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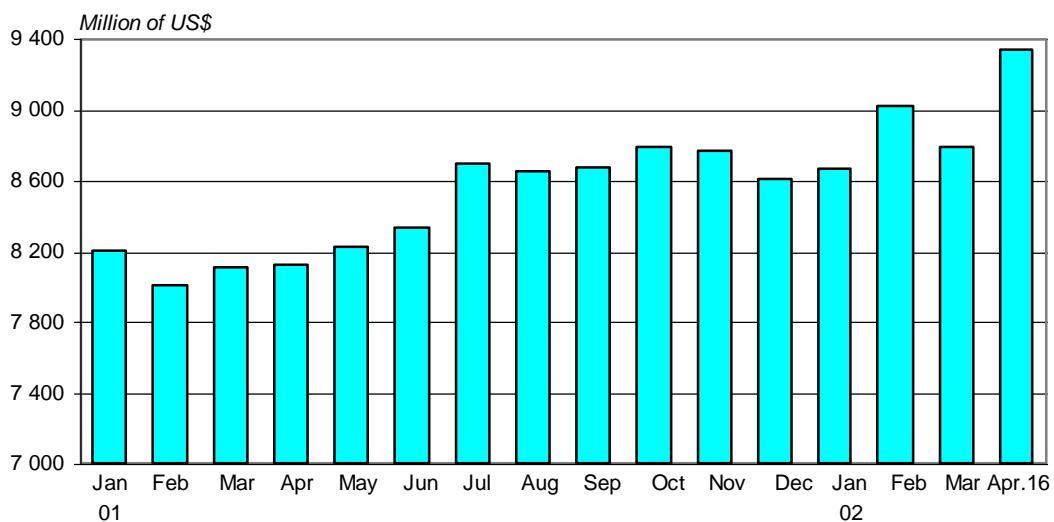
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Net International Reserves at US\$ 9 340 million

As of April 16, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 9 340 million, up US\$ 554 million from end-March due to higher financial system deposits (US\$ 524 million), purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 65 million), investment yields and other operations (US\$ 6 million) and higher Insurance Deposit Fund deposits (US\$ 4 million), which were partially offset by the withdrawal of public sector deposits (US\$ 45 million). On the other hand, the net international position amounted to US\$ 3 084 million.

