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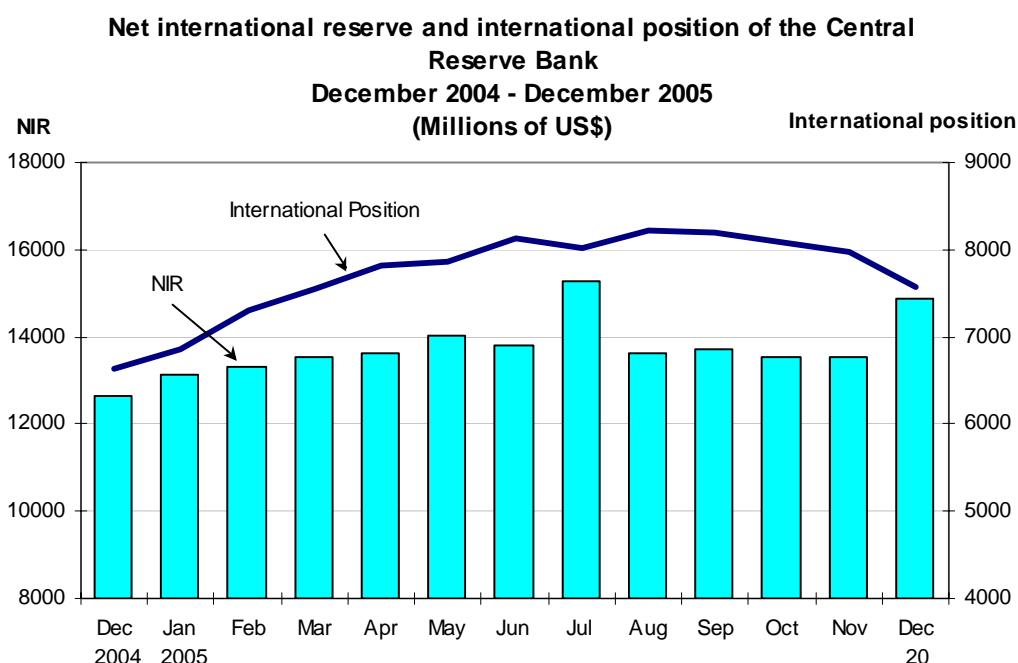
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Net international reserves at US\$ 14 884 million

As of **December 20**, net international reserves (NIR) amounted to US\$ 14 884, up US\$ 1 341 million from end-November. This increase is explained by higher public sector deposits in US\$ 870 million, higher financial system deposits in US\$ 839 million, investment yield by US\$ 41 million and changes in the value of currencies and gold in US\$ 17 million. This evolution was partially offset by sales of foreign currency

to the public sector by US\$ 237 million for the debt pre-payment to the Japan Peru Oil Co., Ltd – JAPECO, and the sales over-the-counter mechanism by US\$ 189 million.

Year-to-date, NIRs have increased US\$ 2 253 million whereas the **Central Bank's international position** (US\$ 7 572 million) grew by US\$ 933 million.

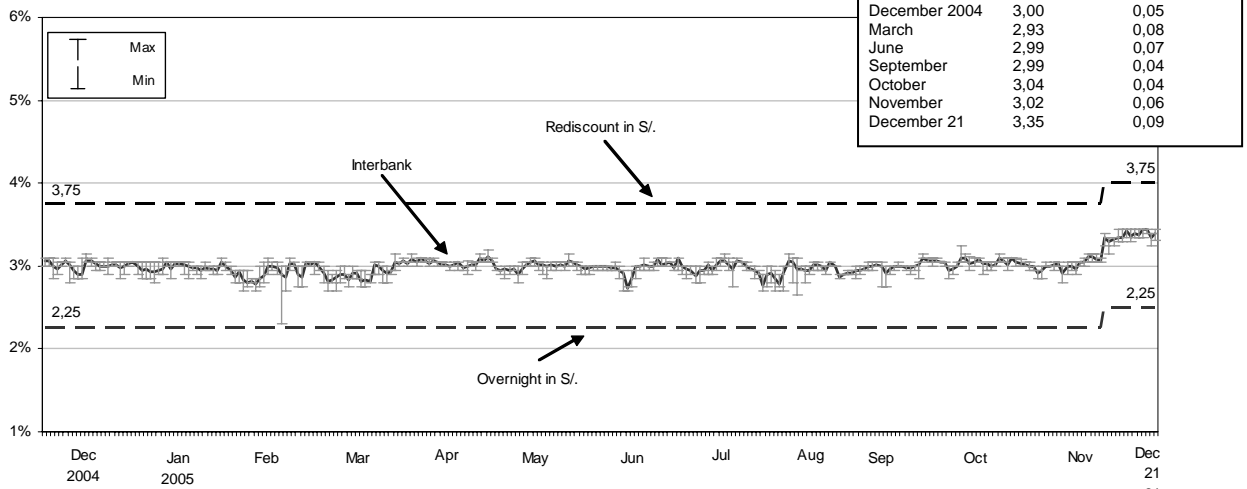


Interbank interest rate at 3,35 percent

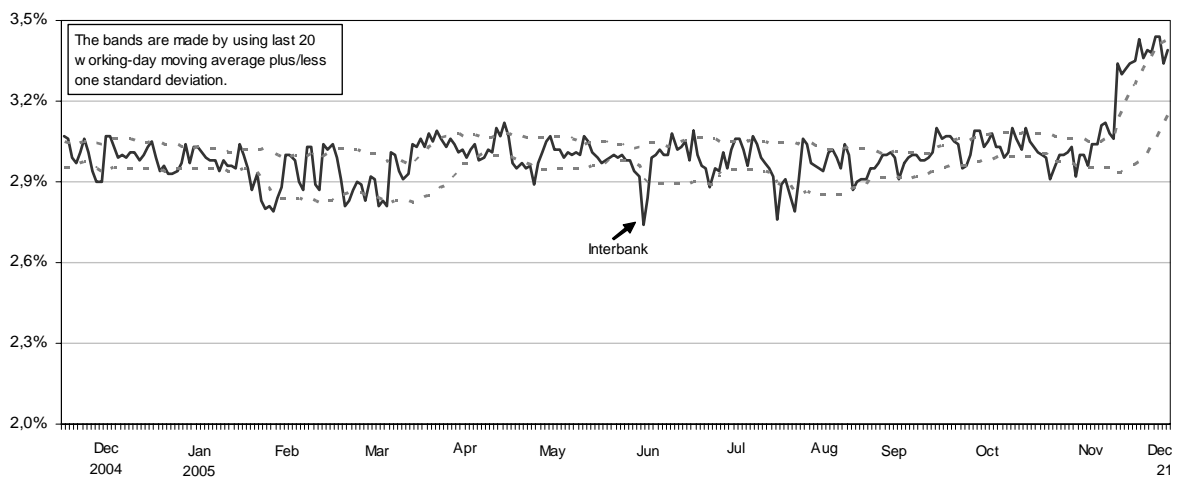
As of **December 21**, the average interest rate in domestic currency was 3,35 percent, higher than the November's

average (3,02 percent), consistent with the increase of the Central Bank's reference interest rate (from 3,00 to 3,25 percent).

