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PACIFIC ALLIANCE COUNTRY UPDATES

 We assess key insights from the last week, with highlights on the main issues to watch in Mexico.

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A comprehensive risk calendar with selected highlights for the period
 November 22-December 5 across the Pacific Alliance countries and Brazil.

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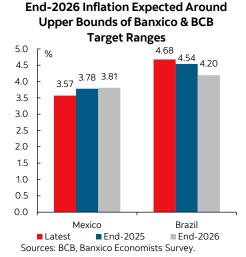




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Economic Overview: Regional and G10 CPI Close Out the Month

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The month is coming to an end with a relatively quieter week across the globe as the U.S. data calendar still looks relatively light (alongside closed markets on Thursday for Thanksgiving) with retail sales in focus while, in Latam, Mexico has a packed schedule in contrast to Peru's empty slate and Colombia, Chile, and Brazil sit somewhere in between. Both Mexico and Brazil publish mid-month CPI data, and all but Peru (with an empty schedule) release unemployment rate figures, with Chile's as part of a Friday October macro flood. Mexico's calendar also includes retail sales and international trade data, and Banxico's quarterly report.

Elsewhere, Germany, France, Italy, and Spain—three-quarters of the Eurozone basket, coming after the ECB's meeting minutes—as well as Australia and Tokyo release inflation data, Canada publishes quarterly GDP, the U.K. announces its Autumn Budget, and the RBNZ is expected to roll out a 25bps rate cut. Japan is also closed for business on Monday. Things are also quieter on the earnings front with all the Magnificent 7 names having already reported earnings (neither confirming nor denying AI bubbliness), but we'll watch for company news on consumer spending strength around U.S. Thanksgiving week sales (September retail sales data out next week are stale). Do keep an eye on comments by Fed speakers in the final days before the precommunications blackout starting on November 29th ahead of the December 10th decision, with market bets swinging wildly of late to currently sit at about 75% implied odds of a cut.

Mexican CPI kicks off the week on Monday, with economists expecting that inflation held practically unchanged from H2-Oct's readings of 3.5% and 4.3% y/y in headline and core terms, respectively. Core inflation has been stubbornly stuck in a \sim 4.2–4.3% range since mid-June with all month-over-month price gains in 2026 at or above those recorded twelve months prior due to upward pressures in core merchandise prices. Retail sales out on Tuesday will likely keep to around a 2% pace, nothing

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extraordinary, while Thursday's international trade data for October should show a normalisation in the country's trade deficit which, in September, widened to its biggest since January with Mexico's deficit with Asia ballooning to \$24.7bn from \$19.4bn in September 2025; for reference, Mexico's surplus with the U.S. sat at \$25.6bn a couple of months ago, and \$21.3bn twelve months prior.

On Wednesday, Banxico releases its Quarterly Report, which will provide some colour on the bank's views regarding the domestic economy and, in turn, help shape expectations for the December policy decisions. As the team discuss in today's Weekly, the minutes to Banxico's meeting in early-November guide that the bank will opt for another rate cut at its final gathering of the year, but it has also slightly opened the door to a rate hold. The Fed's own minutes showed some division within the FOMC that suggests U.S. policymakers could keep rates steady next month—which may influence Banxico's rate call the following week. At writing, markets are pricing in about 18–20bps in cuts for the December 18th Banxico announcement (or about the same as is priced in for the Fed).

Turning to Chile, PPI on Monday and Friday's industrial, manufacturing, and copper output, unemployment rate, and commercial activity releases will bookend a week where markets will also remain focused on expectations for the December presidential runoff elections and expressions of support. The contest will pin the left's Jara against the right's Kast, with the latter enjoying a solid lead of roughly 15–20ppts over the former in the handful of polls published since the November 16th vote. Even with around 10% of voters still undecided, a Kast victory seems pretty much guaranteed, but a more convincing win could help strengthen the Chile Grande y Unido coalition's position in Congress. Last week's legislative elections left it just shy of a majority in the Lower House with 76 of 155 seats, but a clearer backing of Kast by Chileans would help earn the support of some of the 42 representatives of the Cambio por Chile block.

