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The earthquake: nationwide impact, severe damage, and a costly rebuild ahead.

- **Quake:** Mw 7.4–7.5 struck Chocó (epicenter near San José del Palmar) on Aug 10, 2026 — the strongest earthquake felt across the country in years, felt in all 32 departments and in Ecuador, Venezuela, and Panama.
- **Toll:** At least 331 dead, 4,600+ injured, 240 missing.
- **Geography:** 472 municipalities across 15 departments affected — roughly a third of Colombian territory. Worst-hit: Cali, Pereira, Quibdó, Manizales, Armenia, Buenaventura.
- **Structural damage:** ~178,555 homes damaged, 31,540 destroyed, 603 buildings collapsed; hospitals, schools, an airport (Pereira), roads, bridges and aqueducts hit.
- **Reconstruction cost:** Government's initial figure was 30 trillion pesos (~\$9.6bn or 1.9% of GDP), later revised by the national planning department (DNP) to up to 40 trillion pesos (~\$12.9bn or 2.5% of GDP) with a 5–6 year rebuild horizon. Independent estimates diverge widely, from Oxford Economics' \$990m–\$1.98bn to USGS's near-\$40bn.



The fiscal deficit will widen due to reconstruction efforts.

- The government sent to Congress its proposal for a revised 2026 budget and, importantly, for the 2027 budget. We still lack a lot of information and, therefore, please treat this as preliminary.
- The revised fiscal deficit for 2026 is 7.2% of GDP. This is more than what Petro had planned, at just north of 5%, but less than what Finance Minister Gomez had initially indicated, at 7.8%. It includes government spending cuts of about 1.3% of GDP (COP 21.9tn). For 2027, the fiscal deficit target is 9.4% of GDP. It is difficult to make a comparison because the earthquake changed everything. The government will not increase taxes. The fiscal effort, which is huge, will come entirely from spending cuts. This is good news. However, the path to a lower fiscal deficit will not start in 2027, which makes sense given that the bulk of the reconstruction effort will likely hit the fiscal accounts that year. That said, we also think the reconstruction effort will affect the budget in 2028, but we do not yet have enough information on that.
- So, is this positive or negative? We would say net-net positive because the government is making a huge effort on spending cuts. However, the fiscal deficits for both 2026 and 2027 are really large, and debt-to-GDP will probably increase, mainly in 2027, from around 61% of GDP now. The economy will probably grow strongly in 2027 and 2028 due to the reconstruction effort. This is key because it implies that the composition of growth will shift from government spending to investment.

Colombia: Monitor

Latest figures point to slowing consumption and growth but improving inflation prints.

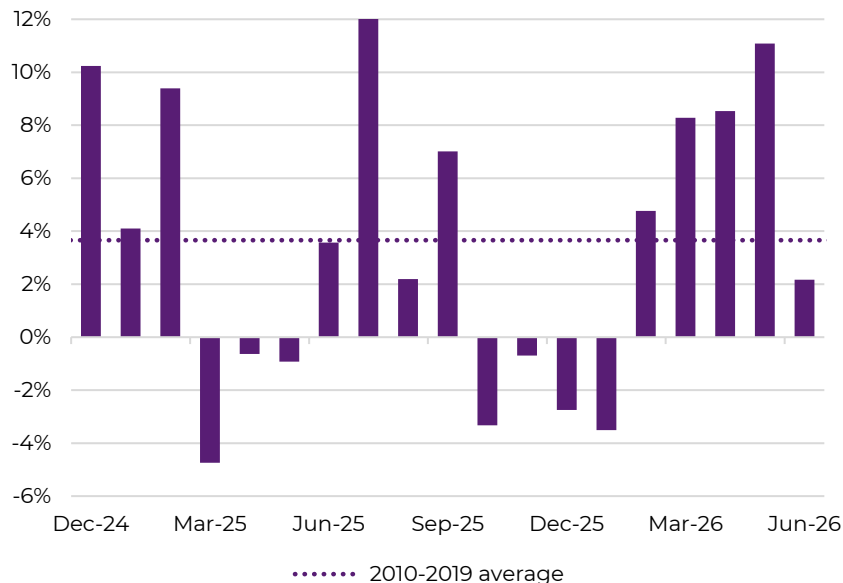
	Units	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
Economic activity index	3m% chg- ann	8.3%	8.5%	11.1%	2.2%	-
Retail sales	3m% chg- ann	24.7%	41.5%	19.8%	10.8%	-
Terms of trade	SA, 2000=100	137	132	138	127	121
Unemployment rate	SA, EOP	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	-
Employed people	3m change, SA, Thousand	128	201	265	215	-
Wage bill	YoY%	9.8%	10.4%	10.9%	9.7%	-
CPI headline	YoY%, NSA	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	6.1%	6.0%
	3m% chg- ann	12.8%	11.1%	8.4%	6.8%	4.2%
CPI core	YoY%, NSA	5.9%	5.9%	6.1%	6.3%	6.3%
	3m% chg- ann	13.4%	11.3%	8.4%	6.0%	4.1%
CPI services	3m% chg- ann	13.4%	11.0%	8.9%	6.4%	4.7%
12m inflation expectations	3m% chg- ann	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5
Current business situation	50+ = growth	41.6	39.8	32.3	41.0	-
Expected state of economy next semester	50+ = growth	32.1	30.7	33.2	46.9	-

Colombia: Growth

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Colombia: Economic activity volume index

