

Latin American Business Outlook

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Top Concerns of Latin American CFOs

1.	Economic Uncertainty
2.	Government policies
3.	Weak demand for product/services
4.	Currency risk
5.	Employee productivity
6.	Access to capital
7.	Corporate tax code
8.	Regulatory requirements
9.	Raising input or commodity costs
10.	Attracting and retaining qualified employee

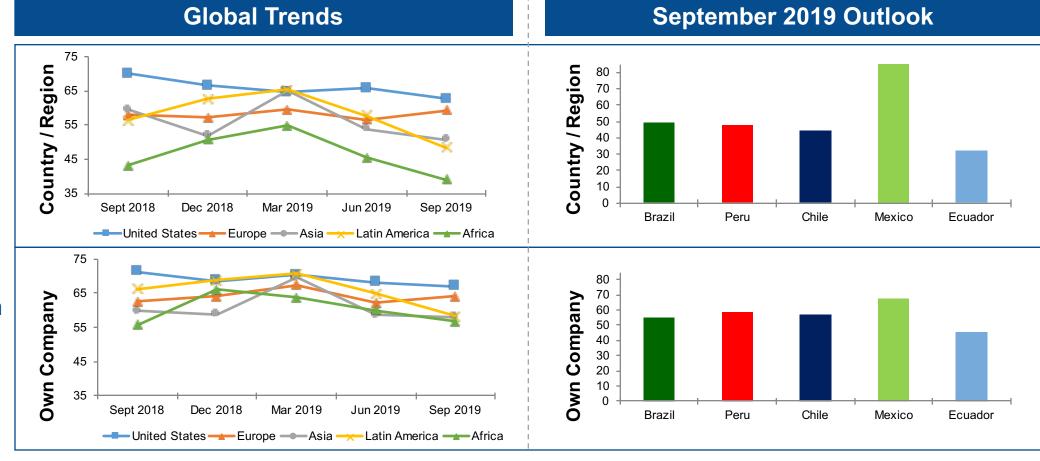


Business Optimism Index

Latin American CFO optimism decreases significantly from last quarter.

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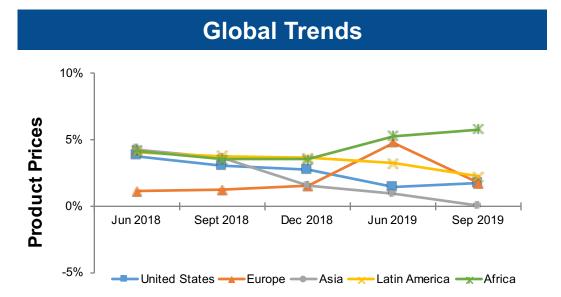




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Expected Product Price Inflation

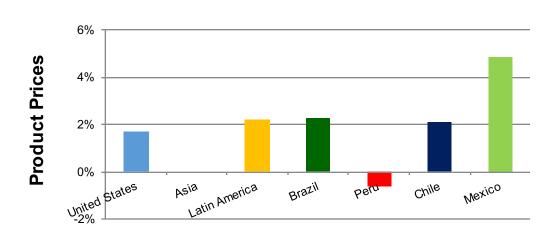
Latin American companies expect moderate inflation



Price increases of 2% to 3% expected in Latin America

- Latam price expectations are lower than last quarter
- CFOs in Asia expect no price inflation

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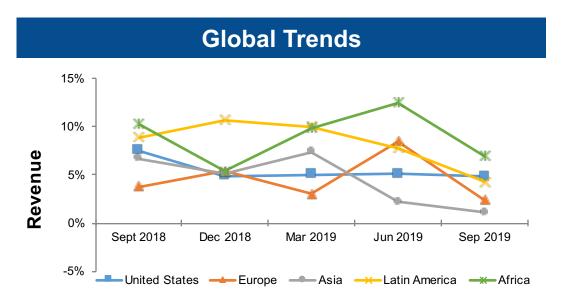
Inflation expectations highest in Mexico

- Prices expected to increase 2% in Brazil and Chile
- Inflation expected to be flat in Peru



