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- The system's yield decreased for the third month in a row. The system's weighted return (rolling 36 months, excluding Additional) moved to 4.75% from 5.19% the previous month. The month closed with more restrictive monetary policies in developed economies due to a less than expected fall in inflation, but without a global recession. In this sense, the Fed kept its reference rate unchanged in a 5.00%-5.25% range in a unanimous decision; however, with a hawkish tone in the communiqué. In economic data for the US, June's annual inflation decreased to 3.0% from 4.0%, while the core component also decreased to 4.8% from 5.3%. The employment report showed the addition of 209K jobs, below the consensus and the previous number (304K), and the unemployment rate decreased to 3.6% from 3.7%. In Mexico, Banxico released the minutes of its May meeting, where they kept the reference rate unchanged at 11.25%, reaffirming the less hawkish tone of the press release and the 1Q23 Quarterly Report. After that, in the June meeting, Banxico's Board of Governors kept the reference rate unchanged again, in line with consensus, in a unanimous decision, with a very similar tone to the previous meeting, despite the downward revision in the central bank's inflation path. In economic data, annual inflation decreased in June to 5.06% from 5.84%, reaching its lowest level since March 2021, while the core component fell to 6.89% from 7.39%. In May, 648.3K jobs were eliminated, the second negative month in a row, and unemployment rate increased to 2.93%, above consensus and the previous number of 2.82%. Fitch Ratings affirmed Mexico's sovereign rating at 'BBB-' with Stable outlook. The rating remains supported by a prudent macroeconomic stance, robust external finances, and a stable path of debt over GDP ratio
- Assets under management (AUM) reached new all-time highs, increasing 6.5% year-to-date. Resources managed by Pension Investment Companies stood at MXN 5.568 trillion from MXN 5.487 trillion (+12.1% y/y). This movement was the result of gains of MXN 86.1 billion that offset net outflows of MXN 5.1 billion. This increase in AUM was higher than the previous month of MXN 19.8 billion because of net inflows of MXN 42 billion and losses of MXN 22.3 billion
- In government debt, Afores maintained their position virtually unchanged at 54.9% of total AUM from 55% the previous month, because of a marginal reduction in Mbonos and CPI-linked bonds (Udibonos) holdings
- As for equity, appetite for risk assets prevailed, reflecting an almost generalized advance in the benchmarks. The Siefores increased their positions in domestic equities
- In the corporate debt market (excluding banks), Afores' stake in these securities increased by 7bps, representing 11.7% of the invested amount

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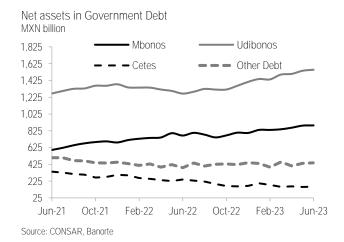


Analysis by Asset Class

Government Debt

During June, Mbonos outperformed their US peers, driven by positive surprises in inflation. The yield curve flattened because of higher gains at the longend of up to 20bps. Conversely, the Treasuries' curve steepened with losses of 50bps at the short-end due to a more restrictive stance by the Federal Reserve. Following these movements, the local risk premium that we calculate as the spread between the 10-year bonds between Mexico and the US fell to its lowest since April 2021 at 483bps. On the other hand, the Cetes gained 10bps, while the Udibonos advanced around 15bps. In this context, Afores marginally moderated their exposure in government debt to 54.9% of total AUM (-16bps), standing at MXN 3.05 trillion. Thus, investments in Other Debt and in Cetes remained virtually unchanged at 7.9% (+2bps) and 2.9% (+3bps), respectively. Meanwhile, holdings of Mbonos and Udibonos decreased to 16.0% (-13bps) and 27.9% (-7bps) in the same order.

