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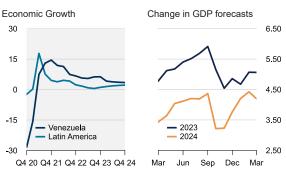


#### LONG-TERM TRENDS | 3-year averages

2019-21	2022-24	2025-27
27.8	26.7	-
64.4	75.7	-
2,318	2,832	-
-19.2	6.4	2.8
-6.5	-3.9	-3.4
254	254	-
7,950	178	68
2.9	3.3	-
173	145	-
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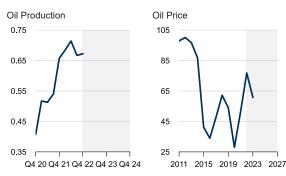
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GDP, real annual variation in %, Q4 2020 - Q4 2024.

GDP, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.



Oil production, millions of barrels per Venezuelan oil price, USD per barrel. day, Q4 2020 - Q4 2024.

# **Outlook stable**

- In late December, the Central Bank communicated that the economy grew 13.2% in year-on-year terms in the third quarter of 2022, down from the 23.3% expansion it reported in the previous quarter. A sharp slowdown in oil activity was behind the deceleration. Economic conditions seemingly weakened in Q4; the annual increase in oil production slowed compared to Q3 amid falling oil prices. Data for Q1 2023 is scarce, though oil prices and production increased in January from the previous month. In politics, worsening relations recently between the administration and the opposition party bode ill for President Maduro's international reputation and could risk further sanctions. More positively, in mid-February, the country signed a deal with Colombia in order to revive bilateral trade.
- GDP should expand at a milder pace than last year's projected increase in 2023. Lower energy prices, global economic headwinds and a slowdown in regional growth will drive the deceleration. A potential improvement in relations with the U.S. and economic opening pose upside risks. Conversely, runaway inflation poses a downside risk. The LatinFocus Consensus panel forecasts that the economy will expand 5.1% in 2023, which is unchanged from last month's projection. In 2024, the panel sees the economy growing 4.2%.
- Inflation dipped to 156% in October 2022—the last month of available data—from September's 157%. Inflation is projected to accelerate this year. Sustained monetary financing of the fiscal deficit should fuel it. Unanticipated policy changes, volatile global commodity prices and currency depreciation pose risks. Our panel sees inflation averaging 238% in 2023 and 105% in 2024.
- The Central Bank of Venezuela aims to keep monetary aggregates under control and manage currency liquidity in the financial system via changes in indirect instruments. However, money supply growth has been extremely elevated in recent years, partly because of the monetary financing of the fiscal deficit.
- On 10 March, the VED ended the day at 24.2 per USD, appreciating 0.2% month on month. Meanwhile, the parallel market rate on the same day was VED 24.4 per USD. The local currency is projected to weaken further this year due to continued monetary financing of the fiscal shortfall. Our panelists project the official rate to end 2023 at VED 68.1 per USD and 2024 at VED 150.5 per USD.

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# Economic Indicators | 2018 - 2027

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
						-	-	-	
						-	-	-	
	75.5	61.4	56.4	71.9	79.4	-	-	-	
1,057	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52,527	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-19.6	-30.7	-29.2	2.3	9.9	5.1	4.2	3.4	2.5	2.4
-18.2	-32.0	-26.0	2.2	10.1	6.2	4.0	3.0	2.5	2.3
-20.1	-31.2	-27.8	3.5	11.0	5.3	4.3	3.2	2.7	2.6
-9.1	-24.8	-19.9	1.3	10.6	6.3	3.8	3.0	2.5	2.5
-37.5	-37.1	-34.5	11.5	20.8	8.5	4.8	3.0	1.8	2.3
-10.8	-32.0	-41.1	3.4	18.0	7.0	8.6	3.4	3.4	3.7
0.3	-29.1	-30.2	14.9	22.8	9.5	6.4	4.0	3.1	2.7
-39.3	-40.1	-36.5	3.2	11.0	10.2	5.8	-	-	
6.9	27.0	42.7	38.4	36.3	34.8	34.3	32.6	29.8	27.6
-30.3	-10.0	-5.0	-4.5	-3.6	-4.1	-3.9	-3.6	-3.2	
174.5	201.4	319.1	240.5	279.8	245.3	235.9	-	-	
63,257	4,946	1,287	635	354	278	156	-	-	
130,060	9,585	2,960	686	225	262	108	83	54	-
65,374	19,906	2,355	1,589	191	238	105	82	67	55
14.89	24.12	24.00	36.00	36.00	-	-	-	-	
126,985	5,521	1,376	344	254	-	-	-	-	
638	46,621	1,107,199	4.60	17.5	68.1	150.5	237.9	377.5	
81.9	15,910	375,470	4.45	6.77	35.3	109.3	194.2	307.7	
730	54,703	998,942	4.69	19.30	71.6	-	-	-	
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8.8	8.4	-2.8	3.1	4.3	2.3	-	-	-	
8.6	6.3	-1.7	1.8	3.1	1.8	2.2	0.9	1.2	
20.9	12.8	1.6	3.2	4.5	4.1	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.0
33.7	22.0	9.2	11.9	17.2	17.9	19.0	18.4	19.2	19.4
12.8	9.3	7.5	8.6	12.7	13.8	14.9	15.1	15.6	16.5
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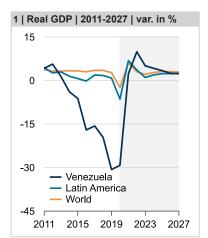
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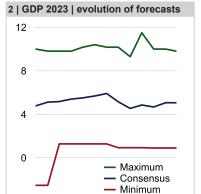
# Real Sector | Gross Domestic Product and Fiscal Balance

