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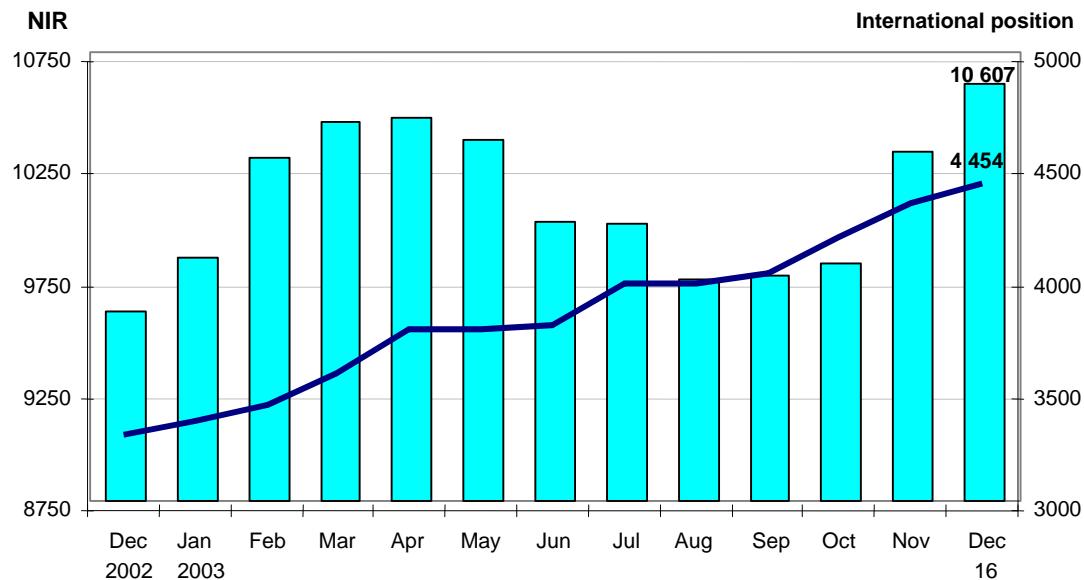
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Net international reserves: US\$ 10 607 million

As of **December 16**, the NIR amounted to US\$ 10 607 million, up US\$ 305 million from end-November. This increase reflected higher financial system (US\$ 115 million) and public sector deposits (US\$ 84 million); net purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 69 million)

and investment yield (US\$ 37 million). In the year, NIR has increased US\$ 1 009 million whereas the **Central Bank international position** expanded US\$ 1 113 million, reaching a balance of US\$ 4 454 million.