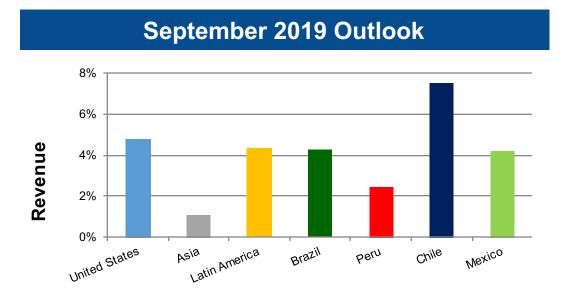
Expected Growth in Sales Revenue

Latin America sales revenue expectations continue to fall



Latin American revenue growth expectation drops to 3% to 4%

- Revenue expectations decreases from last quarter
- US sales revenue expectations remains stable



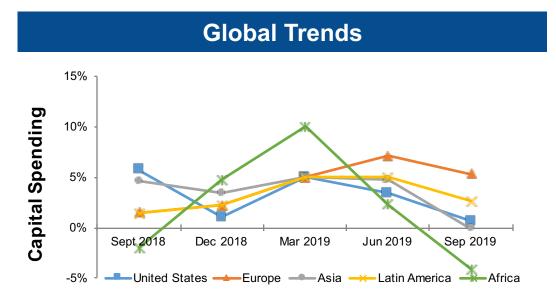
Chile expects rapid revenue growth

Overall Latin American revenue growth is higher than Asia



Capital Spending Plans

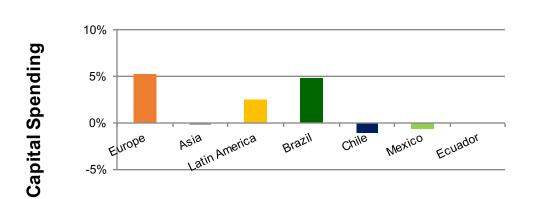
Capital spending expectations fall around the world



Capital spending plans decrease in all regions

- Latin American CFOs expect 2% spending growth
- U.S. capital spending plans are flat

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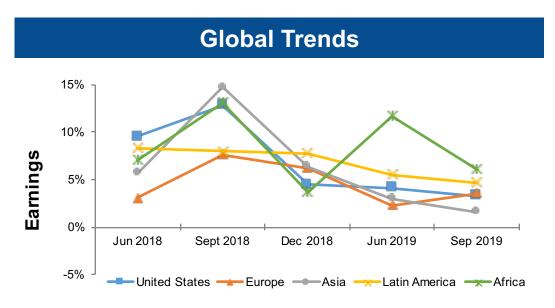
Business spending is weak within Latin America

- Mexico and Chile anticipate decline in capital expenditures
- 5% spending growth expected in Brazil



Expected Change in Earnings

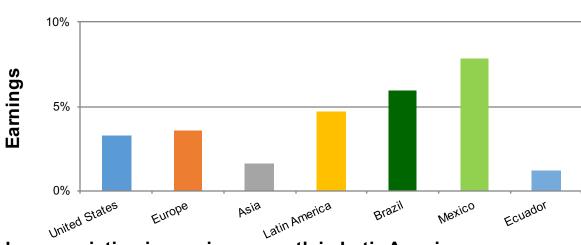
Earnings expectations decreased from last quarter



Asia and US expect weak earnings

- Europe increases earnings expectations moderately from last quarter, though still weak
- African earnings expectations fall sharply

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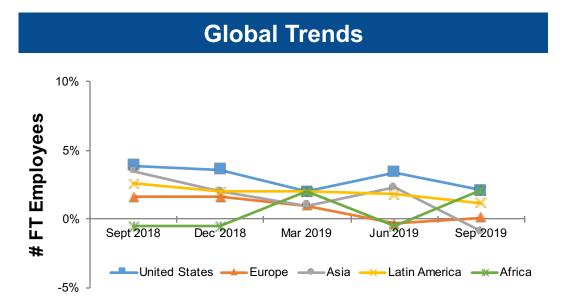
Large variation in earnings growth in Latin America

