

Financial Opinion Survey

July 2021

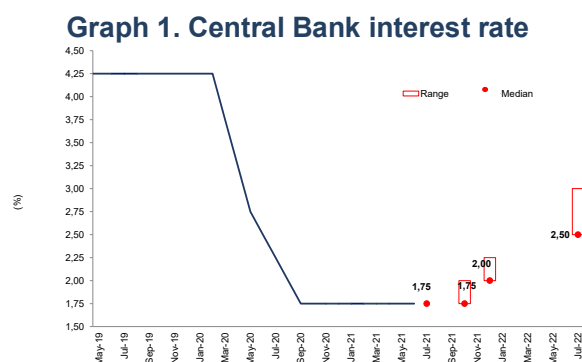
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CENTRAL BANK POLICY RATE

In June, the Board of Directors of the Central Bank decided to maintain its monetary policy in 1.75%.

By July, 100% of the analysts expect the interest rate to remain unchanged at 1.75%.

By the end of 2021, 12.8% of the analysts foresee an unchanged interest rate (1.75%), 56.4% expects an increase of 25-bps, 28.2% expects an increase to reach a 2.25% interest rate and 2.6% expects it to reach 2.5% to the end of the year (Graph 1). On the other hand, none of them expects it to decrease.



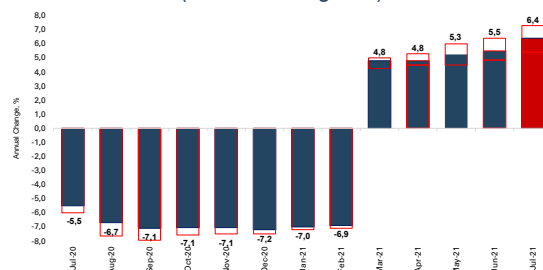
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ECONOMIC GROWTH

In July, the economic growth forecast for 2021 ranges between 5.40% and 7.30%, with 6.40% as median response (5.5% in the previous FOS) (Graph 2). The economic growth forecast for 2022 was at 3.77%, ranging between 3.20% and 4.0%.

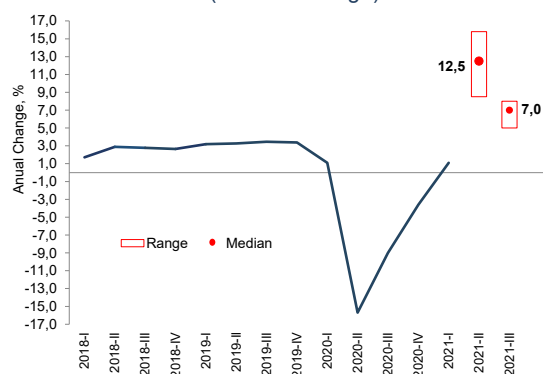
Expectations about the second quarter were in a median of 12.50% (11.50% in the previous edition), ranging between 8.50% and 15.80%. Expectations regarding the third quarter growth reached 7.0%, ranging between 5.0% and 8.0% (Graph 3).

Graph 2. 2021 GDP annual growth forecast
(Annual Change, %)



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Graph 3. GDP growth forecast – first and second quarter 2021
(Annual Change)

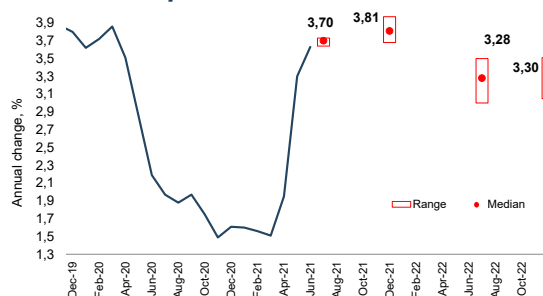


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INFLATION

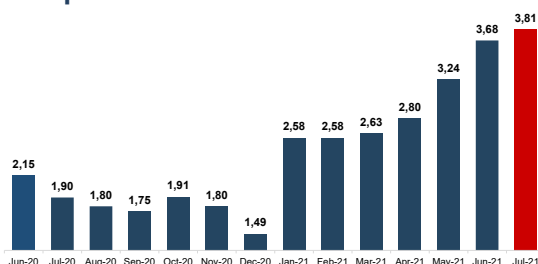
In June, the annual inflation reached 3.63%, higher than the analysts forecast in the previous edition (3.60%). In July, the analysts believe that inflation will reach 3.70% (Graph 4). Inflation expectations for the end of 2021 were in 3.81% (Graph 5).