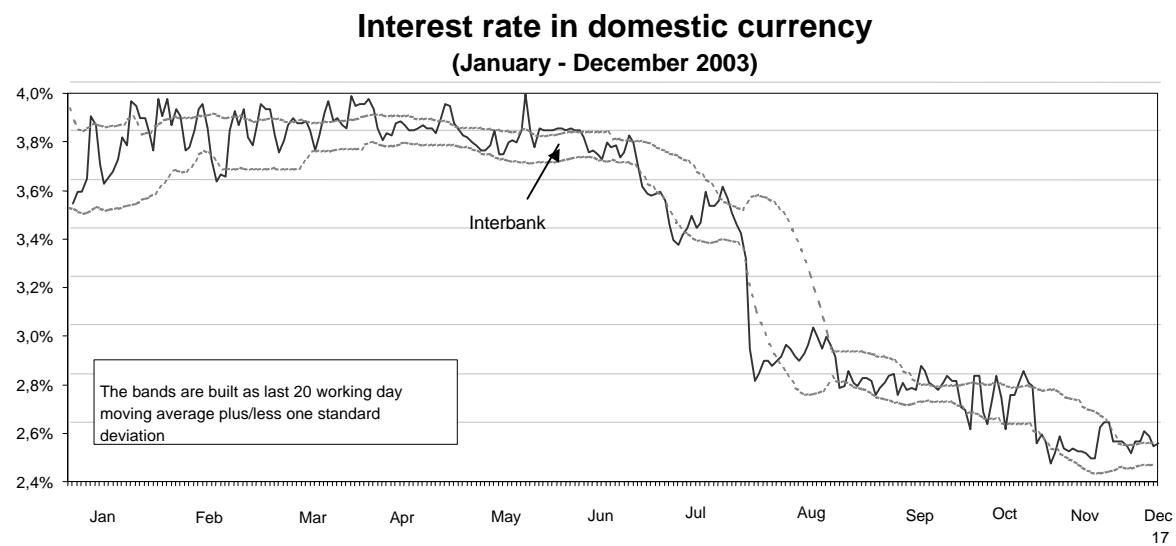
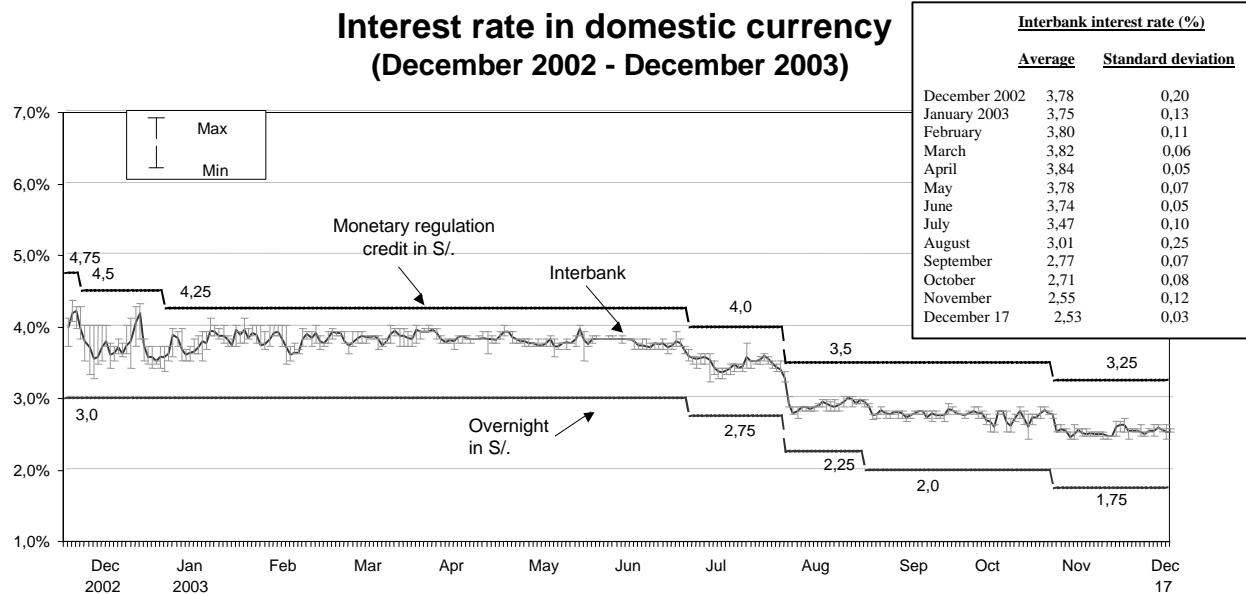
BCR's net international reserves and international position
December 2002 - December 2003
(Million of US\$)



Interbank interest rate at 2,53 percent

Between **December 1 to 17**, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency was 2,53 percent, lower than the rate recorded in

November (2,55 percent), in line with the reference BCR interest rates for loans (3,25 percent) and deposits (1,75 percent).



Monetary operations

As of **December 17**, the daily average balance of banks' liquidity at the Central Bank amounted to S/. 272 million. The balance projected for that month is S/. 180 to S/. 200 million. Between **December 11 and 17**, the Central Bank made the following operations:

- Auction of CDBCRP by S/. 50 million with a 6-month maturity and an average interest rate of 2,74 percent.

