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## Indicators

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International Reserve and International Position of the BCRP
January 2005 - December 2006
(Millions of US\$)


Interest Rates in Domestic Currency
(December 2005 - December 2006)



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> Informative Note: Carlos Raffo Dasso is chosen vice chairman of the Board at BCRP.
> Informative Note: Monetary Program, December 2006: BCRP keeps the reference interest rate, 4.50\%
$>$ Study Note N ${ }^{\circ}$ 38: Trade Balance, October 2006.

## Average interbank interest rate at 4.52 percent as of December 13

The average interbank interest rate in domestic currency increased from 4.47 percent to 4.54 percent between December 5 and 13. These rates coincided with the lower and upper levels of the interbank interest rate, which also showed fluctuations ranging between 4.48 and 4.61 percent during this period. As of December 13, the average monthly interbank interest rate is 4.52 percent, a level higher than that of November (4.48 percent).

Interest Rates in Domestic Currency
(December 2005 - December 2006)


Interbank Interest Rate in Domestic Currency
(December 2005 - December 2006)


## Corporate prime rate in soles remained at 5.25 percent

From November 6 to 13, the 90-day corporate prime rate in soles remained at 5.25 percent, while the corporate prime rate in dollars fell from 6.11 to 6.09 percent in the same period.



## Monetary operations

Between December 6 and 13, the Central Bank made the following monetary operations:
i) Auctions of BCRP Certificates of Deposits with 1-day, 4-day, 1-week, 1-year, 2-year, and 3-year maturities for a daily average of $S / .346 .0$ million on December 7,11 and 12 . The average interest rate on these securities ranged between 4.38 and 5.92 percent;
ii) Auctions of temporary purchases of securities with 1-day maturity for a daily average of S/. 440.0 million on December 12 and 13, the average interest rate on these securities ranging between 4.51 percent and 4.61 percent;
iii) Purchases of foreign currency for a total of US\$ 50 million at an average exchange rate of S/. 3.209 per dollar;
iv) Sales of foreign currency to the Public Treasury for a total of US\$ 30 million on December 11; and v) Overnight deposits in domestic currency for a total of S/. 203.5 million.

## International Reserves reach new historic record of US\$ 16,756 million

As of December 12, net international reserves (NIRs) amounted to US\$ 16,756 million, increasing by US\$ 282 million with respect to the close of November. This increase was mainly due to BCRP exchange operations (US\$ 135 million), to higher deposits from the financial entities (US\$ 167 million) and the public sector (US\$ 14 million), and to increased investmente yield (US\$ 7 million). This result was offset by sales of foreign currency to repay the foreign debt (US\$ 30 million) and by lower values of gold (US\$ 15 million). So far this year, NIRs have increased by US\$ 2,659 million.

International Reserve and International Position of the BCRP
January 2005 - December 2006
(Millions of US\$)


As of December 12, the Central Bank's international position (US\$ 10,517 million) has increased US\$ 3,067 million with respect to the close of 2005.

## Average nominal exchange rate: SI. 3.213 per dollar as of December 13

Between December 5 and 13, the average ask price of the interbank exchange rate fell from S/. 3.213 to $\mathrm{S} / .3 .212$ per dollar. The average exchange rate as of December 13 was 0.3 percent lower than that of November, as it the exchange rate decreased from S/. 3.223 to $\mathrm{S} / .3 .213$ per dollar. The Central Bank intervened in the exchange market, having purchased a total of US\$ 140 million as of December 13.

Interbank Ask- Exchange Rate and Net Purchases of Foreign Currency
(September - December 2006)


As of December 12, the balance of net forward sales has increased by US\$ 43 million and banks' foreign exchange position has fallen US\$ 20 million with respect to end November.

| BANK'S EXCHANGE POSITION (Millions of US\$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { December } \\ 2005 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | March | Jun | September | October | November | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { December } \\ 12 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| a. Net sales to the public (i-ii) | 1,027 | 1,579 | 1,706 | 860 | 339 | 205 | 248 |
| i. Forward sales to the public | 1,813 | 2,426 | 2,387 | 2,020 | 1,939 | 1,654 | 1,797 |
| ii. Forward purchases to the public | 785 | 847 | 681 | 1,160 | 1,600 | 1,448 | 1,549 |
| b. Bank's exchange position | 480 | 581 | 450 | 383 | 370 | 418 | 398 |

## Monetary base as of December 7, 2006

The monetary base balance as of December 7 ( $\mathrm{S} / .12,813$ million) increased 6.9 percent ( $\mathrm{S} / .830$ million) with respect to the close of November. In average terms, the annual growth rate of the monetary base in this period was 17.9 percent ( 14.5 percent in November).

