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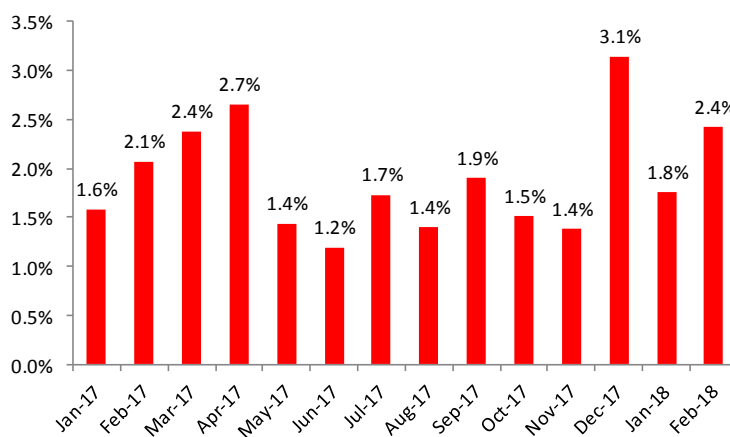
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The consumer price index increased **2.4% m/m in the second month of the year according to INDEC data**. This was above CPI growth for the previous month (+1.8% m/m), driven by price hikes in electricity, transportation, gasoline and health services. Headline CPI remains high compared to the challenging 15% CPI annual objective set for December 2018 by the Central Bank. Core inflation grew 2.1% m/m, above the 1.5% registered in January. Communication and transportation saw the highest monthly increases (+9.1% m/m and +4.5% m/m, respectively). Last month, inflation figures were clearly impacted by peso depreciation (pass-through).

With these numbers, the annual inflation rate stands at 25.4%. We expect CPI monthly inflation at 2% in March due to the seasonal impact from education and the pass-through effect after the peso depreciation since January (+3.3%).

#### High CPI figures during the first quarter



Monthly inflation rate. Sources: INDEC and Santander.

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