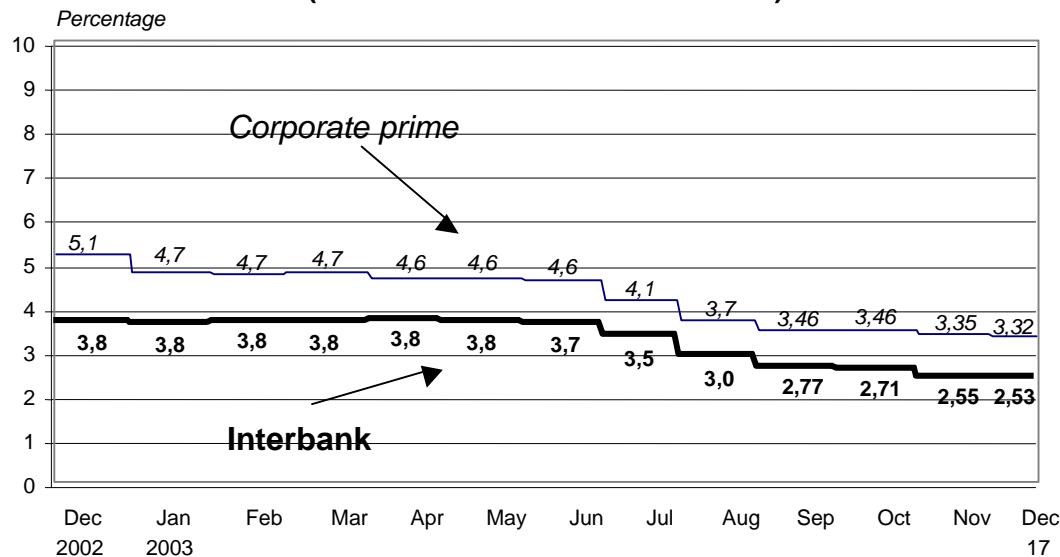
- Auction of temporary purchase of CDBCRP and BTP with a 1 day by S/. 155 million at average interest rates of 2,51 percent, respectively and ii) 3 day by S/. 245 million at 2,56 percent.
- Purchase of foreign currency over the counter totaling US\$ 55 million at an average exchange rate of S/. 3,4727.
- Overnight deposits by S/. 370 million.

Corporate prime interest rate at 3,32 percent

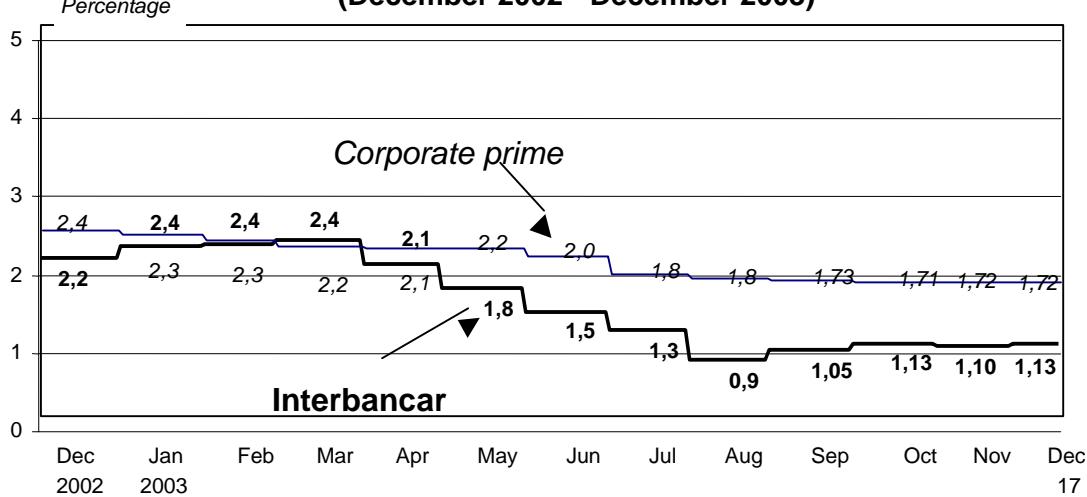
Between **December 1 to 17**, the corporate prime interest rate in local currency averaged 3,32 percent, lower than the rate recorded in November (3,35 percent),

whereas the rate in foreign currency remained at 1,72 percent over the same period.

Monthly average interest rate in domestic currency (December 2002 - December 2003)



Monthly average interest rate in foreign currency (December 2002 - December 2003)



Exchange rate: S/. 3,472

Between **December 10 and 17** the exchange rate fell from S/. 3,478 to S/. 3,472 reflecting the higher domestic currency demand associated to the start of the tax season and the payment of

Christmas bonuses. As of December 17, the balance of net forward sales increased US\$ 16 million, whereas the banks' exchange position dropped US\$ 21 million.

