

GDP-proxy IGAE – Better-than-expected start to 2Q25, with momentum focused on services

- **Monthly GDP-proxy IGAE (April): -1.5% y/y; Banorte: -2.1%; consensus: -1.9% (range: -3.2% to 2.0%); previous: 2.5%**
- **Activity grew 0.5% m/m, marking its third positive month of the year. Despite some modest gains inside, overall mixed signs prevail**
- **The drive came from services, up 0.9% –with 10 of its 14 sectors rising. Industrial production grew 0.1%, with manufacturing positive, but with construction declining sharply. Agriculture reversed its recent strong performance, came in at -3.7% after four months of gains**
- **Timely data from 2Q25 point to some resiliency. Looking more closely at services, we see some tailwinds. Nevertheless, uncertainty about trade keeps weighing on consumer and business decisions**

The economy setback 1.5% y/y in April due to a negative calendar effect. The result was better than consensus (-1.9%) and our estimate (-2.1%). The magnitude of the mostly attributed to two fewer working days compared to the previous year due to the Easter holiday. Thus, with seasonally adjusted figures, the result was positive at 1.4%, as shown in [Chart 1](#). Back to the original figures, industry dropped -4.0% ([Chart 3](#)) and services were also negative at -0.4% ([Chart 4](#)). Finally, primary activities remained very volatile, up 3.5% ([Chart 2](#)). For more details by sector, including seasonally adjusted figures, see [Table 1](#).

Sequential gains due to services. Activity increased 0.5% m/m ([Chart 5](#)). The outlook remains uncertain, especially on trade and despite expectations of better relative position for Mexico after avoiding reciprocal tariffs announced on April 2nd (currently in pause). We also see meaningful disruptions in manufacturing demand. Domestically, the situation skewed to the downside. Construction weakened and there were some headwinds in certain consumption fundamentals (e.g., remittances and formal job creation), volatility in the Mexican peso, and accelerating inflation.

Services were strongest at +0.9%, pointing to some resilience. In the labor market, data reaffirmed a historically low unemployment rate and stronger payrolls. On the downside, signs of a slowdown in formal job creation have worsened. [Remittances](#) were weak, with a third consecutive month down. However, household income in local currency still benefited from the buffer associated with the accumulated depreciation of the Mexican peso since the previous year. [Credit](#) remained strong. Finally, [inflation](#) accelerated at the margin. Inside, we highlight the expansion of 10 out of 14 categories. The highest growth rates included professional (4.5%), entertainment (4.3%), and financial (1.9%).

[Industry](#) grew 0.1% after high volatility in 1Q25 ([Chart 6](#)). A favorable outlook in sectors more closely linked to the domestic market offset the volatility in those most impacted by tariffs. Mining grew 1.3%, with widespread gains inside. Manufacturing advanced 0.7%, with 15 of its 21 sectors up –highlighting oil and coal and electronic equipment. Some sectors were supported by base effects, while others by protections for local industries (e.g., textiles). Finally, construction (2.0%) was mixed, with more public works standing out. The negative figure was in primary activities, down 3.7% in the context of droughts focused on the northwest and generalized price declines. For more details, see [Table 2](#).



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Challenges remain for 2Q25, with tailwinds likely concentrated on services. Today's results and timely data for May reaffirm that activity still was relatively weak in the second quarter. Industry continued to absorb trade-related shocks, while services have more stable support. We anticipate this mixed performance to persist at least throughout the end of June, reinforcing our estimates of modest growth in the period. Adding to uncertainty is current geopolitical instability –after the US attack on Iran in the weekend. This could have an impact via different channels, with the most important in the short-term probably being an increase in inflation driven by higher oil prices. Nevertheless, it is still too early to tell if it will have a temporary or more permanent effect.

Looking more closely at services, we identify positive factors in various sectors. We believe there is room for households to increase their discretionary spending, supported by: (1) A recovery in consumer confidence compared to 1Q25; (2) a stronger Mexican peso versus the USD; (3) broader population coverage of various social programs; and (4) payrolls that maintain their growth trend. In this context, *ANTAD* sales in May showed stronger momentum in retail. Same store sales rose 5.6% y/y in real terms, the highest since April 2022. Moreover, we anticipate an additional boost to tourism driven by a larger offering of international routes (Atlanta, Calgary, Cali, Dallas, Philadelphia, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, among others), connected with Mexico City and Felipe Angeles' international airports, as well as in Durango, Guadalajara, Queretaro, Monterrey, Morelia, among others.

On risks, we remain focused on the evolution of consumer fundamentals. In the labor market, there is a slowdown in job creation, primarily in the formal sector. Furthermore, the part-time workers rate rebounded at the beginning of the quarter and could worsen in the short term. Finally, remittance flows will continue to be influenced by US anti-immigration policies, with no clear net effect in 2Q25.