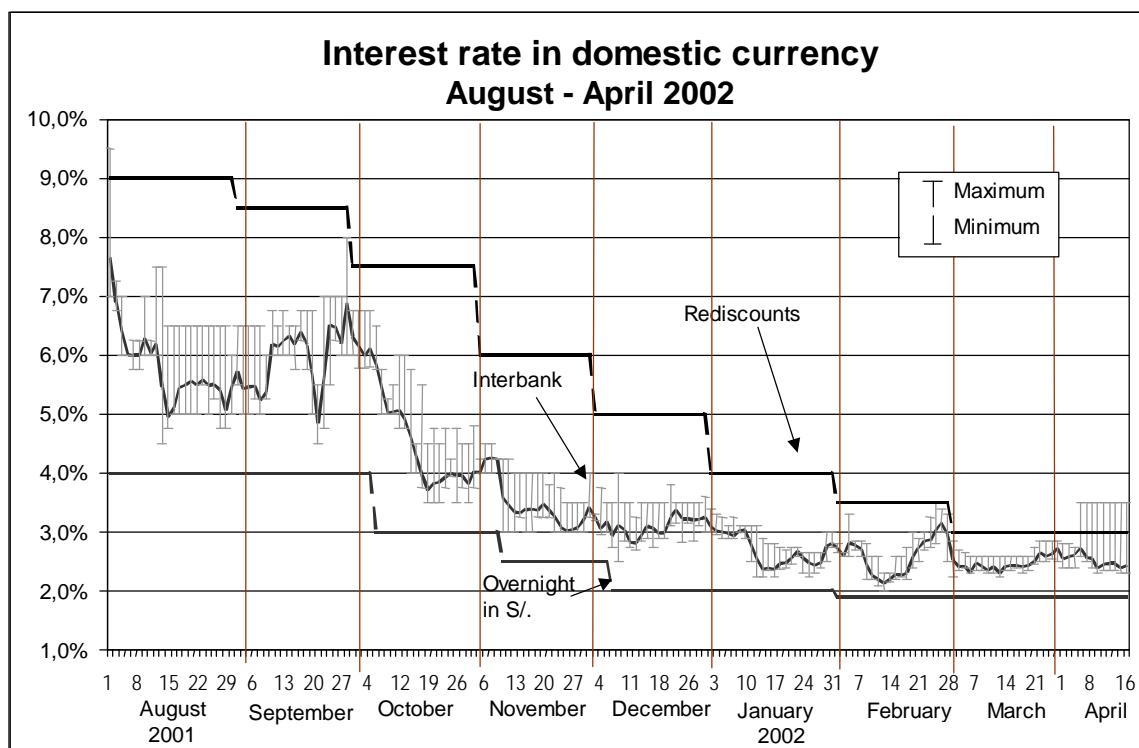
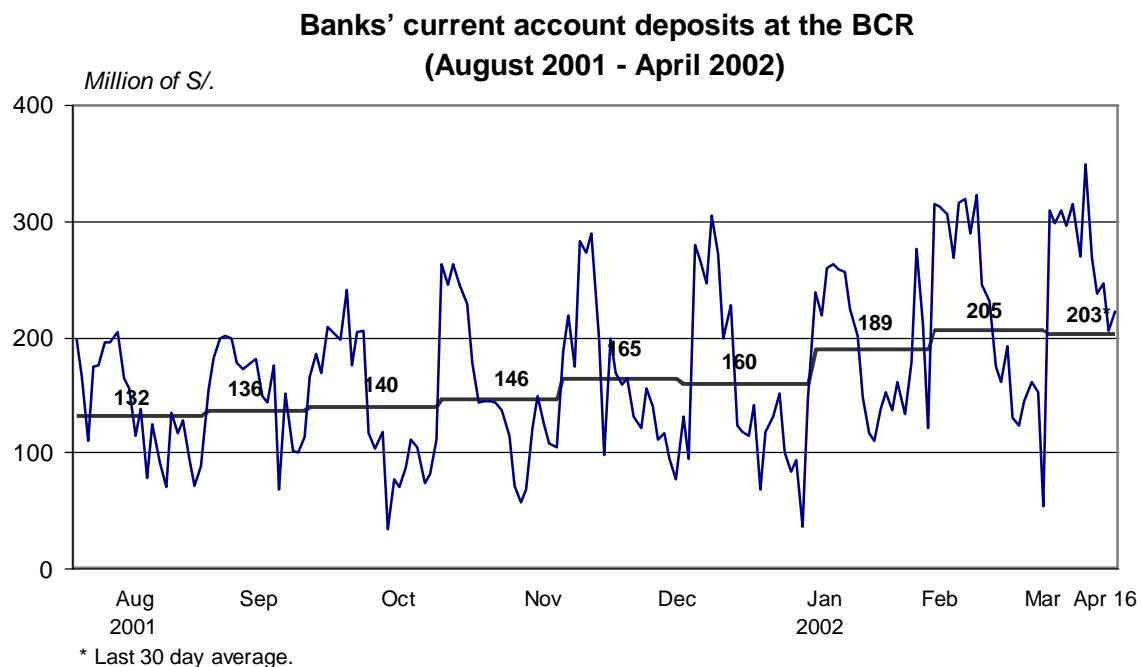
BCR's net international reserves (January 2001 - April 2002)



Banks' current account balance at S/. 278 million

As of April 16, the banks' current account held at the Central Bank was S/. 278 million on a daily average basis. The last 30-day average for this balance was S/. 203 million. The interbank interest rate as of April 16 was 2,5 percent compared with 2,6 percent in the last 30 days.

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Between April 10 to 16, the Central Bank made temporary purchases CDCCRP and Treasury bonds amounting to S/. 410 million at an average interest rate of 2,3 percent.

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Banks' current account at the Central Bank and monetary operations
(Million of S./.)

