

Brazil: Firmer Than Expected Jan Real GDP Growth (Ramos)

Bottom Line: According to the central bank's monthly GDP indicator (IBC-Br), real activity recorded a solid 0.89% mom sa variation in Jan, firmer than consensus for a more moderate increase. Data revisions raised the Dec real GDP level by 0.57pt. On an annual basis, real activity recorded a 3.58% yoy variation in Jan, above consensus. The carry-over for 1Q2025 sequential growth is at 0.56% qoq sa, and for 2025 as a whole at 1.7%.

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Going forward, we expect real activity to continue to benefit from fiscal stimulus (federal fiscal transfers to low-income households with a high propensity to consume), generous increases in the minimum wage, and solid real household disposable income growth; mitigated by tighter domestic monetary conditions, high levels of household indebtedness, low levels of economic slack (unemployment rate at the NAIRU and output gap in positive territory), and lingering policy uncertainty.

KEY FIGURES:

Real GDP (Jan): 0.89% mom sa; vs. consensus forecast at 0.3% and GS 0.3%; prior revised -0.60% mom sa.

DETAILS:

- According to the central bank's monthly indicator of real GDP (IBC-Br), real
 activity recorded a solid 0.89% mom sa variation in Jan, above the Bloomberg
 consensus for 0.30% mom sa. The Dec figure was revised up by 13bp to -0.60%
 and the Nov figure by 7bp to 0.23%, which jointly with other revisions raised the
 Dec real GDP level by 0.57pt.
- 2. In annual terms, real GDP recorded a 3.58% yoy (3.69% yoy sa) variation in Jan (above the 2.35% Bloomberg consensus), vs. 2.60% yoy (2.41% yoy sa) in Dec.
- 3. The carry-over for 1Q2025 sequential growth is at 0.56% qoq sa, and for 2025 as a whole at 1.7%.

Growth Momentum Softened During 4Q2024; Rebounded in Jan



Real GDP Growth Firmed in Jan (IBC-Br)



Source: BCB, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

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