3m% chg ann. %, SA



Source: DANE, Haver, Natixis

Growth forecast

YoY %

2025

2.6

2026

2.8

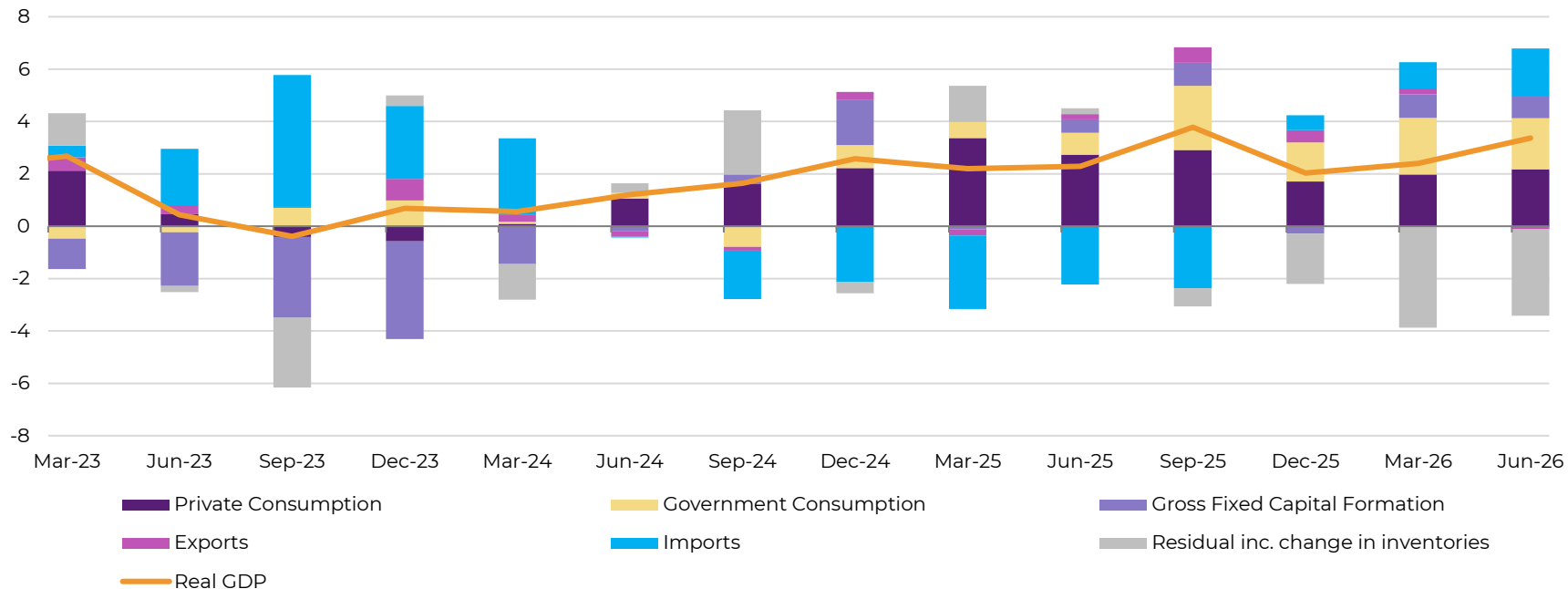
2027

2.9

Colombia: Growth

Domestic demand is proven resilient despite high uncertainties.

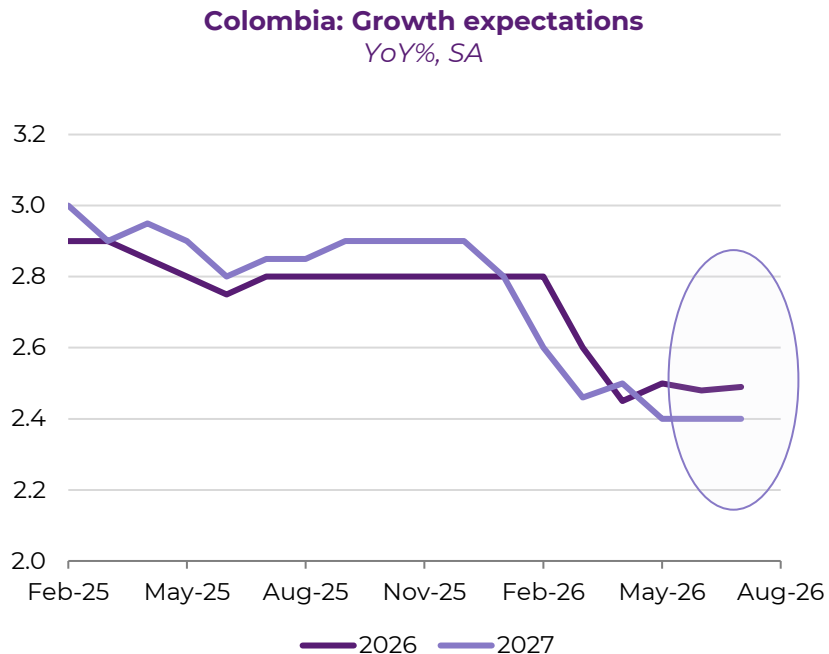
Colombia: Contributions to real GDP growth
YoY%, pp



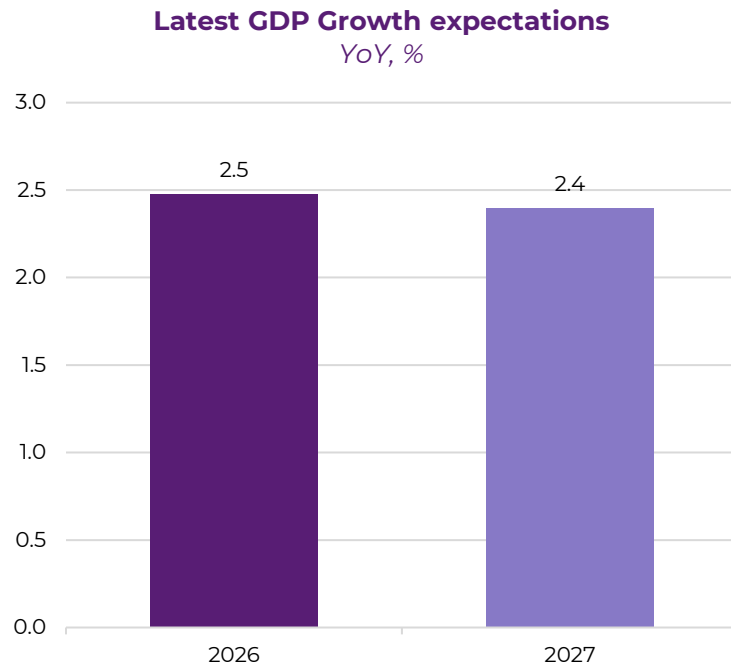
Source: Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Growth expectations

Growth expectations for 2026 decreased in the margin. We suspect that median economist expectations will be revised higher as they incorporate the impact of the reconstruction.