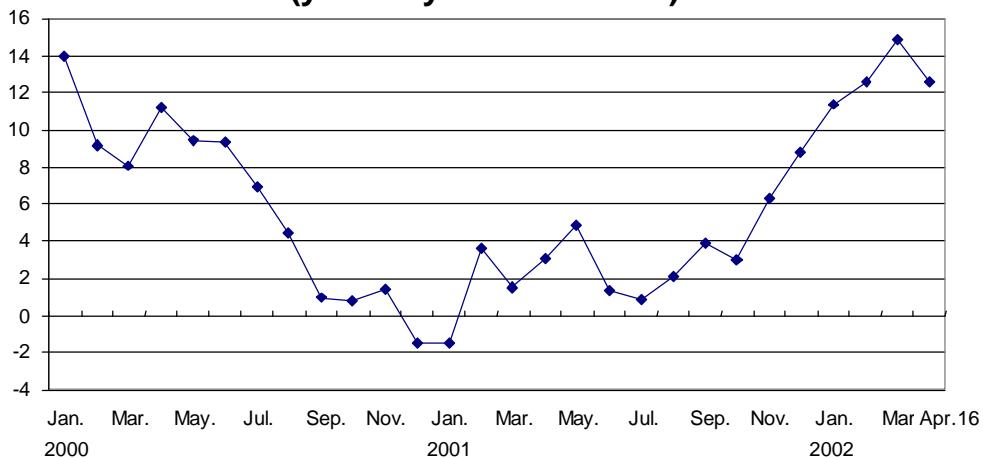
	April				
	10	11	12	15	16
1 Current account of the banking system before Central Bank operations	223	107	10	122	140
2 Central Bank operations	45	130	237	84	83
a. Auction of CDBCRP					
- Average interest rate					
- Term					
b. Auction of temporary purchase of CDBCRP and BTP					
- Average interest rate		130	195	55	30
- Term		2,29%	2,24%	2,34%	2,45%
c. Direct temporary purchase of CDBCCRP and BTP	11				1
d. Swap operations			7		
- Million of US\$			2		
e. Overnight deposits				-6	
f. Exchange operations	34		35	34	52
- Million of US\$	\$ 10		\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 15
3 Current account of the banking system after Central Bank operations (1+2)	268	237	247	206	223
Note: Last 30 day average of the current account	200	197	197	201	203

Over the same period, the Central Bank made purchases of foreign currency, totalling US\$ 45 million. It should be noted that these purchases are oriented to reduce excessive and transitory volatility in the exchange market. Over the last 2 month, it has recorded the non-renewal of the redemption of several forward operations, which were contracted in the weeks previous to the electoral process (as a coverage due to the political uncertainty).

Average monetary base at S/. 5 762 million

As of April 16, the daily average balance of the monetary base was S/. 5 762 million, similar to March. On April 16, the monetary base amounted to S/. 5 774 million, up S/. 13 million (0,2 percent) from end-March. The latter is explained by a higher banks' reserve requirement (S/. 181 million) which were partially offset by lower cash demand (S/. 169 million).

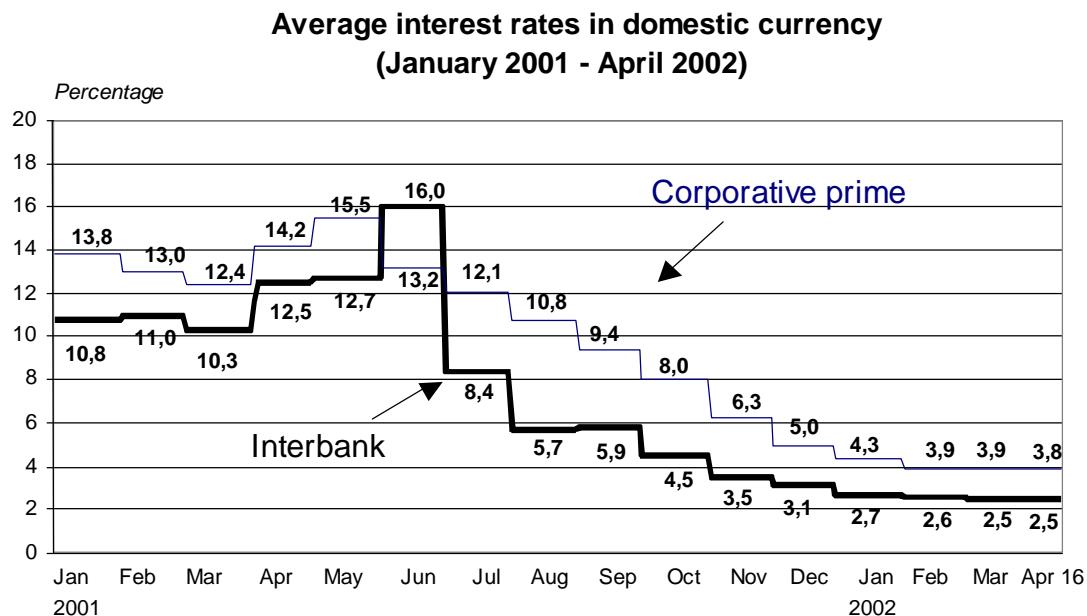
**Monetary base
(year to year variations)**