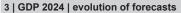
#### **Economic Growth and Fiscal Balance**

	Real GDF variation in		Fiscal Bala % of GDI	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
AGPV	2.0	4.0	-	-
Allianz	0.9	-	-	-
BancTrust & Co.	6.2	5.7	-	-
Capital Economics	3.0	-	-	-
Credit Suisse	5.0	5.0	-	-
DekaBank	8.5	5.0	-3.8	-3.6
Dinámica Venezuela	5.4	-	-	-
Ecoanalítica	4.6	3.9	-	-
Econométrica IE, C.A.	7.8	-	-	-
EIU	7.0	4.8	-3.8	-3.6
EMFI	9.8	-	-	-
Euromonitor Int.	4.3	3.3	-	-
Fitch Solutions	4.4	3.7	-4.8	-4.4
FrontierView	4.7	3.3	-	-
Julius Baer	0.9	1.0	-	-
Moody's Analytics	6.9	6.9	-	-
Oxford Economics	0.9	1.0	-	-
Síntesis Financiera	7.6	-	-	-
Torino Capital	4.4	-	-4.0	-
UBS	7.0	7.0	-	-
Public Forecasts				
CEPAL	5.0	-	-	-
Summary				
Minimum	0.9	1.0	-4.8	-4.4
Maximum	9.8	7.0	-3.8	-3.6
Median	5.0	4.0	-3.9	-3.6
Consensus	5.1	4.2	-4.1	-3.9
History				
30 days ago	5.1	4.4	-4.1	-4.1
60 days ago	4.7	4.2	-4.1	-4.1
90 days ago	4.9	3.8	-4.1	-4.3

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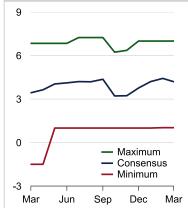
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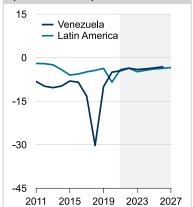
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#### 4 | Fiscal Balance | % of GDP



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- GDP, annual variation in %. Source: BCV.
   GDP, evolution of 2023 forecasts during the last 12 months.
- GDP, evolution of 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months. 3
- 4 General government balance as % of GDP. Source: IMF.

### Real Sector | Additional forecasts

#### **Consumption and Investment**

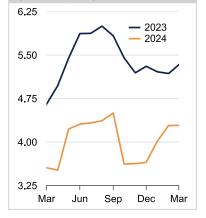
	Consump variation i	n %	Investment variation in %	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
AGPV	-	-	-	-
Allianz	-	-	-	-
BancTrust & Co.	5.9	5.1	11.1	8.5
Capital Economics	3.0	-	2.0	-
Credit Suisse	5.6	5.3	12.8	5.1
DekaBank	-	-	-	-
Dinámica Venezuela	4.2	-	-1.2	-
Ecoanalítica	5.2	3.5	2.4	1.0
Econométrica IE, C.A.	7.8	-	26.3	-
EIU	4.8	3.9	21.5	10.0
EMFI	-	-	-	-
Euromonitor Int.	5.6	4.7	-	-
Fitch Solutions	4.5	3.5	3.0	2.0
FrontierView	5.9	5.1	-	-
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-
Moody's Analytics	6.5	6.5	8.2	6.3
Oxford Economics	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Síntesis Financiera	9.0	-	-	-
Torino Capital	5.7	-	6.7	-
UBS	-	-	-	-
Summary				
Minimum	0.9	1.0	-1.2	1.0
Maximum	9.0	6.5	26.3	10.0
Median	5.6	4.7	6.7	5.1
Consensus	5.3	4.3	8.5	4.8
History				
30 days ago	5.2	4.3	8.5	4.8
60 days ago	5.2	4.0	6.9	5.0
90 days ago	5.3	3.6	6.7	4.3

