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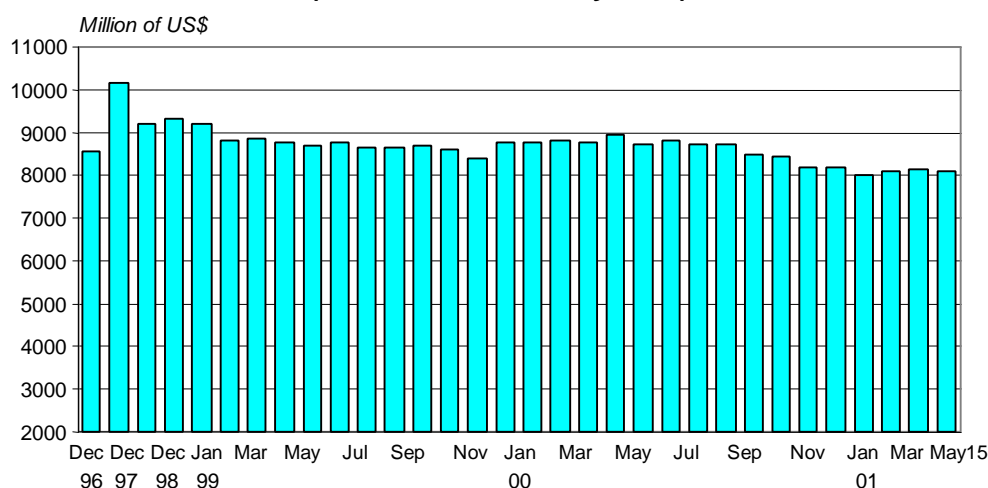
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Net International Reserves at US\$ 8 115 million

As of May 15, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 8 115 million, down US\$ 12 million from end-April. This decrease reflects the withdrawal of public sector deposits at the Central Bank (US\$ 41 million), sales of foreign currency through the over-the-counter (US\$ 10 million), net interest payments (US\$ 4 million) and valuation and other operations (US\$ 4 million), that was partially offset by the increment in financial system deposits (US\$ 47 million). On the other hand, the exchange position amounted to US\$ 2 585 million, down US\$ 11 million from end-April level due to the Central Bank intervention in the exchange market.

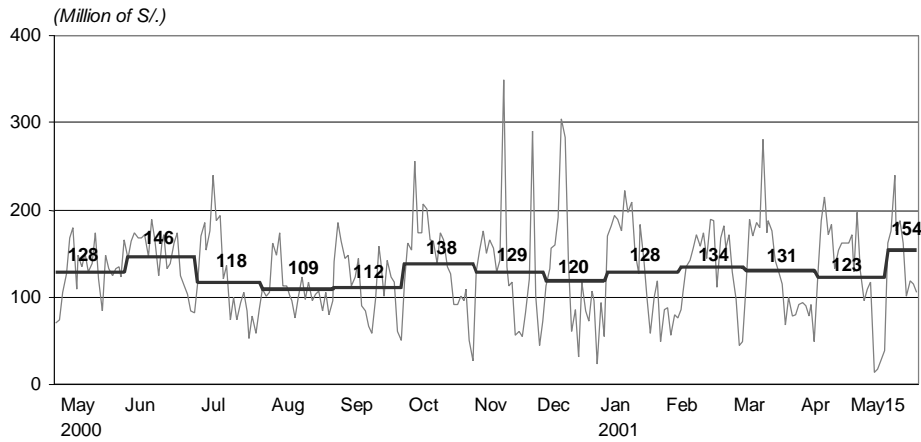
**BCRP net international reserves
(December 1996 - May 2001)**



Banks' current account balance at S/. 154 million

From May 1 to 15, the banks' current account was S/. 154 million on a daily average basis, 4,3 percent lower than the same period in April.

Banks' current account at the Central Bank (May 2000 - May 2001)



From May 9 to 15, the Central Bank injected liquidity through 5 temporary purchases of CDBCRP by S/. 114 million on average and at average interest rate of 14,7 percent.