In Brazil, IPCA-15 inflation is expected to slow from near 5% to the mid-4% area that would mark its lowest reading since late-2024/early-2025, with November discounts guiding the deceleration on top of beneficial base effects. In November 2024, IPCA-15 prices jumped by 0.6% m/m due largely to surging good prices reflecting the impact of droughts. Normalizing conditions point to a softer 0.2% m/m increase this time around that will help bring inflation lower and towards the BCB's survey year-end median forecast of 4.5%—which sat above 5% as recently as the July poll. That aside, economists expect only a small deceleration to 4.2% at end-2026, at the high-end of the BCB's 3% +/-1.5ppts target band. The progress made on inflation is nevertheless giving the central bank a chance to cut rates as soon as its January meeting, but the market's main concern is now how many cuts officials may roll out next year (currently, around 250–275bps are priced in).

Pacific Alliance Country Updates

Mexico—Banxico and Fed Minutes Guide December Cut Expectations

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This week, several key events and economic figures relevant to Mexico's monetary policy were released. Among them were the minutes from recent decisions by both Banco de México and the Federal Reserve. Additionally, following the reopening of the U.S. government after the partial shutdown, delayed labour market data was published, providing crucial insights for U.S. monetary policy outlook.

The FOMC minutes from the October 28th–29th meeting indicated that many officials consider it appropriate to keep rates unchanged for the remainder of 2025, although some see room for another cut in December if economic conditions evolve as expected. These positions highlight internal divisions over whether inflation or unemployment poses the greater risk. The delay in releasing the October jobs report and uncertainty around other key data, such as CPI, have reduced expectations for a December rate cut.

Meanwhile, September's nonfarm payrolls surprised to the upside with 119,000 jobs added, compared to the 53,000 expected and the prior month's decline of 4,000. However, the unemployment rate rose to 4.4%, its highest level in nearly four years, reflecting both increased labour force participation and more layoffs. The report, delayed by the shutdown, showed job gains concentrated in healthcare and leisure, while sectors like manufacturing and transportation shed jobs. This suggests labour market cooling may be more structural—linked to reduced labour supply from immigration policies—than cyclical, lowering the likelihood of further Fed cuts. Additionally, October figures will be released alongside November data on December 16th, without the unemployment rate, adding uncertainty ahead of the December 10th policy decision.

Banco de México also published minutes from its November 6th meeting, where the Board voted by majority to cut the reference rate by 25 basis points to 7.25% and adjusted its language, interpreted as signaling a possible pause in the easing cycle. The minutes reveal that two of five members remain concerned about inflationary pressures, view monetary policy as neutral, and warn that further narrowing of the rate differential with the U.S. could pose medium-term risks to price stability. In this context, we believe the case for the Fed holding rates in December is strengthening, which—combined with higher inflation readings and a weaker peso—could lead Banxico to pause at its final meeting of the year.