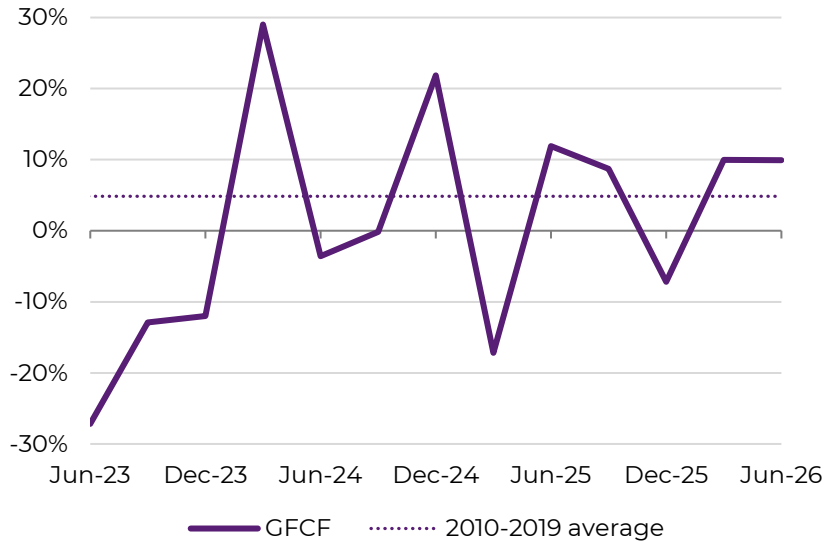
Source: Bloomberg, Natixis



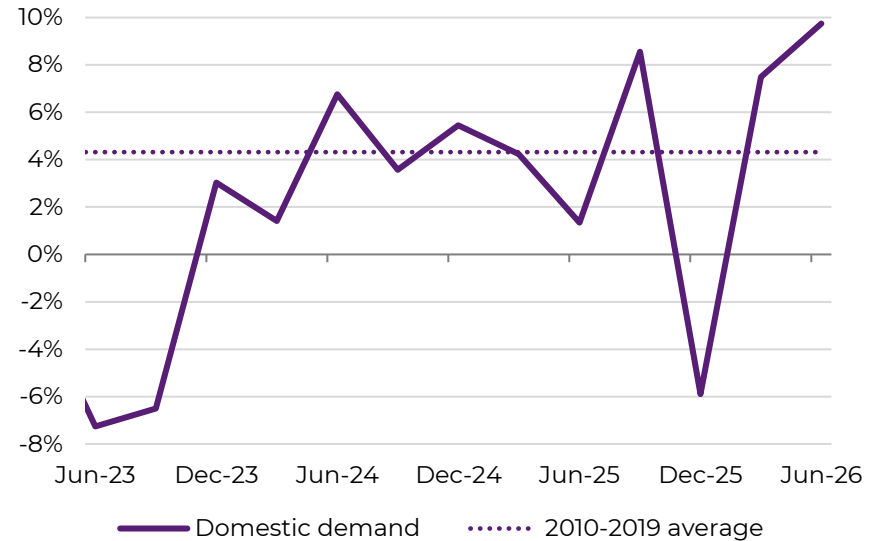
Colombia: Demand

Domestic demand and investment rebounded in 2026.

Colombia: GFCF
QoQ%, SAAR



Colombia: Total domestic demand
QoQ%, SAAR



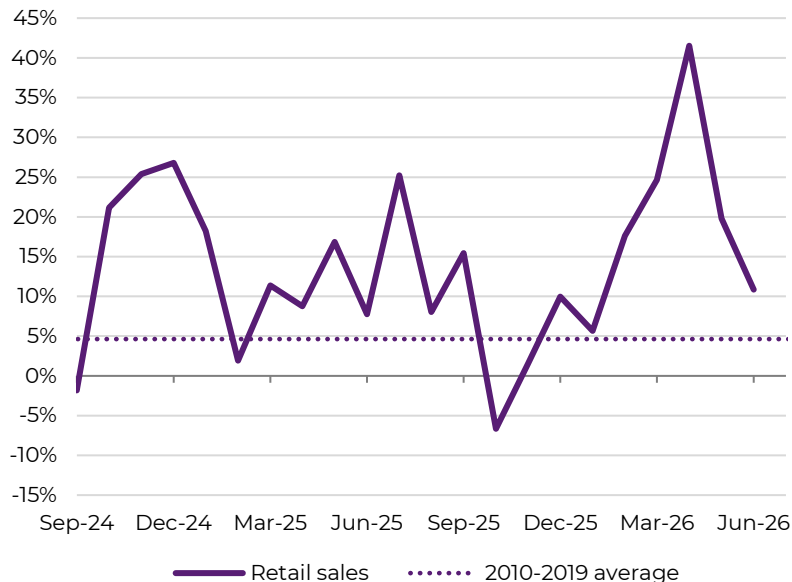
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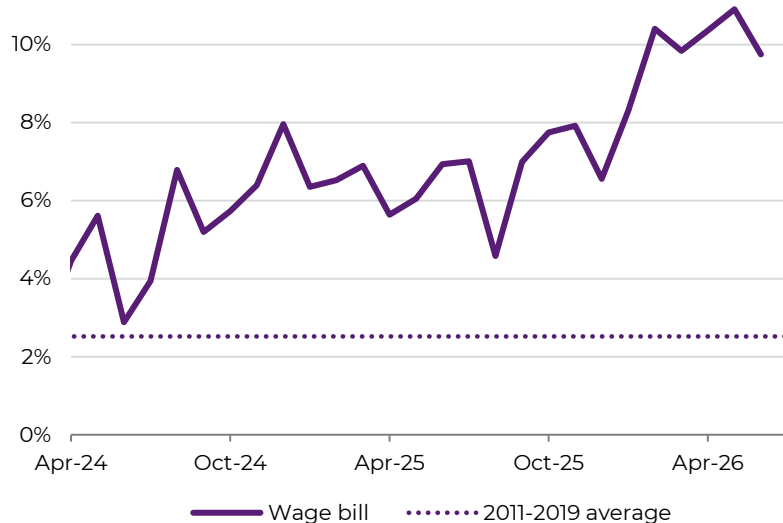
Colombia: Demand

Consumer spending declined following the Iran war, while wage bill growth remained resilient but slowed.

Colombia: consumption - Real retail trade
3m%change- ann, SA



Colombia: Wage bill
YoY%, SA



Wage bill is computed as the YoY% in the ratio of the total employed persons/ real salary per capita in retail trade (index)

Source: Haver, Natixis

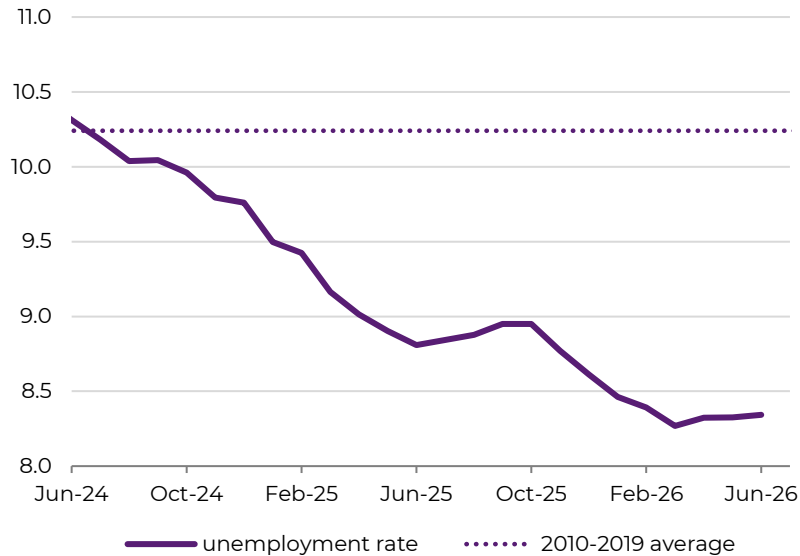
Source: DANE, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Labor

In March, unemployment reached its lowest in two decades, driven by a decline in labor force participation.