Table 1: GDP-proxy IGAE

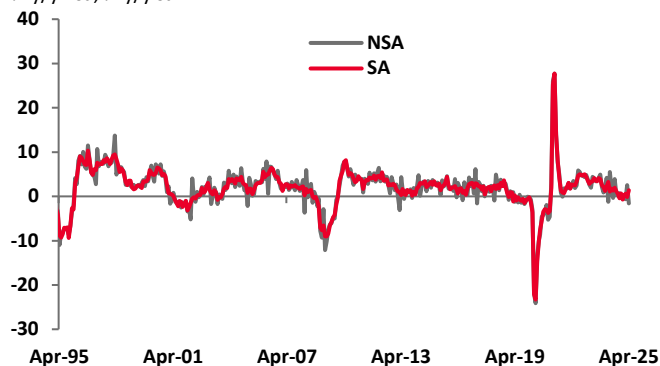
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	Apr-25	Apr-24	Jan-Apr'25	Jan-Apr'24	Apr-25	Apr-24
Total	-1.5	5.5	0.1	2.5	1.4	1.1
Primary activities	3.5	-4.5	6.5	-4.9	3.2	-4.5
Agriculture	3.9	-8.2	9.6	-8.7	-	-
Livestock	2.7	2.5	1.3	2.5	-	-
Industrial production	-4.0	5.0	-1.6	1.8	-0.7	0.8
Mining	-7.7	-5.0	-8.9	-3.1	-6.8	-5.8
Utilities	-1.7	1.6	-1.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
Construction	-6.8	14.8	-2.0	11.2	-2.7	11.7
Manufacturing	-2.6	4.4	-0.2	0.4	1.4	-1.4
Services	-0.4	6.3	0.7	3.4	2.2	1.6
Wholesales	-8.1	11.5	-5.4	5.9	-2.2	0.2
Retail sales	1.7	7.1	3.2	3.0	6.9	-1.9
Transportation and logistics	-0.7	7.9	-0.4	4.6	1.5	3.1
Mass media	1.3	2.5	1.4	5.9	1.3	2.3
Financial services	2.6	4.9	2.1	4.6	3.1	3.6
Real estate	1.9	0.1	1.7	0.2	2.3	-0.1
Professional services	7.9	31.3	13.1	18.4	11.2	22.8
Business support	8.7	0.9	12.2	-8.3	9.8	-1.4
Education	-0.3	2.7	0.8	0.5	3.1	-1.9
Healthcare	2.9	4.6	3.6	2.7	2.7	4.0
Entertainment	7.5	7.9	4.2	3.6	4.3	7.5
Lodging and restaurants	-1.9	-1.6	-1.9	-0.1	-2.4	0.1
Others	-3.4	5.4	-2.9	3.9	-2.4	3.2
Government services	-2.9	6.5	0.4	1.5	-3.0	6.4

Source: INEGI

Chart 1: GDP-proxy IGAE

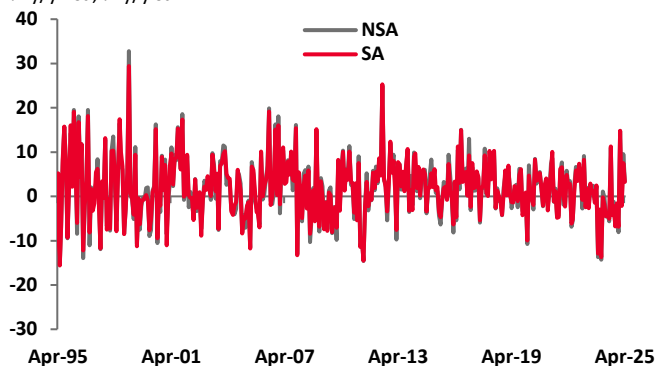
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Chart 2: Primary activities

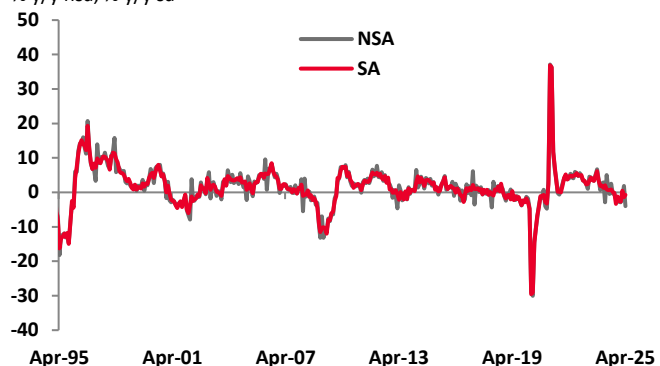
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Chart 3: Industrial production

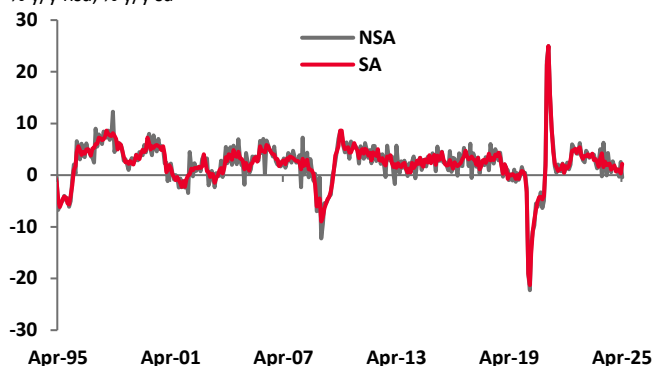
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Chart 4: Services

