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Median of market expectations for inflation measured by the IPCA in 1999 remained at 9.0%. For the year 2000, the median continues at 7.0%. Market forecasts for IGP-DI for 1999 were revised to 19.7% from a median of 19.5% recorded last week. For next year, expectations are at 8.0%. GDP growth expectations for 1999 moved to 0.20% from 0.15% in 1999. For 2000, a growth rate of 3.00% is expected. Expectations for the trade deficit in 1999 are at US\$ 1.5 billion reversing to a surplus of US\$ 4.1 billions in 2000. A current account deficit of US\$ 25.5 billions is expected in 1999, and of US\$ 23.0 billions in the coming year. Further economic indicators are quoted in the tables below and in the figures on the next page.

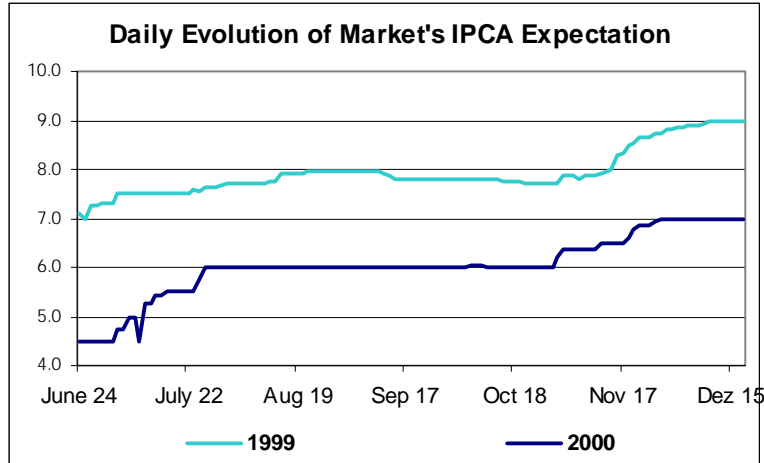
Market Readout

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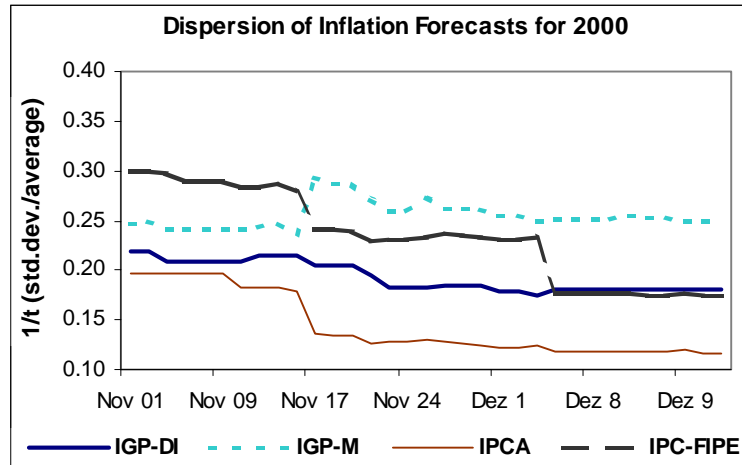
Price indices	for 1999		for 2000	
	as of Dec 10	as of today	as of Dec 10	as of today
(% change)				
IGP-DI	19.54	19.70	8.25	8.00
IGP-M	19.50	19.70	8.00	8.00
IPC-Fipe	8.76	8.80	6.30	6.30
INPC	8.21	8.21	6.26	6.51
IPCA	8.99	8.99	7.00	7.00
	for December		for January	
(% change)	as of Dec 10	as of today	as of Dec 10	as of today
IGP-DI	1.16	1.25	0.95	0.98
IGP-M	1.40	1.52	0.94	0.97
IPC-Fipe	0.70	0.70	0.75	0.75
INPC	0.60	0.60	0.85	0.90
IPCA	0.60	0.60	0.80	0.80
	for 1999		for 2000	
	as of Dec 10	as of today	as of Dec 10	as of today
GDP growth (%)	0.15	0.20	3.00	3.00
Trade Balance (US\$ billion)	-1.49	-1.50	4.10	4.10
Current account (US\$ billion)	-25.40	-25.50	-23.15	-23.00
Fiscal Figures (% of GDP)				
Primary balance	3.01	3.03	3.00	3.00
Nominal balance	-10.00	-10.04	-4.21	-4.35

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Evolution of Median Expectations for Inflation



Dispersion of Inflation Forecasts for 1999



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