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BANKS' EXCHANGE POSITION
(Millions of US\$)

	December 2002	January 2003	October	November	December 17
a. Net sales to the public (i-ii)					
i. Forward sales to the public	905	923	592	613	629
ii. Forward purchases to the public	1 141	1 167	958	885	861
b. Banks' exchange position	236	244	362	272	232
	642	616	555	648	627

Monetary base: December 15, 2003

Between end-November and December 15, the **monetary base** grew 7 percent (S/. 470 million) reaching a balance of S/. 7 143 million. In average terms, the monetary base recorded an annual rate of increase of 10,8 percent as of December 15 (against 8,2 percent in November).

By sources, the monetary base flow (S/. 470 million) was mainly explained by the withdrawal of public sector deposits (S/. 259 million), the redemption of CDBCRP (S/. 255 million) and purchases of foreign currency over the counter by US\$ 60 million (S/. 209 million). The latter was partially offset by the redemption of temporary purchases of securities (S/. 255 million).

Banking system monetary accounts: November 22, 2003

Through last 4 weeks, liquidity in **domestic currency** increased 1,0 percent (S/. 182 million) to a S/. 19 217 million balance (up 11,3 percent from a year ago). Credit to the private sector in that currency rose 2,3 percent (S/. 232 million) to S/. 10 244 million. In annual terms, this aggregate increased 7,3 percent.

In **foreign currency**, liquidity expanded 0,5 percent (US\$ 45 million) to US\$ 9 419 million; however, this level is 4,9 percent lower than a year ago. Credit to the private sector in US dollars grew 0,3 percent (US\$ 30 million) reaching a balance of US\$ 9 798 million. In annual terms, this level is 6,6 percent lower than a year ago.

	EVOLUCION DE AGREGADOS MONETARIOS FIN DE PERIODO DEL SISTEMA BANCARIO											
	EMISIÓN PRIMARIA		LIQUIDEZ EN M/N		CREDITO EN M/N		LIQUIDEZ EN M/E		PASIVOS DE C.P. 1/		CREDITO EN M/E	
	VAR.(%) MES	VAR.(%) AÑO	VAR.(%) MES	VAR.(%) AÑO	VAR.(%) MES	VAR.(%) AÑO	VAR.(%) MES	VAR.(%) AÑO	VAR.(%) MES	VAR.(%) AÑO	VAR.(%) MES	VAR.(%) AÑO
2001												
Dic.	14,4%	7,9%	8,0%	13,6%	1,6%	2,9%	-2,0%	2,9%	-2,8%	-23,8%	0,7%	-3,7%
2002												
Mar.	2,0%	16,1%	2,5%	18,4%	2,7%	5,3%	-1,4%	-0,6%	-4,8%	-23,7%	-1,1%	-3,7%
Jun.	3,5%	17,2%	2,2%	21,0%	1,4%	5,8%	0,3%	-1,5%	3,4%	-18,7%	-0,5%	-3,8%
Set.	-4,1%	18,3%	-2,2%	20,1%	1,8%	7,3%	-1,3%	-0,7%	-1,8%	-0,6%	-1,0%	-3,1%
Dic.	11,1%	11,0%	6,3%	10,6%	0,8%	7,1%	-2,7%	1,4%	-4,8%	-34,3%	-0,3%	-3,6%
2003												
Ene.	-9,2%	9,4%	-3,1%	10,8%	-3,6%	5,4%	0,0%	2,8%	-11,0%	-40,5%	-2,9%	-5,2%
Feb.	-0,3%	8,3%	2,6%	11,3%	3,8%	7,5%	-0,1%	2,8%	10,5%	-38,0%	-0,2%	-6,7%
Mar.	-1,1%	5,0%	1,8%	10,6%	1,6%	6,3%	-0,1%	4,1%	-15,3%	-44,9%	-0,4%	-6,1%
Abr.	3,1%	9,5%	-0,3%	11,1%	3,6%	14,6%	-0,6%	3,4%	12,4%	-35,8%	1,0%	-5,7%
May.	-1,1%	8,4%	0,8%	12,1%	0,4%	14,0%	-0,9%	2,7%	-2,2%	-39,1%	-0,9%	-6,8%
Jun.	1,7%	6,5%	-1,7%	7,8%	-1,2%	11,0%	1,3%	3,7%	-1,3%	-41,8%	-0,3%	-6,6%
Jul.	8,3%	2,8%	5,6%	7,1%	0,2%	10,5%	-1,4%	-1,5%	2,9%	-42,4%	-0,6%	-6,8%
Ago.	-3,3%	4,2%	-1,8%	6,5%	-0,8%	9,9%	-0,5%	-3,7%	-8,2%	-45,9%	-0,2%	-6,3%
Set.	-2,5%	6,0%	0,2%	9,1%	-0,1%	7,8%	-0,8%	-3,2%	-1,9%	-46,0%	-0,7%	-6,0%
Oct.	1,4%	6,4%	1,0%	12,1%	0,1%	6,1%	0,3%	-4,2%	5,6%	-41,3%	0,5%	-4,6%
Nov. 22	0,9%	7,4%	1,0%	11,3%	2,3%	7,3%	0,5%	-4,9%	6,9%	-34,3%	0,3%	-6,6%
Memo:												
Saldos al 22 de oct.	6 475		19 035		10 012		9 374		742		9 768	
(Mill.S./ó Mill.US\$)												
Saldos al 22 de nov.	6 535		19 217		10 244		9 419		793		9 798	
(Mill.S./ó Mill.US\$)												

