

## Banxico Survey – One last downward revision for inflation and FX for YE20

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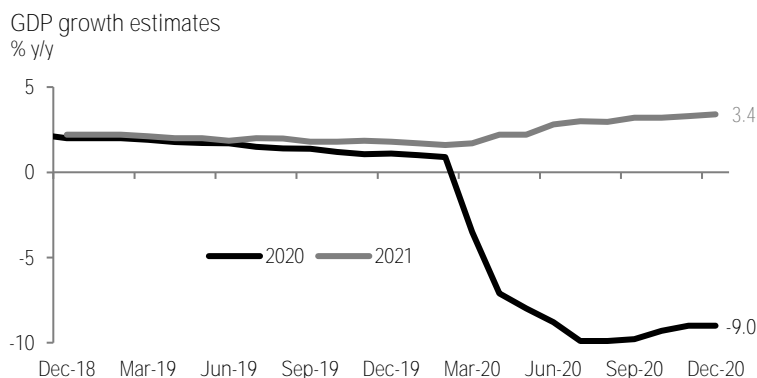
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- Banxico just published its survey of expectations from private sector analysts for December
- Overall forecasts showed more moderate adjustments, reflecting timelier data, especially for inflation and the exchange rate. Meanwhile, those for GDP were more stable
- The GDP estimate for this year was unchanged at -9.0% y/y, in line with our forecast. For 2021, it was adjusted slightly up, to 3.4% from 3.3%, still significantly below our 4.1%
- Consensus expects inflation at 3.40% at the end of 2020, 24bps below the previous survey after the strong downward pressures in November (Banorte: 3.1%). For 2021, the estimate came in at 3.6%, below our forecast (Banorte: 3.7%). Medium- and long-term expectations were unchanged at 3.5%, in line with our forecast
- Regarding the central bank's reference rate, analysts expected it at 4.25% by year-end, in line with today's decision. For 2021, consensus sees only a 25bps cut, to 4.00%
- The year-end forecast for the USD/MXN exchange rate was revised down to 20.00 pesos per dollar from 20.50, with the previous one our estimate. For 2021, it is expected at 20.53 per dollar (Banorte: 19.80)

**GDP forecast for 2020 unchanged, with greater optimism for 2021.** Analysts maintained their activity estimate for this year at -9.0% y/y (as seen in the following chart). This matches our estimate but is slightly below the -8.9% of the central bank. Nevertheless, dispersion did not narrow, with the minimum falling to -9.7% and the high at -8.1%. This is also consistent with less unknown data. For 2021, expectations were slightly better at 3.4%, 10bps above the previous month (minimum: 2.5%; maximum: 6.0%), still somewhat far from our 4.1%. Finally, long-term growth (10-year average) is expected at 2.00% (previous: 1.90%).



Source: Banxico

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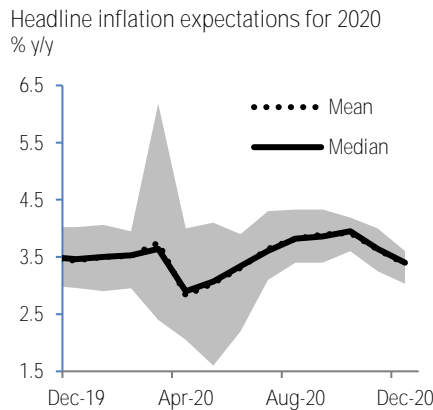
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**Year-end inflation down once again after an important decline in November.**

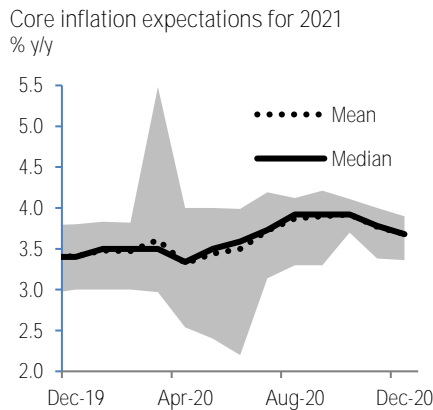
The figure forecasted for 2020 came in at 3.40%, 24bps below the previous survey, although still above our last adjustment to 3.1%. The range was tighter relative to the last estimate, with a maximum of 3.6% and a minimum of 3.0%, as seen in the chart below on the left. Core inflation came in at 3.68%, 10bps below November’s figure but in line with our forecast. Expectations for the next twelve months stand at 3.56%. Finally, estimates for year-end 2021 point to headline inflation at 3.6% (Banorte: 3.7%), with the core component at 3.5% (Banorte: 3.1%).