- Mexico and Brazil expect strongest earnings growth
- Earnings are expected to grow slowly in Ecuador



Fulltime Employment Outlook

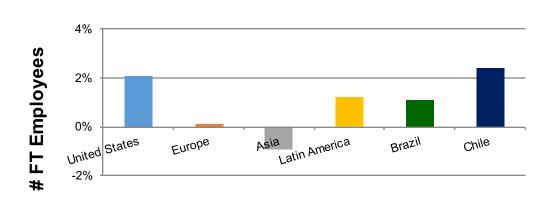
Latin American CFOs expect modest fulltime employment growth in 2019



Latin America CFOs expect 1% employment growth

- US CFOs expect moderate employment growth
- Employment growth slows down in Asia
- Employment growth increases Africa, though still weak

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Employment growth varies across L.A.

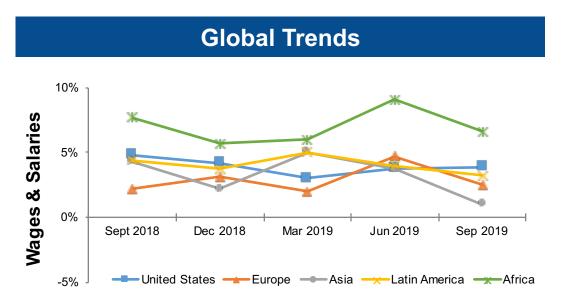
- Employment outlook in Brazil is moderate
- Chile drives up the average for overall Latin America



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Expected Wage and Salary Increases

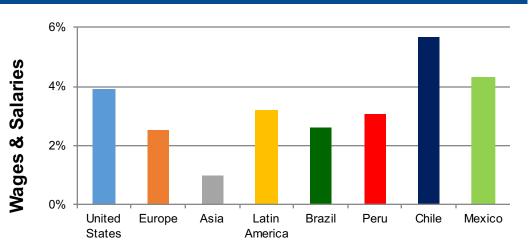
Latin American wages and salaries are projected to increase by 3% in 2019



Wage growth expectations vary across regions

- Africa expects wages to grow 6.6% in this quarter, which is driven in part by high inflation
- Europe wage growth shrinks to the second lowest





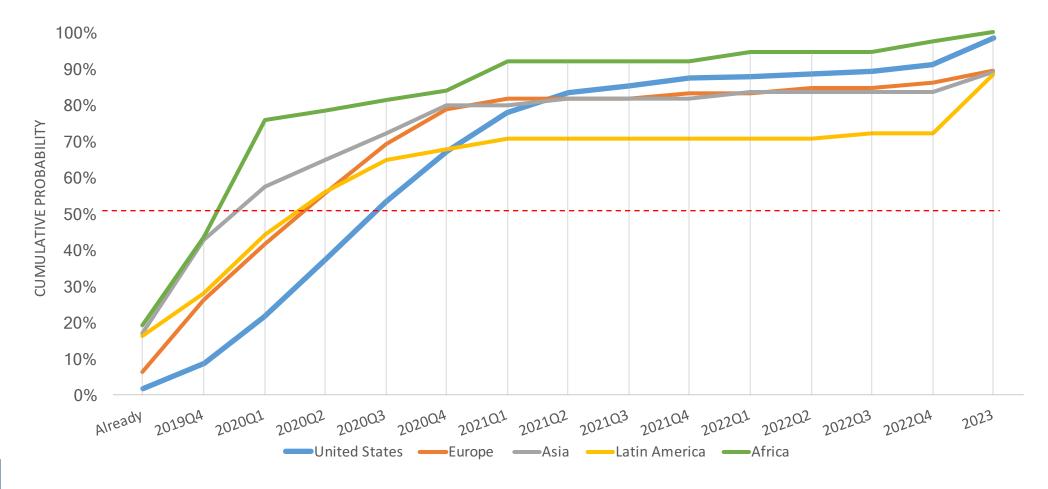
Latin American wages to increase 3%

- All participating Latam countries expect moderate wage growth, highest in Chile
- Wage growth in Brazil falls behind average growth rate in Latin America



When Will a Recession Occur?

