

LATAM Market Update

- **Colombia: February exports grew 6.2% y/y; Traditional exports keep helping total exports**

February exports came out. According to DANE, exports in the second month of 2019 were US\$3.1bn and expanded +6.2% y/y. Traditional exports grew 8.6% y/y on the back of higher coal and oil related exports. Non-traditional exports grew a discrete 2.6% y/y due to a mild recovery in manufacturing exports. In our opinion, February 2019 exports showed that better oil prices are still helping exports to show a mild recovery. Having said that, imports continue to growing at a faster pace than exports which rises further concerns about current account sustainability and make every month Colombian accounts more dependent on off-shore financing. Today's result continue in line with current account deficit of 3.8% of GDP for 2019 and GDP growth of 3.4% for this year.

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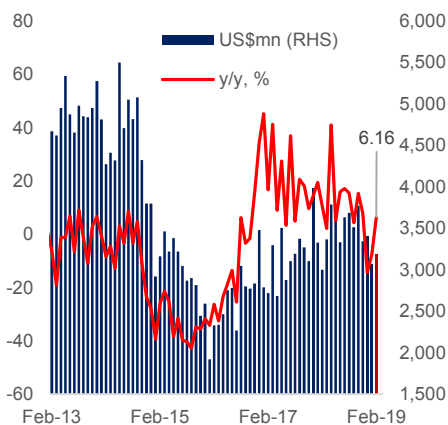
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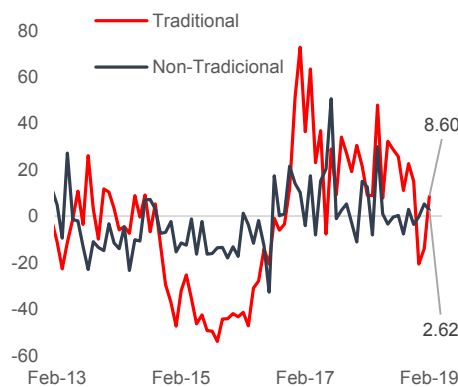
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Colombia: Total Exports



Sources: DANE, Scotiabank.

Colombia: Exports Traditional vs Non-Traditional (y/y, %)



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