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The local context is characterized by reduced risk perception, gains in local financial asset valuation, and accelerated economic activity, accompanied by a lower unemployment rate. In this environment, the financial system has performed well, with stronger and more liquid institutions, sound debtor payment performance, and greater credit dynamism.



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Publication Date: Thursday, 17 of September 2026 **Exposure of the economy and the financial system to natural phenomena**

- The *El Niño* phenomenon and the August earthquake could affect economic activity and place additional pressures on prices and public spending.
- Most credit institutions have limited exposure to the areas affected by the earthquake. Additionally, the financial system is sufficiently sound to withstand these situations.



Exposure of credit institutions to tighter financial conditions

- Interest rates remain at high levels, reflecting fiscal challenges, global uncertainty, and increases in the monetary policy rate aimed at bringing inflation back to target.
- However, credit continues to grow, institutions maintain high risk-management standards, and no significant deterioration in households' repayment capacity is observed.



Exposure to a potential sharp depreciation of the Colombian peso

- The Colombian peso has strengthened recently. However, a rapid depreciation against the U.S. dollar could put upward pressure on the prices of imported goods, weaken the financial position of some companies with foreign-currency-denominated debt, and discourage investment.
- The impact of a depreciation would be limited by the existence of exchange-rate hedging mechanisms covering a large share of corporate debt.



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