By sources, the operations that contributed most heavily to the expansion of the monetary base included the lower deposits of the public sector ( $\mathrm{S} / .610$ million), the purchases of foreign currency at the Central Bank's Front Office (US\$ 105 million, or S/. 337 million), and banks' lower overnight deposits ( $\mathrm{S} / .23$ million). Conversely, the monetary base contracted due to net placements of BCRP Certificates of Deposits (S/. 140 million) and lower temporary purchases of securities (S/. 40 million).

## Monetary Accounts of the Banking System as of November 22, 2006

In the last 4 weeks, liquidity in domestic currency increased 4.9 percent ( $\mathrm{S} / .1,486$ million), thus amounting to $\mathrm{S} / .32,056$ million (annual growth of 10.5 percent). Credit to the private sector in domestic currency increased by 3.6 percent ( $\mathrm{S} / .659$ million) and totaled $\mathrm{S} / .19,008$ million (annual growth of 36.2 percent). Liquidity in foreign currency increased by 0.1 percent (US $\$ 10$ million), thus amounting to US\$ 11,338 million (annual growth of 10.4 percent). Credit to the private sector in foreign currency increased 1.4 percent (US\$ 151 million) and totaled US\$ 10,931 million (annual growth of 6.8 percent).


## International markets

## Country risk dropped to 129 basis points

Between December 6 and 13, the country risk indicator -measured by the EMBI+ Peru spreaddecreased from 142 to 129 basis points following the trend observed in the region. This evolution, which has led the country risk indicator to a level only a basis point away from the historical minimum level posted at the end of February, reflects lower pessimism regarding economic growth in the United States.

Country risk indicators


It should be pointed out that, during the week, the Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF) forecast that Peru might obtain an investment grade in 2007.

## Drop in metal quotations

Between December 6 and 13, the gold quotation decreased 1.3 percent to US\$ 630.4 per troy ounce, due to the appreciation of the dollar -which reduced the demand for gold as an investment asset- and to lower prices of oil. However, this fall in gold prices was offset by higher consumption of this metal in India -the world's largest buyer of gold- given the "wedding season" in this country, which extends from September till December.

In the same period, the price of copper decreased 3.4 percent to US\$ 3.04 per pound. This evolution basically stems from an increase of inventories in the main stock markets (the London Metal Exchange and the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange) as well as from expectations of a lower demand for this metal from the US and China.


Copper prices
(January 2006 - December 2006)


Between December 6 and 13, the price of zinc decreased 2.1 percent to US\$ 2.0 per pound due to concerns regarding a lower demand in the US and the lower demand of investment funds. Nevertheless, a small drop of inventories was observed at the London Metal Exchange during the week: inventories fell 0.1 percent to 86,450 MT.


On the other hand, workers of Peruvian mining company Volcan might still go on strike on December 19 if their salary demands are not met.

From December 6 to 13 , the price of WTI oil decreased 1.3 percent to US\$ 61.4 per barrel due to higher expectations that OPEC countries will not cut again their production quotas, and projections of a lower demand from China according to the International Energy Agency. In addition to this, prospects of a less severe winter in the US have contributed to reduce the demand for heating oil for next month.


Moreover, the US Department of Energy informed that gasoline inventories fell slightly (0.1 million barrels) to 199.9 million barrels during the week ending on December 8.

## Dollar appreciates against the euro and the yen

In the period of analysis, the dollar appreciated 0.6 percent against the euro and 2.0 percent against the yen. Factors contributing to the strengthening of the dollar included the favorable results posted by retail sales -which increased 1.0 percent over the last month after having decreased 0.1 percent in October- and the positive indicators of employment and of activity in the service sector.

Furthermore, the Federal Reserve decided for the fourth consecutive time to maintain its interest reference rate at 5.25 percent. On the other hand, in Asia, the yen was affected by forecasts revising downward the growth of the Japanese economy in 2007, which suggests that the Bank of Japan will not raise its reference rates in its next meeting of December 19.