Forecast Updates: Central Bank Policy Rates and Outlook

Latam Central Banks: Policy Rates and Outlook

	Next Scheduled Meeting		d Meeting		BNS Forecas	t
	Current	Date	BNS	End-2025	End-2026	End-2027 BNS guidance for next monetary policy meeting
Chile, BCCh, TPM	4.75%	Dec-16	4.50%	4.50%	4.25%	4.25% We expect a rate cut in December, although this remains highly dependent on core inflation and, crucially, the exchange rate.
Colombia, BanRep, TII	9.25%	Dec-19	9.25%	9.25%	8.50%	6.75% In October, BanRep maintained its interest rate at 9.25% in a split decision, reflecting a cautious stance in the face of various risks. The majority opted not to modify the rate, citing strong economic performance, uncertainty about meeting the inflation target, international volatility, and fiscal issues. We do not anticipate further cuts in 2025, projecting erratic inflation that could close the year above 5%. Fiscal plans under discussion and the upcoming 2026 minimum wage hike decision at year-end, which will be key for next year's inflation picture, reinforce expectations for the central bank to remain on hold until Q2-26, when greater clarity on these two fronts will allow for a more informed decision.
Mexico, Banxico, TO	7.25%	Dec-18	7.00%	7.00%	6.50%	6.00% In November, Banxico cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points to 7.25%, in line with the Federal Reserve's move. However, the decision was not unanimous—Deputy Governor Heath voted to keep the rate unchanged, citing persistent inflationary pressures in core components. Looking ahead, Banxico has signaled the possibility of pausing its easing cycle as monetary policy approaches a neutral stance and uncertainty remains over whether the Fed will cut rates in December. Based on this guidance, we anticipate a terminal policy rate of 7.00% for 2025.
Peru, BCRP, TIR	4.25%	Dec-11	4.25%	4.25%	4.00%	4.00% We expect no changes in the upcoming meeting of the Central Bank (BCRP). The real interest rate (2.06%) remains very close to the estimated neutral rate (2.0%). Economic activity is growing around its potential level, and short-and medium-term economic expectations (3m and 12m) remain solid. Therefore, the BCRP has no real reason to deviate from this neutral zone in the short term. We anticipate an additional 25 bps cut, which is expected to take place in early 2026.
Brazil, BCB, Selic	15.00%	Dec-10	15.00%	15.00%	12.25%	10.50%

Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Scotiabank GBM, Bloomberg.

Key Economic Charts

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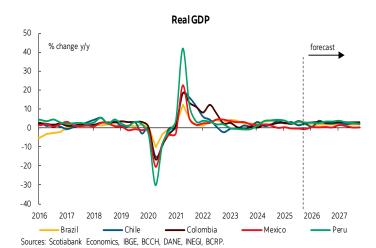
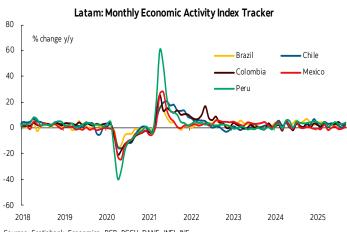


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Sources: Scotiabank Economics, BCB, BCCH, DANE, INEI, INE.

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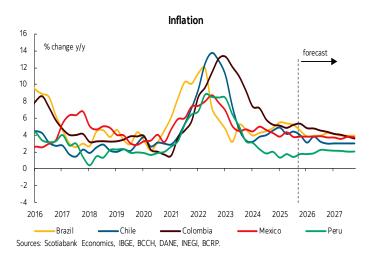
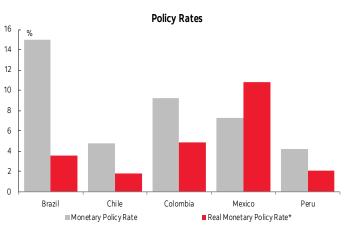
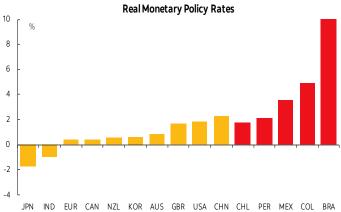


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Real monetary policy rate = current policy rate - BNS expected inflation, end-Q4-2026, % y/y. Sources: Scotiabank Economics, BCCH, BCRP, BCB, Banxico, BanRep, Focus Economics.

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Key Market Charts

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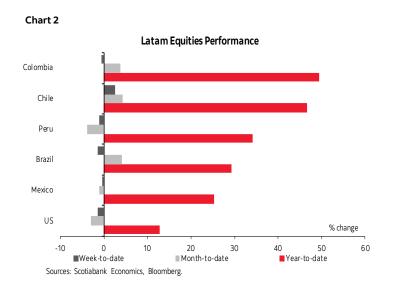


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Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Bloomberg.