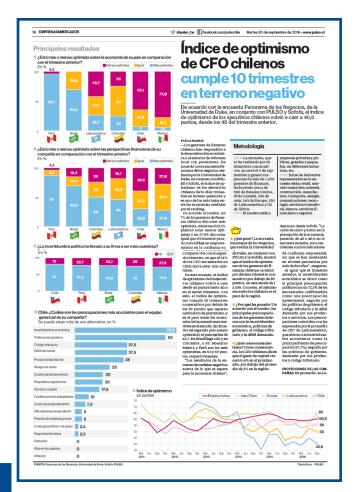
For your country: In which quarter do you expect a downturn (recession) will occur? A majority of CFOs in all regions expect a recession to start within one year.





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Empresários brasileiros são mais otimistas

Pesquisa mostra que diretores financeiros brasileiros estão mais confiantes no desempenho da economia do que os colegas da Ásia, da Europa e dos EUA

Luiz Guilherme Gerhelli

Os empresários brasileiros estão mais otimistas com a economia do que os seus pares no res- estão Ásia (33%), Estados Unitante do mundo. O otimismo dos (22%) e Europa (20%). dos diretores financeiros

Duke University, Fundação Ge- ao crescimento futuro da econotúlio Vargas (FGV) e CFO Magazine. Na América Latina, o otimismo é de 38% e, na sequência,

"O Brasil e a América Latina (CFOs) brasileiros é de 49%, se- em geral estão muito mais otimisgundo a pesquisa Panorama Glo- tas do que o resto do mundo. Es-



FGV. Klenio Barbosa e Gledson de Carvalho, autores da pesquisa

em relação ao desempenho da das, esse índice é de 30%. economia, o mesmo não ocorre com a avaliação do funcionamen-

Preocupação. Se há otimismo Nas demais regiões pesquisa-

"O problema do sistema judiciário faz parte do chamado custo da Justica no Brasile na Améri- to Brasil", diz Klenio Barbosa, ca Latina. Para 68% dos direto- também professor da FGV e resres financeiros brasileiros e lati- ponsável pelo estudo. Os proble- no Brasil porque somos grandes no-americanos, o sistema judi- mas apontados são má qualidaciário atual é um entrave para o de dos julgamentos, incertezas desenvolvimento dos negócios. quanto aos procedimentos ado-

mia do Brasil", afirma Gledson de Carvalho, professor da Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) e um dos autores da pesquisa.

Para os próximos 12 meses, os empresários brasileiros esperam um crescimento do emprego de 4,2%. Já os salários pagos deverão ter alta média de 7,6%. tados, demora e custo.

O levantamento também identificou que os empresários brasileiros estão mais suscetíveis a desaceleração das economias europeia e chinesa do que o restante da América Latina. Segundo a pesquisa, 64% das empresas brasileiras estão sendo prejudicadas pelo baixo crescimento da Europa - na América Latina esse medo é de 52%.

Em relação ao desempenho da economia asiática, a preocupação com os efeitos de um crescimento menor é de 47% no Brasil e de 40% na América Latina.

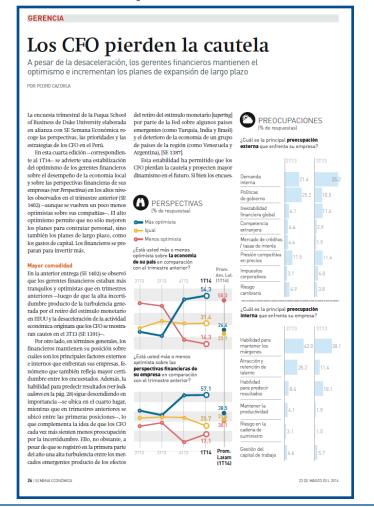
"A Ásia começa a dar sinais de um crescimento mais baixo e isso causa uma preocupação grande produtores de commodities, e os países asiáticos são um dos grandes comparadores", diz Carvalho.



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