Temporary purchase of CDBCRP

Date	Amount (Million of S/.)	Interest rate (%)	Term (days)
May 9	50	16,3	1
May 10	40	15,0	1
May 11	130	15,0	1
May 14	205	14,4	1
May 15	145	14,2	1

On May 9 and 11, the Bank carried out swap operations by US\$ 24 million and US\$ 4 million, respectively. As of May 9, the Bank sold foreign currency through the over-the-counter by US\$ 10 million. The exchange rate of this operation was S/. 3,61.

Over this period, the Bank redeemed CDBCRP by S/. 60 million. Since no further auctions were carried out the balance of CDBCRP as of May 15 came to S/. 1 685 million.

Monetary operations: daily average (Million of S/.)

	Banks' current account balance at the end of previous day's operations	Banks' operations with Banco de la Nación	Redemption of CDBCRP	Other banking operations redemption with the Central Bank	Cash transfers that affect the bank's current account balance	Current account of banking system before Central Bank operations	Central bank operations	Current account after Central Bank operations	Interbank interest rate
	1	2	3	4	5	6=1+2+3+4+5	7	8=6+7	
March 2000	130	-38	24	-5	40	149	-19	119	10,9
April	120	-52	16	-42	43	94	34	119	13,7
May	125	-33	16	-22	35	122	9	128	15,8
December	120	-38	41	-107	20	38	83	120	11,4
January 2001	128	-41	10	-84	58	77	58	128	10,8
February	135	-27	27	-30	38	157	-9	134	11,0
March	131	-34	16	-13	37	137	-7	131	10,3
April	124	-73	16	-353	40	-243	368	123	12,5
May 15	149	-21	6	-259	50	-76	231	154	13,9

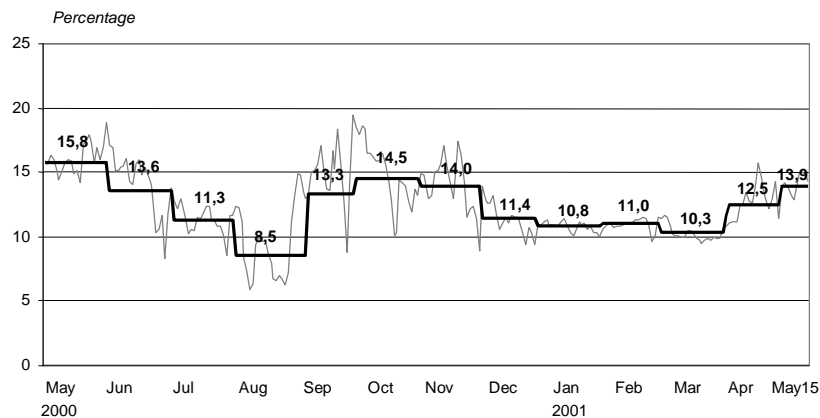
Average monetary base at S/. 5 076 million

From May 1 to 15, the daily average balance of the monetary base was S/. 5 076 million, up 0,8 percent from April average. On May 15, the monetary base amounted to S/. 5 066 million, down 2,3 percent (S/. 117 million) from end-April, reflecting the redemption of temporary purchases of CDBCRP (S/. 250 million) and sales of foreign currency through the over-the-counter (S/. 36 million), that were partially offset by lower public sector deposits at the Central Bank (S/. 102 million), redemption of CDBCRP (S/. 60 million) and other operations (S/. 8 million).

Interbank interest rate in domestic currency at 13,9 percent

As of May 15, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency averaged 13,9 percent, higher than in April (12,5 percent).