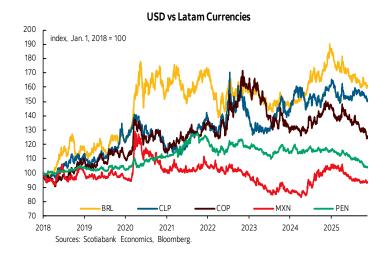


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*Sovereigns vs US swaps; BBB corporates vs 10-yr USTs. Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Bloomberg.

Yield Curves

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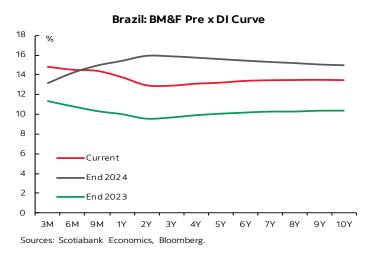


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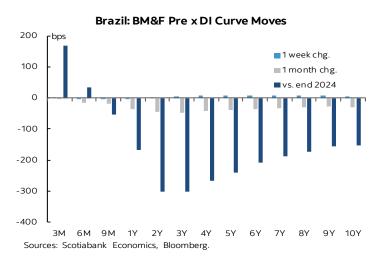


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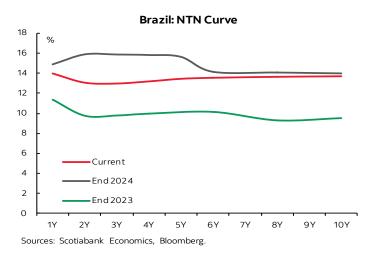


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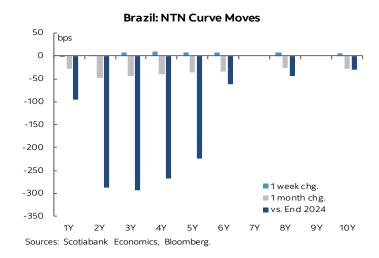


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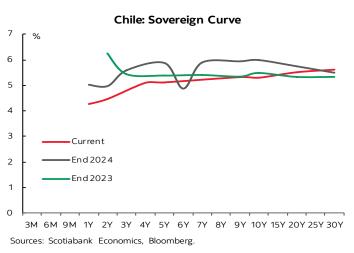
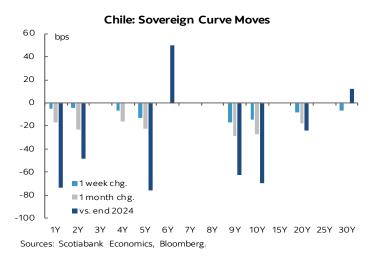


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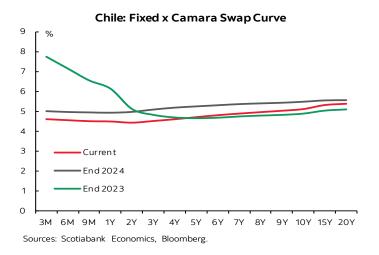


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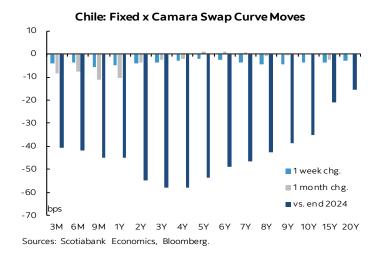


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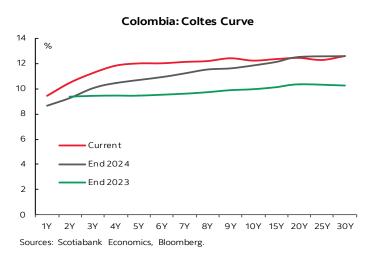


