

Banamex Survey – No significant changes on analysts' estimates

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- Banamex just published its bi-weekly survey of economic expectations
- The median of economists expects Banxico's rate will close 2016 at 4.25%, in line with our forecast
- Moreover, 47.8% of analysts expect Banxico's rate hike in June 30, while 30.4% expect it in 3Q16 (median: June)
- For 2016, analysts expect an economic expansion of 2.4% yoy, in line with the previous survey (Banorte-Ixe: 2.3%)
- Similarly, for 2017 GDP growth is expected at 3% yoy (Banorte-Ixe: 3.1%)
- Inflation forecast for year-end 2016 stood at 3.2% yoy, slightly above the 3.1% observed in the previous survey (Banorte-Ixe: 2.8%)
- Economists expect inflation at 0.48% m/m in February, slightly above our 0.45% estimate
- The exchange rate forecast stood at USD/MXN 17.90 by YE16, without significant changes from the past survey (Banorte-Ixe: 17.60)

The median of economists still expect an additional 50bps hike in the reference rate throughout 2016. Banamex just published its bi-weekly survey of economic expectations. The median of analysts expects Banxico's rate will close 2016 at 4.25%, in line with our forecast. In this context, 47.8% of the analysts surveyed (11 of 23) expect Banxico's next rate hike on June 30, in line with our forecast (median: June). On the other hand, 30.4% of analysts (7 of 23) believe that Banxico's next move will take place in 3Q16. Finally, one economist considers that the next hike rate will take in 1Q17; while two analysts were uncertain about Banxico's decision.

GDP forecasts without changes. For 2016, GDP growth is expected at 2.4% yoy, in line with the previous survey (Banorte-Ixe: 2.3%; range: 1.8%–3.0%). For 2017, consensus expects an economic expansion of 3% yoy (Banorte-Ixe: 3.1; range: 2.2-4.0%). Moreover, the median exchange rate forecast for year-end 2016 stands at USD/MXN 17.90, practically in line with the past survey (Banorte-Ixe: 17.60). For 2017, analysts expect the currency to finish at 17.22 pesos per dollar (Banorte-Ixe: 17.30).

Marginal changes in 2016 year-end in inflation forecast. Inflation estimate for year-end 2016 stood at 3.2% yoy, slightly above the 3.1% observed in the previous survey (Banorte-Ixe: 2.8%). Furthermore, core CPI is expected to increase 3% yoy in 2016. For 2017, inflation is expected at 3.23% yoy, while medium term inflation expectations stand around 3.3% yoy. For March 9, economists expect inflation at 0.48% m/m in February, slightly above our 0.45% estimate, while core inflation would stand at 0.35% in the same period, also marginally above our 0.34% forecast.

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