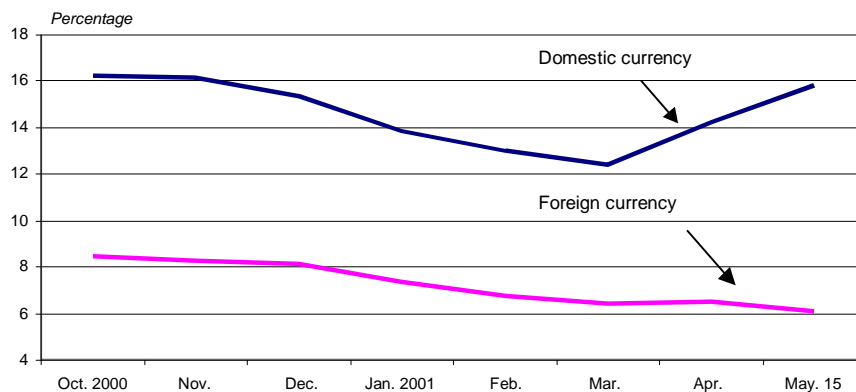
**Interbank interest rate in domestic currency
(May 2000 - May 2001)**



Average lending rates in domestic and foreign currency

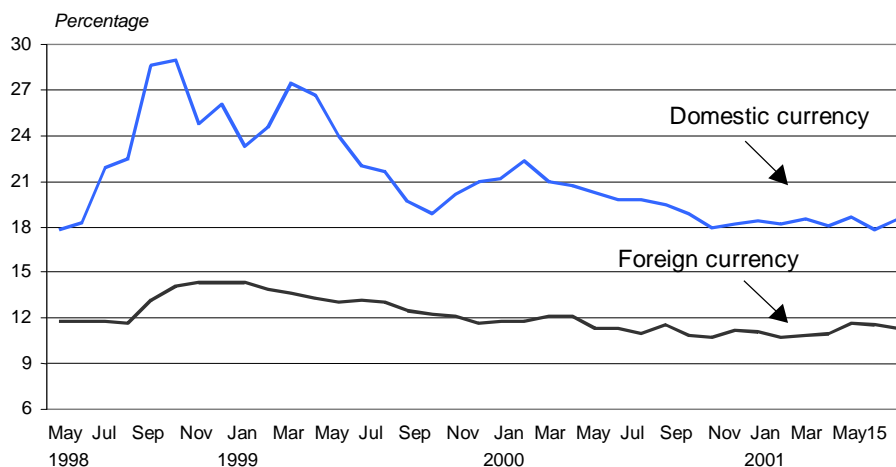
As of May 15, the corporative prime interest rate in domestic currency (for 90-day loans to low-risk clients) was 15,8 percent, higher than in April (14,2 percent). In foreign currency, this rate was 6,1 percent, lower than in April (6,5 percent).

**Corporative prime interest rates in domestic and
foreign currency
(October 2000 - May 2001)**



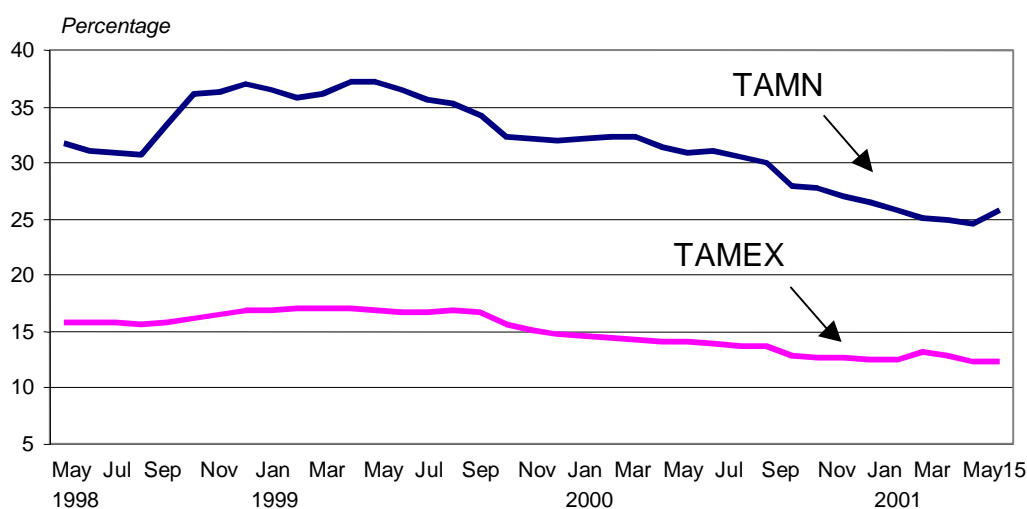
The 90-day prime interest rate on soles-denominated loans averaged 18,6 percent, higher than in April (17,9 percent). On the other hand, the rate on dollar-denominated loans passed from 11,5 to 11,4 percent.