Colombia: Unemployment rate

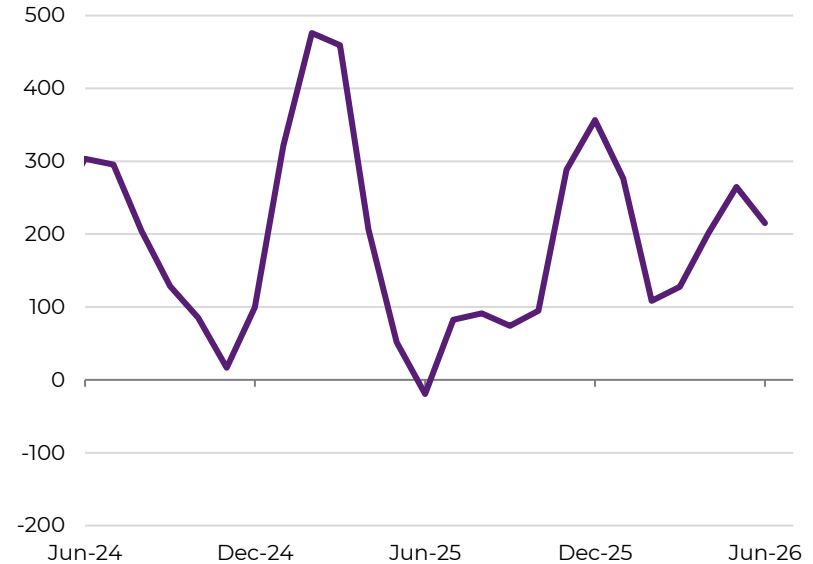
EOP, SA, %



Source: DANE, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Employed

3m change, EOP, SA, Thous

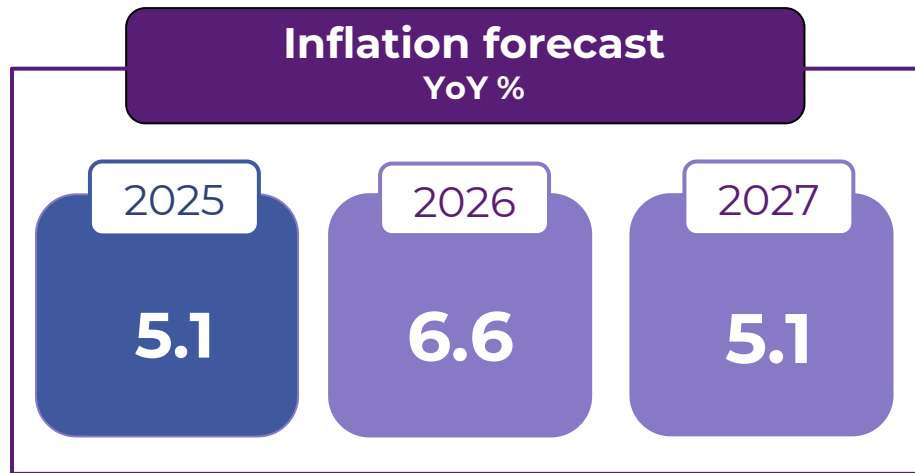
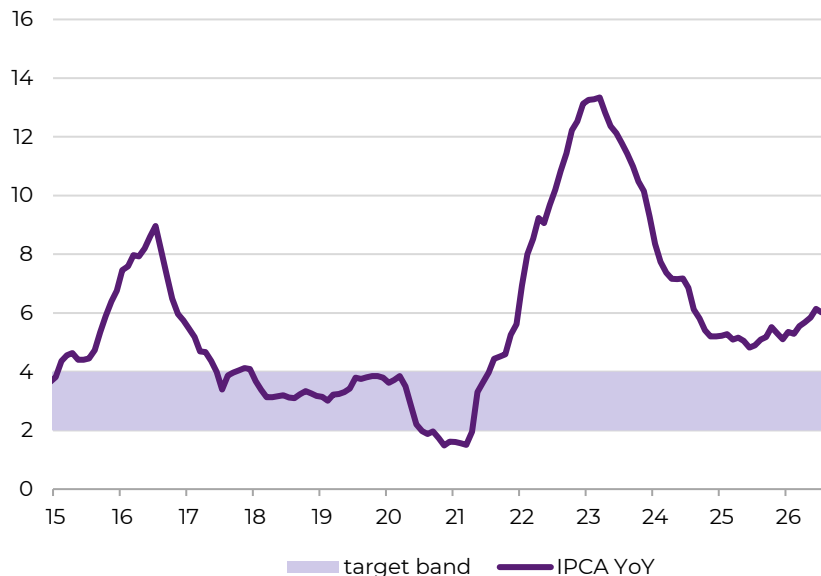


Source: Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Inflation

Largely driven by the 23% increase in the minimum wage and the conflict in Iran, we currently forecast inflation at 6.6% in 2026, above the target range. Going forward, El Niño could push inflation higher in late 2026 and H1 2027 through higher electricity and food prices.

Colombia: CPI
YoY%, NSA

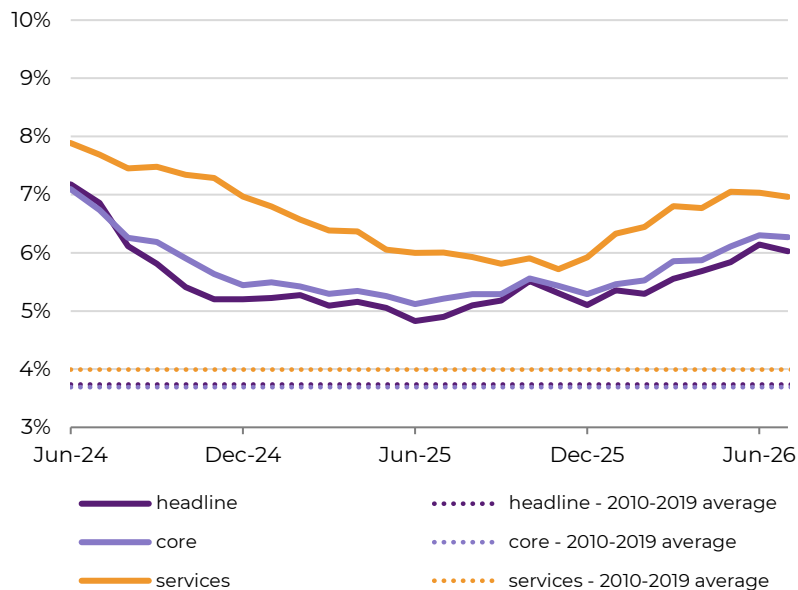


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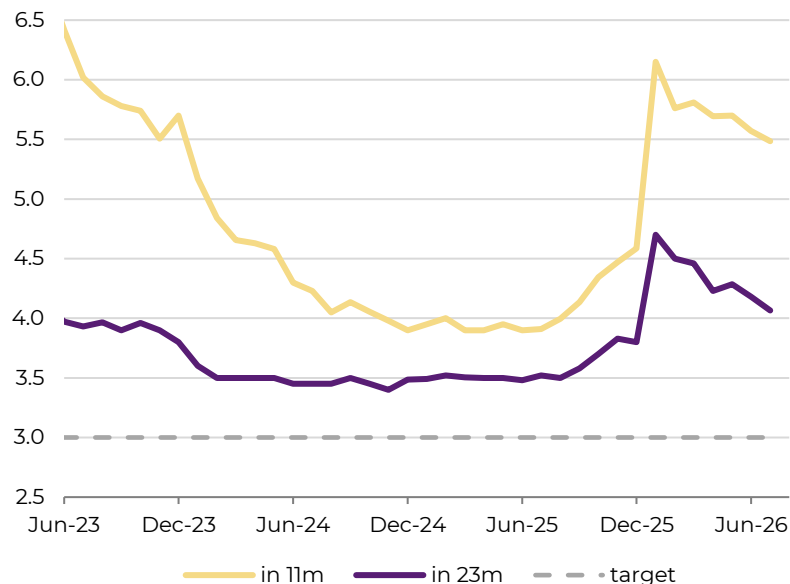
Colombia: Inflation

Inflation expectations have fallen but remain above target.