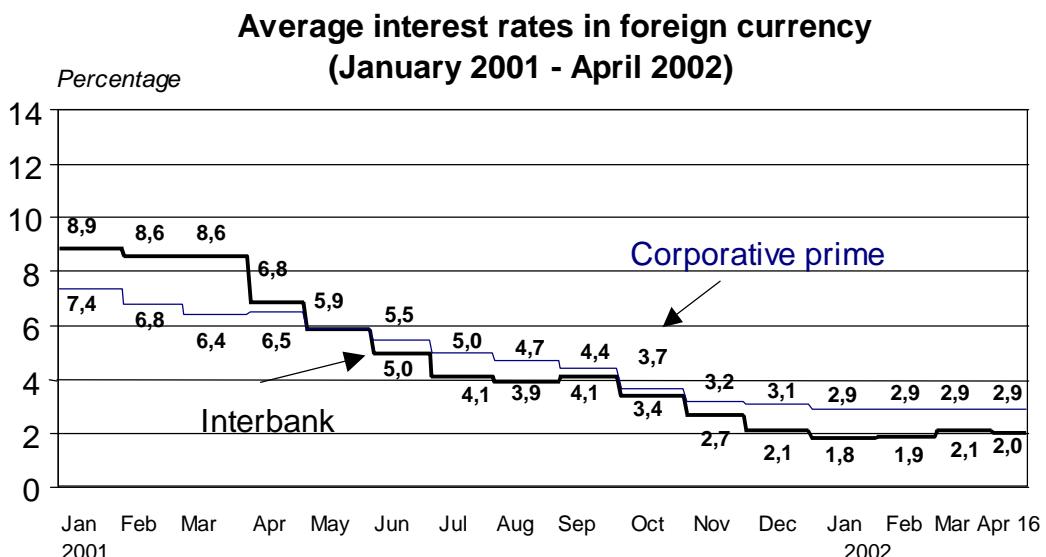
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Corporative prime interest rate in domestic currency at 3,8 percent

As of April 16, the corporate prime interest rate in domestic currency was 3,8 percent, lower than in March (3,9 percent).



In foreign currency, the corporate prime interest rate in foreign currency as of April 16 was 2,9 percent, similar to March.



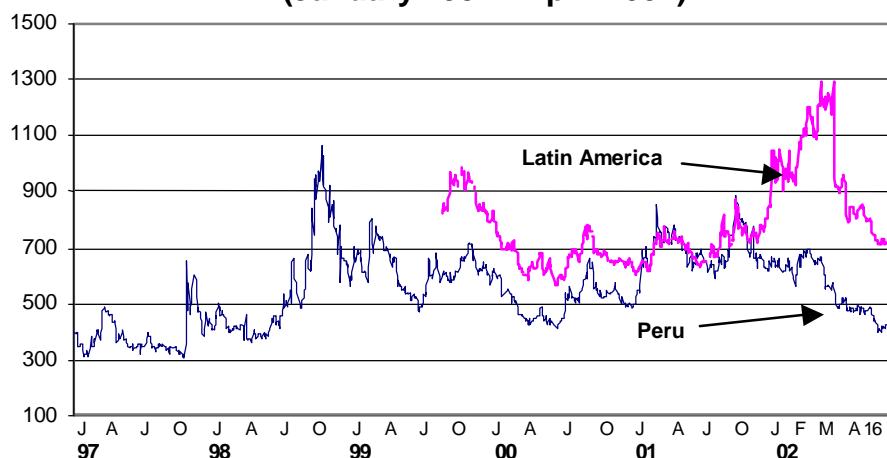
Peru's bonds spread at 4,3 percent

As of April 16, the spread between the yield of Peruvian Brady bonds and the interest rate on US Treasury bills (a proxy for the country risk perceived by investors) was 4,3 percent, higher than in March (4,2 percent).

The spread of the global Peruvian bond spread with a 10 year maturity rose from 4,0 percent in March to 4,1 percent as of April 16.

