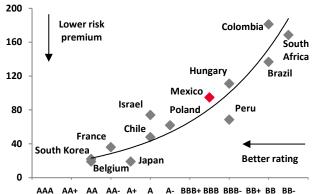
S&P Global Ratings reaffirms Mexico 'BBB' sovereign rating, maintaining a stable outlook

- S&P Global Ratings affirmed today Mexico's sovereign long-term foreign currency credit rating at 'BBB', and in local currency at 'BBB+', with a stable outlook for both
- The agency stated that the ratification is explained by several factors, including the stabilization of public finances –especially the debt burden– this year, in addition of the expectation that a pragmatic approach to possible disputes with the US across several fronts will hold
- They mentioned once again that the stable outlook considers their expectation of a prudent monetary policy, the return to low fiscal deficits, and a solid external position
- With this, the agency reaffirms its last action –carried out in December–, getting added to positive actions from its peers on PEMEX

S&P Global Ratings ratified Mexico's sovereign rating. Today, the agency ratified Mexico's foreign currency long-term sovereign rating at 'BBB', and in local currency at 'BBB+', in both cases maintaining a stable outlook. The rating is supported by several factors. Among them, they highlight the current institutional framework, characterized by cautious macroeconomic policies and a solid external position. This also reflects a moderate debt burden and low growth of GDP per capita. In addition, they consider contingent liabilities are limited, despite their view of almost certain extraordinary support to PEMEX and/or CFE if needed. More importantly in this update, S&P noted the pragmatism and willingness from the administration to work with the private sector to boost economic growth. As such, on Plan Mexico they consider that it will not have a relevant impact in the next 12 months, although it does constitute a positive sign. The agency talked about the possibility of an electoral reform, which on top of other changes to regulatory agencies "...they risk weakening investor confidence and potentially the transparency and predictability of government policies...". In this context they expect GDP growth this year at 0.5%, accelerating in 2026 to 1.4%. Among the factors that could lift the rating higher, they highlight those related to an effective political and economic management, including attracting foreign investment. On the contrary, to the downside they noted "...weaker public finances, combined with the risk of extraordinary support to state-owned companies...", as well as a deterioration in the relationship with the US, among others.

5-year CDS and *S&P Global Ratings* **credit rating**Basis points in vertical axis, credit rating in horizontal axis



Source: Banorte with data from Bloomberg and S&P Global Ratings

Mexico and Pemex credit rating

A-	A-	A3
BB8+	BBB+	Baa1
880	Sovereign Constants	Baa2 Sovereign
BBB- Sovereign	BBB-	Baa3 nent grade threshold
BB+	ВВ+	Ba1
ВВ 🖈 РЕМЕХ	ВВ	Ba2
88-	вв-	8a3
B+	B+	81
В	В	B2
B-	В-	ВЗ фремех

Source: Banorte with information from the rating agencies. The rating from Moody's to Pemex is currently under review for upgrade.

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