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A. Highlights

According to the October surveys conducted by Central Banks in the region, growth expectations for 2015 have decreased while inflation expectations have increased in the region. Expected growth fell in six countries and remained stable in further two. Expected inflation increased in two countries, decreased in four and remained constant in further two.

In October, the 2015 growth expectations for the region decreased by 0.2% both on the simple average and on the GDP weighted average basis. The most significant declines in growth expectations were observed in Uruguay by 0.5% and Colombia by 0.4% followed by Brazil by 0.3%, Chile and Paraguay by 0.2% and Guatemala by 0.1%. Growth expectations remained stable in Peru at 2.8% and Mexico at 2.3%.

Inflation expectations for 2015 rose by 0.1% and 0.2% on the simple average and on the weighted average respectively compared to previous month. The most significant increase was observed in Colombia by 0.9%, followed by Brazil by 0.3%. Inflation expectations remained stable in Uruguay at 9.6% and Paraguay at 4.4% and decreased by 0.5% in Guatemala and by 0.1% in Chile, Mexico and Peru.

Table 1. Growth and Inflation Expectations for 2015

Country	Growth expectation (percentage expected for 2015)		Inflation expectation (percentage expected for 2015)	
	as of Oct 2015	Sep-Oct change	as of Oct 2015	Sep-Oct change
	Brazil	-3.0	↓ -0.3	9.8
Chile	2.0	↓ -0.2	4.6	↓ -0.1
Colombia	3.1	↓ -0.4	5.6	↑ 0.9
Guatemala	3.6	↓ -0.1	2.5	↓ -0.5
Mexico	2.3	→ 0.0	2.7	↓ -0.1
Paraguay	3.7	↓ -0.2	4.4	→ 0.0
Peru	2.8	→ 0.0	3.7	↓ -0.1
Uruguay	1.8	↓ -0.5	9.6	→ 0.0
Eight country average	2.0	↓ -0.2	5.4	↑ 0.1

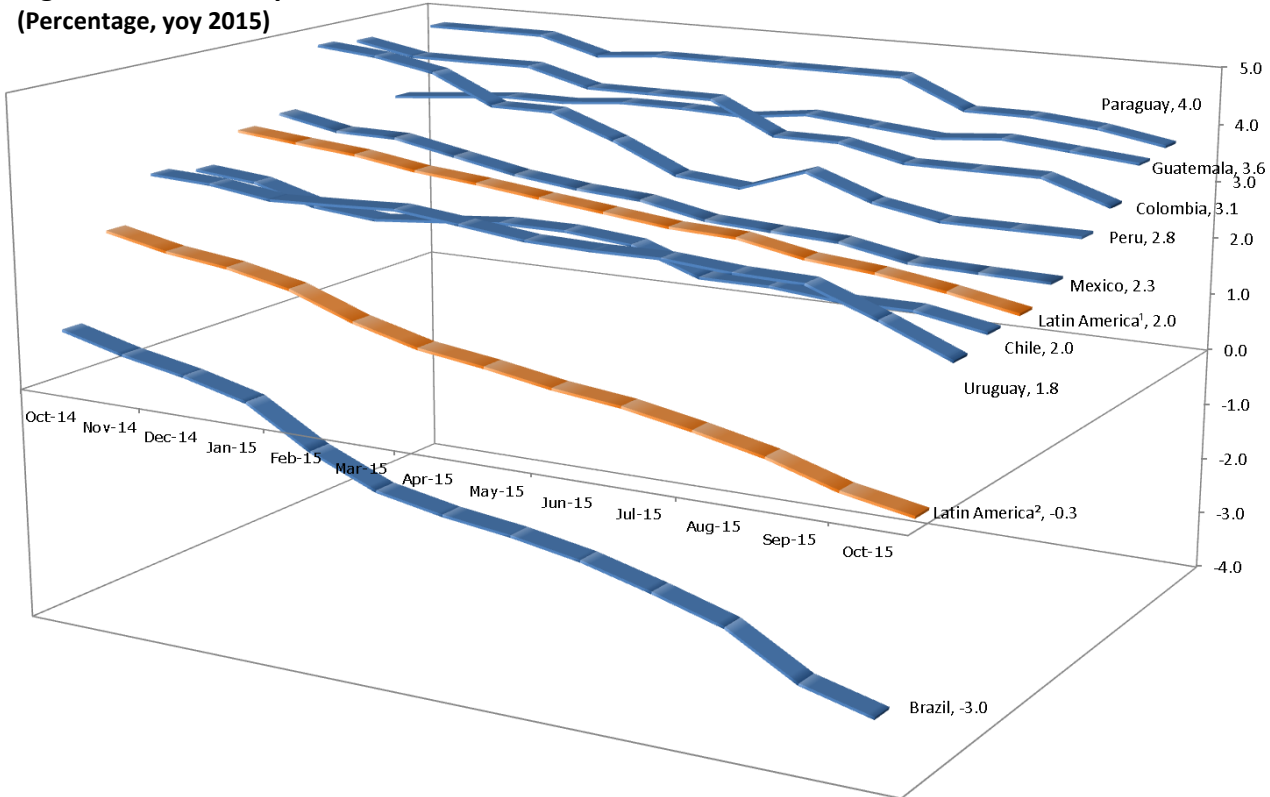
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B. Growth