## Yield on 10-year US Treasuries increased to 4.58 percent.

From December 6 to 13, the 3-month Libor increased from 5.35 to 5.36 percent and the yield on the 10 -year US Treasuries increased from 4.49 to 4.58 percent. This evolution was associated with the positive information on employment and activity in the service sector -the number of applications for unemployment benefits and subsidies fell from 358 thousand (the highest level recorded in 13 weeks) to 324 thousand- and with higher retail sales, which increased more than expected, thus suggesting that consumer spending may sustain economic growth.

3-month Libor and yield on 10-year US Treasury bonds
(January 2006 - December 2006)


## Lima Stock Exchange grew 7.6 percent as of December 13

In December 1-13, the General and Blue Chip indices of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) increased 7.6 and 9.4 percent respectively, reaching new historical maximum levels. This evolution was influenced by an increase of industrial stocks that offset a slight fall observed in metal prices. Moreover, the financial reports of mining companies on the fourth quarter contributed to drive metal quotations upwards.

Lima Stock Exchange Indicators


So far this year, the General and Blue Chip Indices at the Lima Stock Exchange have increased 157.4 and 181.7 percent respectively.

Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicators

RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES
Posición de cambio / Net international position
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCRP /Financial system deposits at BCRP Empresas bancarias / Banks
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación
Resto de instituciones financieras / Other financial institutions
Depósitos del sector público en el BCRP / Public sector deposits at BCRP *
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mill. US\$) / BCRP FOREIGN OPERATIONS
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE
Compra interbancario/Interban Promedio / Average

| Compra interbancario/Interbar | Promedio / Average | 3,423 | 3,356 | 3,262 | 3,242 | 3,233 | 3,247 | 3,237 | 3,222 | 3,222 | 3,211 | 3,208 | 3,210 | 3,210 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Venta Interbancario Interbank Ask | Apertura / Opening | 3,427 | 3,350 | 3,266 | 3,245 | 3,235 | 3,249 | 3,240 | 3,224 | 3,223 | 3,213 | 3,209 | 3,214 | 3,215 |  |
|  | Mediodía / Midday | 3,425 | 3,361 | 3,265 | 3,244 | 3,235 | 3,249 | 3,238 | 3,223 | 3,223 | 3,212 | 3,207 | 3,211 | 3,211 | 3,213 |
|  | Cierre / Close | 3,424 | 3,371 | 3,265 | 3,244 | 3,236 | 3,249 | 3,238 | 3,217 | 3,223 | 3,210 | 3,213 | 3,214 | 3,210 | 3,213 |
|  | Promedio / Average | 3,426 | 3,342 | 3,266 | 3,244 | 3,235 | 3,249 | 3,238 | 3,223 | 3,223 | 3,212 | 3,209 | 3,212 | 3,212 | 3,213 |
| Sistema Bancario (SBS) | Compra / Bid | 3,423 | 3,356 | 3,263 | 3,243 | 3,234 | 3,247 | 3,237 | 3,221 | 3,222 | 3,211 | 3,207 | 3,211 | 3,210 | 3,212 |
| Banking System | Venta / Ask | 3,425 | 3,358 | 3,265 | 3,244 | 3,235 | 3,248 | 3,238 | 3,223 | 3,223 | 3,212 | 3,209 | 3,213 | 3,211 | 3,213 |
| Índice de tipo de cambio real ( | 1994 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100) | 109,1 | 106,5 | 106,2 | 106,3 | 107,0 | 107,0 | 106,4 |  | 107,3 |  |  |  |  |  |

Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100) INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency


## INFLACIÓN (\%) / INFLATION (\%)

Inflación mensual /Monthly
Inflación últimos 12 meses / \%12 months change
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mill. S/.) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of S/.)
Resultado primario / Primary balance
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue
Gastos no financieros / Non-financial expenditure
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mills. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)
Balanza Comercial /Trade balance
Exportaciones / Exports

| 0,42 | 0,46 | $-0,13$ | $-0,17$ | 0,14 | 0,03 | 0,04 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Variac. \%, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior /Annual rate of growth (12 months)
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS
LIBOR a tres meses (\%) / LIBOR 3-month (\%)
Dow Jones (Var \%) / (\% change)
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (10 años) / U.S. Treasuries yield (10 years)
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) / EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points ) ****