Graph 4. Inflation forecast



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Graph 5. Inflation forecast - End 2021

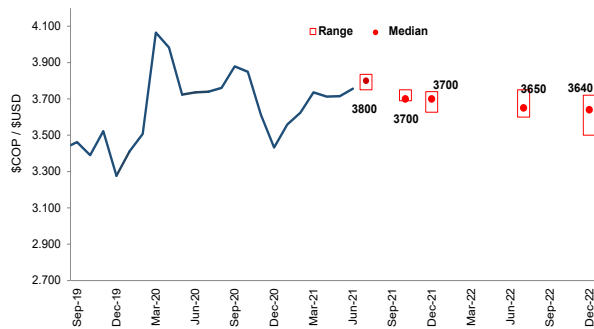


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EXCHANGE RATE

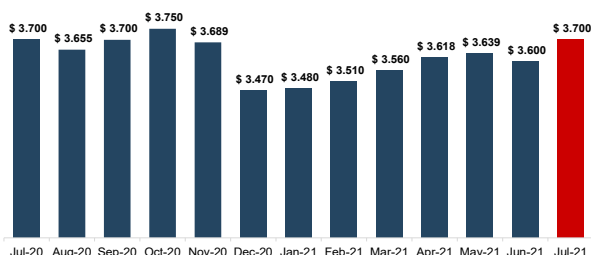
In June, the exchange rate closed at \$3,756.67, with a monthly appreciation of 1.10%. On June 23 it reached a maximum value of \$3,784.45 pesos per dollar and on June 10 it reached a minimum value of \$3,588.41 pesos per dollar. **The exchange rate forecast by the end of the month ranges between \$3,750 and \$3,835, with \$3,800 as median response.** (Graph 6). **The exchange rate forecast for the end of 2021 was 3,700, ranging between \$3,627 and \$3,740** (Graph 7). Finally, the exchange rate forecast for next three months ranges between \$3,690 and \$3,750, with \$3,700 as median response.

Graph 6. Exchange rate - end of period



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Graph 7. Exchange rate forecast
End of 2021



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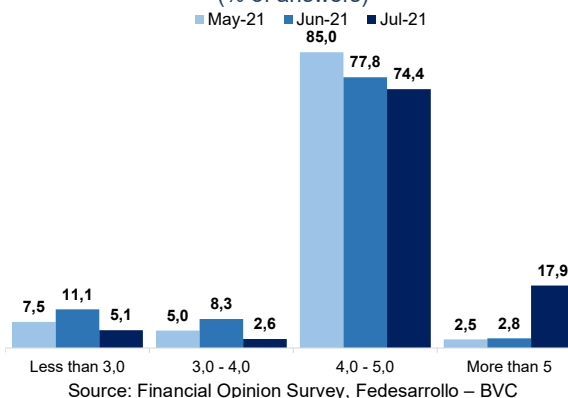
TES 2024 and 2028 RATE

In June, the traded volume of the Colombian treasury bonds reached COP 37.9 billion, which entails an increase of 26.1% compared to the last month and of 60.4% related to June 2020.