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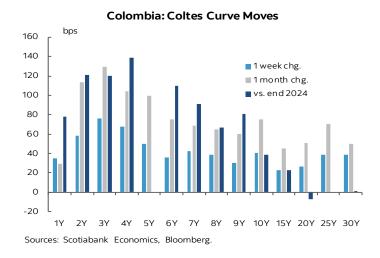


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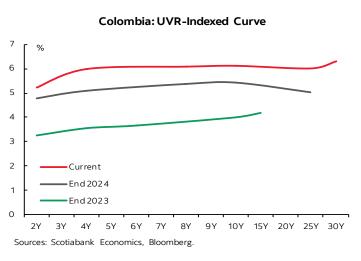
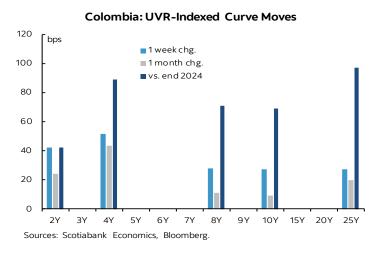


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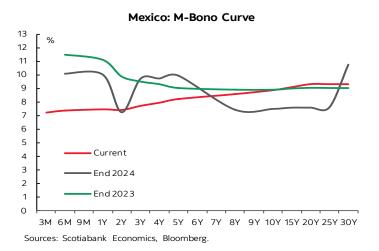


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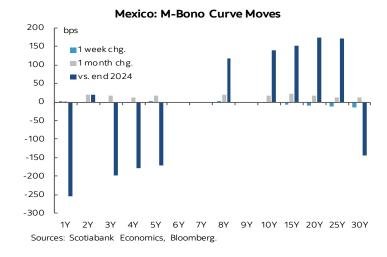


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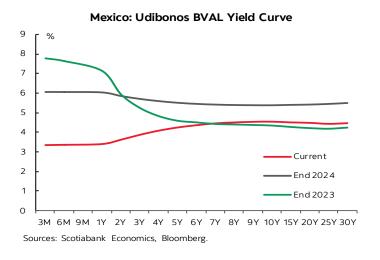


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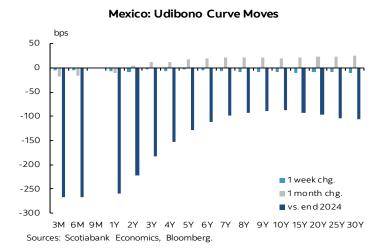


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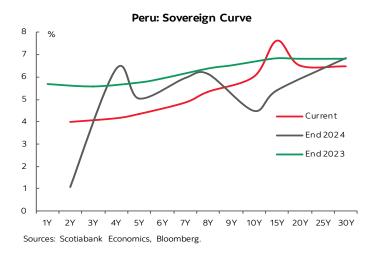
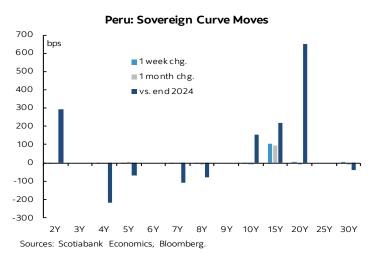


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Market Events & Indicators for November 22–December 5

