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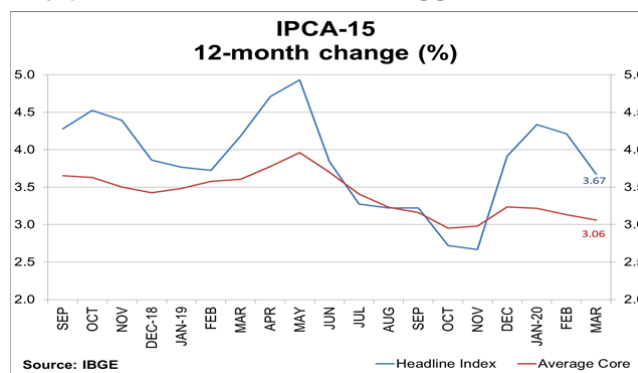
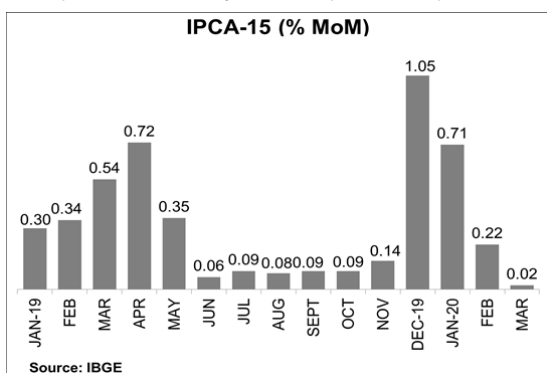
Inflation near zero

What happened

Inflation in mid-March posted +0.02%, coming slightly below the median of market expectation (+0.07%). In the 12 months, IPCA slowed down to +3.67% from +4.21% in the previous reading.

Four out of nine groups showed deflation, of which we highlight Transport (-0.80%) being mainly driven by the drop of airfare (-16.9%), followed by fuel (-1.2%). Housing showed 0.28% deflation due to the decrease of electric energy tariff (-1.3%). Clothing (-0.22%) and Housing Goods (-0.05%) were the other segments that showed some deflation.

Upward price pressure came from Health & Personal Care (+0.84%) mainly due to toiletry (+2.36%), followed by Food (+0.35%) influenced by products such as carrot, egg and tomato.



Our expectation

The main driver for a scenario of low inflation this year (our call is 2.7%) is related to a more sluggish than previously expected domestic demand amid the economic recession expected in the first half of this year that will impact negatively labor market conditions. But there are additional specific factors that also contribute for this comfortable inflation scenario.

First of all, the good reservoir level of hydroelectric power plants leads to a scenario of maintenance of green tariff flag until May this year. Additionally, there is scope for further reduction of fuel prices in the next few months considering the drop of oil prices and that international fuel prices are at 50% lower than domestic fuel prices at refinery, being partially transmitted to prices at gas stations. The drop of agricultural commodities prices also leads to a scenario of no pressure on food prices. At last, the lower pressure on airfare in times of sharp reduction of flights, in which the major difference will be perceived in holiday seasons such as April (Easter) and even in July (mid-year school holiday) when airfares will not increase this year due to sluggish demand because of pending concerns related to Covid-19 pandemic.

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