**Interest rates in domestic currency
(December 2004 - December 2005)**



**Interbank interest rate in domestic currency
(December 2004 - December 2005)**



Monetary operations

Between **December 15 and 21** the Central Bank made the following operations:

- Auctions of temporary purchase of CDBCRP and BTP with a: i) 1-day maturity by S/. 1 920, S/. 134,3; S/. 2 555; S/. 80; S/. 2 590; S/. 2 690; S/. 50; S/. 170 and S/. 50 million at an average interest rate of 3,37; 3,30; 3,35; 3,30; 3,33; 3,31; 3,35; 3,32 and 3,31 percent, respectively and ii) 3-day by S/. 2 320 million at an average interest rate of 3,35 percent.
- Auctions of Adjustable Certificates Deposits (CDRBCRP) with a: i) 6-month

maturity by S/. 2,6; S/. 100 and S/. 105 million at an average interest rate of 4,40; 4,41 and 4,45 percent, respectively and ii) 1-year by S/. 100 million, in 2 opportunities, at 4,60 and 4,62 percent.

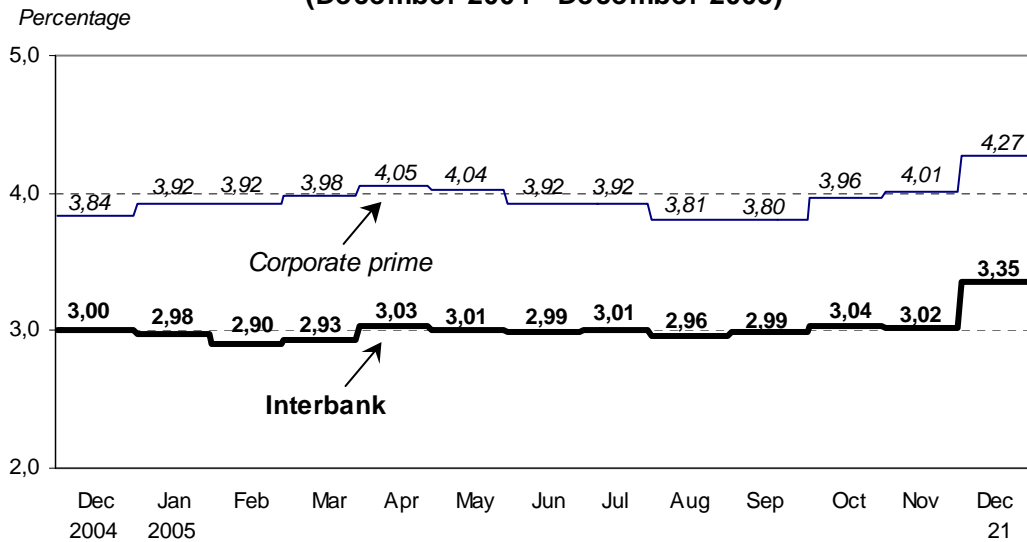
- Foreign currency sales over-the-counter mechanism by US\$ 155 million at an average exchange rate of S/. 3,439 per dollar.
- Overnight deposits on December 15, 19, 20 and 21 by S/. 1,5; S/. 75; S/. 3,0 and S/. 5,9 million, respectively.

Corporate prime interest rate at 4,27 percent

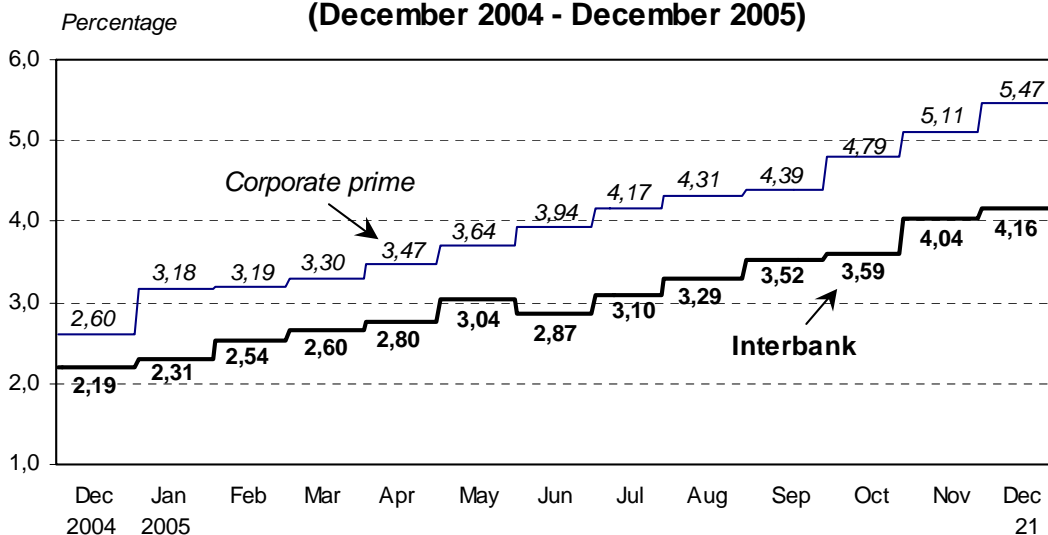
As of **December 21**, the 90-day average corporate prime interest rate in domestic currency augmented from 4,01 to 4,27 percent and the rate in dollars from 5,11 to

5,47 percent, associated to the increase in the reference interest rate of the Federal Reserve of the United States of America.

**Monthly average interest rate in domestic currency
(December 2004 - December 2005)**



**Monthly average interest rate in foreign currency
(December 2004 - December 2005)**



Exchange rate: S/. 3,439

Between **December 14 and 21**, the asked banking system exchange rate decreased from S/. 3,441 to S/. 3,439 per dollar. Up to December 20, the bank's balance of

net forward sales augmented US\$ 476 million and the bank's exchange position US\$ 28 million, from end-November.