Colombia: Inflation
YoY%, NSA



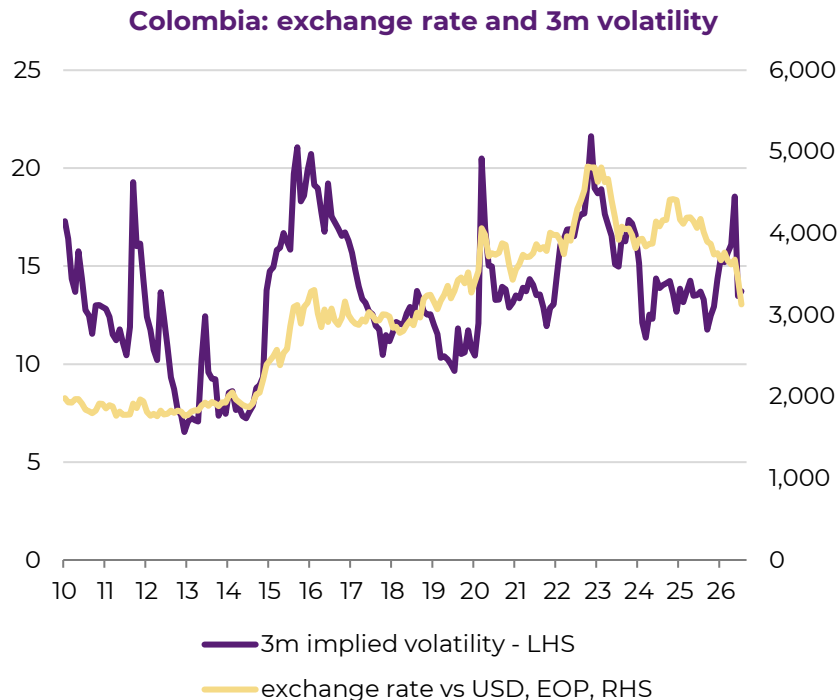
Colombia: Inflation expectations vs target
YoY%, NSA



Source: DANE, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Exchange rate

COP appreciated while the 3m volatility declined.



Source: BANREP, Haver, Bloomberg, Natixis

Exchange rates forecast EOP, vs USD

2025

3818

2026

3150

2027

3800

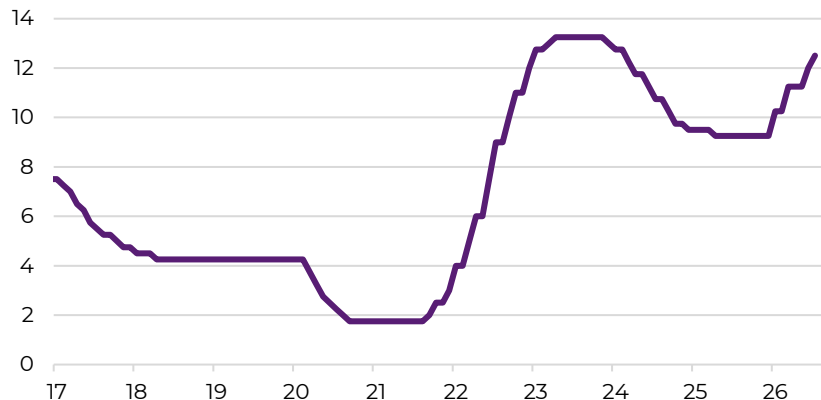
Fair Value

Fair Value		Deviation	
BEER	PPP	BEER	PPP
3750.36	3834.30	10%	12%

Colombia: Monetary Policy

We are now leaning toward 12.00% as the terminal rate, in part due to the strong COP appreciation in both nominal and REER terms. Also, the monetary policy stance is already restrictive.

Colombia: Policy rate path
EOP, %



Source: BANREP, Haver, Natixis

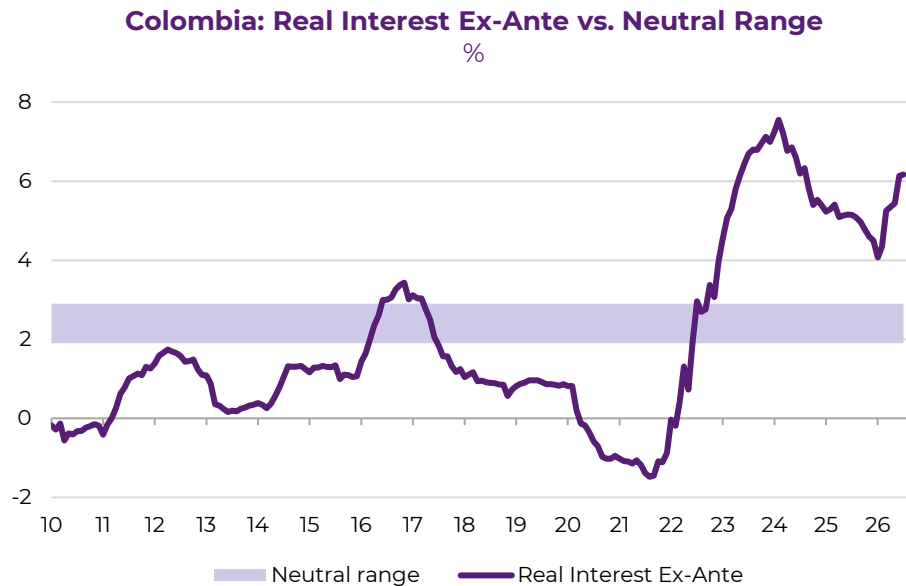
Policy rate forecast
EOP, %



	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Jan-27	Feb-27	Mar-27	Apr-27	May-27	Jun-27	Jul-27	Aug-27	Sep-27
Natixis forecast	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.75	11.50	11.50	11.25

Source: Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Monetary Policy



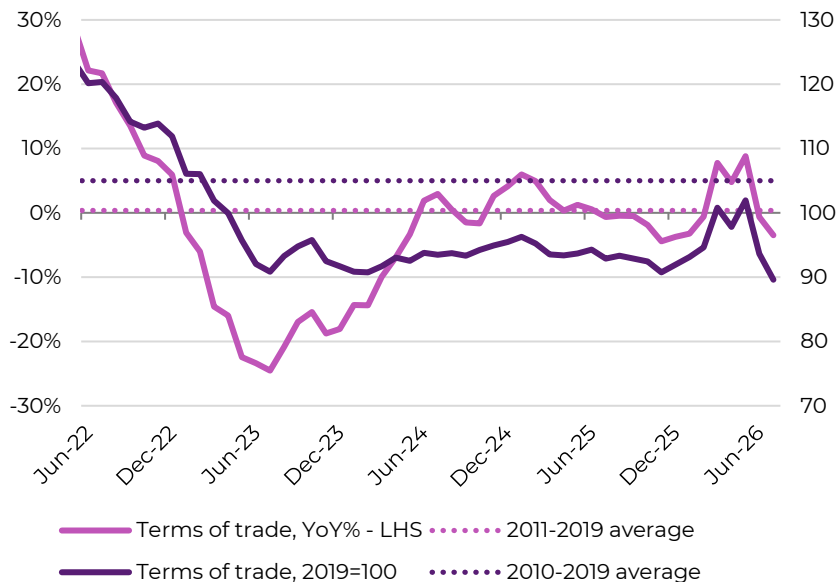
Source: Bloomberg, Natixis

Colombia: Trade

Trade balance has been negative since 2013 and imports are rising faster than exports. Terms of trade has also declined recently.