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Spread of sovereign bonds (January 1997 - April 2002)



Exchange rate at S/. 3,43

On April 16, the exchange rate was S/. 3,432, 0,35 percent lower than a week ago and 0,41 percent lower than end-March. The average exchange rate in the period April 1 to 16 (S/. 3,445) is 0,36 percent lower than in March. This behavior reflects the higher supply of foreign currency of a group of private enterprises as well as the non-renewal of non-delivery forwards contracted a year ago.

Over this period, the Central Bank made purchases of foreign currency in the spot market, amounting to US\$ 10 million on April 10, US\$ 10 million on April 12, US\$ 10 million on April 15 and US\$ 15 million on April 16 (totaling US\$ 45 million). On April 17, the Central Bank made an additional purchase of US\$ 5 million, totaling US\$ 70 million in the month. The average exchange rate of these interventions was S/. 3,439.

The net balance of forward sales of foreign currency decreased from US\$ 683 million on end-March to US\$ 670 million as of April 16. On the other hand, the exchange position increased US\$ 64 million from US\$ 635 million to US\$ 699 million.

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

	December 2001	January 2002	February	March	April 1-16
End-of-period balance:					
a. Net sales to the public (i-ii)	586	687	741	683	670
i. Forward sales to the public	834	1 064	1 147	1 054	957
ii. Forward purchases to the public	248	378	406	370	287
b. Banks' exchange position	587	590	642	635	699
Flows:					
I. Forward sales to the public	-4	9	4	-3	-4
- New sales	11	19	24	29	47
- Redemptions	15	10	20	32	51
II. Forward purchases to the public	-3	5	1	-1	-3
- New purchases	12	15	15	8	11
- Redemptions	15	10	14	9	14
III. Net spot purchases to the public	3	2	-10	21	47
- Purchases	78	74	62	111	154
- Sales	75	72	72	90	107

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Liquidity and credit: March 22

Liquidity in domestic currency (S/. 16 575) grew 0,4 percent (S/. 72 million) in the last 4 weeks and 19,9 percent in the last 12 months. On the other hand, credit to the private sector in domestic currency rose 1,4 percent (S/. 126 million) to S/. 9 337 million in the last 4 weeks and 6,3 percent. in annual terms.

Liquidity in foreign currency recorded an increase of US\$ 1 million between February 22 to March 22, whereas it increased 0,3 percent in annual terms. On the other hand, short-term external liabilities increased US\$ 189 million (13,6 percent) to US\$ 1 586 million. Credit to the private sector in foreign currency (US\$ 10 647 million) fell 0,1 percent (US\$ 15 million) in the last 4 weeks and 3,4 percent in annual terms.