BANK'S EXCHANGE POSITION (Millions of US\$)

	December 2003	December 2004	October 2005	November	December 20	Variation Dec.20-Nov.30
a. Net sales to the public (i-ii)	607	699	375	446	922	476
i. Forward sales to the public	834	1 163	1 473	1 461	1 716	255
ii. Forward purchases to the public	227	464	1 097	1 015	793	-222
b. Bank's exchange position	536	340	372	439	467	28

GDP increased 7,2 percent in October

In **October**, gross domestic product recorded an expansion for 52 months in a row. This month, GDP grew by 7,2 percent and 6,0 percent over the period January-October. Domestic demand increased 8,2

percent in the month, recording an increasing rate of expansion since last July. By sectors, economic growth was widespread.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (Annual growth rates)

	October		January - October	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Agriculture and Livestock	0,1	5,4	-1,9	5,0
Agriculture	-1,9	-0,2	-4,3	4,5
Livestock	2,1	11,0	1,8	5,8
Fishing	1,3	-34,5	28,6	-3,2
Mining and Fuel	2,4	15,4	5,2	6,9
Metallic mining	0,7	16,9	5,3	5,2
Natural gas and oil	28,9	0,7	3,9	27,5
Manufacturing	6,0	4,1	5,9	6,3
Based on raw materials	-0,5	-6,2	5,1	-1,3
Non-primary	7,8	6,4	6,1	8,0
Electricity and water	3,2	7,1	4,3	5,3
Construction	-2,8	12,8	3,9	7,5
Commerce	4,4	5,8	3,6	6,1
Other services	1,0	6,4	3,7	5,9
<u>GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA)</u>	<u>2,2</u>	<u>6,7</u>	<u>3,7</u>	<u>6,0</u>
Taxes on products and import duties	2,9	11,5	6,7	6,4
<u>GDP</u>	<u>2,3</u>	<u>7,2</u>	<u>4,0</u>	<u>6,0</u>
Primary sector GVA	0,1	6,8	2,3	4,4
Non-primary sector GVA	5,4	6,6	4,1	6,4
Domestic demand indicator	-0,2	8,2	3,0	5,3

Agriculture grew by 5,0 percent in October, due to the larger production of poultry and hard yellow corn as well to a higher demand for export-oriented products such as sugarcane, sugar, asparagus, bean and coffee.

Fishing dropped 34,5 percent, due to the lower catch of anchovy (subject to a ban until this November) and giant shrimp, partially offset by the higher fishing in a small-scale of a number of other species.

Mining and oil grew by 15,3 percent, reflecting the larger production of gold by Yanacocha and Alto Chicama, as well as

copper and zinc. Over the period January-October, GDP grew by 6,9 percent.

Manufacturing increased 4,1 percent due to the 6,4 percent growth of non-primary manufacturing explained by the dynamism of the domestic market and the exports; attenuating the 6,2 percent decrease of the manufacturing based on raw materials.

By items, it should be noted the larger contributions of metal-based products, oriented to mining activities; knitted garments oriented to foreign markets; oil and fats; machinery and equipment, construction materials and cement.

**Industries with higher increases
Oct. 2005**

CIU	Oct.	
	Var. %	Contrib. % 1/
Manufacture of structural metal products	45,8	1,2
Knitted fabrics	24,0	1,2
Manufacture of vegetable and animal oils and fats	33,2	1,0
Manufacture of machinery for mining, quarrying and construction	369,2	0,9
Cement	11,4	0,7
Furniture	23,8	0,6
Miscellaneous manufacturing products	18,9	0,6
Beer and malt beverage	19,1	0,5
Subtotal	26,3	6,7
Total	6,4	

1/ Percent contribution to non primary manufacturing

Source: Ministerio de la Producción.

The items with the higher drops were outfits, chemical substances, natural

colorants, sodas and mill and bakery products due to stock considerations.

**Industries with higher decreases
Oct. 2005**

CIU	Oct.	
	Var. %	Contrib. % 1/
Manufacture of wearing apparel	-11,4	-1,5
Soft drink	-12,8	-0,5
Basic chemicals	-12,4	-0,5
Manufacture of bakery products	-5,1	-0,4
Dairy products	-5,2	-0,2
Subtotal	-9,4	-3,1

1/ Percent contribution to non primary manufacturing
Source: Ministerio de la Producción.

Non-primary industry oriented to the domestic market was more dynamic than that oriented to export. There was a higher demands in paper and paperboard, foodstuff and tobacco and non-metal

mining. On the other hand, products such as chemicals, rubber and plastic and textile, leather and footwear were oriented to foreign markets.

**NON- PRIMARY MANUFACTURING: GROWTH CONTRIBUTION
BY DESTINY MARKET: JANUARY - OCTOBER 2005 1/**
(In percentage points)

	Growth contribution		
	Domestic market	Foreign market	Total
Food, beverages and tobacco	1,7	0,3	2,0
Textile, leather and footwear	0,0	0,4	0,4
Wood and furniture	-0,1	0,1	0,0
Paper and printing industry	1,7	0,0	1,7
Chemical, rubber and plastic products	0,6	1,2	1,7
Non-metallic minerals	1,2	0,0	1,2
Iron and steel	0,1	0,1	0,2
Metallic products, machinery and equipment	0,2	0,2	0,4
Miscellaneous manufacturing	0,3	0,0	0,4
NON-PRIMARY MANUFACTURING	5,6	2,4	8,0

1/ Not include indirect effects.

Construction recorded a 12,8 percent in a monthly basis, thanks to the expansion of mortgage credits (22,5 percent in October), besides local government supported tasks as a mirror of larger transfers. It should be noted that domestic

consumption of cement grew by 12,7 percent.

Employment in enterprises with 10 or more employees, according to the Ministry of Labor increased 4,8 percent in October

on a National basis. Employment demand was far more dynamic in inner cities than in Lima (6,1 versus 4,3 percent).

Employment grew in 19 out of 21 cities, according the Ministry of Labor; in

particular in cities such as Sullana (26 percent), Chincha (21,8 percent), Paita (20,9 percent) and Talara (13,2 percent); reflecting the performance of export-oriented agro-industry, fishing and oil extraction.

**URBAN EMPLOYMENT BY MAIN CITIES
ENTERPRISES WITH 10 AND MORE WORKERS**
(Annual percentage change)

	Oct. 2005/ Oct. 2004	Jan. - Oct. 05/ Jan. - Oct. 04
Sullana	26,0	22,7
Chincha	21,8	13,9
Paita	20,9	-6,0
Talara	13,2	20,7
Tarapoto	13,0	6,7
Cusco	7,8	6,3
Puno	7,5	4,9
Chiclayo	7,0	2,6
Huancayo	6,6	3,3
Trujillo	5,2	5,8
Ica	4,4	18,9
Piura	4,4	8,6
Tacna	4,3	2,6
Arequipa	4,2	3,8
Iquitos	3,4	10,4
Pisco	2,9	5,7
Pucallpa	2,4	3,0
Cajamarca	1,3	4,2
Chimbote	-4,1	0,2
Huaraz	-6,7	-6,4

Source: MTPE, Monthly Statistical Report.

November outlook

Preliminary data for November points out:

- Domestic sales of cement would increase 14,8 percent, excluding Yanacocha related deliveries.
- According to COES, electricity production grew by 6,4 percent.
- Duty collection increased 13,2 percent (Sunat).

S/. 4 110 million primary surplus over last 12 months

Central government operations through **last 12 months** recorded a positive primary balance of S/. 4 110 million (versus S/. 1 847 million over the period December 2003-November 2004). Current revenue increased S/. 5 555 millions (16 percent), whereas non-financial expenditure went up S/. 3 282 million (10 percent). Interest amounted to S/. 5 015 million, up 13 percent, so as the overall balance totaled S/. 905 million, down S/. 1 697 million from the period December 2003-November 2004.