Prime interest rates (May 1998 - May 2001)



On the other hand, the average lending interest rate in domestic currency (TAMN) was 25,8 percent, higher than last month's average (25,4 percent), while the rate in foreign currency (TAMEX) was 12,4 percent, slightly lower than in April (12,5 percent).

Average lending interest rates in domestic and foreign currency (May 1998 - May 2001)



Spread of PDI Brady bond at 7,9 percent

As of May 15, the spread of the Peruvian Past Due Interest Brady bonds relative to the US Treasury bonds (a proxy for the country risk perceived by investors) was 7,9 percent, higher than in April (7,7 percent), but lower than April's last week level (8,6 percent).

**Stripped spread of PDI Brady bonds
(May 1998 - May 2001)**



Exchange rate at S/. 3,60

From May 1 to 15, the average ask exchange rate in the banking system rose 0,4 percent to S/. 3,60.

From May 9 to 15, the balance of sales of foreign currency in the forward market were lower than redemptions by US\$ 1 million, whereas new purchases were also lower the redemptions by US\$ 9 million. In the spot market, net sales to the public averaged US\$ 7 million, lower than last week (US\$ 11 million).

**Banks' exchange market operations to the public: Daily average
(Million of US\$)**

	December 2000	January 2001	February	March	April	May		
						1-8	9-15	1-15
i. <u>Forward sales to the public</u>	0	5	-1	3	7	2	-1	0
- New sales	12	18	17	19	26	15	7	11
- Redemptions	12	13	18	16	19	13	8	11
ii. <u>Forward purchases to the public</u>	-2	4	1	1	0	4	-9	-3
- New purchases	6	15	10	11	13	18	10	14
- Redemptions	8	11	9	10	13	14	19	17
iii. <u>Net spot purchases to the public</u>	0	2	10	9	13	-11	-7	-8
- Purchases	87	84	90	92	110	75	82	79
- Sales	87	82	80	83	97	86	89	87
Memo:								
Close balance as of:								
a. Forward sales to the public	653	747	704	789	990	993	991	991
b. Forward purchases to the public	213	303	290	352	403	411	365	365
c. Net sales to the public (a-b)	440	444	414	437	587	582	626	626
d. Banks' exchange position	630	584	599	598	573	537	524	524

Monetary accounts: April

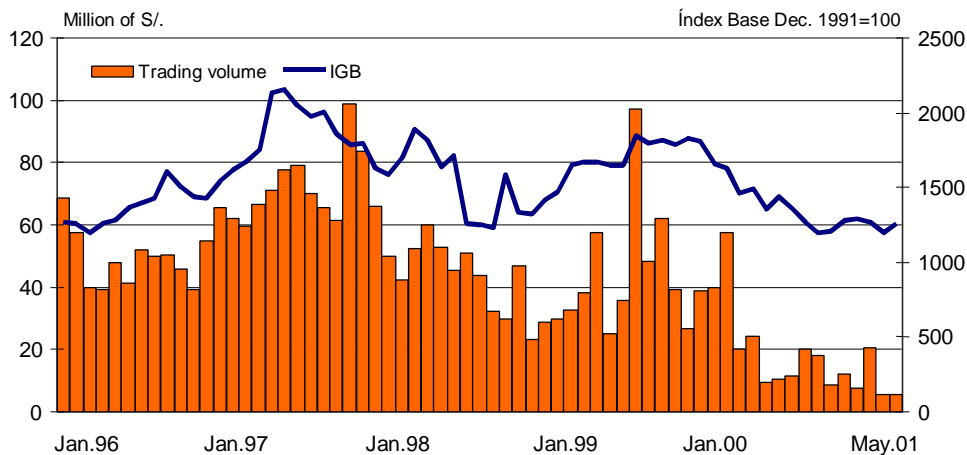
In April, liquidity in domestic currency rose 2,5 percent (S/. 339 million) to S/. 14 481 million. In annual terms, this aggregate grew 9,2 percent. On the other hand, credit to the private sector in domestic currency increased 0,6 percent (S/. 52 million) to S/. 9 061 million. Last 12 months growth for this variable was 4,2 percent.

