

3Q19 MACROECONOMIC REPORT

Macroeconomic and political events

Mexico's economy has shown contagion to the global economic slowdown, the latest Global Economic Activity Index (IGAE) displays a year-over-year (YoY) contraction of 0.58%. The IGAE has decreased -0.17% yeat-to-date (YTD) through July (most recent available data) compared to the 1.40% increase in July 2018. Both primary and tertiary activities increased by 1.42% and 0.36%, respectively. Secondary activities decreased by -0.60% due to the contractions in the mining and construction activities.



Aggregate demand, which equals aggregate supply, grew 0.37% year over year through June (latest available data). Within its components, both private consumption and exports increased by 0.60% and 3.17%, respectively. Public consumption and gross fixed capital formation had -1.91% and -5.23% setbacks; in both cases, the austerity measures of the federal government motivated the drops.

Mexican external accounts continue exhibiting a solid pace. August historical remittances (US\$3.37 billion) reinforce the possibility of closing the year with approximately US\$35 billion. The balance of trade displays a year-to-date through August surplus of US\$2.8 billion, compared to last year's deficit of US\$9.9 billion. Mexico continues availing from the trade tensions between the United States and China and for the eighth consecutive month is United States' first commercial partner.

Country	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Balance	Country	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Balance
Mexico % of Total	174,200 15.8%	241,103 143%	415,303 14.9%	-66,903	India % of Total	23,479 2.1%	38,726 2.3%	62,205 22%	-15,247
Canada % of Total	196,821 17.8%	211,554 12.6%	408,375 14.7%	-14,733	Taiwan % of Total	20,713 1.9%	35,947 2.1%	56,660 2.0%	-15,234
China % of Total	74,294 6.7%	312,666 18.6%	386,960 13.9%	-238,372	Italy % of Total	15,657 1.4%	38,288 2.3%	53,945 19%	-22,631
Japan % of Total	50,015 4.5%	98,502 5.9%	148,517 5.3%	-48,487	Brazil % of Total	28,443 2.6%	21,139 1.3%	49,582 18%	7,304
Germany % of Total	39,744 3.6%	86,293 5.1%	126,037 4.5%	-46,549	Singa pore % of Total	20,594 1.9%	18,029 1.1%	38,623 14%	2,565
Korea, South % of Total	37,451 3.4%	52,294 3.1%	89,745 3.2%	-14,843	Hong Kong % of Total	21,586 2.0%	3,014 0.2%	24,600 0.9%	18,572
United Kingd % of Total	45,144 4.1%	42,331 2.5%	87,475 3.1%	2,813	Saudi Arabia % of Total	9,396 1.9%	9,829 0.6%	19,225 0.7%	433
France % of Total	25,119 2.3%	39,664 2.4%	64,783 2.3%	-14,545	All other countries % of Total	321,411 29,1%	432,433 25.7%	753,844 27.1%	411,022
					TOTAL 2019 YTD	1,104,067	1,681,812	2,785,879	-577,745
Source: U.S. Consus Barnau					TOTAL 2018	1,6 64,0 64	2,542,735	4,206,799	-878,671
Amounts in millions of dollars					TOTAL 2017	1,546,654	2,342,905	3,889,559	-796,251

The previously mentioned strength of the Mexican external accounts allowed the peso to oscillate within the MX\$19.50-MX\$20.00 per dollar for most of the year. Even though the peso has depreciated 0.40% year to date through September, the currency's performance against the United States Dollar ranks third amongst significant currencies.

Inflation has not only converged to Banxico's $3.0\% \pm 1.0\%$ range, but it is now in the 3.0% objective. September's annual inflation (latest available data) was 2.99%, mostly due to a considerable decrease in non-core inflation. The above, plus the decision of most of the leading central banks to easing their monetary policies, the Federal Reserve is included, gave Banxico room to reduce its reference rate twice in the quarter. Both movements have been 25 basis points (bps) reductions. The votes of two of the five members of Banxico's governing board for a 50-bps reduction widens the possibility of furthermore decreases.



Even though the economic deceleration has induced lower-than-budgeted tax collection, the federal government has remained fiscally disciplined. The fiscal discipline engagement has been such that the 1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) primary surplus exhibits considerable progress. Until August (latest available data), the primary balance was 86% higher than the budgeted one. This fiscal discipline and the expenditure reduction have even allowed the government to amortize 9.1% of the net external debt.

Finally, the terrorist attacks to Saudi Arabia's Aramco induced the most significant oil shock in history. In a conservative scenario, Capital Economics estimates that Brent oil prices could escalate up to US\$67 per barrel; this means that the Mexican crude oil mix could reach US\$58 per barrel. Taking into consideration that the 2020 budget estimates a daily production of 1.95 million oil barrels per day to be sold at an average price of US\$49 per barrel, the price of the Brent crude estimated by Capital Economics could represent an extraordinary income of US\$6.41 billion for the 2020 budget.

Conflict	Үеат	Fall in Production
Drone Attack to Aramco	2019	5.7 mbd
Iranian Revolution	1978	5.6 mbd
Arab-Israeli War, Oil Embargo	1974	4.3 mbd
Iraq Invasion to Kuwait	1991	4.3 mbd
Start of the Iran-Iraq War	1980	4.1 mbd
Strike in Venezuela	2002	2.6 mbd
War in Iraq	2003	2.3 mbd
Suspension of Iraq Exports	2001	2.1 mbd
Suez Crisis	1956	2 mbd
Six Days War	1967	2 mbd

Source: International Energy Agency, Bloomberg

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Definitions

Aramco: Officially Saudi Arabian Oil Company, is a Saudi Arabian national petroleum and natural gas company based in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Banxico: Mexico's Central Bank, lender authority and lender of last resort.

IGAE: The Global Index of Economic Activity allows to know and monitor the monthly evolution of the real sector of the economy.

Remittances: A transfer of money by a foreign worker to an individual in their home country.

Inflation: A quantitative measure of the rate at which the average price level of a basket of selected goods and services in an economy increases over a period.

Basis point (BPS): One basis point is equal to 1/100th of 1%, or 0.01%, or 0.0001

Saudi Arabia's Aramco. As of August 31, 2019 the security represents 0.00% of MXE's Portfolio Net Assets.

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