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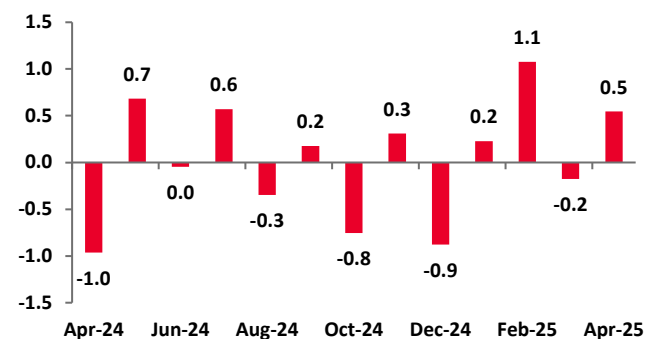
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	Apr-25	Mar-25	Feb-25	Feb-Apr'25	Jan-Mar'25	Dec'24-Feb'25
Total	0.5	-0.2	1.1	1.0	0.4	-0.4
Primary activities	-3.7	4.3	2.5	6.5	6.1	1.3
Industrial production	0.1	-1.2	2.4	1.0	0.0	-1.1
Mining	1.3	-2.6	0.1	-2.7	-3.1	-2.7
Utilities	0.1	-1.1	-0.4	-2.4	-2.7	-2.2
Construction	-2.0	0.4	3.1	2.2	0.4	-2.1
Manufacturing	0.7	-1.1	2.4	1.1	0.1	-0.9
Services	0.9	-0.3	0.7	0.7	0.1	-0.2
Wholesales	0.0	-0.3	1.3	-1.0	-2.1	-1.9
Retail sales	0.5	0.1	1.8	2.6	2.1	0.8
Transportation and logistics	1.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.9	-1.1
Mass media	0.5	-0.4	-1.1	0.2	1.2	1.9
Financial services	1.9	-0.9	0.6	1.0	1.1	1.4
Real estate	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Professional services	4.5	-6.6	6.3	6.2	5.7	4.0
Business support	1.6	2.3	3.1	6.2	3.6	0.5
Education	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Healthcare	0.0	0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9
Entertainment	4.3	-2.3	5.0	6.7	4.3	0.7
Lodging and restaurants	-0.8	-1.5	0.5	-1.2	-0.7	-0.3
Others	0.7	-0.3	-0.7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
Government services	-1.5	2.0	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.1

Source: INEGI

Chart 5: GDP-proxy IGAE

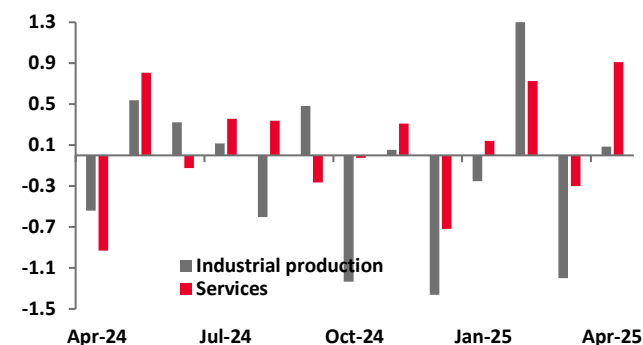
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Chart 6: Industrial production and services

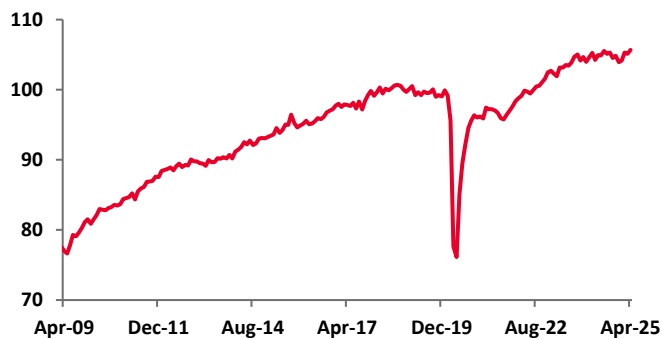
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Chart 7: Global economic activity indicator

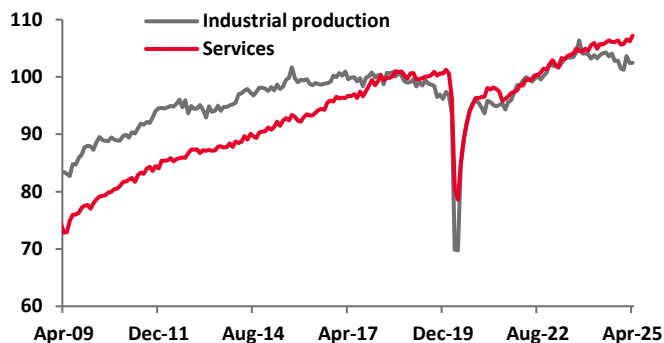
Index 100 = 2018, sa



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Chart 8: Industrial production and services

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