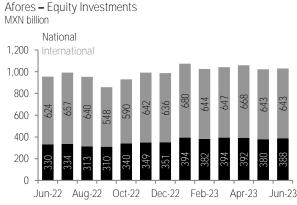
As of June 30th, foreign holdings in Mbonos stood at MXN 1.37 trillion (33.5% of the total issuance), increasing 2.6% m/m, but falling 2.0% year-to-date. Holdings by these investors in Cetes totaled MXN 181.6 billion (13.8% of the total), with a 1.5% monthly decrease but it remains with an increase of 29.3% during 2023. Meanwhile, positions in Mbonos owned by Afores stood at MXN 953.9 billion (23.3% of the total issuance), increasing 3.1% m/m. As for Cetes, holdings from these institutions observed a level of MXN 188.4 billion (14.4% of the total issued), advancing 7.6% m/m.



Equity

The middle of the year closed with the return of appetite for risk assets among investors, reflecting an important boost for stock markets. In the sample of 30 indices that we regularly follow, there was an average advance in dollars of 5.7% after the 2.9% drop observed during May. This resulted in a cumulative average gain of 12.6% for the year as of June. The dynamics of equities have been clearly determined by the evolution of inflation, monetary policy decisions and risks to growth. However, the balance sheet appears to remain healthy with solid economic data and resilient earnings. Considering the above, the biggest advances were registered in the Argentinean stock exchange (+45.6%), the Nasdaq (+31.7%) and the Mexbol Index (+25.7%). It is important to remember that, in the US, particularly the Nasdaq and the S&P500 ended June at highest levels not posted since April 2022, supported by artificial intelligence and semiconductor companies. Meanwhile, in Mexico, the strength of the peso has been an important trigger for the Mexbol Index's performance in dollars, although the nominal gain of 10.4% in the year was not to be ignored. The only stock exchanges with accumulated declines in dollar terms were China (-1.4%) and Hong Kong (-4.8%). During July, attention will be focused on the monetary policy decisions of different central banks and the 2Q23 earnings season.

Particularly, Siefores' equities positions increased 0.8% m/m to MXN 1.0 trillion, and thus, equity investments weighting against total assets dropped 5 bps m/m to 18.6%. Holdings of domestic securities jumped by 2.2% m/m while foreign assets remained unchanged.

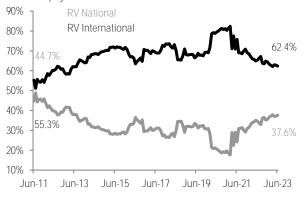


Source: CONSAR, Banorte



Assuming an indexed strategy to the S&P500 and the S&P BMV Mexbol, respectively, we observed that afores increased their domestic securities weightings by 0.7% m/m to stand at MXN 388.0 billion. In turn, they decided to reduce their international stocks exposure by 3.1% to MXN 642.6 billion. During the period, the Mexbol jumped 1.5% nominally, while the S&P500 in pesos rose 2.9%. Thus, the weighting of domestic assets was up 0.5pp to 37.6% and the corresponding to international equities slipped by the same extent to 62.4% vs. total equity investments.

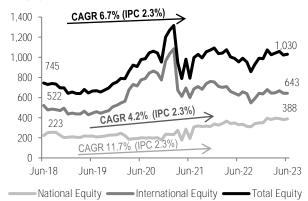
Weighing of National and International Equity Investments % of total equity investments



Source: CONSAR, Banorte

Regarding holding breakdown, domestic securities have grown in the last 5 years at a CAGR rate of 11.7%, which compares favorably with the Mexbol performance (2.3%). Meanwhile, international, and total equity positions have increased over the same period at a rate of 4.2% and 6.7%, respectively.

Evolution – National, International and Total Equity Investments MXN billion

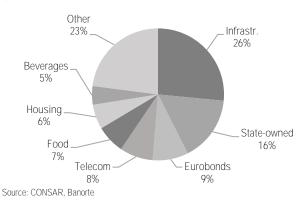


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Corporate Debt

In June 2023, Afores stake in corporate debt notes increased by 7bps, accounting for 11.7% of the total invested assets. The former is explained by the high activity in placements on the month, with 13 long-term issued bonds for MXN 29.4 billion, the largest monthly amount in 1H23. Ahead, we expect the dynamism to remain in the next months, so we could observe small upwards movements in Afore's participation in debt securities in the following months. Top participant sectors are Infrastructure (26.5%), State-owned Companies (16.0%), Eurobonds (8.7%), Telecom (8.2%) and Food (7.0%).