1/ Pasivos externos de corto plazo de las empresas bancarias.

GDP grew 4,1 percent in October

Gross domestic product grew 4,1 percent in October, with a cumulative growth of 4,3 percent for the period January-October. It was observed a generalized increase in all sectors, excluding fisheries, in particular of mining, non-primary manufacturing and utilities.

The 0,5 percent increase in **agriculture & livestock** obeyed to the greater production of sugarcane, poultry and other agricultural products such as lemon, asparagus and grapes, that offset the decline in rice, yellow corn and potato. In the year, this sector recorded a cumulative growth of 3,0 percent.

The **fishing** sector recorded a 27,2 percent growth as a consequence of higher industrial catch. In the period January-October this sector has declined 11,8 percent.

Mining and oil activities expanded 4,7 percent in October, due to higher gold, zinc and copper

production. In the year, cumulative growth is 7,3 percent.

The 1,2 percent increase in **manufacturing** reflected higher raw material processing (4,9 percent), whereas non-primary manufacturing grew only 0,3 percent. The former was explained by higher production of non-ferrous metal and refined oil. The latter to the dynamism in pharmaceutical, construction and glass industries. In the period January-October, this sector grew 2,6 percent.

Construction grew 7,5 percent, due to the 7,0 percent increase in cement sales, related to the dynamism in housing construction and Camisea project. Cumulative growth as of October is 3,7 percent.

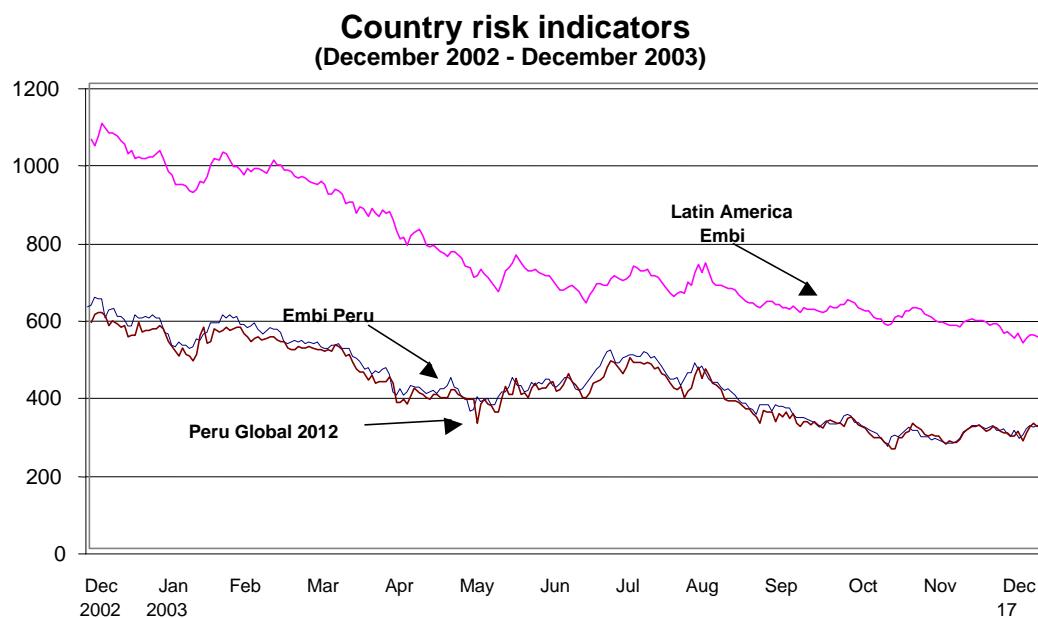
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
(Annual growth rates)