Colombia: Terms of trade

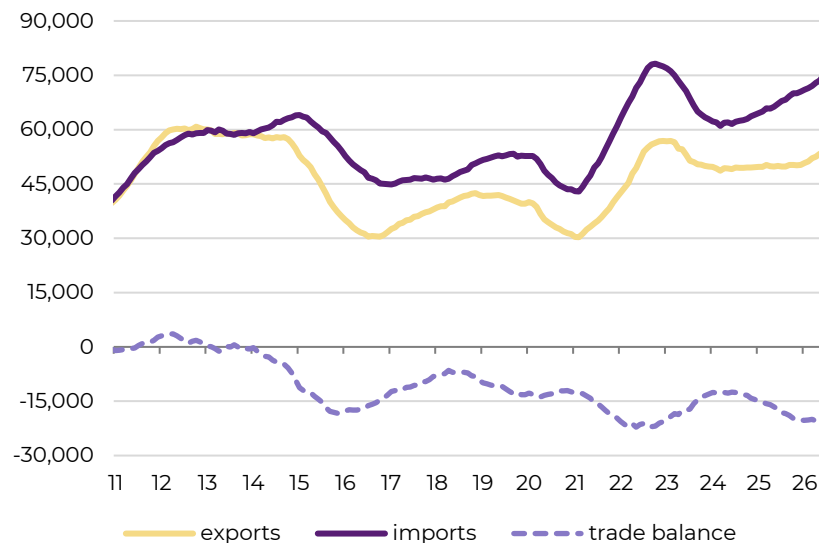
YoY% and 2019=100, SA



Source: DANE, BANREP, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Trade in goods

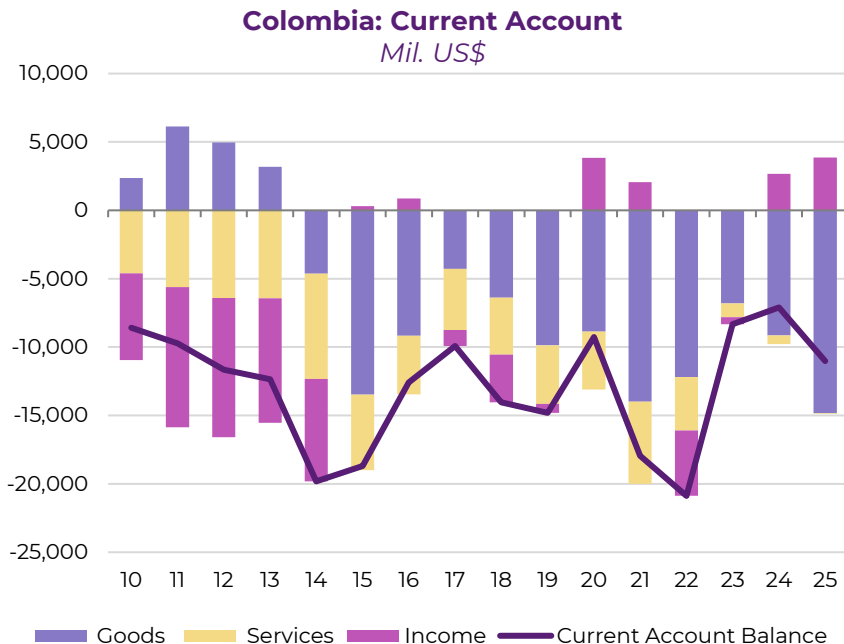
12mm total, \$ Mil., SA



Source: DANE, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Current Account

In a context of growing domestic demand, the current account deficit has widened, driven mainly by a larger goods trade deficit, as was the case in the past.



Source: BANREP, Haver, Natixis

Current Account forecast %GDP

2025

-2.6

2026

-2.4

2027

-2.6

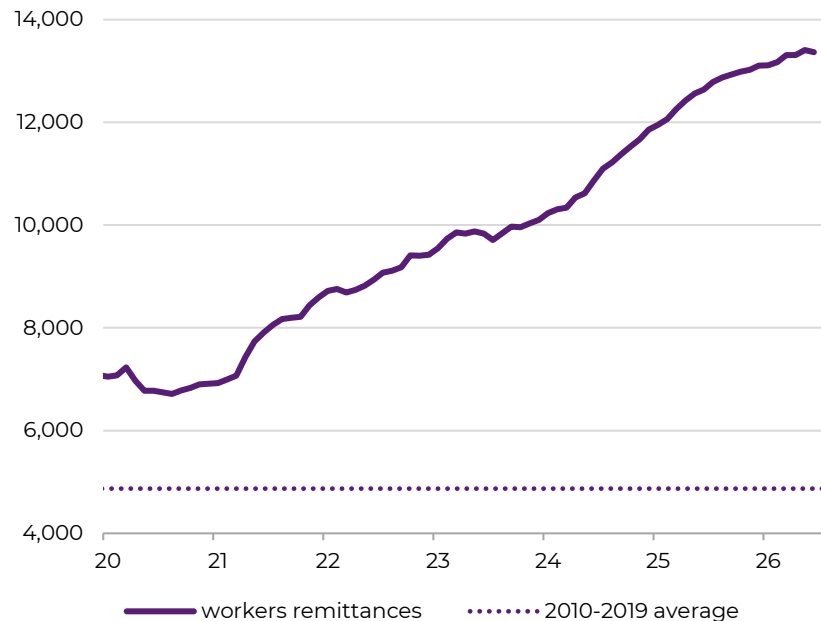
Colombia: External position

Colombia: Foreign Direct Investment
4Q- moving total, Mil. USD



Source: BANREP, Haver, Natixis

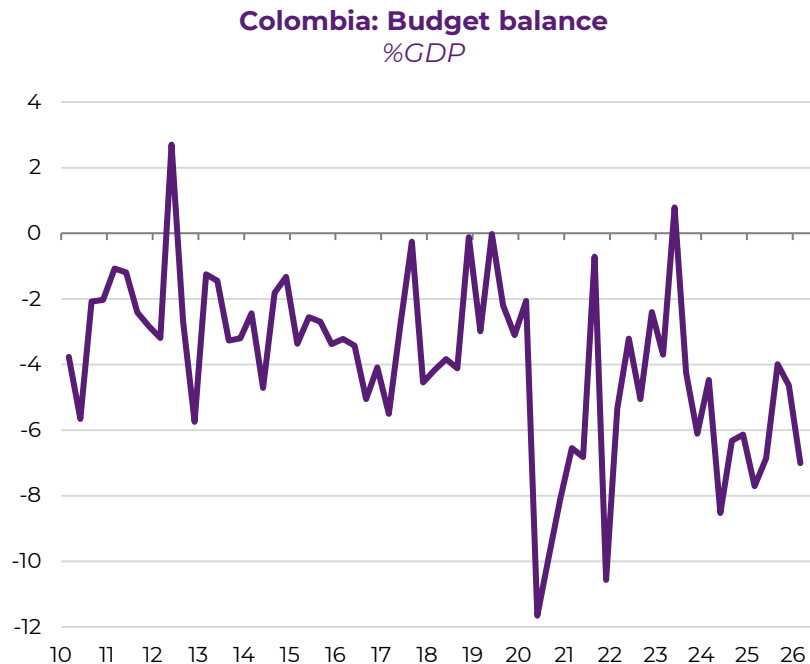
Colombia: Remittances
12m- moving total, SA, Mil. US\$