BRAZIL						
Date	Time Event	<u>Period</u>	BNS	Consensus	Latest	BNS Comments
Nov-24	6:00 FGV CPI IPC-S (%)	23-Nov			0.2	
Nov-24	6:00 FGV Consumer Confidence	Nov			88.5	
Nov-24 Nov-24	6:25 Central Bank Weekly Economist Survey	23-Nov			40.4.1	
	13:00 Trade Balance Weekly (USD mn)				484.1	
Nov-25 Nov-25	3:00 FIPE CPI - Weekly (%)	24-Nov Nov			0.2 0.2	
Nov-25	6:00 FGV Construction Costs m/m 6:30 Current Account Balance (USD mn)	Oct			-9774.0	
Nov-25	6:30 Foreign Direct Investment (USD mn)	Oct			10671.5	
Nov-26	6:30 Personal Loan Default Rate (%)	Oct			6.7	
Nov-26	6:30 Outstanding Loans m/m	Oct			1.1	
Nov-26	6:30 Total Outstanding Loans (BRL bn)	Oct			6843.5	
Nov-26	7:00 IBGE Inflation IPCA-15 y/y	Nov			4.9	
Nov-26	7:00 IBGE Inflation IPCA-15 m/m	Nov			0.2	
Nov-26	Federal Debt Total (BRL bn)	Oct			8122.0	
Nov-27	6:00 FGV Inflation IGPM m/m	Nov			-0.4	
Nov-27	6:00 FGV Inflation IGPM y/y	Nov			0.9	
Nov-27	Central Govt Budget Balance (BRL bn)	Oct			-14.5	
Nov-28	6:30 Nominal Budget Balance (BRL bn)	Oct			-102.2	
Nov-28 Nov-28	6:30 Primary Budget Balance (BRL bn)	Oct			-17.5	
Nov-28	6:30 Net Debt % GDP 7:00 National Unemployment Rate (%)	Oct Oct			64.8 5.6	
Nov 28-30	Formal Job Creation Total	Oct			213002.0	
Dec-01	6:00 FGV CPI IPC-S (%)	30-Nov			0.2	
Dec-01 Dec-01	6:25 Central Bank Weekly Economist Survey	Nov			48.2	
	8:00 S&P Global Brazil Manufacturing PMI					
Dec-02 Dec-02	3:00 FIPE CPI - Monthly (%) 7:00 Industrial Production y/y	Nov Oct			0.3 2.0	
Dec-02	7:00 Industrial Production m/m	Oct			-0.4	
Dec-03	8:00 S&P Global Brazil Composite PMI	Nov			48.2	
Dec-03	8:00 S&P Global Brazil Services PMI	Nov			47.7	
Dec 01-03	Vehicle Sales Fenabrave	Nov			260758.0	
Dec-04					0.4	
Dec-04 Dec-04	7:00 GDP q/q 7:00 GDP y/y	3Q 3Q			2.2	
Dec-04	7:00 GDP 4Qtrs Accumulated	3Q			3.2	
Dec-04	13:00 Trade Balance Monthly (USD mn)	Nov			6964.4	
Dec-04	13:00 Exports Total (USD mn)	Nov			31975.2	
Dec-04	13:00 Imports Total (USD mn)	Nov			25010.8	
Dec-05	6:00 FGV Inflation IGP-DI y/y	Nov			0.7	
Dec-05	6:00 FGV Inflation IGP-DI m/m	Nov			0.0	
Dec 04-05	Vehicle Sales Anfavea	Nov			260717.0	
Dec 04-05	Vehicle Exports Anfavea	Nov			40600.0	
Dec 04-05	Vehicle Production Anfavea	Nov			247770.0	
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Date	Time Event	Period	BNS	Consensus	Latest	BNS Comments
Nov-24	7:00 PPI m/m	Oct		1.7		DIAS COMMENCS
Nov-28	7:00 Retail Sales y/y	Oct		6.2		
Nov-28	7:00 Commercial Activity y/y	Oct		9.3		
Nov-28	7:00 Unemployment Rate (%)	Oct		8.5		
Nov-28	7:00 Industrial Production y/y	Oct		1.5		
Nov-28	7:00 Manufacturing Production y/y	Oct		5.0		
Nov-28	7:00 Copper Production Total (MT)	Oct		456663.0		
Dec-01	6:30 Economic Activity m/m	Oct		0.5		
Dec-01	6:30 Economic Activity y/y	Oct		3.2		
Dec-04	7:00 Nominal Wage y/y	Oct		5.9		
Dec 01-04	Vehicle Sales Total	Nov		23531.0		
Dec-05	6:00 CPI y/y Chained	Nov		3.4		
Dec-05	6:00 CPI m/m	Nov		0.0		
Dec 01-05	IMCE Business Confidence	Nov		45.5		