	October		January - October	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Agriculture and Livestock	3,0	0,5	5,4	3,0
Agriculture	2,1	-0,9	5,6	2,7
Livestock	4,7	2,0	5,3	3,6
Fishing	-19,3	27,2	-2,4	-11,8
Mining and fuel	4,6	4,7	14,2	7,3
Metals	4,6	5,5	15,2	8,5
Fuel	-1,4	-3,7	1,2	-4,8
Manufacturing	1,1	1,2	3,3	2,6
Based on raw materials 2/	-8,8	4,9	-4,1	-1,4
Non-primary	3,8	0,3	5,4	3,6
Electricity and water	5,4	4,8	5,1	4,6
Construction	3,6	7,5	8,9	3,7
Commerce	2,7	2,7	4,3	4,2
Other services	3,5	5,9	4,0	4,4
GROSS AGGREGATED VALUE	2,9	4,2	5,0	4,0
Taxes on products and import duties	8,2	2,9	2,8	7,2
GDP	3,4	4,1	4,8	4,3
Primary sectors gross aggregated value	0,9	3,5	6,2	3,4
Non-primary sectors gross aggregated value	3,4	4,4	4,6	4,2
Memo				
Domestic Demand Indicator	4,0	4,0	3,7	4,1

Spread of Global bond at 3,13 percent

As of **December 17**, the spread of the **Global 2012** bond was 3,13 percent, higher than that recorded on end-November (3,02 percent), whereas the spread of sovereign bonds

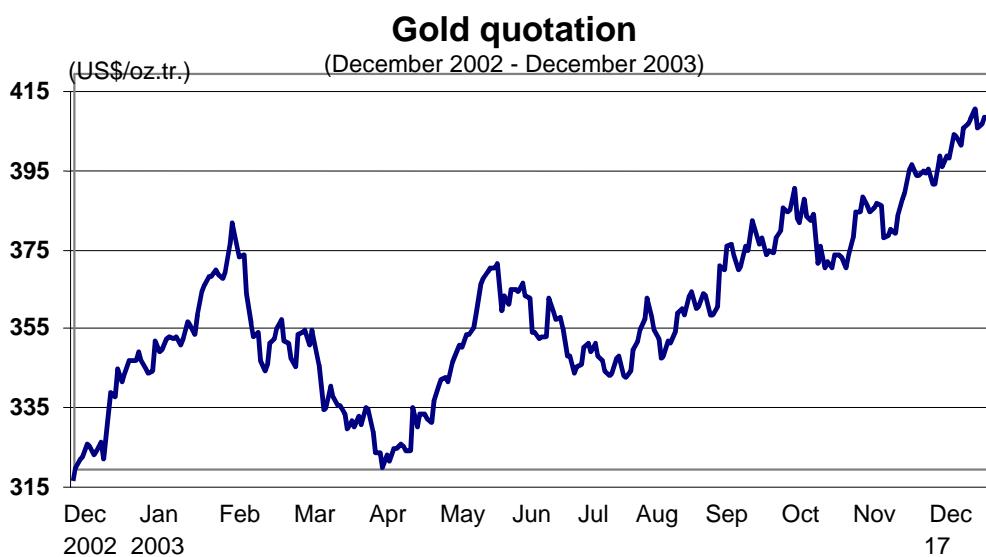
passed from 3,19 to 3,30 percent. The Peruvian bond spread were affected by the fall in US Treasury bond yield.