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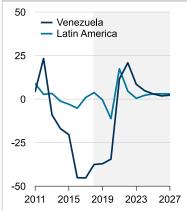


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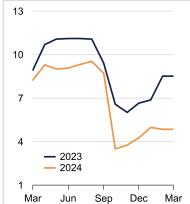
#### 6 | Consumption | evolution of fcst



#### 7 | Investment | variation in %



#### 8 | Investment | evol. of forecasts



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5 Private consumption, annual variation in %.

6 Private consumption, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

7 Gross fixed investment, annual variation in %.

8 Gross fixed investment, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

#### Monetary Sector | Inflation

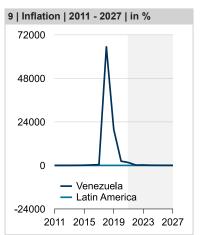
# **Consumer Prices**

	Consumer l		Consumer Prices variation in %, aop	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024
AGPV	371.0	158.0		-
Allianz	-	-	-	-
BancTrust & Co.	107.3	82.0	139.1	97.9
Capital Economics	-	-	130.0	-
Credit Suisse	79.6	51.1	120.1	62.4
DekaBank	-	-	-	-
Dinámica Venezuela	92.1	-	96.9	-
Ecoanalítica	229.6	107.8	330.8	138.6
Econométrica IE, C.A.	195.9	-	435.0	-
EIU	305.9	84.8	478.8	112.2
EMFI	390.3	-	444.8	-
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	195.7	195.9
Fitch Solutions	301.7	173.2	-	-
FrontierView	-	-	195.0	110.0
Julius Baer	-	-	96.6	61.5
Moody's Analytics	-	-	122.7	42.4
Oxford Economics	-	-	-	-
Síntesis Financiera	400.0	-	-	-
Torino Capital	525.9	-	407.7	-
UBS	140.0	100.0	145.0	120.0
Summary				
Minimum	79.6	51.1	96.6	42.4
Maximum	525.9	173.2	478.8	195.9
Median	265.6	100.0	170.0	110.0
Consensus	261.6	108.1	238.4	104.5
History				
30 days ago	189.8	86.7	201.5	102.4
60 days ago	189.1	88.8	161.2	103.2
90 days ago	123.2	82.4	143.3	96.4

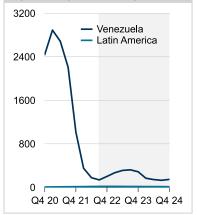
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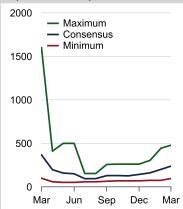
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#### 10 | Inflation | Q4 20-Q4 24 | in %



11 | Inflation 2023 | evolution of fcsts



#### 12 | Inflation 2024 | evolution of fcsts



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9 Inflation, annual variation of consumer price index (CPI) in % (aop).

10 Quarterly inflation, annual variation of consumer price index (aop).

11 Inflation, evolution of 2023 forecasts during the last 12 months.

12 Inflation, evolution of 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

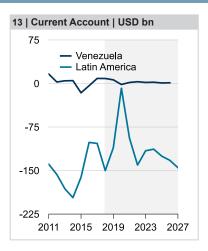
## External Sector | Current Account and International Reserves

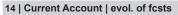
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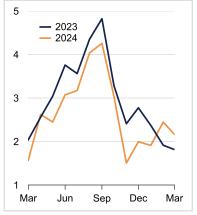
		Current Account USD bn		International Reserves USD bn	
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024	
AGPV	-	-	10.0	10.0	
Allianz	-	-	-	-	
BancTrust & Co.	3.6	3.1	-	-	
Capital Economics	-	-	-	-	
Credit Suisse	-2.2	0.7	-	-	
DekaBank	2.1	2.2	-	-	
Dinámica Venezuela	-	-	10.3	-	
Ecoanalítica	-2.2	0.3	-	-	
Econométrica IE, C.A.	-	-	10.9	-	
EIU	2.3	2.4	9.5	9.7	
EMFI	0.5	-	-	-	
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	10.5	11.0	
Fitch Solutions	-	-	10.1	10.3	
FrontierView	-	-	-	-	
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-	
Moody's Analytics	5.2	3.2	-	-	
Oxford Economics	1.5	1.9	12.8	14.3	
Síntesis Financiera	4.8	-	-	-	
Torino Capital	1.3	-	8.9	-	
UBS	3.0	3.5	10.5	10.5	
Summary					
Minimum	-2.2	0.3	8.9	9.7	
Maximum	5.2	3.5	12.8	14.3	
Median	2.1	2.3	10.3	10.4	
Consensus	1.8	2.2	10.4	11.0	
History					
30 days ago	1.9	2.4	10.4	11.0	
60 days ago	2.4	1.9	11.7	13.1	
90 days ago	2.8	2.0	11.9	14.8	