In **November**, central government operations recorded a S/. 274 million deficit, down S/. 170 million from a year ago. The primary balance was positive in S/. 205 million, compared with the deficit of November 2004 (S/. 78 million) as a result of higher current revenue (18 percent), which exceeded the increase in non financial expenditure (9 percent). Interests amounted to S/. 479 million, up 31 percent from a year ago due to the larger redemption of global bonds.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

(Millions of Nuevos Soles)

	Monthly data			12-month period			C/A	C/B
	November			Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004		
	2004	2005	% var.	Nov 2004	Oct 2005	Nov 2005		
			A	B	C			
1. CURRENT REVENUES	2 908	3 444	18,4	35 022	40 041	40 577	15,9	1,3
A. TAX REVENUE	2 521	2 991	18,7	30 829	34 722	35 192	14,2	1,4
B. NON TAX REVENUE	388	453	16,7	4 194	5 320	5 384	28,4	1,2
2. NON-FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE	2 995	3 253	8,6	33 486	36 509	36 768	9,8	0,7
A. CURRENT EXPENDITURE	2 523	2 800	11,0	29 397	32 118	32 395	10,2	0,9
B. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	472	453	-3,9	4 088	4 392	4 373	7,0	-0,4
3. CAPITAL REVENUES	8	14	72,1	311	295	301	-3,2	2,1
4. PRIMARY BALANCE	-78	205		1 847	3 827	4 110		
5. INTEREST PAYMENTS	366	479	30,7	4 449	4 902	5 015	12,7	2,3
6. OVERALL BALANCE	-444	-274		-2 602	-1 076	-905		
7. NET FINANCING	444	274		2 602	1 076	905		
1. External	-181	-180		3 319	-2 819	-2 818		
A. Disbursements	120	85		7 873	7 108	7 073		
B. Amortizations	-300	-265		-4 555	-9 927	-9 892		
2. Domestic	620	449		-1 097	3 722	3 551		
3. Privatization	5	5		380	172	172		

Current revenue in November amounted to S/. 3 444 million, up 18 percent from a year ago. **Tax revenue** (S/. 2 991 million) soared 19 percent as a result of higher income tax payment in advance (31 percent), VAT (20 percent), tariff (11 percent) and other taxes (29 percent), partially offset by lower excise tax collection (13 percent) and higher tax

refunds (4 percent). In general, this growth reflects the increased economic activity, higher imports (22 percent) and the improvement in terms of trade. **Non-tax revenue** (S/. 453 million) increased 17 percent due to larger royalties and oil and gas canon.

In November 2005, **non-financial expenditure** amounted to S/. 3 253 million, up S/. 258 million from November 2004 (or 9 percent in nominal terms). The latter obeys to the increase in the current expenditure (S/. 277 million), partially offset by the lower capital expenditure (S/. 19 million). It should be noted that transfers and wages and salaries rose 15 and 11 percent. Respectively, whereas goods and services outlays increased 7 percent. Higher transfers were mainly oriented to local government and retirement compensations, whereas goods and services expense reflects the allocations to the ministry of defense and domestic affairs. Higher wages and

salaries were mainly granted in the education and health sectors. Within the capital expenditure (S/ 453 million), gross capital formation (S/. 445 million) was similar to that in November 2004, while other capital expenses dropped in S/. 20 million.

External financing was negative in S/. 180 million (US\$ 53 million), with disbursements of US\$ 25 million and amortization by US\$ 78 million. **Domestic financing** was positive in S/. 449 million, as a result of the issuance of sovereign bonds by S/. 123 million and the withdrawal of Public Treasury deposits in S/. 270 million.

Monetary base increased 6,3 percent as of December 15

The **monetary base** balance as of December 15 was S/. 11 420 million up 10,1 percent (S/. 1 052 million) from end-November. In average terms, the year on year rate of growth of the monetary base in this period was 27,3 percent (28,9 percent in November), thus reverting since September the increasing tendency that was observed in the previous months.

The main explanations for this result were the temporary purchase of securities

(S/. 1 874 million), CDRBCRP's net redemptions (S/. 520 million) and the lower public sector deposits (S/. 409 million). These operations were partially offset by sales of foreign currency to the public sector (US\$ 237 million or S/. 813 million) and over-the-counter mechanism (US\$ 140 million or S/. 481 million) and CDRBCRP's net placements (S/. 497 million).

Credit to the private sector in domestic currency increased 5,4 percent in November

In **November**, liquidity in **domestic currency** increased 1,6 percent (S/. 463 million) to a balance of S/. 29 038 million. Credit to the private sector in the same currency augmented 5,4 percent (S/. 736 million) to S/. 14 351 million. However, in annual terms this aggregates grew by 19,7 and 27,2 percent, respectively.

Liquidity in **foreign currency** augmented 2,8 percent (US\$ 281 million) to US\$ 10 374 million (an annual growth rate of 9,1 percent). Credit to the private sector in the same currency augmented 2,0 percent (US\$ 199 million) to US\$ 10 364 million (an annual growth rate of 6,4 percent).