In this edition, the percentage of analysts who considers that **the interest rate on the treasury bonds maturing in 2024 will be under 3.0% during the next three months is 5.1%, meanwhile 2.6% expects it to be between 3.0% and 4.0%.** The percentage of analysts who expects that **the rate will be between 4.0% and 5.0% during the next three months is 74.4%; 17.9% expects a rate over 5% (Graph 8).**

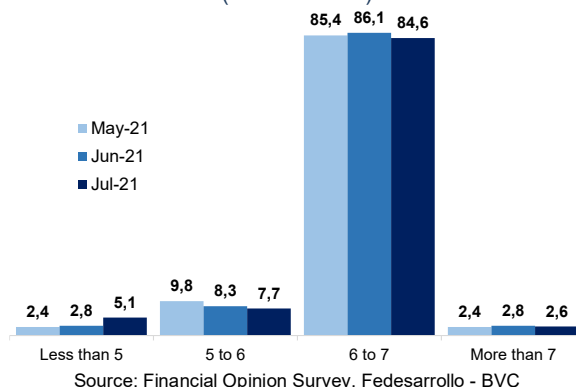
Regarding TES maturing in 2028, the 5.1% expects a rate lower than 5.0% during the next three months. The 7.7% of the analysts considers that the rate will be between 5.0% and 6.0%. Thus, most of them, the 84.6% of analysts, expects the rate to be located between 6.0% and 7.0%. Finally, 2.6% of the analysts considers it to be higher than 7% (Graph 9).

Graph 8. Expectation of TES 2024
performance rate for the next 3 months
(% of answers)



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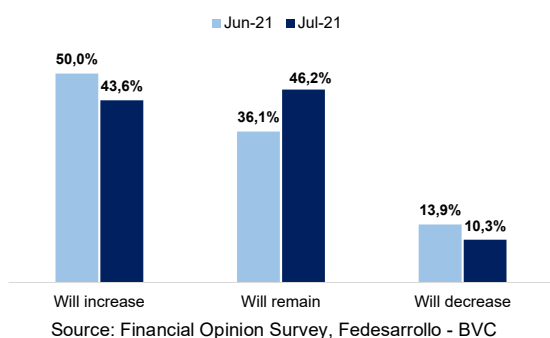
Graph 9. Expectation of TES 2028 performance rate for the next 3 months
(% of answers)



DEBT SPREAD – EMBI + COLOMBIA

The debt spread (EMBI + Colombia) is defined as the difference between the yield of Colombian bonds issued abroad and the yield of American treasury securities. The debt spread closed at 256-bps in June. **In July, 43.59% of the analysts (6.4-bps less than the previous FOS) expects the spread to increase in the next three months, while 10.26% (3.6-bps less than previous FOS) expects it to decrease. The remaining 46.15% of the respondents expects for the spread to remain equal (10.0-bps more than the previous FOS) (Graph 10).**

Graph 10. Expectation 3-months debt spread
(% of answers)

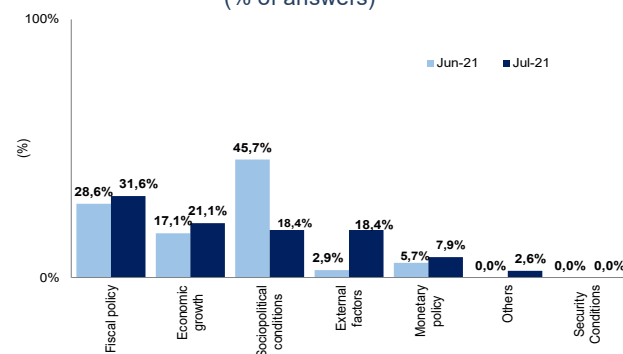


INVESTMENT DETERMINANTS

In this edition, the fiscal policy rank as the most important aspect considered for investing decisions, reaching 31.58% (28.6% in the previous month). Economic growth and sociopolitical conditions placed second and third place, respectively. Concerns accounting for economic growth reached 21.05% (17.1% in the previous month), while sociopolitical conditions reached 18.42%

(45.7% in the previous month). External factors was placed at fourth place, with 18.42% (2.9% in the previous month). Monetary policy reached 7.89% and other factors 2.63%, while security conditions were no relevant for the investors (Graph 11).