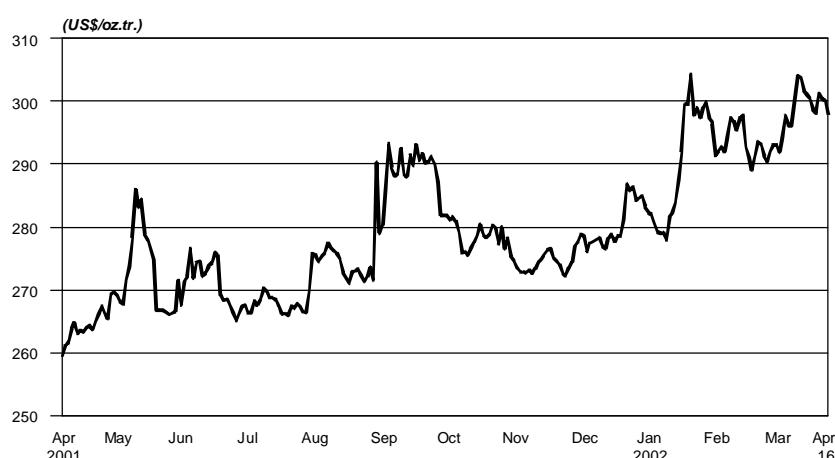
MONETARY AGGREGATES (End of period)													
	MONETARY BASE		LIQUIDITY IN S/.		CREDIT IN S/.		LIQUIDITY IN \$		Short-term liabilities ¹		CREDIT IN \$		
	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	
1998													
Dec.	12,8%	5,5%	3,9%	-2,4%	2,2%	6,6%	0,3%	1,3%	-13,0%	-3,5%	-0,6%	8,1%	
1999													
Dec.	18,1%	17,0%	5,8%	11,6%	-4,1%	-5,3%	-1,9%	2,4%	1,3%	-36,3%	1,7%	-1,6%	
2000													
Dec.	14,6%	-4,0%	5,4%	2,5%	-0,3%	0,9%	0,5%	1,5%	4,6%	-17,2%	-1,0%	-4,5%	
2001													
Mar.	0,1%	0,5%	2,5%	3,7%	0,9%	1,0%	0,7%	-1,7%	3,8%	-4,1%	0,8%	-3,4%	
Jun.	1,1%	1,6%	-1,1%	3,6%	-0,5%	1,2%	0,8%	-1,2%	6,2%	-4,9%	-0,2%	-3,7%	
Sep.	-1,6%	5,1%	0,0%	4,8%	0,2%	1,1%	0,5%	3,1%	-17,1%	-17,3%	-0,7%	-3,9%	
Dec.	14,4%	7,9%	8,7%	14,0%	0,8%	1,9%	-1,4%	1,9%	-3,9%	-21,7%	1,1%	-3,4%	
2002													
Jan.	-7,8%	10,8%	-2,3%	16,0%	-0,5%	1,6%	-0,9%	1,8%	-3,1%	-21,6%	-1,8%	-3,5%	
Feb.	0,7%	13,9%	1,6%	19,5%	2,8%	5,3%	0,0%	2,0%	6,3%	-15,4%	0,9%	-2,5%	
Mar.22	1,3%	15,4%	0,4%	19,9%	1,4%	6,3%	0,0%	0,3%	13,6%	1,4%	-0,1%	-3,4%	
Memo:													
Balance as of Feb22 (Mill.S./or Mill.US\$)	5 666		16 503		9 211		9 390		1 397		10 662		
Balance as of Mar22 (Mill.S./or Mill.US\$)	5 739		16 575		9 337		9 391		1 586		10 647		
1/ Short-term external liabilities of banking enterprises													

International markets

On April 16, the gold international quotation was US\$ 297,8 per once Troy, 0,3 percent lower than a week ago, due to the greater supply of this metal. On the other hand, the silver quotation fell 2,4 percent to US\$ 4,46 per once Troy.

Gold quotation

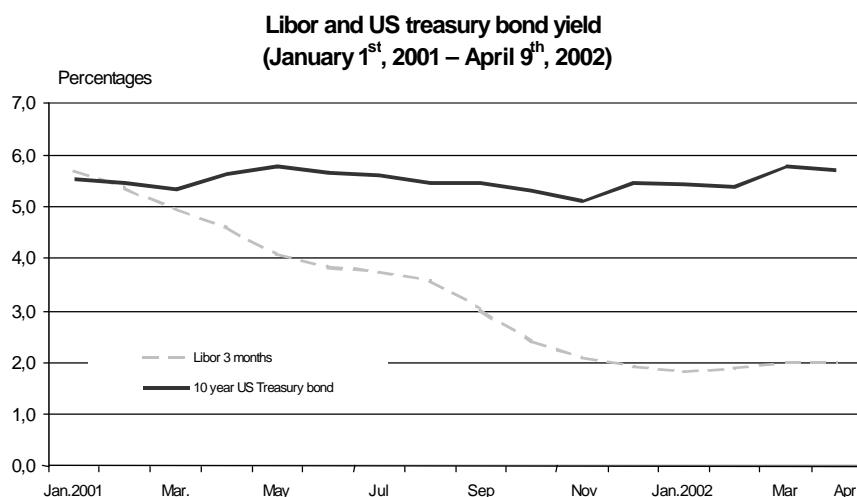
(April 2001 - April 2002)