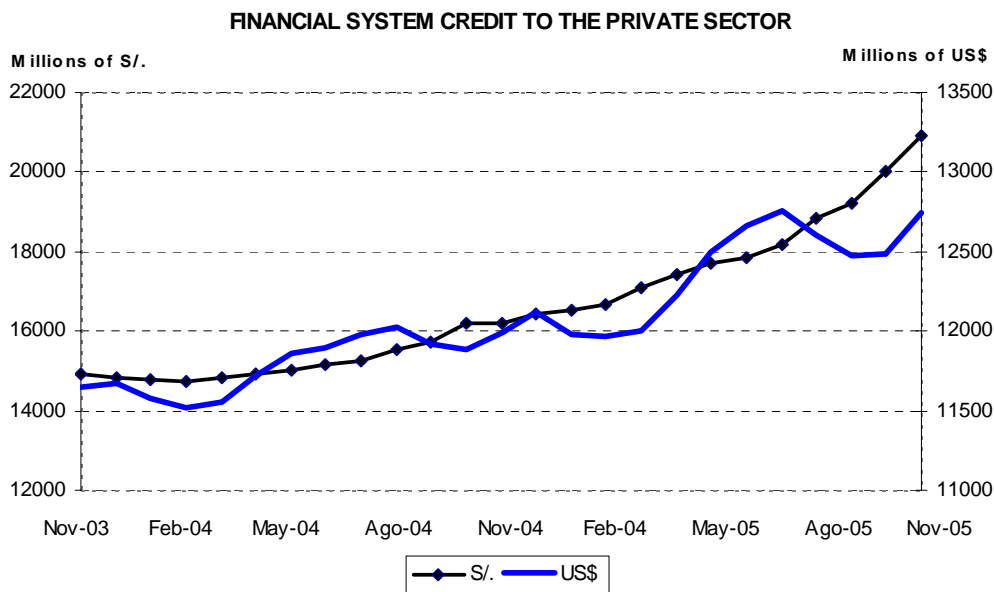
END OF PERIOD MONETARY AGGREGATES OF THE BANKING SYSTEM												
	BASE MONETARY		LIQUIDITY IN D/C		CREDIT IN D/C		LIQUIDITY IN F/C		LIABILITIES 1/		CREDIT IN F/C	
	VAR.(%) MONTH	VAR.(%) YEAR	VAR.(%) MONTH	VAR.(%) YEAR	VAR.(%) MONTH	VAR.(%) YEAR	VAR.(%) MONTH	VAR.(%) YEAR	VAR.(%) MONTH	VAR.(%) YEAR	VAR.(%) MONTH	VAR.(%) YEAR
2003												
Dec.	11,5%	10,1%	3,6%	10,5%	-1,2%	5,1%	0,5%	-2,6%	-0,1%	-8,0%	-0,6%	-5,8%
2004												
Mar.	0,7%	16,6%	1,5%	12,9%	3,6%	6,3%	0,0%	-5,2%	-4,7%	8,8%	0,5%	-3,7%
Jun.	0,7%	19,2%	-0,1%	14,1%	0,8%	3,9%	3,0%	-1,5%	3,4%	28,4%	0,7%	-0,3%
Sep.	-1,0%	20,5%	2,8%	17,0%	1,6%	8,0%	-0,1%	1,3%	6,5%	30,6%	-1,2%	-0,6%
Dec.	14,9%	25,3%	5,7%	28,1%	1,0%	11,9%	0,8%	1,4%	1,6%	4,5%	1,1%	1,3%
2005												
Jan.	-6,7%	25,0%	0,3%	25,3%	-0,2%	11,9%	0,5%	2,1%	24,7%	28,4%	0,3%	2,7%
Feb.	2,0%	26,7%	3,8%	30,8%	0,4%	12,9%	-0,5%	4,3%	-9,4%	14,1%	-0,1%	3,5%
Mar.	-0,2%	25,7%	3,7%	33,6%	2,8%	12,1%	-2,0%	2,2%	6,0%	27,0%	0,4%	3,4%
Abr.	5,2%	26,6%	-1,2%	32,9%	1,7%	14,0%	4,0%	5,4%	10,5%	30,7%	2,2%	4,4%
May.	0,8%	26,7%	0,1%	32,2%	1,7%	16,2%	2,8%	8,8%	-1,9%	12,8%	1,9%	4,9%
Jun.	1,9%	28,1%	2,2%	35,4%	0,8%	16,2%	-0,7%	4,9%	-4,0%	4,7%	1,5%	5,7%
Jul.	12,1%	30,6%	3,4%	36,4%	2,0%	17,1%	-0,6%	1,8%	5,9%	16,8%	0,6%	5,8%
Aug.	-5,1%	30,7%	-1,8%	32,3%	3,3%	20,5%	0,2%	3,9%	-5,0%	17,1%	-2,2%	4,8%
Sep.	-0,1%	31,8%	-0,6%	27,9%	2,0%	21,0%	1,5%	5,5%	-9,8%	-0,9%	-1,4%	4,6%
Oct.	1,2%	27,6%	1,1%	21,2%	3,6%	21,2%	0,2%	6,6%	-11,1%	6,3%	0,1%	5,4%
Nov.	0,7%	27,7%	1,6%	19,7%	5,4%	27,2%	2,8%	9,1%	9,9%	12,1%	2,0%	6,4%
Memo:												
Balance as of Oct. 31 (Mill.S/. or Mill.US\$)	10 293		28 575		13 614		10 093		736		10 166	
Balance as of Nov. 30 (Mill.S/. or Mill.US\$)	10 368		29 038		14 351		10 374		809		10 364	

1/ Short term external liabilities of banking enterprises.

Financial system credit to the private sector

Financial system to the private sector augmented 4,5 percent in **November** (S/. 910 million). In this manner, the annual rate of growth of the credit in soles was 29,1 percent (S/. 4 718 million). In

foreign currency financial system credit increased 2,0 percent (US\$ 255 million), which implies an annual growth rate of 6,3 percent (US\$ 753 million).



The increment of the credit in **soles** during November obeyed to commercial banks 5,6 percent (S/. 596 million) due to higher commercial credits (S/. 505 million) and consumer credits (S/. 108 million).

Likewise, was observed an increase of the credit of the microfinance institutions in 4,6 percent (S/. 246 million) and institutional investors in 2,5 percent (S/. 71 million).

FINANCIAL SYSTEM CREDIT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY

	Millions of S/.			Percentage change	
	Nov04	Oct05	Nov05	Nov.05/ Nov.04	Nov.05/ Oct.05
Commercial banks 1/	8 473	10 255	10 830	27,8	5,6
Banco de la Nación	981	1 203	1 214	23,7	0,9
Microfinance institutions	4 146	5 379	5 625	35,7	4,6
Banks (microfinance credits)	1 091	1 414	1 517	39,1	7,3
Local government S&Ls	1 335	1 716	1 786	33,8	4,1
Rural S&Ls	246	319	333	35,3	4,4
Cooperatives	477	598	598	25,3	--
Edpymes	220	303	328	49,3	8,3
Financial companies	778	1 029	1 063	36,6	3,3
Institutional investors 2/	2 307	2 872	2 943	27,6	2,5
AFPS	1 338	1 788	1 831	36,8	2,4
Insurance companies	814	754	754	-7,3	--
Mutual funds	155	329	358	131,0	8,7
Leasing companies and others	306	313	320	4,8	2,4
Total Financial System	16 214	20 022	20 932	29,1	4,5

1/ Excludes microfinance credits.

2/ Mainly securities issued by the private sector.

November's increased in **dollar** denominated credit was due to commercial banks in 1,9 percent (US\$ 189 million) explained by higher credits of foreign trade

US\$ 164 million. Also, institutional investor credit increased 4 percent (US\$ 53 million).

FINANCIAL SYSTEM CREDIT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FOREIGN CURRENCY

	Millions of US\$			Percentage change	
	Nov04	Oct05	Nov05	Nov.05/ Nov.04	Nov.05/ Oct.05
Commercial banks 1/	9 371	9 745	9 934	6,0	1,9
Banco de la Nación	22	22	22	-0,5	0,1
Microfinance institutions	636	747	762	19,7	2,0
Banks (microfinance credits)	122	154	163	34,0	5,7
Local government S&Ls	245	283	287	17,1	1,4
Rural S&Ls	54	54	55	2,0	0,7
Cooperatives	141	166	166	17,9	--
Edpymes	47	54	55	15,8	1,5
Financial companies	28	35	36	29,2	2,6
Institutional investors 2/	1 330	1 325	1 378	3,6	4,0
AFPS	726	677	690	-4,9	2,0
Insurance companies	91	114	114	25,7	--
Mutual funds	514	534	574	11,7	7,4
Leasing companies and others	631	651	648	2,7	-0,5
Total Financial System	11 991	12 489	12 744	6,3	2,0

1/ Excludes microfinance credits.