International markets

Between December 10 to 17, the **gold** quotation decreased 0,5 percent to

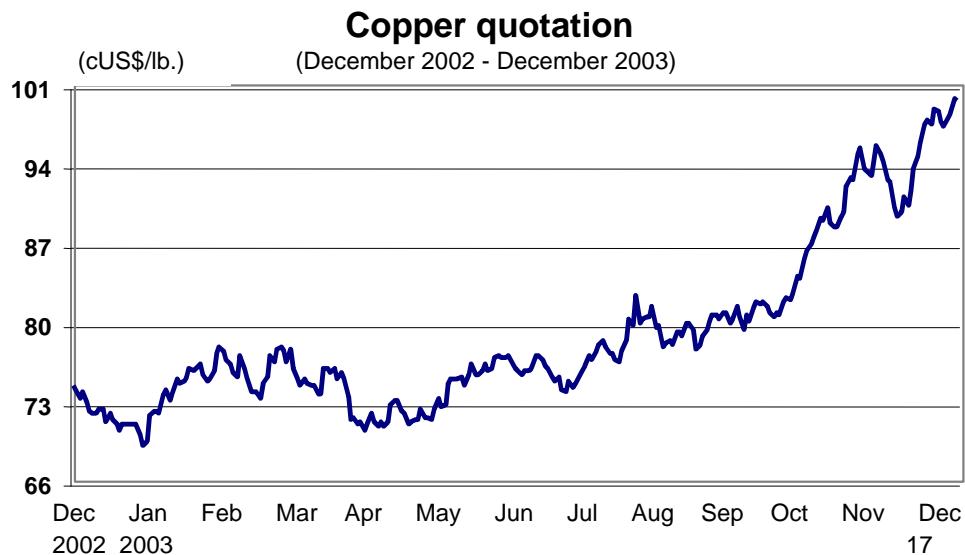
US\$ 408,7 per Troy ounce, reflecting end-of-year fund clearance operations.



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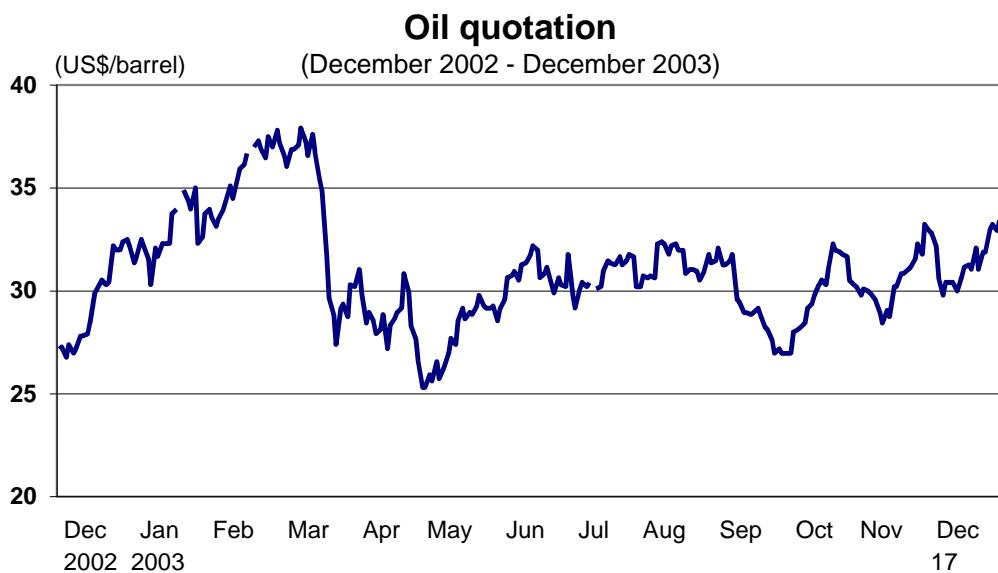
During this week, the **copper** quotation increased 1,9 percent to US\$ 0,9997 per pound, reflecting an expected higher demand of China, the industrial sector

growth in the US and a likely strike in Highland Valley mine. On the other hand, the **zinc** quotation remained at US\$ 0,4441 per pound.