Graph 11. Most relevant factors for investment decisions
(% of answers)

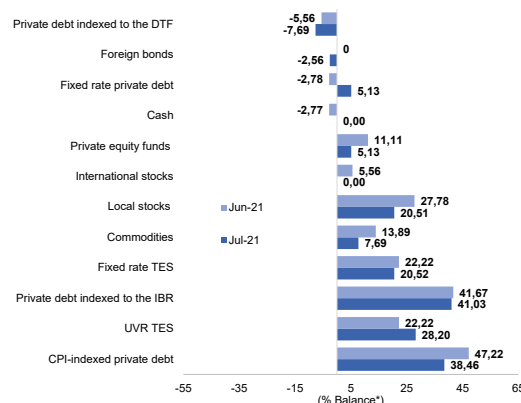


INVESTMENT PREFERENCES

Compared to June, **portfolio managers increased their preferences for UVR TES, cash and fixed rate private debt.** In contrast, there is evidence of a deterioration in preferences for private debt indexed to CPI, to IBR and to DTF, fixed rate TES, commodities, local and international stocks, private equity funds and foreign bonds (Graph 12).

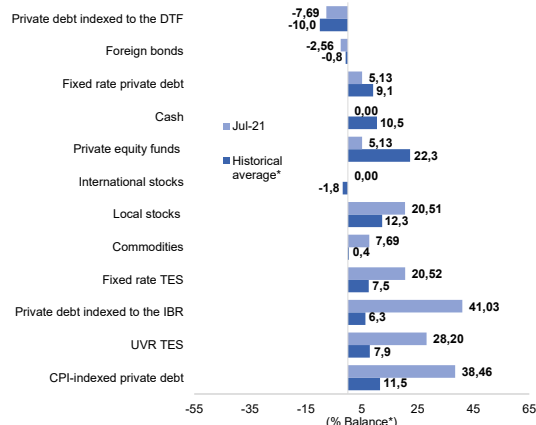
Compared to the survey's historical average, there is a greater preference for CPI-indexed private debt, IBR-indexed private debt, DTF-indexed private debt, UVR TES, fixed rate TES, commodities, and both international and local stocks (Graph 13).

Graph 12. Projection of positions in the next 3 months for different assets



*Balance: % of respondents who will increase their position minus % of respondents that will decrease their position
Source: Financial Opinion Survey, Fedesarrollo - BVC

Graph 13. Projection of positions in the next 3 months for different assets vs historical average



* The historical average refers to the average of the response balances from June 2014 to date.
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COLCAP

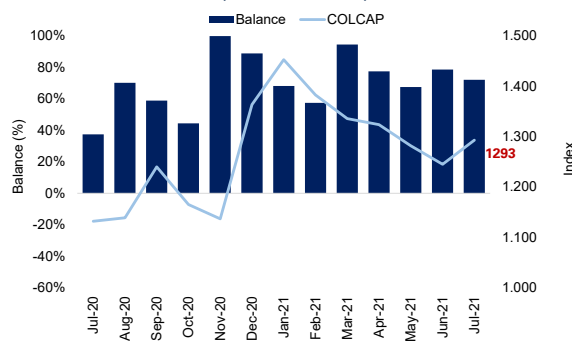
The COLCAP index is a market-capitalization weighted index that reflects price changes on the most liquid stocks listed in the Colombia's stock exchange. In July, the 86.1% of the analysts (84.8% in June) expect a valuation of the index during the next three months (Table 1), while 13.9% of the analysts expects the index to devalue and 0.0% of them expects it to remain the same (6.1% and 9.1% respectively in the previous FOS).