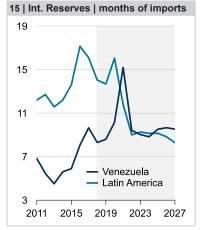
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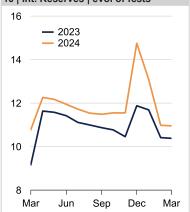












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13 Current account balance in USD billion.

14 Current account balance in USD billion, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

15 International reserves, months of imports.

16 International reserves, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

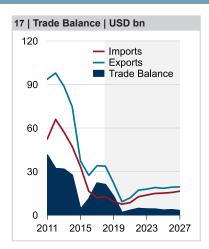
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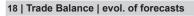
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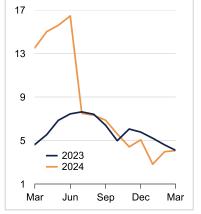
	Exports USD bn		Imports USD bn		
Individual Forecasts	2023	2024	2023	2024	
AGPV	19.9	22.8	21.0	24.0	
Allianz	-	-	-	-	
BancTrust & Co.	18.3	20.2	11.9	14.3	
Capital Economics	-	-	-	-	
Credit Suisse	-	-	-	-	
DekaBank	-	-	-	-	
Dinámica Venezuela	16.4	-	11.7	-	
Ecoanalítica	13.7	17.3	11.8	12.4	
Econométrica IE, C.A.	18.7	-	15.5		
EIU	18.4	19.2	16.3	16.9	
EMFI	-	-	13.0	-	
Euromonitor Int.	-	-	12.1	11.3	
Fitch Solutions	25.0	24.1	21.2	20.3	
FrontierView	-	-	-	-	
Julius Baer	-	-	-	-	
Moody's Analytics	-	-	-		
Oxford Economics	9.3	10.2	7.5	8.0	
Síntesis Financiera	14.7	-	9.1	-	
Torino Capital	24.6	-	17.2	-	
UBS	18.0	19.0	11.2	12.0	
Summary					
Minimum	9.3	10.2	7.5	8.0	
Maximum	25.0	24.1	21.2	24.0	
Median	18.3	19.2	12.1	13.4	
Consensus	17.9	19.0	13.8	14.9	
History					
30 days ago	18.6	18.6	14.0	14.6	
60 days ago	18.1	17.7	12.9	14.9	
90 days ago	18.9	19.0	13.1	13.9	

Venezuela

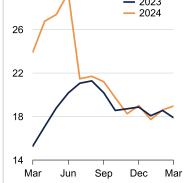




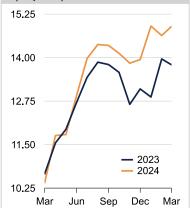








#### 20 | Imports | evol. of forecasts



#### Notes and sources

#### General:

\* Forecasts are not in the Consensus and are shown for illustrative purposes only.

Long-term chart period from 2011 to 2027 unless otherwise stated. The Latin America regional aggregate excludes Venezuela. All external sector data are from the Central Bank (BCV, *Banco Central de Venezuela*). Forecasts based on LatinFocus Consensus Forecast.

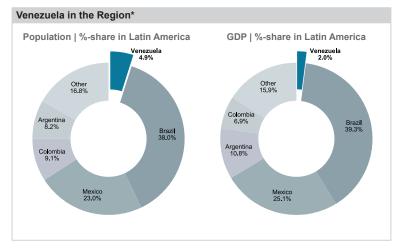
17 Trade balance, exports and imports, in USD.

18 Trade balance, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.
19 Exports, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.
20 Imports, evolution of 2023 and 2024 forecasts during the last 12 months.