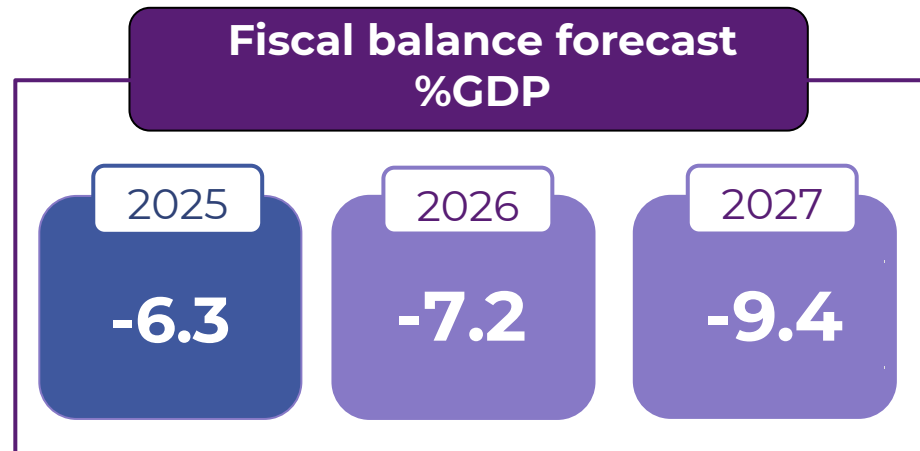
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Colombia: Fiscal Balance

The fiscal deficit will widen due to reconstruction efforts. However, it is important to emphasize the government's effort to cut spending by about 1.3% of GDP, which is equivalent to past fiscal reforms.

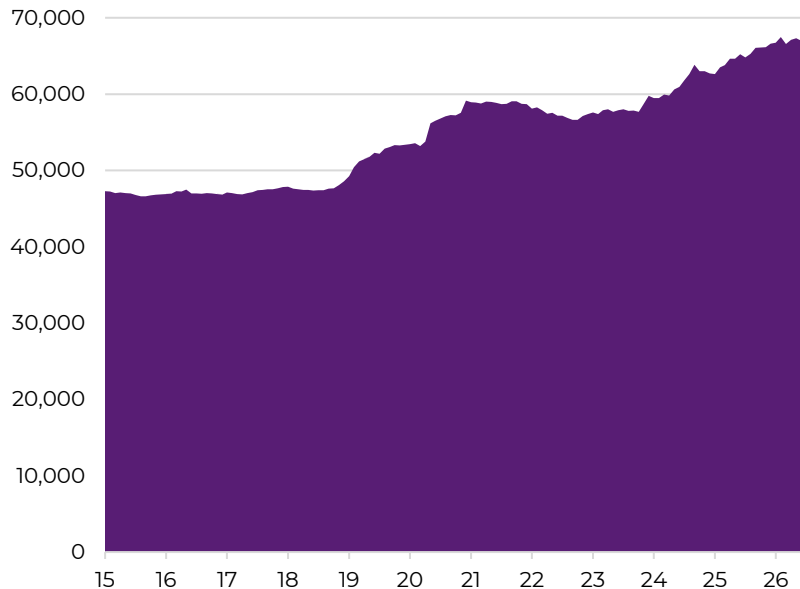


Source: DANE, Haver, Natixis



Colombia: International Assets

Colombia: Gross foreign reserves
EOP, SA, Mil. US\$



Source: BANREP, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Gross public debt
%GDP, SA

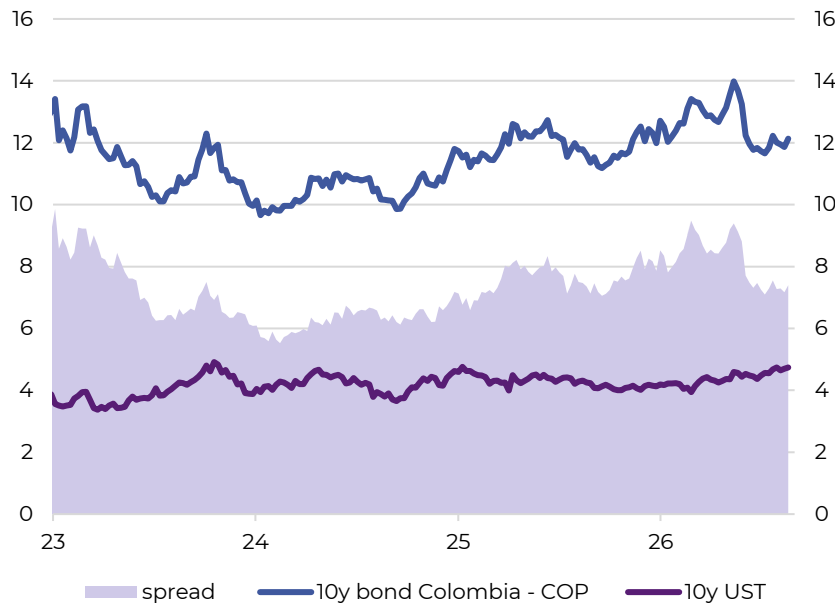


Source: BANREP, Haver, Natixis

Colombia: Bond yield

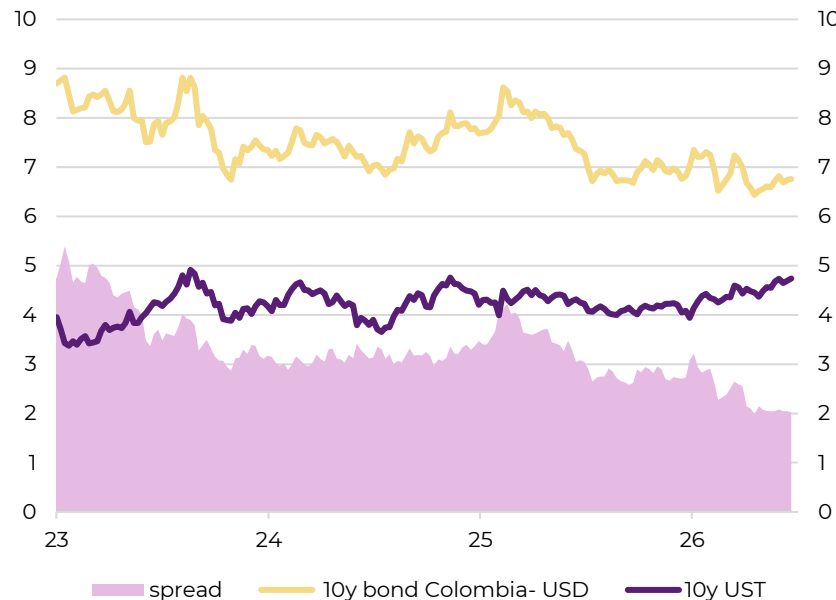
Colombia issued \$5bn in January, with bid-to-cover of 4.6.