| 2005 | 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| DIC. | Mar | Jun. | Jul. | Ago. | Set. | Oct. | 30 Nov. | Nov. | 7 Dic. | 11 Dic. | 12 Dic. | 13 Dic. | Dic |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Var. |  |  |  |  | Var. |
| 7450 | 7257 | 7525 | 8047 | 9201 | 9139 | 9782 | 10426 | 644 | 10524 | 10510 | 10517 |  | 91 |
| 14097 | 14472 | 14415 | 14638 | 15379 | 15172 | 15672 | 16473 | 801 | 16677 | 16673 | 16756 |  | 282 |
| 4165 | 5129 | 4731 | 4248 | 3828 | 3675 | 3511 | 3643 | 132 | 3777 | 3757 | 3810 |  | 167 |
| 4076 | 4964 | 4543 | 4072 | 3692 | 3522 | 3297 | 3423 | 126 | 3521 | 3468 | 3585 |  | 161 |
| 33 | 99 | 118 | 94 | 63 | 75 | 141 | 145 | 4 | 175 | 207 | 139 |  | -6 |
| 57 | 67 | 70 | 82 | 73 | 78 | 73 | 75 | 2 | 81 | 81 | 87 |  | 12 |
| 2533 | 2129 | 2208 | 2389 | 2411 | 2408 | 2443 | 2478 | 35 | 2445 | 2472 | 2492 |  | 14 |
| Acum. | Acum. | Acum. | Acum. | Acum. | Acum. | Acum. |  | Acum. |  |  |  |  | Acum. |
| -581 | 0 | 2 | 472 | 1116 | -34 | 577 | 10 | 460 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 110 |
|  | 0 | 3 | 660 | 1410 | 166 | 696 | 10 | 610 | 15 | 30 | 0 | 5 | 140 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| -237 | 0 | 0 | -189 | -293 | -200 | -120 | 0 | -150 | 0 | -30 | 0 | 0 | -30 |
| Prom. | Prom. | Prom. | Prom. | Prom. | Prom. | Prom. |  | Prom. |  |  |  |  | Prom. |
| 3,423 | 3,356 | 3,262 | 3,242 | 3,233 | 3,247 | 3,237 | 3,222 | 3,222 | 3,211 | 3,208 | 3,210 | 3,210 | 3,211 |
| 3,427 | 3,350 | 3,266 | 3,245 | 3,235 | 3,249 | 3,240 | 3,224 | 3,223 | 3,213 | 3,209 | 3,214 | 3,215 | 3,214 |
| 3,425 | 3,361 | 3,265 | 3,244 | 3,235 | 3,249 | 3,238 | 3,223 | 3,223 | 3,212 | 3,207 | 3,211 | 3,211 | 3,213 |
| 3,424 | 3,371 | 3,265 | 3,244 | 3,236 | 3,249 | 3,238 | 3,217 | 3,223 | 3,210 | 3,213 | 3,214 | 3,210 | 3,213 |
| 3,426 | 3,342 | 3,266 | 3,244 | 3,235 | 3,249 | 3,238 | 3,223 | 3,223 | 3,212 | 3,209 | 3,212 | 3,212 | 3,213 |
| 3,423 | 3,356 | 3,263 | 3,243 | 3,234 | 3,247 | 3,237 | 3,221 | 3,222 | 3,211 | 3,207 | 3,211 | 3,210 | 3,212 |
| 3,425 | 3,358 | 3,265 | 3,244 | 3,235 | 3,248 | 3,238 | 3,223 | 3,223 | 3,212 | 3,209 | 3,213 | 3,211 | 3,213 |
| 109,1 | 106,5 | 106,2 | 106,3 | 107,0 | 107,0 | 106,4 |  | 107,3 |  |  |  |  |  |

* 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.
** A partir del 5 de mayo de 2006, esta tasa se elevó a $5,25 \%$.
*** Las tasas de interés para los créditos de regulación monetaria en dólares serán a la tasa Libor a un mes más un punto porcentual.
**** Desde el 29 de setiembre de 2006, el JP Morgan, de acuerdo a sus criterios de liquidez de mercado, ha incluído dentro de su EMBI+ PERÚ los bonos globales Peru 2025 y 2033 . Al ser los spreads de dichos bonos cercanos a los 2
ello explica el aumento de cerca de 40 pbs en el EMBI+ PERÚ a partir del 29 de setiembre
Fuente: BCRP, INEI, Banco de la Nación, BVL, Sunat, SBS, Reuters y Bloomberg.
Elaboración: Departamento de Publicaciones Económicas.