2015 Growth expectations for region decreased by 0.2% both, on the simple average from 2.2% to 2.0%, and on the weighted average basis from -0.1% to -0.3% according to October surveys. Negative GDP weighted average growth expectations are driven by expectations in the largest economy in the region, Brazil. Expected growth fell in six countries and remained constant in further two, continuing their downward path observed during the last two years. The most significant declines were observed in Uruguay by 0.5% from 2.3% to 1.8%, Colombia by 0.4% from 3.5% to 3.1% and Brazil by 0.3% from -2.7% to 3.0%. More modest declines were observed in Paraguay by 0.2% from 3.9% to 3.7%, Chile by 0.2% from 2.2% to 2.0% and Guatemala by 0.1% from 3.7% to 3.6%. Finally, growth expectations remained stable in Peru at 2.8% and Mexico at 2.3%. No increases in growth expectations were observed in any country covered by REVELA. Now, 2015 growth expectations for the region rank from -3.0% in Brazil to 3.7% in Paraguay.

Compared to previous six months, growth expectations fell by 0.9% on the simple average basis and by 1.4% on the GDP weighted average basis. Cumulative declines were observed in all eight countries covered by REVELA: Brazil by 1.9%, Colombia and Uruguay by 1.1%, Chile and Paraguay by 0.8%, Mexico by 0.6%, Peru by 0.3% and Guatemala by 0.2%.

Figure 1. Market Expectations of Growth (Percentage, yoy 2015)



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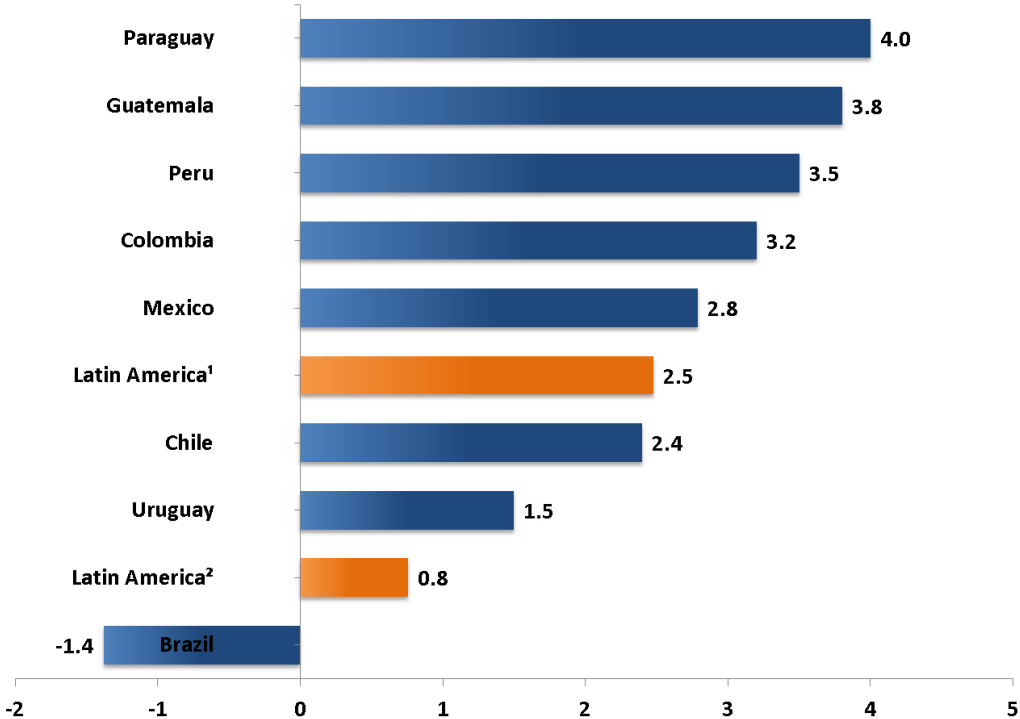
¹ Refers to the simple average of the eight inflation targeting countries.