Liquidity in foreign currency rose 0,7 percent (US\$ 63 million) to US\$ 9 524 million. On the other hand, credit to the private sector (US\$ 11 510 million) increased 0,6 percent in the last 4 weeks but decreased 0,2 percent in annual terms.

General index increases 5,0 percent

As of May 15, the Lima Stock Exchange increased with respect to end-March by 5,0 percent in the General Index and 4,6 percent in the Blue Chip Index. In the year, these indices have increased 4,0 and 4,6 percent, respectively.

**Stock market indicators
(January 1996 – May 15, 2001)**



Lima, May 18, 2001

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BCRP - Indicadores Económicos / Economic Indicators		2000							2001							
		SET	OCT	NOV	ENE	FEB	MAR	30 Abr	ABR	9 May	10 May	11 May	14 May	15 May	MAY	
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (Mills. of US\$)		Var.														
Posición de cambio / Net international position		2 555	2 567	2 582	2 624	2 626	2 637	2 632	2 597	-35	2 587	2 585	2 585	2 584	2 585	-11
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves		8 744	8 465	8 442	8 180	8 201	8 018	8 111	8 127	16	8 230	8 233	8 121	8 157	8 115	-12
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCRP / Financial system deposits at BCRP		3 297	3 066	2 960	2 952	2 910	2 787	2 895	2 935	40	3 031	3 072	2 956	2 996	2 982	47
Empresas bancarias / Banks		3 057	2 928	2 806	2 762	2 782	2 657	2 778	2 784	6	2 881	2 909	2 791	2 829	2 834	50
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación		216	115	130	168	107	104	93	123	30	122	135	137	139	121	-3
Sector privado / Private sector		23	24	25	22	21	26	24	28	4	28	28	28	28	28	0
Depósitos del sector público en el BCRP / Public sector deposits at BCRP		2 910	2 826	2 961	2 694	2 723	2 678	2 650	2 648	-1	2 646	2 639	2 638	2 637	2 608	-41
Depósitos de privatización		306	262	277	150	171	165	180	185	5	186	186	186	186	186	1
Otros depósitos / Other *		2 604	2 564	2 684	2 535	2 552	2 514	2 469	2 463	-6	2 459	2 452	2 451	2 451	2 422	-42
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCRP (Mills. US\$) / BCRP FOREIGN OPERATIONS (Millions US\$)		Acum.														
Origen externo de la emisión primaria / External origin of the monetary base		2	0	0	21	0	-1	0	0	-57	11	-24	4	-4	0	-10
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Over-the-counter net purchases of foreign currency		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-27	-10	0	0	0	0	-10
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	-24	4	-4	0	0
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector		0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	-30	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIPO DE CAMBIO (\$/ por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE		Prom.														
Compra interbancario / Interbank bid / Average		3,485	3,500	3,529	3,519	3,523	3,528	3,520	3,582	3,560	3,608	3,608	3,601	3,603	3,600	3,600
Apertura / Opening		3,486	3,502	3,530	3,520	3,524	3,530	3,521	3,585	3,560	3,609	3,608	3,603	3,603	3,603	3,602
Ventas interbancario / Interbank Ask		3,486	3,502	3,531	3,521	3,524	3,530	3,521	3,584	3,562	3,611	3,609	3,605	3,604	3,600	3,602
Cierre / Close		3,486	3,502	3,531	3,520	3,524	3,529	3,520	3,584	3,561	3,609	3,608	3,597	3,604	3,599	3,601
Promedio / Average		3,486	3,502	3,530	3,520	3,524	3,529	3,521	3,584	3,561	3,610	3,609	3,603	3,606	3,600	3,602
