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Rating and Investment Information (R&I) affirms Mexico's credit rating

- **The Japanese rating agency R&I affirmed Mexico's BBB+ sovereign rating.**
- **With this rating action, the first rating review period of 2021 has concluded. All rating agencies have ratified Mexico's sovereign credit rating.**
- **The rating agency points out that Mexico's economy is overcoming the pandemic impact and they forecast strong growth in 2021.**

R&I affirmed Mexico's BBB + foreign currency rating, with a negative outlook. The sovereign rating remains in a comfortable position, three notches above investment grade.

The rating agency highlights that Mexico is overcoming the pandemic impact and expects strong growth in 2021 driven by the recovery of domestic activity, the progress in vaccination, and the economic rebound of the United States, our main trading partner. In addition, the Japanese agency expects that debt in relation to GDP will have a decreasing trend from 2021. Likewise, R&I points out the deterioration of the country's fiscal balance in 2020 was moderate compared to other peer countries.

R&I emphasizes the outstanding tax revenues results in 2020, despite the pandemic. This, thanks to the strengthening of the tax framework since 2019. In addition, R&I considers that the current account surplus, the ample external liquidity and our stable financial system will support the economic recovery.





R&I sees the investment trends as a risk for medium-term growth. In this sense, the Mexican Government will continue working to strengthen its relationship with the private sector. Since the beginning of the administration, the Federal Government has approached the private initiative to work together on the designing and implementation of the pension reform, the reform to regulate outsourcing, as well as the USMCA. Additionally, in conjunction with the private sector, 67 infrastructure projects were released for an investment of 2.3% of GDP. During this year, the project portfolio will continue increasing.

The Ministry of Finance and Public Credit reaffirms its commitment with healthy public finances, a sustainable debt level and macroeconomic stability as the basis for a sustained and inclusive economic recovery.