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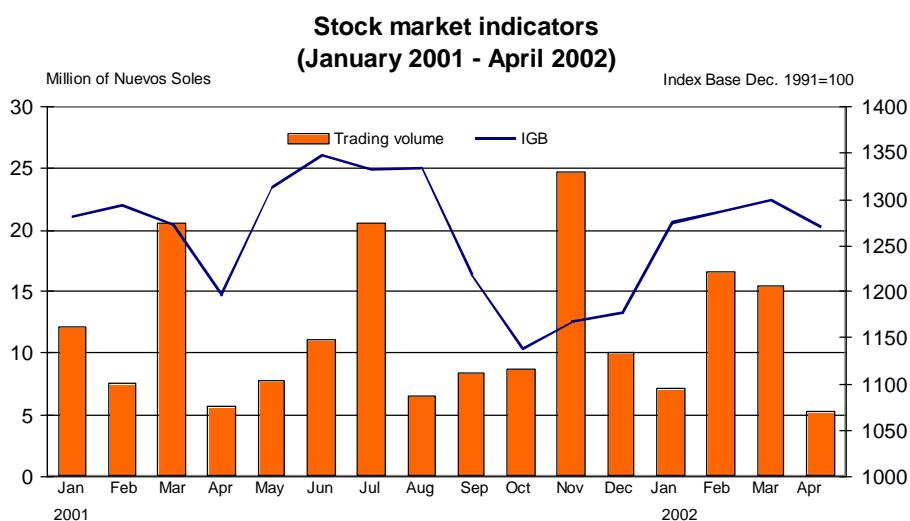
The copper quotation reached cUS\$ 70,6 per pound, down 1,1 percent from a week ago, reflecting the potential negative effects of the Middle East conflict. On the other hand, the zinc quotation remained steady at cUS\$ 36,6 per pound, whereas the WTI oil quotation decreased 4,1 percent to US\$ 24,9 per barrel, since the oil supply has been guaranteed by most of oil producer countries.

Between April 9 to 16, the 3-month decreased slightly from 1,99 to 1,97 percent, whereas the yield of the Treasury bond with a 10 year maturity decreased from 5,20 percent to 5,19 percent, reflecting the higher preference for fixed-income instruments given the low performance of the stock market in the United States.



General Index decreased 1,8 percent

As of April 16, the Lima Stock Exchange increased relative to end-March by 1,8 percent in the General Index and 2,1 percent in the Blue Chip Index. In the year these indices have increased 8,5 and 6,0 percent, respectively.



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Indicadores Económicos / Economic Indicators

RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	2001				2002							
	NOV.	DIC.	ENE.	FEB.	27 Mar.	MAR.	10 Abr.	11 Abr.	12 Abr.	15 Abr.	16 Abr.	ABR.
						Var.						
Posición de cambio / Net international position	2,828	2,915	2,926	3,001	3,020	19	3,051	3,053	3,062	3,069	3,084	64
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	8,768	8,613	8,667	9,028	8,786	-242	9,244	9,228	9,222	9,313	9,340	554
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCR / Financial system deposits at BCR	3,394	3,196	3,245	3,111	2,967	-143	3,414	3,394	3,379	3,485	3,491	524
Empresas bancarias / Banks	3,196	2,945	3,011	2,891	2,737	-154	3,189	3,168	3,152	3,257	3,264	526
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	164	0	201	185	195	11	190	191	192	192	192	-3
Sector privado / Private sector	34	33	33	35	35	0	36	36	36	36	36	1
Depósitos del sector público en el BCR / Public sector deposits at BCR	2,586	2,536	2,520	2,944	2,822	-122	2,803	2,803	2,797	2,771	2,777	-45
Depositos de privatización	170	139	138	14	17	3	17	17	17	17	17	1
Otros depósitos / Other *	2,415	2,397	2,382	2,930	2,806	-125	2,786	2,786	2,779	2,754	2,760	-46
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mill. US\$) / BCR FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.		Acum.						Acum.
Origen externo de la emisión primaria / External origin of the monetary base	90	79	0	-1	-0	3	10	0	12	8	15	65
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	91	58	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	10	15	65
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	0
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S./ por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.						Prom.
Compra interbancario/ Interbank bPromedio / Average	3,439	3,435	3,460	3,477	3,445	3,455	3,441	3,442	3,439	3,437	3,429	3,442
Apertura / Opening	3,439	3,436	3,460	3,479	3,447	3,457	3,442	3,444	3,440	3,441	3,437	3,445
Mediodía / Midday	3,440	3,436	3,463	3,478	3,445	3,456	3,442	3,444	3,439	3,438	3,430	3,443
Cierre / Close	3,440	3,436	3,462	3,478	3,445	3,456	3,443	3,443	3,439	3,437	3,428	3,443
Promedio / Average	3,439	3,436	3,461	3,478	3,445	3,456	3,442	3,443	3,440	3,438	3,430	3,443
Sistema bancario (SBS) Compra / Bid	3,437	3,434	3,459	3,476	3,445	3,455	3,442	3,443	3,439	3,438	3,430	3,443
Banking System Venta / Ask	3,441	3,437	3,461	3,478	3,446	3,457	3,443	3,444	3,441	3,439	3,432	3,445
Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)	100.5	100.7	100.7	99.0		98.7						
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS												
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency												
Emisión Primaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-0.8	14.4	-7.8	0.7	2.0	2.0						
Monetary base (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	8.0	7.9	10.8	13.9	16.1	16.1						
Oferta monetaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	3.2	8.7	-2.3	1.6								
Money Supply (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	10.8	14.0	16.0	19.5								
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	1.2	0.8	-0.5	2.8								
Crédito al sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	0.8	1.9	1.6	5.3								
TOSE saldo promedio (Var. % mensual) / TOSE average balance (% monthly change)	3.1	4.3	-1.0	2.6	-0.5	-0.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.3	1.1	
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S./) Banks' current account (balance)	106	165	160	189	55	205	268	237	247	206	223	
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S./) Rediscounts (Millions of S.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Depósitos públicos en el BCR (millones S./) Public sector deposits at the BCR (Mills.S.)	560	195	252	501	302	302	584	730	751	640	619	
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S./) CDBCRP balance (Millions of S.)	2,025	1,840	2,350	2,185	2,250	2,250	2,095	2,095	2,095	2,075	2,075	
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S./) repos (Balance millions of S.)	37	0	25	355	95	95	0	130	195	55	30	
Tasa de interés (%) Interest rates (%)												
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discounts	16.8	17.2	16.5	16.1	14.3	15.5	14.4	14.5	14.3	14.4	14.3	14.5
Interbancaria / Interbank	3.5	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Preferencial para descuento 90 días / Prime rate	15.2	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	6.3	5.0	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos	6.0	s.m.	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.7	s.m.	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts	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	9.1	7.6	6.6	6.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency												
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-0.4	1.1	-1.8	0.9								
Crédito al sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	-5.4	-3.4	-3.5	-2.5								
TOSE saldo promedio (Var. % mensual) / TOSE average balance (% monthly change)	1.5	-1.9	-1.3	-0.4	-1.4	-1.4	0.4	0.2	-0.5	1.0	0.6	
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.9	1.2	0.3	-1.6	-1.2	
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tasa de interés (%) Interest rates (%)												
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discounts	10.7	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.6	9.0	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Interbancaria / Interbank	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.0
Preferencial para descuento 90 días / Prime rate	9.0	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.9	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts	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	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.		Acum.						Acum.
Índice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)	2.5	0.8	8.3	0.9	-0.5	1.1	0.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.5	-1.8
Índice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)	2.6	0.6	5.5	0.7	-0.5	2.0	0.2	-1.7	-0.3	-0.4	0.6	-2.1
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S./) - Prom. diario	24.7	10.1	7.2	16.9	13.9	15.5	3.5	9.3	3.3	5.0	6.9	5.5
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)												
Inflación mensual / Monthly	-0.49	-0.09	-0.52	-0.04			0.54					
Inflación últimos 12 meses / % 12 months change	0.12	-0.13	-0.83	-1.11			-0.108					
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mill. S./) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. Of S.)												
Resultado primario / Primary balance	-135	-1,006	476	-228								
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue	2,231	2,174	2,354	1,883								
Gastos no financieros / Non-financial expenditure	2,377	3,269	1,899	2,131								
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mills. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. Of US\$)												
Balanza Comercial / Trade balance	-4	51	-55	-26								
Exportaciones / Exports	579	600	519	501								
Importaciones / Imports	583	550	575	526								
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT												
Variación %, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior / Annual rate of growth	2.1	4.1	3.9	3.3								
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.						Prom.
LIBOR a tres meses (%) / LIBOR 3-month (%)	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Dow Jones (Var %) / (% change)	8.5	2.9	-2.1	1.9	0.8	3.2	1.7	-2.0	0.1	-1.0	2.1	-1.8
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (30 años) / U.S. Treasuries yield (30 years)	5.1	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) / EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points)	581	511	480	478	416	424	433	436	435	438	439	430

* Incluye depósitos de Promecipri, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Codife, fondos administrados por la ONP; y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No.18 del Boletín Semanal.

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