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2016 growth expectations decreased by 0.2% on the simple average basis from 2.7% to 2.5% and by 0.3% on the GDP weighted average basis from 1.1% to 0.8%. At the individual country level, expected growth for next year fell in Uruguay by 0.7% from 2.2% to 1.5%, Brazil by 0.6% from -0.8% to -1.4%, Colombia by 0.4% from 3.6% to 3.2%, Chile by 0.3% from 2.7% to 2.4% and Guatemala by 0.1% from 3.9% to 3.8%. Growth expectations remained constant in Paraguay at 4.0%, Peru at 3.5% and Mexico at 2.8%. Now, growth expectations for 2016 rank from -1.4% in Brazil to 4.0% in Paraguay.

Compared to previous six month surveys, growth expectations for 2016 decreased by 0.9% on the simple average and by 1.6% on the GDP weighted average. Declines were observed in all countries: Brazil by 2.5%, Uruguay by 1.3%, Chile and Colombia by 1.1%, Mexico by 0.6%, Paraguay and Peru by 0.5% and Guatemala by 0.2%.

Figure 2. Growth Market Expectations
(Percentage, yoy 2016)



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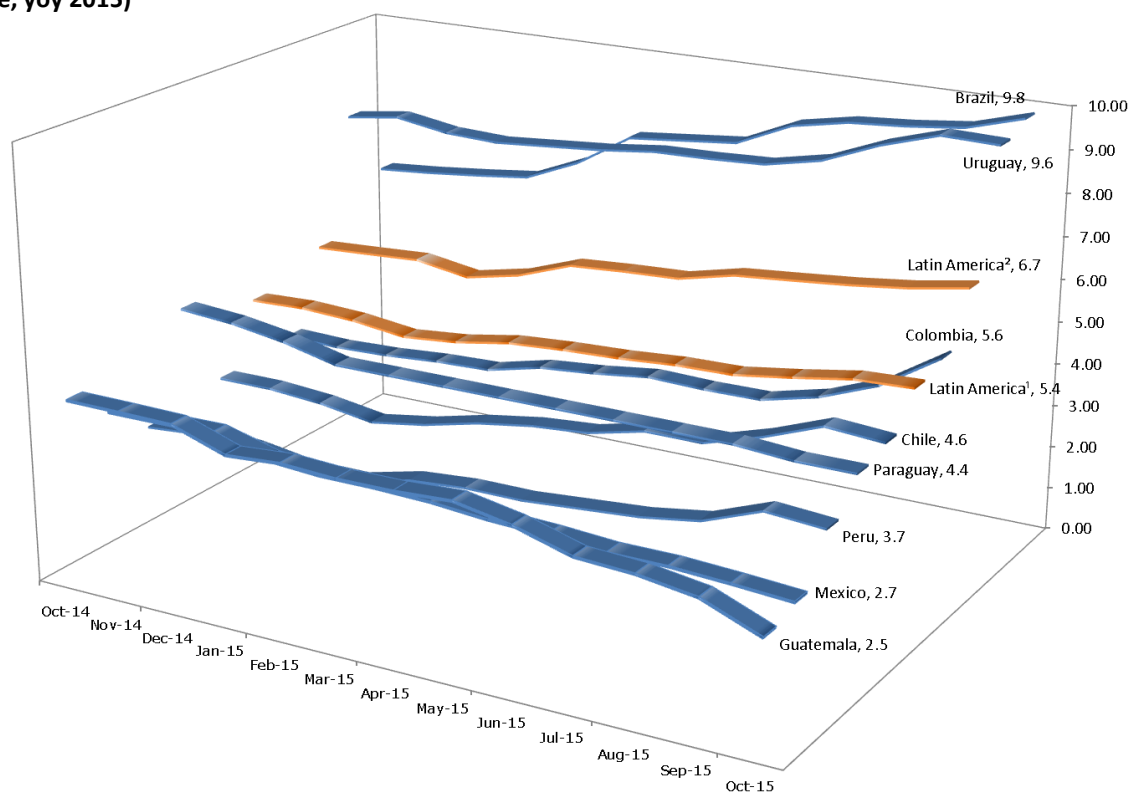
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C. Inflation

Over the course of October, inflation expectations for 2015 increased both on the simple average and on the GDP weighted average. On the former, by 0.1% from 5.3% to 5.4%, and on the latter, by 0.2% from 6.5% to 6.7%. At the individual country level, inflation expectations rose in Colombia by 0.9% from 4.7% to 5.6% and Brazil by 0.3% from 9.5% to 9.8%; and they remained stable in Uruguay at 9.6% and Paraguay at 4.4%. Inflation expectations fell by 0.5% in Guatemala from 3.0% to 2.5%, and by 0.1% in three countries: Chile from 4.7% to 4.6%, Peru from 3.8% to 3.7% and Mexico from 2.8% to 2.7%. Inflation expectations now rank from 2.5% in Guatemala to 9.8% in Brazil.

