

Ahead of the Curve

Activity likely decelerated in April, albeit with mixed signals so far

Weekly international reserves report. Last week, net international reserves decreased by US\$377 million, closing at US\$198.8 billion (please refer to the following table). According to Banxico's report, this was explained by a negative valuation effect in institutional assets. Year-to-date, the central bank's international reserves have fallen by US\$3.6 billion.

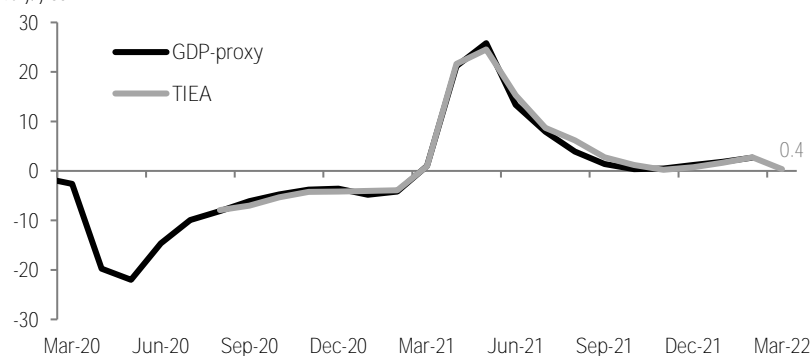
Banxico's foreign reserve accumulation details
US\$, million

	2021	May 6, 2022	May 6, 2022	Year-to-date
	Balance		Flows	
International reserves (B)-(C)	202,399	198,798	-377	-3,602
(B) Gross international reserve	207,745	205,502	-1,603	-2,243
Pemex	--	--	0	350
Federal government	--	--	-7	1,353
Market operations	--	--	0	0
Other	--	--	-1,597	-3,946
(C) Short-term government's liabilities	5,346	6,704	-1,226	1,359

Source: Banco de México

Timely Indicator of Economic Activity (April). This release will include the first estimate for April, as well as revised figures for March. We recall that February's mid-point forecast stood at 2.8% y/y (using sa figures), just an inch above the 2.7% in the [GDP-proxy \(IGAE\)](#). Turning to March, [1Q22 preliminary GDP](#) pointed to a moderation in annual terms. However, the [IP report](#) was better than expected in said publication. Therefore, sequential growth might remain positive. Signals for April are more mixed, with stability in epidemiological conditions but increasing challenges in the international front, particularly due to lockdowns in China and prevailing price pressures. As such, we have seen conflicting signs in timely data, with [IMEF indicators](#) diverging but ANTAD sales recovering some ground.

Monthly GDP-proxy and the Timely Indicator of Economic Activity (TIEA)
% y/y sa



Source: INEGI

Mexico weekly calendar

DATE	HOOR (ET)	EVENT	PERIOD	UNIT	BANORTE	CONSENSUS	PREVIOUS
Tue 17-May	10:00am	International reserves	May-13	US\$ bn	--	--	198.8
Thu 19-May	7:00am	Timely Indicator of Economic Activity (sa)	April	% y/y	--	--	0.4
Fri 20-May		Citibanamex bi-weekly survey of economic expectations					

Source: Banorte; Bloomberg

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