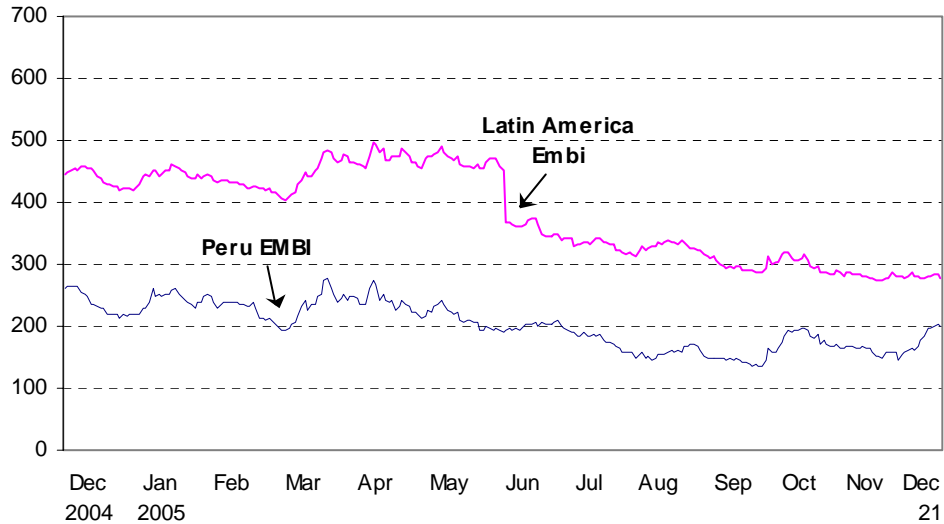
2/ Mainly securities issued by the private sector.

Country risk augmented

Between **December 14 and 21**, the **EMBI+ Peru spread** increased to 2,00 from 1,85

bps reflecting the electoral uncertainty.

Country risk indicators
(December 2004 - December 2005)



Metal quotations diminished

Over the same period, **gold's** average international quotation decrease 3,4 percent to US\$ 495 per troy ounce due a

profit taking in the market after reaching maximums in 25 years as of December 12 (US\$ 541 per ounce troy).

Gold prices

(US\$/Troy ounce) (December 2004 - December 2005)



Between December 14 and 21, the **copper** quotation diminished slightly 0,1 percent to US\$ 2,08 per pound explained by the inventories increase in the London Metal Exchange from 74 to 81 thousand

MT. Additionally a profit taking took place after the reach of a new historical maximum in the copper quotation as of December 19 (US\$ 2,10 per pound).

Copper prices



The **zinc** price decreased 0,4 percent to US\$ 0,83 per pound due a profit taking

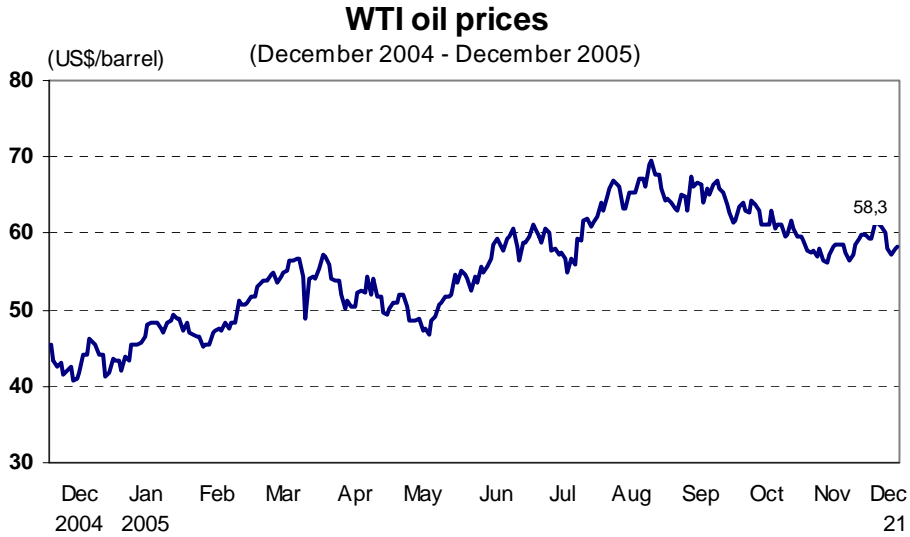
after an important increase in its quotation the last weeks.

Zinc prices



Over the same period, the **WTI oil** quotation decreased 4,2 percent to US\$ 58,3 per barrel explained by a high

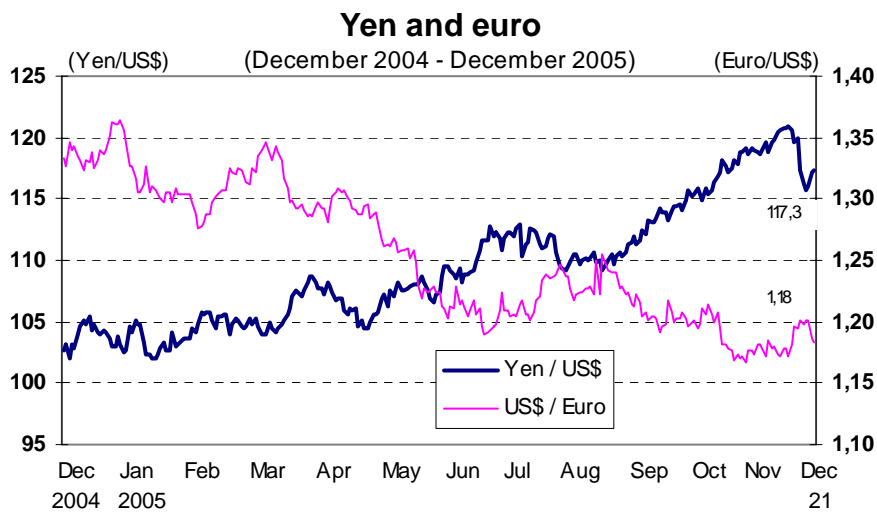
than normal weather forecast in the United States for the period December 24 to 29.



US dollar appreciates against euro

Between December 14 and 21, the **US dollar** appreciated 1,4 percent against the **euro** and observed similar quotations to yen over the same period. The net flows to the US reached a record of

US\$ 106,8 billion in October, enough to finance the record trade balance deficit of US\$ 68,9 billion. On the other hand, in the third quarter, the current account deficit diminished to US\$ 195,8 billion.