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Nov-26	Retail Confidence	Oct			20.4	
Nov-26	Industrial Confidence	Oct			9.0	
Nov-28	10:00 Urban Unemployment Rate (%)	Oct		8.2	8.1	
Nov-28	10:00 National Unemployment Rate (%)	Oct			8.2	
Nov-28	Central Bank Board Meeting					
Dec-01	10:00 Davivienda Colombia PMI Mfg	Nov			54.8	
Dec-01	Current Account Balance (USD mn)	3Q			-2594.9	
Dec-04	10:00 Exports FOB (USD mn)	Oct			4621.3	
Dec-05	18:00 CPI m/m	Nov			0.2	
Dec-05	18:00 CPI y/y	Nov			5.5	
Dec-05	18:00 CPI Core m/m	Nov			0.3	
Dec-05	18:00 CPI Core y/y	Nov			5.3	

MEXICO						
<u>Date</u>	Time Event	Period	BNS	Consensus	<u>Latest</u>	BNS Comments
Nov-24	7:00 Bi-Weekly CPI (%)	15-Nov			0.1	
Nov-24	7:00 Bi-Weekly Core CPI (%)	15-Nov			0.1	
Nov-24	7:00 Bi-Weekly CPI y/y	15-Nov			3.5	
Nov-24	7:00 Bi-Weekly Core CPI y/y	15-Nov			4.3	
Nov-25	7:00 Retail Sales m/m	Sep			0.6	
Nov-25	7:00 Retail Sales y/y	Sep			2.4	
Nov-25	10:00 International Reserves Weekly (USD mn)	21-Nov			249078.0	
Nov-25	10:00 Current Account Balance (USD mn)	3Q			205.9	
Nov-26	13:30 Mexican Central Bank Releases Inflation Report					
Nov-27	7:00 Trade Balance (USD mn)	Oct			-2399.5	
Nov-27	7:00 Exports (USD mn)	Oct			56487.9	
Nov-27	7:00 Imports (USD mn)	Oct			58887.5	
Nov-28	7:00 Unemployment Rate NSA (%)	Oct			3.0	
Nov-28	10:00 Net Outstanding Loans (MXN bn)	Oct			7109.0	
Nov-28	Mexican Public Balance (MXN mn)	Oct			-785.7	
Dec-01	10:00 S&P Global Mexico Manufacturing PMI	Nov			49.5	
Dec-01	10:00 Remittances Total (USD mn)	Oct			5214.2	
Dec-01	10:00 Central Bank Economist Survey					
Dec-01	13:00 IMEF Manufacturing Index SA	Nov			47.2	
Dec-01	13:00 IMEF Non-Manufacturing Index SA	Nov			50.4	
Dec-02	10:00 International Reserves Weekly (USD mn)	28-Nov			249078.0	
Dec-03	7:00 Gross Fixed Investment NSA y/y	Sep			-10.4	
Dec-03	7:00 Gross Fixed Investment SA m/m	Sep			-2.7	
Dec-03	7:00 Vehicle Domestic Sales	Nov			129736.0	
Dec-03	7:00 Private Consumption y/y	Sep			0.1	
Dec-04	7:00 Leading Indicators m/m	Oct			0.2	
Dec-05	7:00 Consumer Confidence	Nov			46.1	
Dec-05	Citi Survey of Economists					
Dec 04-08	Formal Job Creation Total	Nov			217.5	

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<u>Date</u>	Time Event	Period	BNS	Consensus	Latest	BNS Comments
Dec-01	10:00 Lima CPI m/m	Nov	0.2		-0.1	
Dec-01	10:00 Lima CPI y/y	Nov	1.5		1.4	
Dec-01	10:00 Lima Core CPI m/m	Nov	0.1			
Dec-01	10:00 Lima Core CPI y/y	Nov	1.8			

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