Table 1. Expectations about the COLCAP index price at 3 months
(% of answers)

Index COLCAP Price Level	June 2021	June 2021
Will increase 10% or more	15,2%	0,0%
Will increase between 5% and 9,99%	24,2%	22,2%
Will increase between 0,01% and 4,99%	45,5%	63,9%
Will remain	9,1%	0,0%
Will decrease between 0,01% and 4,99%	3,0%	13,9%
Will decrease between 5% and 9,99%	3,0%	0,0%
Will decrease between 10% or more	0,0%	0,0%

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Graph 14. Balance on the price of the COLCAP index 3 months*
(% of answers)

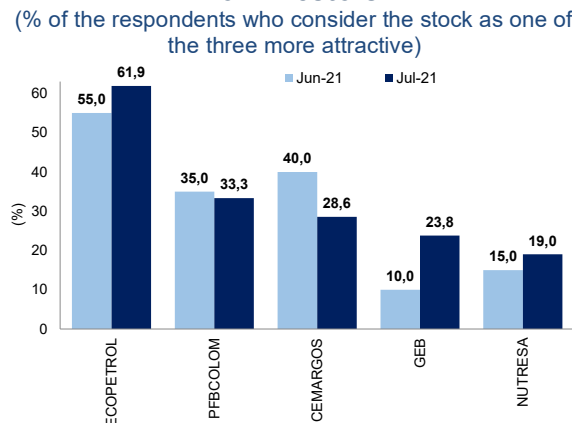


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* Balance: % of respondents expecting a valuation minus % of respondents expecting a devaluation

MOST ATTRACTIVE COLCAP SHARES

The FOS inquires the analysts for the most attractive stocks compounding the COLCAP index. In July, the ordinary stock of Ecopetrol was ranked in the first place with 61.9%. It was followed by the preferential stock of Bancolombia, common stocks of Cementos Argos, the stock of Grupo de Energía de Bogotá and Nutresa's stock (Graph 15).

Graph 15. More attractive COLCAP stocks for investors
(% of the respondents who consider the stock as one of the three more attractive)

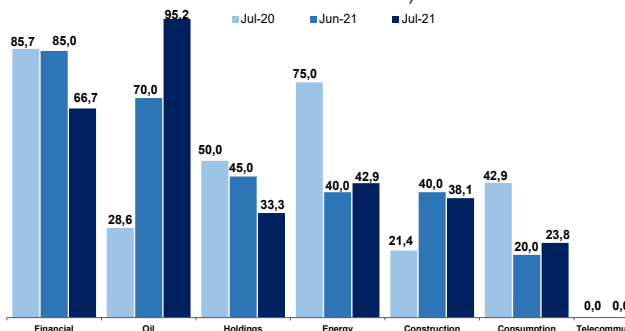


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Compared to the last month, there is greater appetite among respondents mainly for shares of the oil, energy and consumption sectors (Graph 16).

Graph 16. Most attractive COLCAP sectors for investors

(% of the respondents who consider the stock as one of the three most attractive)



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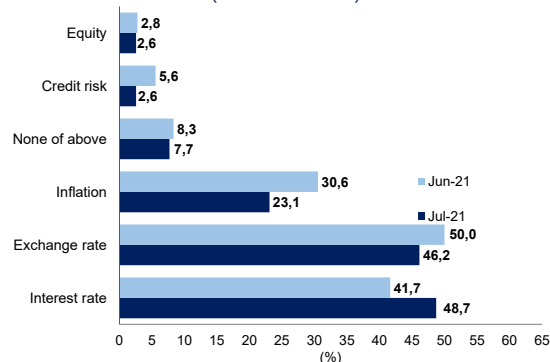
RISK COVERAGE

The FOS inquires portfolio managers about the types of risk for which they plan to hedge against, in the next three months. **In July, 48.7% of the respondents (41.7% in June) were planning to hedge against the interest rate in the short term.** The percentage of managers who expect to hedge against the

foreign exchange risk is 46.2% (50.0% in June).

Graph 17. Coverage of the different types of risk for the next 3 months

(% of answers)



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Table 2. Summary of the Macroeconomic Expectations

Variable	Observed	Forecasts (Median of answers)		
	June-21	July-21	Oct-21	Dec-21
Inflation (Annual variation, %)	3.63	3.70		3.81
Exchange rate	\$ 3,756.67	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700
Monetary policy interest rate (%)	1.75	1.75	1.75	2.00
	1Q-2021	IIQ-2021	Year 2021	Year 2022
Growth (%)	1.1	12.50	6.40	3.77

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