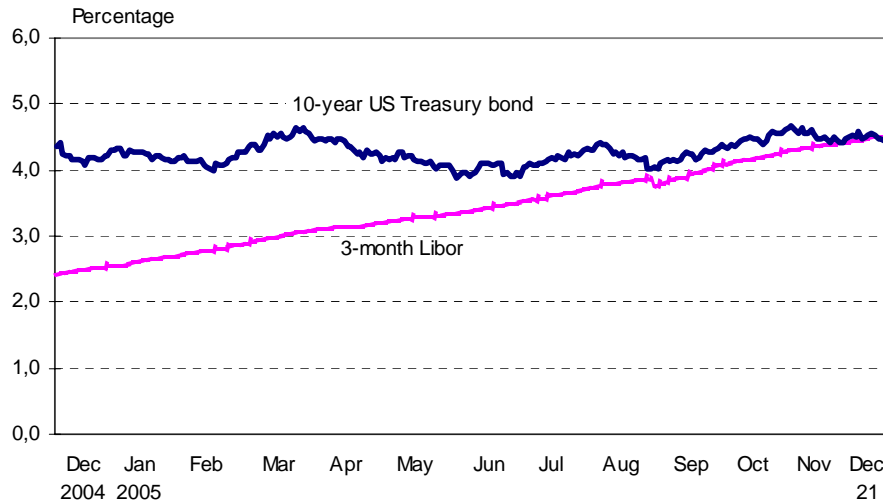


3-month Libor climbed to 4,50 percent

Between December 14 and 21, the **3-month Libor** increased from 4,49 to 4,50 percent and the yield of the **10-year-**

matured US Treasury bond passed from 4,46 to 4,49 percent.

Libor and yield of 10-year matured US Treasury bond
(December 2004 - December 2005)

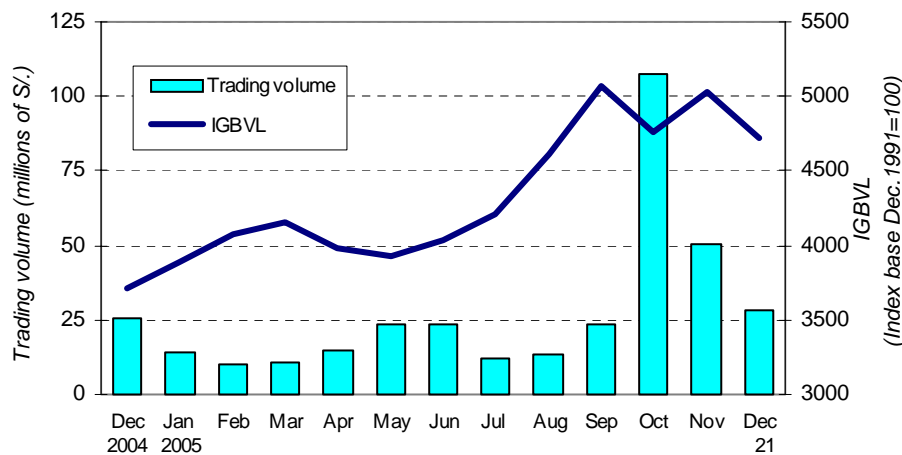


Lima Stock Exchange: 6,3 percent down

Between end-November and December 21, the **General** and **Blue Chip** Index diminished 6,3 and 6,5 percent, respectively, because the investors preferred profit takings to avoid the

political risk exposure (electoral uncertainty). Year-to-date, the stock-exchange indices increased 27,1 and 22,5 percent, respectively.

LSE indicators
(November 2004 - November 2005)



