (Banorte-Ixe: 5.1%)**
- **Economists expect headline inflation at 0.5% m/m in August, below our 0.54% forecast, while the core component is expected at 0.29% m/m, marginally below our 0.3% estimate**
- **For 2017, analysts expect an economic expansion of 2.1% yoy, above our 1.9% estimate (previous: 2.1%)**
- **Moreover, growth in 2018 is still expected at 2.2%, below our 2.5% forecast**
- **Finally, analysts expect the exchange rate at USD/MXN 18.23 by YE17 (Banorte-Ixe: USD/MXN 18.10), while the forecast for YE18 stands at USD/MXN 18.00 (Banorte-Ixe: USD/MXN 18.60)**

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