**Medium- and long-term expectations anchored slightly above target.**

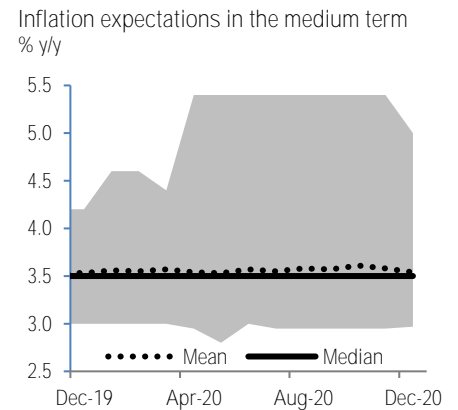
Medium-term (1-4 years) and long-term expectations (5-8 years) remain at 3.5%, adding fifteen months at this exact level. Moreover, estimates for medium- and long-term core inflation were also practically unchanged with the first one at 3.49% and the second one at 3.50%.



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**No changes expected in the reference rate in the remainder of the year, in line with today’s actions.**

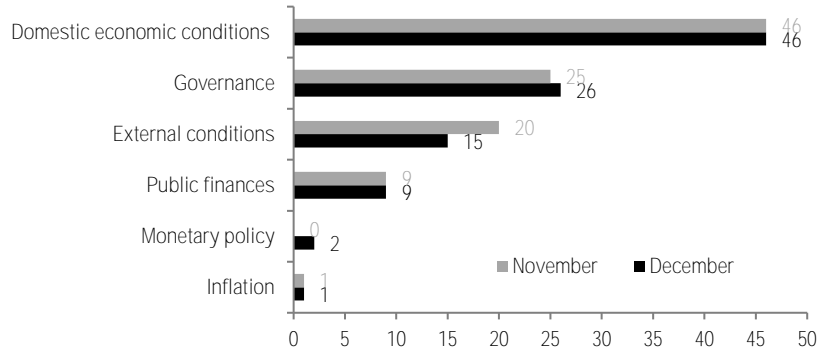
Consensus suggested that there wouldn’t be a cut in today’s meeting, in line with our view. This materialized, with a split decision of 3-2. Going into 2021, the expectation is that easing will resume in the second quarter, slightly later than our expectation, which is as soon as February. As far as the magnitude, they only forecast a 25bps reduction, while we expect an accumulated cut of 75bps.

**Exchange-rate expectations revised down once again.**

The estimate for year-end came in at USD/MXN 20.00, below the 20.50 of the previous survey, with our estimate at the latter level. On dispersion, the minimum plunged to 19.50, while the high came in at 21.00, both lower than in the last survey. For 2021, consensus expects a finish at 20.53 per dollar, lower than the previous 21.20, with a wider range (minimum: 18.25; maximum: 23.86), but still high relative to our USD/MXN 19.80 forecast.

**Domestic economic conditions still the main obstacle for growth.** The main factors –as grouped by categories– that are likely to impact economic growth are: (1) Domestic economic conditions, with 46% of responses; (2) governance at 26%; (3) external conditions at 15%; and (4) public finances at 9%. Within the first, we highlight weakness in the domestic market (22%) and uncertainty about the domestic situation (19%). In the second one, uncertainty about domestic policy (11%) is the most important.

Main factors that are likely to impact economic growth  
Distribution of responses



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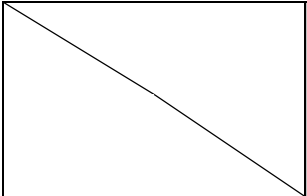
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