Afores – Private Debt Distribution by Sector %



Corporate Debt Structure

For classification by structure, a different source of information is considered, so the total differs from our figures. *Information available as of June 2023.

In the first half of 2023, preference in placements in the market was clear for unsecured bonds, with 96.0% of the issued amount. In the following months, we expect this preference to continue, although with a small presence of structured notes. Among these securities, we mainly expect securitizations of collection rights of leasing and credit portfolios, which have been a viable financing alternative for non-bank financial institutions, given the sector's funding difficulties. Additionally, in July we expect the first structured bonds backed by Future Flows from toll roads, and from state institutions.



Siefores investment composition by asset class % (data as of June 2023)

Asset Class	SIEFORE	Pension	SB	Initial	Additional	TOTAL							
ASSCI CIASS	Birth year	SB	55-59	60-64	64-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	SB	SB	TOTAL
Equity	National	0.7%	2.5%	4.3%	5.5%	6.7%	7.4%	8.3%	9.0%	9.7%	9.8%	3.2%	7.0%
Lquity	International	1.7%	5.0%	9.5%	11.3%	11.7%	12.2%	12.3%	12.9%	13.3%	14.0%	9.0%	11.6%
Commodities		0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	1.1%	0.2%
	Banks	1.5%	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	3.0%
Corporate Debt	State-owned	0.3%	2.2%	2.1%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%	0.5%	1.9%
	Corporate	3.0%	11.1%	10.7%	10.0%	10.2%	9.7%	9.7%	10.0%	10.6%	10.7%	5.9%	9.9%
Structured		0.0%	1.2%	7.2%	7.2%	9.0%	9.3%	9.1%	8.3%	6.9%	4.3%	0.0%	7.7%
REITs		1.3%	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%	1.5%	2.9%
International Deb	ot	1.5%	2.1%	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	1.0%
	Mbonos	18.0%	14.3%	14.6%	13.3%	15.1%	15.5%	16.7%	17.7%	17.5%	16.4%	25.8%	16.0%
	Cetes	2.7%	1.9%	1.5%	4.0%	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%	2.3%	2.9%	3.6%	8.3%	2.9%
Cau Daht	Udibono	59.9%	43.8%	36.0%	31.4%	27.8%	26.1%	24.3%	22.4%	22.0%	22.1%	35.2%	28.0%
Gov. Debt	UMS	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.0%	0.2%	1.0%
	Repos	4.0%	4.3%	2.5%	3.3%	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%	3.6%	3.8%	7.0%	5.0%	3.5%
	Other Gov.	4.8%	5.0%	3.3%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%	3.5%	3.5%	2.7%	1.3%	3.5%

Source: CONSAR, Banorte

Siefores investment composition by asset class Millions of pesos (data as of June 2023)

