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# The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® for Brazil, Together with Fundação Getulio Vargas, Fell Slightly in June

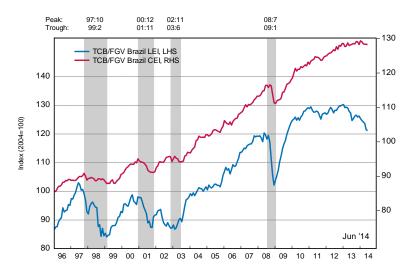
**Rio de Janeiro, July 17, 2014**... *The Conference Board Leading Economic Index*<sup>®</sup> for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Vargas (TCB/FGV Brazil LEI), decreased 0.2 percent in June. The index now stands at 121.1 (2004 = 100), following a 1.8 percent decline in May and a 0.4 percent decline in April. Four of the eight components contributed positively to the index in June.

"The Leading Economic Index (LEI) for Brazil deteriorated further in June, with unfavorable expectations continuing to play a large role in the LEI's lackluster performance," said Paulo Picchetti, Economist at FGV/IBRE. "However, current economic conditions — as measured by the CEI — have remained relatively stable recently, with resilient labor markets offsetting the weakness of output. Moreover, the decline in the LEI during the first half of 2014 has not yet been as steep as during previous economic downturns."

Ataman Ozyildirim, Economist at The Conference Board, added: "The sixth consecutive decline in the LEI for Brazil points to weak economic conditions continuing in the second half of the year. Even though financial indicators improved in June, the deterioration in the overall performance of the LEI suggests that the current below-trend growth will continue through the end of 2014."

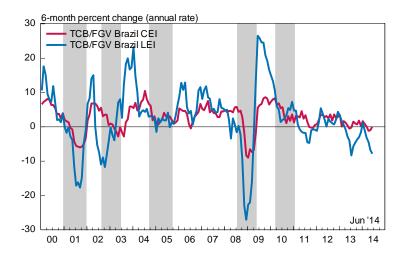
The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index<sup>®</sup> for Brazil, together with Fundação Getulio Vargas (TCB/FGV Brazil CEI), which measures current economic activity, declined 0.1 percent in June at 128.2 (2004 = 100), following no change in May and a 0.1 percent decrease in April. Three of the six components contributed positively to the index in June.

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Note: The shaded areas denote business cycle recessions as determined by CODACE.

Six-month changes in TCB/FGV Brazil LEI fell further negative in June



Note: The shaded areas denote growth cycles defined by deviations from growth trend of CEI + GDP for Brazil

TCB/FGV Brazil LEI aggregates eight economic indicators that measure economic activity in Brazil. Each of the LEI components has proven accurate on its own. Aggregating individual indicators into a composite index filters out so-called "noise" to show underlying trends more clearly.

## <u>About The Conference Board Leading Economic Index<sup>®</sup> for Brazil, together with Fundação</u> Getulio Vargas

TCB/FGV Brazil LEI was launched in July 2013. Plotted back to 1996, this index has successfully signaled turning points in the economic cycles of Brazil. The Conference Board also produces LEIs for Australia, China, the Euro Area, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The eight components of TCB/FGV Brazil LEI include:

Swap Rate, 1 year (Source: Central Bank of Brazil)

Stock Price Bovespa Index (Source: BOVESPA - Bolsa de Valores de São Paulo/ São Paulo Stock Exchange)

Manufacturing Survey: Expectations Index (Source: FGV/IBRE) Services Sector Survey: Expectations Index (Source: FGV/IBRE)

Consumer Expectations Survey: Expectations Index (Source: FGV/IBRE)

Physical Production of Durables Consumer Goods Index (Source: IBGE - Instituto Brasilieiro de Geografia e

Estatística/ Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics)

Terms of Trade Index (Source: FUNCEX - Fundação Centro de Estudos do Comércio Exterior/The Foundation

Center for the Study of Foreign Trade)

Exports Volume Index (Source: FUNCEX - Fundação Centro de Estudos do Comércio Exterior/The Foundation

Center for the Study of Foreign Trade)

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## **Summary Table of Composite Economic Indexes**

	2014					6-month	
	Apr		May		Jun	De	ec to Jun
Leading Economic Index	123.6		121.4	r	121.1	p	
Percent Change	-0.4		-1.8	r	-0.2	p	-4.0
Diffusion	31.3		25.0		50.0		12.5
Coincident Economic Index	128.3	p	128.3	p	128.2	p	
Percent Change	-0.1	p	0.0	p	-0.1	p	0.0
Diffusion	33.3		58.3		66.7		66.7

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Indexes equal 100 in 2004

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