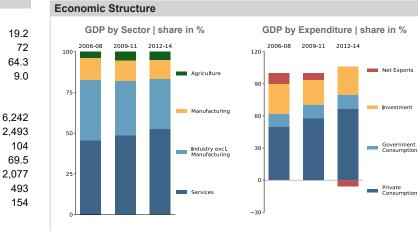
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#### Fact Sheet

General Data	
Official name:	Bolivarian Republic of
	Venezuela
Capital:	Caracas (2.9m)
Other cities:	Maracaibo (2.1m)
	Valencia (1.7m)
Area (km2):	912,050
Population (million, 2019 est.):	27.6
Population density (per km2, 2019):	30.2
Population growth rate (%, 2019 est.):	-0.2
Life expectancy (years, 2019 est.):	71.0
Illiteracy rate (%, 2016):	2.9
Language:	Spanish
Measures:	Metric system
Time:	GMT-4.30



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#### Transportation (2018)

Central Bank President:

Oil Supply (thousand bpd):

**Economic Infrastructure** 

**Communications (2018)** 

Energy (2017)

Telephones - main lines (per 100 inhabitants):

Telephones - mobile cellular (per 100 inhabit.):

Broadband Subscriptions (per 100 inhabitants):

Internet Users (per 100 inhabitants):

Primary Energy Production (trillion Btu):

Electricity Generation (billion kW-h):

Oil Consumption (thousand bpd):

CO2 Emissions (million metric tons):

Electricity Consumption (billion kW-h):

Primary Energy Consumption (trillion Btu):

Airports:	444
Railways (km):	447
Roadways (km):	96,189
Waterways (km):	7,100
Chief Ports:	La Guaira, Maracaibo

Political Data	
President:	Nicolás Maduro Moros
Last presidential elections:	20 May 2018
Next presidential elections:	2024

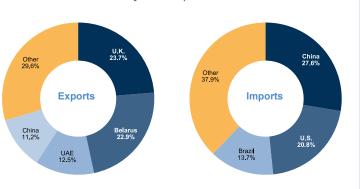
#### Long-term Foreign Currency Ratings

Agency	Rating	Outlook
Moody's:	-	-
S&P Global Ratings:	-	-
Fitch Ratings:	Restricted Default	-

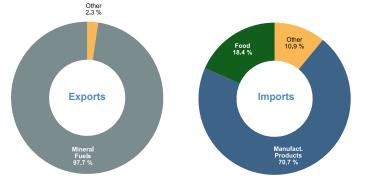
Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul> <li>Abundant wealth in natural resources</li> <li>Strategic geographic location between South America and the Caribbean</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Government's heavy intervention in the economy</li> <li>Rampant currency depreciation</li> <li>Dependence on oil</li> <li>Runaway inflation</li> </ul>







Primary products | share in %



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Economic Release Calendar		
Date	Country	Event
13 March	Uruguay	January Industrial Production
15 March	Argentina	February Consumer Prices
	Ecuador	January Economic Activity
16 March	Brazil	January Economic Activity
17 March	Colombia	January Economic Activity
I	Peru	January Economic Activity
20 March	Argentina	March Consumer Confidence (E)
	Chile	Q4 2022 National Accounts
22 March	Brazil	Central Bank Meeting
	Mexico	Q4 2022 National Accounts (by expenditure)
23 March	Argentina	Q4 2022 National Accounts
	Argentina	February Merchandise Trade
24 March	Mexico	January Economic Activity
	Uruguay	Q4 2022 National Accounts
25 March	Brazil	March Consumer Confidence (E)
26 March	Brazil	March Business Confidence (E)
27 March	Brazil	February Balance of Payments
	Mexico	February Merchandise Trade
29 March	Argentina	January Economic Activity
30 March	Mexico	Central Bank Meeting
31 March	Colombia	Central Bank Meeting
	Ecuador	Q4 2022 National Accounts
1 April	Chile	March Business Confidence (E)
3 April	Brazil	March S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	Chile	February Economic Activity
	Colombia	March Davivienda Manufacturing PMI
	Mexico	March IMEF PMI
	Uruguay	March Consumer Prices
4 April	Chile	Central Bank Meeting
5 April	Brazil	March S&P Global Services PMI
	Colombia	March Consumer Prices
	Colombia	February Merchandise Trade (E)
	Mexico	March Consumer Prices
	Mexico	March Consumer Confidence
6 April	Chile	March Consumer Prices
	Ecuador	March Consumer Prices
7 April	Argentina	February Industrial Production
	Colombia	March Consumer Confidence
	Peru	Central Bank Meeting
	Peru	March Consumer Prices
11 April	Brazil	March Consumer Prices
13 April	Argentina	March Consumer Prices
14 April	Peru	March Merchandise Trade

(P) Preliminary estimate. (E) Approximate date.

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**Mercosur (4 countries):** Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

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