Asset Class	SIEFORE	Pension	SB	Initial	Additional	TOTAL							
	Birth year	SB	55-59	60-64	64-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	SB	SB	
Equity.	National	522	3,296	18,782	43,101	63,297	69,149	70,722	57,380	37,580	18,131	5,987	387,948
Equity	International	1,275	6,496	41,839	88,050	110,960	112,992	104,758	81,904	51,595	25,808	16,875	642,550
Commodities		17	51	637	1,753	2,383	2,737	1,929	1,093	386	114	1,982	13,082
	Banks	1,097	3,740	13,136	25,807	29,906	27,685	23,646	17,861	10,950	5,042	5,071	163,941
Corporate Debt	State-owned	204	2,869	9,235	13,703	18,146	17,767	16,365	12,946	8,207	4,176	948	104,564
5000	Corporate	2,265	14,502	46,985	78,549	97,378	89,984	82,076	63,514	41,155	19,699	11,201	547,308
Structured		-	1,567	31,630	56,495	86,004	86,723	77,708	52,882	26,769	7,979	49	427,807
REITs		954	4,239	13,419	21,910	28,889	27,576	25,148	19,675	11,788	5,223	2,746	161,567
International D	ebt	1,135	2,809	6,862	11,012	12,031	9,352	6,506	4,082	2,189	975	645	57,598
	Mbonos	13,411	18,694	63,858	104,151	143,575	143,662	142,313	112,542	67,994	30,388	48,633	889,220
	Cetes	2,000	2,447	6,384	31,335	23,266	24,938	20,076	14,867	11,180	6,638	15,682	158,814
C D-l-t	Udibono	44,617	57,368	157,622	245,609	263,910	242,367	206,587	142,262	85,720	40,801	66,248	1,553,110
Gov. Debt	UMS	418	629	2,551	5,293	9,608	11,058	10,824	8,246	5,075	1,869	408	55,978
	Repos	3,016	5,607	10,934	25,837	28,629	28,416	29,654	22,630	14,909	12,906	9,477	192,015
	Other Gov.	3,613	6,544	14,416	29,055	32,730	34,203	31,324	22,198	13,805	5,063	2,493	195,445
-	TOTAL	74,545	130,856	438,290	781,660	950,713	928,608	849,635	634,081	389,302	184,811	188,444	5,550,945
	% Siefore	1.34%	2.36%	7.90%	14.08%	17.13%	16.73%	15.31%	11.42%	7.01%	3.33%	3.39%	

Source: CONSAR, Banorte



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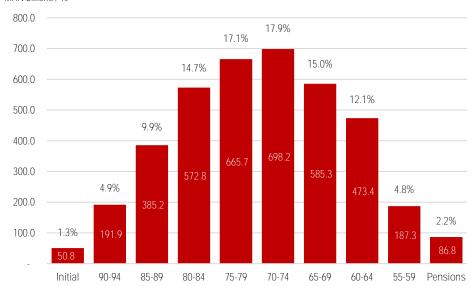
December 2019

On December 13th, 2109, the migration to the new investment regime based on Target Date SIEFORES was concluded. Announced on May 31st, the main modification was the **transition to a Target Date Fund Scheme**.

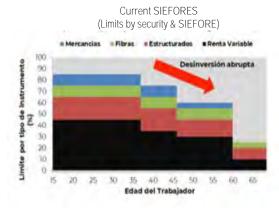
Such transition transformed SIEFORE (multi pension funds) into Target Date Funds. Under this scheme, each worker's resources are assigned to the SIEFORE that is linked to his/her date of birth and are held there throughout his/her entire working life. By doing so, workers' resources do not have to be transferred from one SIEFORE to another when they turn a certain age, but rather, it is the fund's Investment Regime that which changes through time.

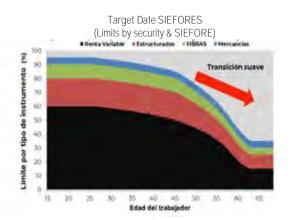
The new Target Date SIEFORES scheme was designed specifically to produce results in terms of revenue upon reaching retirement age. With this new scheme, the worker no longer changes SIEFORE as he/she advances to the next age group, which would allow them to make the most of long-term investment benefits, under a smoother and thereby more efficient transition in which the worker's resources are invested.





Source: CONSAR. As of December 2019, date of migration to Target Date Fund scheme





Source: CONSAR



Through this new regime, resources will be managed in 10 Target Date SIEFORES: i) 1 Initial SB; ii) 8 Target Date SIEFORES with five-year age groups; and iii) 1 Pension SB.