Indicadores Económicos / Economic Indicators

	2004												2005											
	DIC.	JUN.	AGO.	SET.	OCT.	30 Nov.	NOV.	NOV.	14 Dic.	15 Dic.	16 Dic.	19 Dic.	20 Dic.	21 Dic.	DIC.	Var.	Var.							
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES																								
Posición de cambio / <i>Net international position</i>	6 639	8 127	8 216	8 192	8 077	7 976	-101	7 703	7 654	7 623	7 619	7 572				-404								
Reservas internacionales netas / <i>Net international reserves</i>	12 631	13 818	13 625	13 695	13 547	13 543	-4	14 000	14 536	14 581	14 802	14 884				1 341								
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCRP / <i>Financial system deposits at BCRP</i>	2 915	2 836	2 723	2 984	3 040	3 234	194	3 764	3 848	3 910	3 927	4 073				838								
Empresas bancarias / <i>Banks</i>	2 811	2 684	2 649	2 876	2 922	3 155	232	3 660	3 752	3 809	3 827	3 953				799								
Banco de la Nación / <i>Banco de la Nación</i>	45	96	19	56	58	18	-40	38	30	35	34	54				35								
Resto de instituciones financieras / <i>Other financial institutions</i>	58	56	55	52	59	61	2	66	66	66	66	66				4								
Depósitos del sector público en el BCRP / <i>Public sector deposits at BCRP *</i>	3 120	2 913	2 753	2 572	2 498	2 407	-91	2 601	3 077	3 092	3 299	3 277				870								
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (MILL. US\$) / BCRP FOREIGN OPERATIONS																								
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / <i>Net purchases of foreign currency</i>	306	265	112	-25	-125	0	-109	0	-43	-39	0	-10	-63	-490										
Operaciones swaps netas / <i>Net swap operations</i>	345	365	213	33	-34	0	-53	0	-43	-39	0	-10	-64	-252										
Operaciones con el Sector Público / <i>Public sector</i>	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0										
Operaciones de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / <i>Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)</i>	-40	-100	-100	-58	-91	0	-56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		-237								
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE																								
Compra interbancario/Bid	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.											Prom.								
Promedio / <i>Average</i>	3,276	3,252	3,257	3,306	3,379	3,411	3,376	3,438	3,439	3,439	3,438	3,437	3,438	3,426										
Venta Interbancario	3,283	3,253	3,256	3,308	3,381	3,415	3,377	3,439	3,438	3,443	3,442	3,438	3,441	3,428										
Mediodía / <i>Midday</i>	3,281	3,254	3,257	3,309	3,382	3,412	3,378	3,442	3,442	3,440	3,440	3,439	3,441	3,428										
Cierre / <i>Close</i>	3,282	3,253	3,257	3,309	3,382	3,415	3,378	3,438	3,440	3,440	3,438	3,440	3,430	3,427										
Promedio / <i>Average</i>	3,284	3,253	3,258	3,309	3,382	3,413	3,378	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,440	3,439	3,440	3,428										
Sistema Bancario (SBS)	3,280	3,252	3,257	3,307	3,380	3,408	3,375	3,439	3,440	3,439	3,438	3,438	3,437	3,425										
Compra / <i>Bid</i>	3,282	3,253	3,258	3,308	3,382	3,412	3,377	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,439	3,439	3,439	3,428										
Venta / <i>Ask</i>	3,282	3,253	3,258	3,308	3,382	3,412	3,377	3,441	3,441	3,441	3,439	3,439	3,439	3,428										
Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / <i>Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)</i>	105,0	103,1	104,7	107,2	108,7											108,1								
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS																								
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency																								
Emisión Primaria (Var. % mensual) / <i>(% monthly change)</i>	14,9	1,9	-5,1	-0,1	1,2	0,7	0,7																	
Monetary base (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / <i>(% 12-month change)</i>	25,3	28,1	30,7	31,8	27,6	27,7	27,7																	
Oferta monetaria (Var. % mensual) / <i>(% monthly change)</i>	5,7	2,2	-1,8	-0,6	1,1	1,6	1,6																	
Money Supply (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / <i>(% 12-month change)</i>	28,1	35,4	32,3	27,9	21,2	19,7	19,7																	
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / <i>(% monthly change)</i>	1,0	0,8	3,3	2,0	3,6	5,4	5,4																	
Crédit to the private sector (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / <i>(% 12-month change)</i>	11,9	16,2	20,5	21,0	21,2	27,2	27,2																	
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / <i>TOSE balance (% change)</i>	-0,4	3,2	1,6	0,5	0,0	2,3	2,3	-0,2	0,0	-0,2	-1,0													
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / <i>Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)</i>	0,4	0,6	0,9	1,0	0,9	0,9	0,9	1,8	1,8	1,5	1,5													
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S/.) / <i>Banks' current account (balance)</i>	267	278	288	286	294	83	295	380	347	170	252	228	233											
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S/.) / <i>Rediscounts (Millions of S/.)</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Depósitos públicos en el BCRP (millones S/.) / <i>Public sector deposits at the BCRP (Mills.S/.)</i>	1 918	4 985	4 975	5 169	5 180	5 484	5 484	5 123	5 075	5 005	5 068	4 975	n.d.											
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S/.) / <i>CDBCRP balance (Millions of S/.)</i>	8 255	10 465	9 883	9 738	9 045	8 616	8 616	8 096	8 096	8 096	8 096	8 096	8 096											
CDR BCRP (saldo Mill.S/.) / <i>CDRBCRP balance (Millions of S/.)</i>	0	0	0	0	170	170	170	564	667	772	822	852	852											
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill.S/.) / <i>repos (Balance millions of S/.)</i>	0	0	0	0	65	180	180	1 800	2 054	2 320	2 635	2 590	2 960											
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / <i>Loans & discount</i>	14,68	15,51	15,12	14,67	14,42	14,10	14,42	13,96	13,69	13,85	13,80	13,77	13,77	14,00										
Interbancaria / <i>Interbank</i>	3,00	2,99	2,96	2,99	3,04	3,08	3,02	3,39	3,38	3,44	3,44	3,34	3,39	3,35										
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / <i>Corporate Prime</i>	3,84	3,92	3,81	3,80	3,96	4,04	4,01	4,24	4,43	4,43	4,43	4,43	4,43	4,27										
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / <i>CDBCRP repos</i>	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	3,18	3,19	3,19	3,40	3,37	3,35	3,35	3,33	3,31											
Créditos por regulación monetaria / <i>Rediscounts ***</i>	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	4,00	4,00	4,00	4,00	4,00	4,00	4,00										
Del saldo de CDBCRP / <i>CDBCRP balance</i>	4,46	4,59	4,65	4,64	4,68	4,68	4,68	4,70	4,70	4,70	4,70	4,70	4,70	4,70										
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency																								
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / <i>(% monthly change)</i>	1,1	1,5	-2,2	-1,4	0,1	2,0	2,0																	
Crédit to the private sector (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / <i>(% 12-month change)</i>	1,3	5,7	4,8	4,6	5,4	6,4	6,4																	
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / <i>TOSE balance (% change)</i>	1,2	-0,5	0,3	1,1	-0,1	2,8	2,8	4,5	5,2	4,8	5,7													
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / <i>Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)</i>	0,6	0,3	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,2	0,2	5,8	6,0	5,7	5,1													
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / <i>Rediscounts</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / <i>Loans & discount</i>	7,66	8,31	8,73	8,90	9,01	9,30	9,23	9,36	9,38	9,39	9,43	9,38	9,38	9,36										
Interbancaria / <i>Interbank</i>	2,19	2,87	3,29	3,52	3,59	3,68	4,04	4,30	4,30	4,30	4,21	4,25	s.m.	4,16										
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / <i>Corporate Prime</i>	2,60	3,94	4,31	4,39	4,79	5,20	5,11	5,49	5,57	5,57	5,57	5,57	5,57	5,47										
Créditos por regulación monetaria / <i>Rediscounts ***</i>	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.										
INDICADORES BURSÁTILES / STOCK MARKET INDICES																								
Índice General Bursátil (Var. %) / <i>General Index (% change)</i>	2,6	2,9	9,5	10,0	-6,0	-0,3	5,7	-0,1	-3,3	-4,7	-6,7	3,1	2,9	-6,3										
Índice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / <i>Blue Chip Index (% change)</i>	3,1	1,6	6,4	9,6	-5,6	-0,5	6,8	-0,6	-3,3	-4,7	-6,7	2,6	3,2	-6,5										
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S/.) - Prom. diario	25,3	23,4	13,7	23,2	107,6	28,5	51,3	18,3	19,1	25,7	21,2	21,6	31,6	28,3										
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)																								
Inflación mensual / <i>Monthly</i>	-0,01	0,26	-0,18	-0,09	0,14		0,07																	
Inflación últimos 12 meses / <i>% 12 months change</i>	3,48	1,48	1,22	1,11	1,28		1,06																	
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (MILL. S/.) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of S/.)																								
Resultado primario / <i>Primary balance</i>	-1 165	475	423	180	121		205																	
Ingresos corrientes / <i>Current revenue</i>	3 322	3 221	3 327	3 443	3 382		3 444																	
Gastos no financieros / <i>Non-financial expenditure</i>	4 489	2 752	2 926	3 273	3 274		3 253																	
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (MILLS. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)																								
Balanza Comercial / <i>Trade balance</i>	410	476	392	438	374																			
Exportaciones / <i>Exports</i>	1 380	1 432	1 483	1 460	1 465																			
Importaciones / <i>Imports</i>	970	957	1 091	1 021	1 091																			
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT																								
Variac. %, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior / <i>Annual rate of growth</i>	8,7	5,1	6,7	5,7	7,2																			
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS																								
LIBOR a tres meses (%) / <i>LIBOR 3-month (%)</i>	2,50	3,42	3,80	3,91	4,17	4,42	4,36	4,49	4,50	4,50	4,50	4,50	4,50	4,48										
Dow Jones (Var %) / <i>(% change)</i>	3,40	-1,84	-2,09	1,44	-0,94	-0,76	3,21	0,55	-0,02	-0,06	-0,36	-0,29	0,26	0,26										
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (10 años) / <i>U.S. Treasuries yield (10 years)</i>	4,22	3,99	4,25	4,19	4,46	4,49	4,53	4,46	4,46	4,44	4,44	4,46	4,49	4,50										
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) / <i>EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points)</i>	236	198	157	150	177	158	163	185	198	198	200	204	200	176										

* Incluye depósitos de Promcepri, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Cofide, fondos administrados por la ONP; y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No.22 de la Nota Semanal.

** Corresponde a la mayor tasa entre 3,75% o la tasa interbancaria del día. A partir del 2 de diciembre de 2005, esta tasa se elevó a 4,0%.

*** Las tasas de interés para los créditos de regulación monetaria en dólares serán a la tasa Libor a un mes más un punto porcentual.

Fuente: BCRP, INEI, Aduanas, Banco de la Nación, BVL, Sunat, SBS, Reuters y Bloomberg.