Sistema bancario / Banking System		3,484	3,499	3,527	3,518	3,521	3,528	3,519	3,584	3,557	3,610	3,605	3,601	3,600	3,597	3,598
Venta / Ask		3,486	3,502	3,530	3,521	3,524	3,530	3,521	3,589	3,560	3,613	3,609	3,604	3,603	3,600	3,602
Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994=100) / Real exchange rate index (1994=100)		105,1	104,7	104,9	105,2	106,1	105,6	103,3		104,0						
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS																
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency																
Emisión Primaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)		-5,2	2,0	-0,7	14,6	-10,2	-2,1	0,1	4,4	4,4						
Monetary base (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)		1,9	-0,1	-1,0	-0,3	4,0	1,6	6,7	6,7							
Oferta monetaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)		1,2	0,0	-0,1	6,3	-3,7	-0,9	1,5	2,4	2,4						
Money Supply (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)		3,0	3,2	3,0	3,5	4,3	6,0	4,6	9,1	9,1						
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)		1,7	-0,9	3,9	1,0	-0,6	-1,1	0,8	0,6	0,6						
Credit to the private sector (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)		-7,2	-6,7	-2,8	2,3	1,8	0,8	2,2	4,2	4,2						
TOSE saldo promedio (Var. % mensual) / TOSE average balance (% monthly change)		0,1	-1,6	2,5	1,3	1,7	1,2	0,8	-1,8	-1,8	1,8	2,2	1,8	2,1	1,7	
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)		0,5	0,7	0,8	1,3	1,0	0,8	0,6	0,9	0,9	1,1	1,0	0,8	0,8	0,8	
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo Mill. S.) / Banks' current account (balance mills. of S.)		112	138	129	120	128	134	131	39	123	162	102	120	116	105	
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S.) / Rediscounts (Millions of S.)		0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Depósitos del sector público en el BCRP (saldo Mill. S.) / Public sector deposits at the BCRP (Balance m)		299	509	531	319	599	515	475	773	773	598	562	664	721	671	
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill. S.) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of S.)		2 050	1 755	1 770	1 360	1 950	1 995	2 055	1 745	1 745	1 745	1 745	1 685	1 685	1 685	
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP (saldo Mill. S.) / CDBCRP repos (Balance millions of S.)		-40	41	30	0	210	20	30	395	395	50	-40	130	205	145	
TAMN / Average		27,9	27,7	27,1	26,5	25,9	25,2	24,9	24,6	25,4	25,7	25,7	25,6	25,8	25,8	
Interbancario / Interbank		13,3	14,5	14,0	11,4	10,8	11,0	10,3	11,4	12,5	13,6	15,0	15,0	14,9	14,3	
Tasa de interés (%) / Interest rates (%)		17,9	18,2	18,4	18,2	18,5	18,1	18,6	17,3	17,9	19,5	19,2	18,0	17,9	19,9	
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos		20,0	10,8	8,1	s.m.	9,2	11,4	10,4	12,2	12,2	16,3	15,0	15,0	14,4	14,2	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts		s.m.	s.m.	14,0	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance		13,6	13,5	13,8	13,5	13,3	13,9	12,6	12,6	12,6	12,6	12,6	12,5	12,5	12,5	
Moneda extranjera / Foreign currency																
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)		-0,5	-0,8	1,4	1,2	-0,3	0,9	0,8	0,6	0,6						
Credit to the private sector (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)		-2,4	-3,6	-1,8	-2,3	-1,9	-1,1	0,2	-0,2	-0,2						
TOSE saldo promedio (Var. % mensual) / TOSE average balance (% monthly change)		-0,8	-2,5	-0,7	1,9	-0,7	0,4	0,6	1,2	1,2	-0,2	-0,2	-0,4	-0,4	-0,3	