Colombia: 10y bond (COP), and 10y UST
% and bp



Source: Bloomberg, Natixis

Colombia: 10y bond (USD) and 10y UST
% and bp



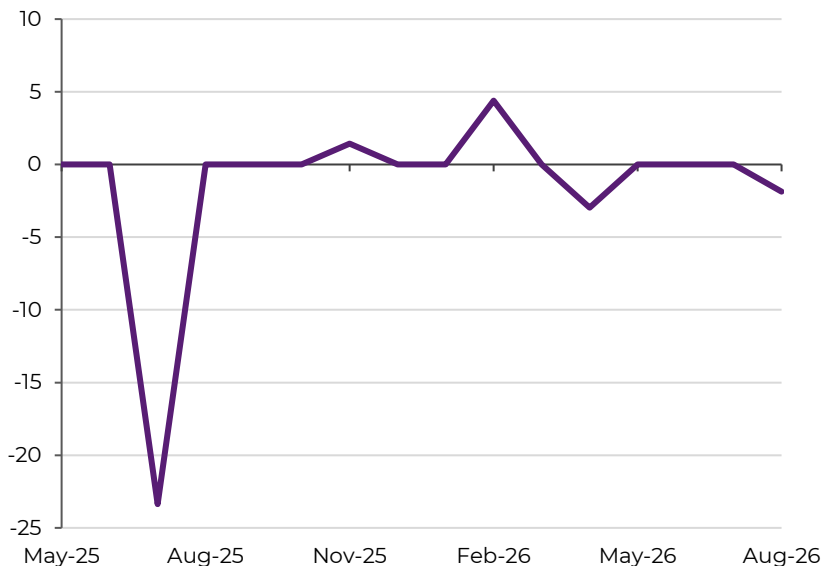
Source: Bloomberg, Natixis

Colombia: Bonds and Equities flow

While they rebounded after their Iran war ceasefire negotiations began, flows of bonds and equities have recently decreased, particularly with equity flows experiencing a sharp fall.

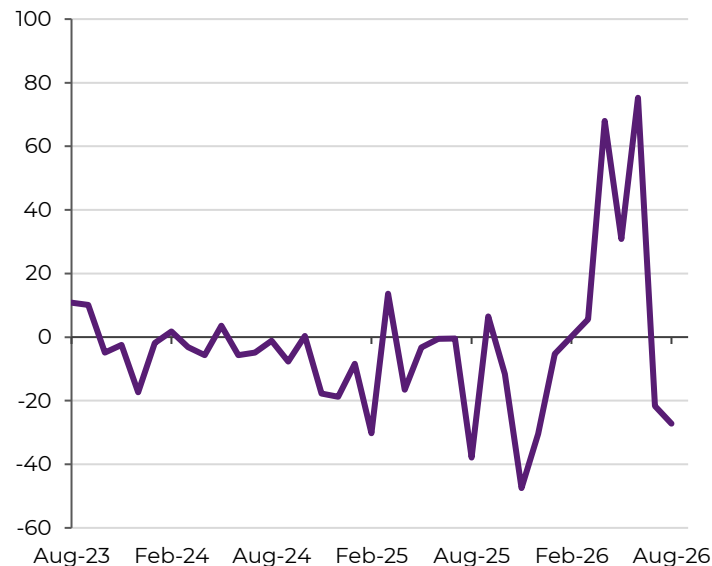
Colombia : ETF Monthly Fund Flows - Fixed Income

Mil. \$US



Colombia : ETF Monthly Fund Flows - Equities

Mil. \$US

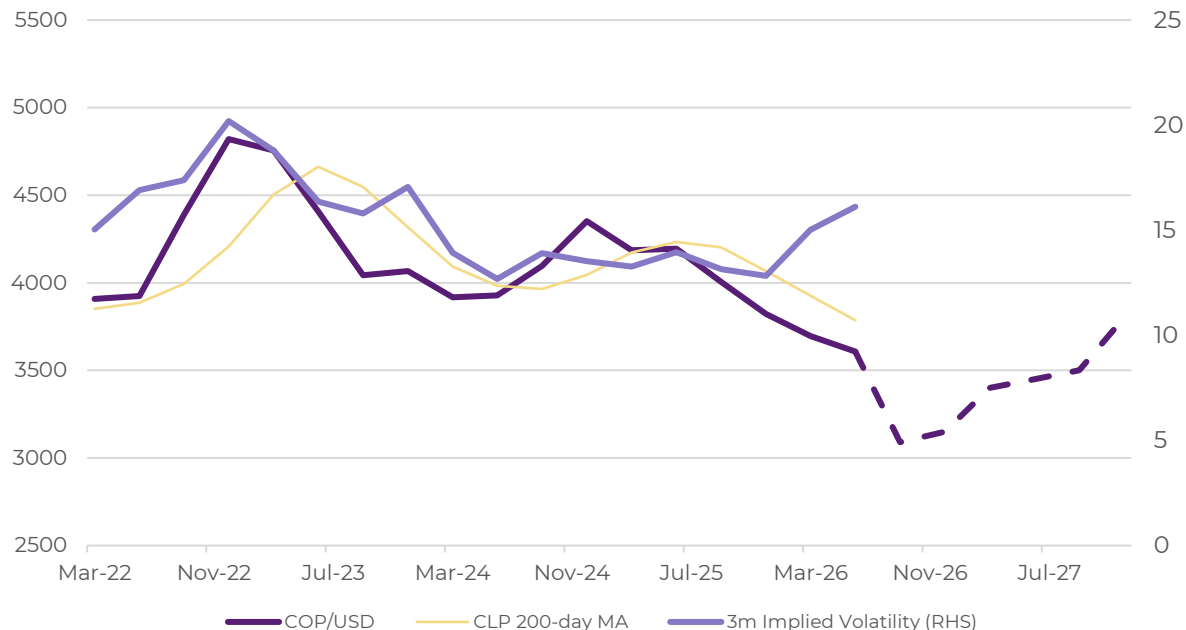


Source: Natixis, Bloomberg

Colombia: FX Outlook

We expect the COP to remain strong for the rest of the year due to high carry and a weak dollar. However, we expect it to gradually depreciate as the central bank and the government buy dollars.

COP Exchange Rate Outlook with 3m Implied Volatility



Source: Natixis, Bloomberg

Colombia: Macro Forecasts

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	GDP growth	CPI	Fiscal balance	Current account	Policy Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate
	YoY%	YoY%	% of GDP	% of GDP	EOP, %	AOP, vs USD	EOP, vs USD
2024	1.6	5.2	-5.9	-2.9	9.50	4114	4406
2025	2.6	5.1	-6.3	-2.6	9.25	4051	3818
2026	2.8	6.6	-7.2	-2.4	12.00	3383	3150
2027	2.9	5.1	-9.4	-2.6	10.75	3538	3800

Source: Natixis, Haver

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