Compared to expectations six months ago, expected inflation rose by 0.7% on the simple average and by 0.9% on the GDP weighted average basis. Inflation expectations increased in Colombia by 1.8%, Brazil by 1.6%, Uruguay by 1.3%, Chile by 1.2% and Peru by 0.8%; and they fell in Guatemala by 1.3%, Mexico by 0.4% and Paraguay by 0.1% compared to surveys six months ago.

Figure 3. Inflation Market Expectations
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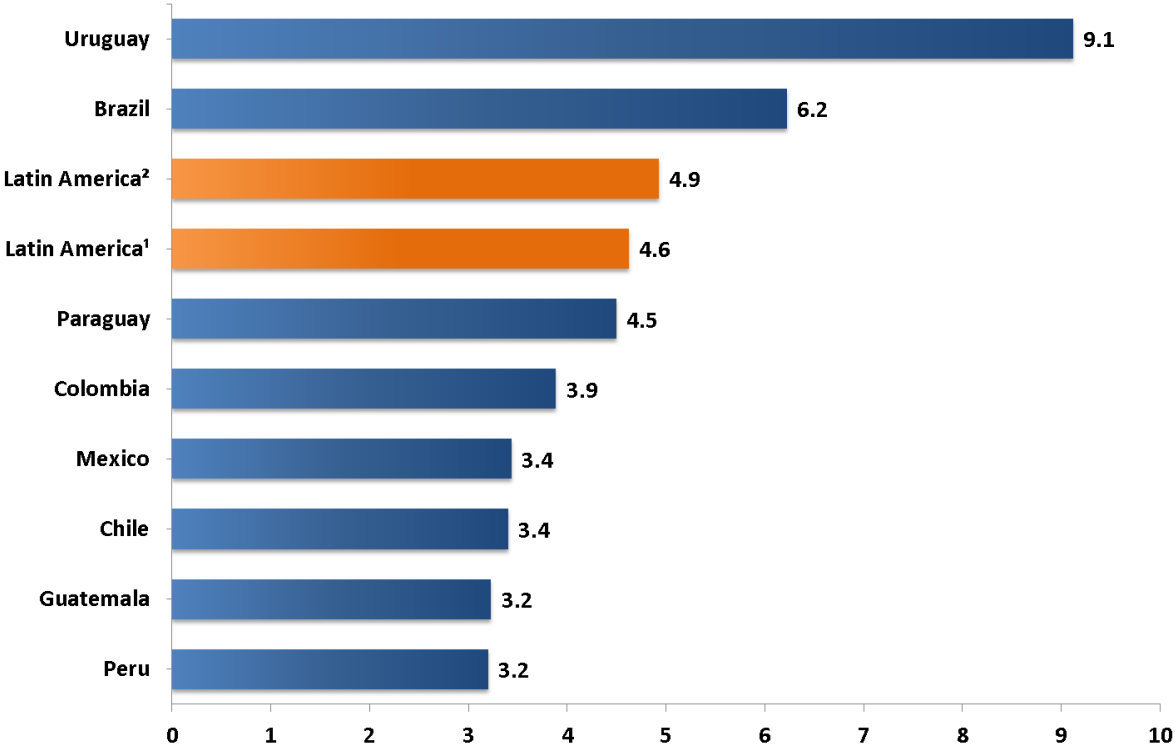
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2016 inflation expectations rose by 0.1% on the simple average basis from 4.5% to 4.6%, and by 0.2% on the GDP weighted average basis from 4.7% to 4.9% compared to previous month. At the individual country level, inflation expectations rose by 0.4% in three countries: Uruguay from 8.7% to 9.1%, Brazil from 5.8% to 6.2% and Colombia from 3.5% to 3.9%. They also increased in Peru by 0.1% from 3.1% to 3.2%. Expected inflation remained constant in Paraguay at 4.5% and decreased by 0.4% in Guatemala from 3.6% to 3.2%, and by 0.1% in Chile (from 3.5% to 3.4%) and 0.1% in Mexico (from 3.5% to 3.4%). Now, 2016 inflation expectations range from 3.2% in Peru and Guatemala to 9.1% in Uruguay.

Compared to expectations six months ago, expected inflation for 2016 increased by 0.3% on the simple average basis and by 0.4% on the GDP weighted average basis. The most significant cumulative increases were observed in Uruguay by 1.3%, followed by Brazil and Colombia with inflation expectations rising by 0.6% in both cases, and Chile and Peru by 0.4% in both cases. Finally, expected inflation for 2016 remained constant in Paraguay, and decreased in Guatemala by 0.7% and Mexico by 0.1% compared to surveys six months ago.

Figure 4. Inflation Market Expectations
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