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)		0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	-0,8	-0,8	-0,8	
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts (millions of US\$)		0	0	50	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TAMEX / Average		12,9	12,7	12,6	12,6	12,6	13,2	12,9	12,4	12,5	12,4	12,3	12,3	12,3	12,3	
Interbancario / Interbank		7,3	7,3	8,2	8,4	8,9	8,6	8,6	6,8	6,8	5,9	5,9	5,5	6,3	6,5	
Tasa de interés (%) / Interest rates (%)		10,7	11,2	11,1	10,7	10,8	11,0	11,7	10,9	11,5	11,6	11,6	11,3	11,2	10,8	
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos		s.m.	s.m.	8,5	s.m.	s.m.	8,5	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts		s.m.	s.m.	8,5	s.m.	s.m.	8,5	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
INDICADORES BURSÁTILES / STOCK MARKET INDICES		Acum.														
Índice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)		-5,7	-6,3	-5,5	0,7	6,0	0,9	-1,5	0,3	-5,9	0,7	1,6	0,2	-0,2	0,3	5,0
Índice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)		-3,8	-5,1	-5,2	-0,6	7,5	-1,0	-2,3	0,6	-3,8	0,7	1,4	-0,2	-0,5	0,4	4,6
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S.) - Prom. diario		11,5	20,3	17,9	8,7	12,2	7,6	20,5	13,1	5,6	3,7	6,9	3,7	4,6	2,2	5,1
INFLACION (%) / INFLATION (%)																
Inflación mensual / Monthly		0,56	0,23	0,06	0,15	0,19	0,25	0,51		-0,42						
Inflación últimos 12 meses / % 12 months change		3,88	4,25	4,02	3,73	3,86	3,61	3,38		2,62						
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mills. S.) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of S.)																
Resultado primario / Primary balance		32	641	95	-571	466	46	211								
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue		2 186	2 824	2 180	2 317	2 271	2 205	2 251								
Gastos no financieros / Non-financial expenditures		2 175	2 204	2 106	2 909	1 823	2 178	2 058								
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mills. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)																
Balanza Comercial / Trade balance		-1	-26	-96	8	-35	-92									
Exportaciones / Exports		553	680	539	607	553	550									
Importaciones / Imports		554	707	636	599	590	642									
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (1994=100)																
Variaz. % respecto al mismo mes del año anterior / Annual rate of growth		0,1	0,5	0,3	-1,8	-1,7	-2,5									
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS		Prom.														
LIBOR a tres meses (%) / LIBOR 3-month (%)		6,7	6,8	6,8	6,5	5,7	5,3	5,0	4,3	4,6	4,1	4,1	4,1	4,1	4,1	4,2
Dow Jones (Var. %) / (% change)		-5,0	3,0	-5,1	3,6	0,9	-3,6	-6,0	-0,7	8,7	-0,2	0,4	-0,8	0,5	0,0	1,3
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (30 años) / U.S. Treasuries yield (30 years)		5,8	5,8	5,8	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,3	5,8	5,7	5,7	5,8	5,9	5,9	5,9	5,7
Striped spread de los bonos PDI (pbs) / PDI bond stripped spread (basis points)		570	692	735	711	647	642	630	822	775	798	789	776	782	779	793
Bonos Brady (%) / FLIRB		60,1	54,9	53,9	56,6	59,6	60,7	62,5	53,8	57,2	55,3	55,4	55,1	55,3	55,4	55,1
Brady bonds (%) / PDI		66,2	61,9	60,9	63,1	66,5	67,2	68,3	61,4	63,4	62,8	62,8	62,9	62,8	62,8	62,5

* Incluye depósitos de Promcept, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Cofide, fondos administrados por la ONP, y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No. 15 del Boletín Semanal.