<u>SIEFORE</u> Date of Birth	Initial SB	SB 90-94	SB 85-89	SB 80-84	SB 75-79	SB 70-74	SB 65-69	SB 60-64	SB 55-59	Pension SB
Age of Worker	<25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	≥65
SIEFORE	New	New	SB 4	New	SB 3	New	New	SB 2	SB1	SB 0

Source: CONSAR

In addition, new 5-year Basic Pension Investment Companies will be created for the following generations of workers and pension beneficiaries, according to the following chart:

Basic Pension Investment Company	Date of Birth	Opening Date
Basic Pension Investment Company 95-99	Workers born between 1995 and 1999	January 1st 2025
Basic Pension Investment Company 00-04	Workers born between 2000 and 2004	January 1st 2030
Basic Pension Investment Company 05-09	Workers born between 2005 and 2009	January 1st 2035
Basic Pension Investment Company 10-14	Workers born between 2010 and 2014	January 1st 2040
Basic Pension Investment Company 15-19	Workers born between 2015 and 2019	January 1st 2045

As for the **Investment Regime**, as of this change, investment limits are now classified into five instruments and will change on a quarterly basis in relation to the quarter of the life of the SB. So far from the date of the transition (December 16, 2019), the investment companies have been registered as follows:

Basic Investment Company	Initial Investment Regime (Quarter)
Basic Pension Investment Company	161
Basic Investment Company 55-59	141
Basic Investment Company 60-64	121
Basic Investment Company 65-69	101
Basic Investment Company 70-74	81
Basic Investment Company 75-79	61
Basic Investment Company 80-84	41
Basic Investment Company 85-89	21
Basic Investment Company 90-94	1
Initial Basic Investment Company	1

SBs will be able to invest: i) Up to 100% of the Pension Investment Company's Total Asset in Debt Instruments issued or guaranteed by the Federal Government, or in Debt Instruments issued by Banco de México, or in Debt Instruments that have Investment Grade; ii) in money deposits on demand in Banks; iii) in authorized trading transactions to guarantee Derivatives which are referred to in Provisions set by Banco de Mexico; iv) up to 20% of the Pension Investment Company's Total Asset, in Foreign Securities and Senior Bond Trusts of Investment Projects that are intended for the investment in or the refinancing of activities or projects outside the national territory.

Furthermore, Investment Companies may invest in Structured Securities, Merchandise, REITS and Real Estate Investment Vehicles, Equity and securitized Debt Instruments.



Limits by Asset Class for Siefores %

			Initial SB	SB 90-94	SB 85-89	SB 80-84	SB 75-79	SB 70-74	SB 65-69	SB 60-64	SB 55-59	Pension SB		
	Qu	arter	1	1	21	41	61	81	101	121	141	161		
Market and Liquidity Risks		Value-at-Risk /2 Difference of the Conditional Value-at- Risk/2 Liquidity coverage	1.00%	1.00%	0.98%	0.96%	0.90%	0.79%	0.60%	0.40%	0.89%	0.70% 0.25%		
		Ratio ^{/3} Tracking Error ^{/4}		80% 5%										
Debt issued or endorsed by the Federal Gov.								100%						
	9.	State-owned debt ⁶ 10% (mxBBB to mxAAA) (Foreign exchange BB to AAA)										50// 4 1 444		
	Local. 16	Debt		59		5% (mxA- to mxAAA) (Foreign exchange BBB+ to AAA)								
		Subordinated Debt					-) (Foreign	_				-		
Risk by issuer and/or		Hybrid Debt	Hybrid Debt 2% (mxBB to mxBBB+) (Foreign exchange BB to BB+)											
counterparty/5	Inter.	Instrument Foreign from one issuer or counterparty/7		5% (BBB- a AAA)								5% (BBB+ a AAA)		
		Holdings of a single issuance/8		Maximum {35%, MXN500 million}										
		Mexican REITs (FIBRAS) ¹¹³ and REITs		2%										
		Structured securities/12						3%						
		Foreign Securities/5						20%						
		Equity/5/10	50%	50%	50%	50%	40%	35%	30%	30%	10%	0%		
		Foreign Currency ^{/5}						30%						
		Securitizations/5/11	40%	40%	38%	36%	33%	30%	27%	23%	21%	20%		
Asset Class L	imits	Structured Securities/5		20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	17%	14%	11%	10%		
		Mexican REITs (FIBRAS) ¹¹³ and REITs	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	7%	6%	5%		
		Inflation protected securities/14					-					Min 51%		
		Commodities/5						5%						
Vehicles and		Investment Mandates						Yes						
Derivative	S	Derivatives						Yes						
Conflicts of interest [®]		Securities by related entities						15%						
		Securities by entities with patrimonial affiliation with the AFORE ^{/15}						5%						

