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Poland: Weekly Macroeconomic **Update**

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LAST WEEK:

In March inflation was confirmed at 0.3% m/m and 1.7% y/y, unchanged from GUS flash estimate.

In March core inflation was 0.4% m/m and 1.4% y/y, marginally above 1.3% y/y market consensus forecast. Higher than expected rise in core inflation may point to rising services' prices due to ongoing robust growth in wages. An increase in core inflation may be an argument for hawkish wing of the MPC to return to discussions on rate hike in the future.

In March average wage in enterprises' sector was 4.3% up and increased by 5.7% y/y after 7.6% y/y growth in February. Average employment in enterprises' sector rose by 0.2% m/m and increased by 3,0% y/y in March. In March growth in wages decelerated but employment is still on the rise. It may mean that firms continue to hire but skills of newly employed are not fully consistent with skills demanded by companies, what is reflected in lower wage growth.

Industrial output for March rose by 5.6% y/y and increased by 9.8% m/m. PPI for March rose by 2.5% y/y.

Moody's confirmed Poland's rating (A2, stable outlook). According to the Moody's government debt was safe and should not be jeopardized by fiscal expansion planned by the government. Moody's said that stable outlook reflects belief that risks to debt were balanced and growth prospects were robust what counter-balance challenges relates to institutional weakness.

Figure 1: Inflation



Source: GUS, Deutsche Bank Polska S.A.

Figure 2: Average wage (y/y growth) Wages YoY



Source: GUS

THIS WEEK:

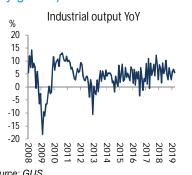
Budget deficit in the period of January-March 2019 was PLN4.5bn or 15.7% of annual plan for 2019. In the period of January-March budget revenues were PLN90.3bn and were PLN1.8bn up comparing to corresponding period last year. Budget expenditures in January-March 2019 amounted to PLN94.8bn or 22.8 percent of annual plan.

In March nominal retail sales grew by 14.1% m/m and increased by 3.1% m/m, in line with our forecast. In real terms retail sales were 2.5% up y/y in March.

Money supply M3 in March was 0.9% up m/m and increased by 9.9% y/y.

Unemployment rate fell to 5,9% in March from 6.1% in February.

Figure 3: Industrial output (y/y growth)



Source: GUS

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DIARY (this week)

Date	GMT	Release/Event	DB Expected	Actual	Consensus
Apr-23	8:00	Retail sales (Mar)	14.0% (3.0%)	14.1% (3.1%)	14.9% (4.1%)
Apr-23	8:00	Real retail sales (Mar)	(1.7%)	(1.8%)	(2.7%)
Apr-23	12:00	Money supply M3 (Mar)	0.7% (9.7%)	0.9% (9.9%)	(9.6%)
Apr-24	8:00	Budget balance (Jan - Mar)		-PLN4.488bn	
Apr-24	8:00	Unemployment rate (Mar)	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%

Source: Deutsche Bank Estimates, Reuters and Bloomberg Finance LP

FX and interest rate forecasts

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	EUR/PLN	USD/PLN	CHF/PLN	GBP/PLN	EUR/USD	WIBOR 3M	WIBOR 6M	EURIBOR 3M	LIBOR USD 3M	CPI (Poland)	Yield on 10Y POLGB	
(end of period)												
Apr-19	4.285	3.809	3.809	4.971	1.125	1.72	1.80	-0.31	2.55	1.8	2.95	
May-19	4.282	3.775	3.800	4.999	1.134	1.72	1.80	-0.31	2.60	1.8	3.00	
Jun-19	4.279	3.741	3.791	5.027	1.144	1.72	1.80	-0.31	2.65	1.8	3.05	
Jul-19	4.276	3.708	3.782	5.054	1.153	1.72	1.80	-0.31	2.70	2.0	3.10	
Aug-19	4.273	3.675	3.773	5.081	1.163	1.72	1.80	-0.30	2.72	2.0	3.15	
Sep-19	4.269	3.643	3.764	5.107	1.172	1.72	1.80	-0.30	2.75	2.1	3.20	
Oct-19	4.266	3.612	3.755	5.133	1.181	1.72	1.80	-0.30	2.80	2.2	3.25	
Nov-19	4.263	3.581	3.746	5.158	1.191	1.72	1.80	-0.30	2.82	2.5	3.25	
Dec-19	4.260	3.550	3.737	5.183	1.200	1.72	1.80	-0.30	2.85	2.6	3.30	
Jan-20	4.253	3.520	3.720	5.160	1.208	1.73	1.80	-0.30	2.85	2.6	3.30	
Feb-20	4.247	3.490	3.703	5.137	1.217	1.74	1.80	-0.30	2.80	2.5	3.30	
Mar-20	4.240	3.461	3.687	5.114	1.225	1.75	1.80	-0.30	2.75	2.3	3.30	

Note: Due to Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 the way of calculation of WIBOR rates and their values may be subject to change.

Source: Deutsche Bank Polska S.A.



Appendix 1

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