Fuente: CONSAR



- 1. All limits represent maximum percentages, with the exception of the inflation protection limit.
- 2. As a percentage of SIEFORE assets under management (AUM), the limits for the Difference of the Conditional VaR may be adjusted by the Risk Analysis Committee when appropriate, which might be more rigorous than the limits established in the Investment Regimen guidelines.
- 3. As a percentage of the High Liquid Assets of the SIEFORE. It is defined as the ratio between the Value of the SIEFORE's reserves for derivatives exposure and the Value of High Liquid Assets.
- Calculated in accordance with the methodology provided in the "Disposiciones de Carácter General en Materia Financiera de los Sistemas de Ahorro para el Retiro".
 The Tracking Error may have a range of modification determined by the Risk Analysis Committee. Being effective 180 calendar days after the creation date of the Target Date Funds.
- 5. As a percentage of SIEFORE AUM's, including the assets managed by Investment Mandates.
- 6. Rating of the medium- and long-term issuances, as well as the issuer and/or endorser, in the corresponding proportion. Repos and derivatives are computed in these limits, as well. SPE stands for State Productive Enterprises.
- 7. With the exception of the Basic Pension SIEFORE, investment in foreign instruments with a rating no less than BBB- are allowed, however the AFORE must comply with the "Disposiciones del Régimen de Inversión y en las Disposiciones en materia financiera".
- 8. 35% Applies to the asset holdings of all SIEFORE's managed by the same AFORE in Debt, Foreign Debt Securities, Securitized Instruments, ABS's and FIBRAS. In the case of Debt Instruments, Foreign Debt Securities and Securitized Instruments, Investment Companies may acquire the value that is greater between five hundred million mexican pesos and 35% of the same issue. The investment in CKDs and CERPIs may exceed this limit, under certain conditions. The maximum amount will be updated in accordance with the "Disposiciones de Carácter General en Materia Financiera de los Sistemas de Ahorro para el Retiro".
- 9. With the exception of the Initial SIEFORE and the Basic Pension SIEFORE, the limits represent the Average Value of the maximum limit taken at the 10th quarter (2.5 years) of the glidepath. In case of the Initial and Basic Pension SIEFORE, this limit represents the maximum value that each asset will take throughout the glidepath.
- 10. Includes individual stocks, IPOs (with the exception of the Basic Pension SIEFORE), domestic and international equity indexes, and warrants.
- 11. Securitizations fulfilling criteria established in the Appendix R of the "Disposiciones de Carácter General en Materia Financiera de los Sistemas de Ahorro para el Retiro" are computed in these limits and are considered as being issued by an independent issuer.
- Includes CKDs and CERPIs.
- 13. Includes Mexican REITs (FIBRAS) and FIBRA-E. The latter is an issuer trust whose resources will be allocated for direct or indirect investment in companies, projects or energy assets or infrastructure.
- 14. Minimum investment limit in securities that ensures a return equal or greater than the inflation rate in México.
- 15. The limits are written down in the Pension System Law, Art 48 / 10. In exceptional cases it could be increased up to 10%. In the case of financial entities with equity links, the limit is 0%.



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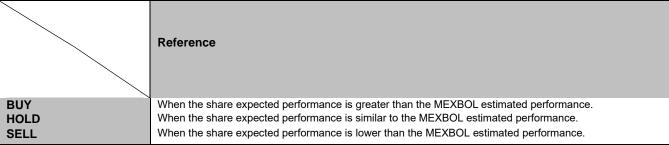
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