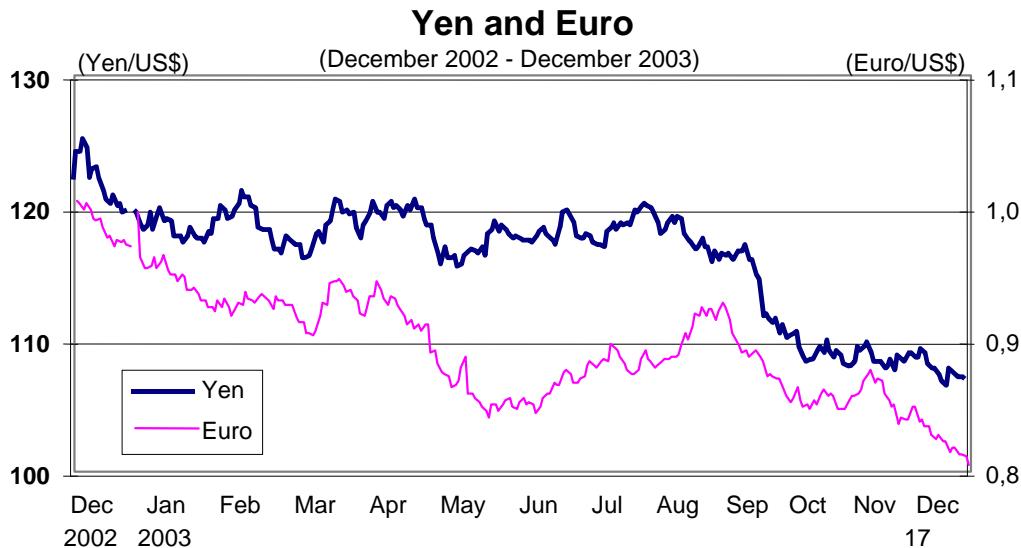
The **WTI oil** quotation increased 4,6 percent to US\$ 33,4 per barrel due to an expected increased demand according to

the International Energy Agency and the drop in US inventories by 5,1 millions of barrels.



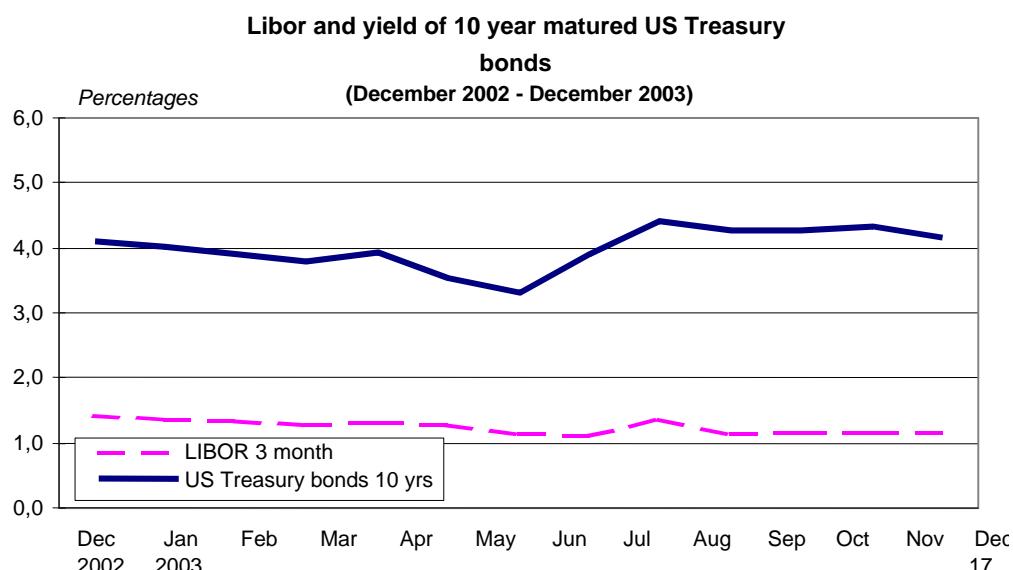
The **US dollar** depreciated 0,8 percent against the **euro** and the **yen**, reflecting the

fears regarding the financing of a 5 percent of GDP current account deficit in the US.



Between December 10 to 17, the **Libor** remained at 1,17 percent, whereas the **yield of US Treasury bonds** with a 10 year maturity decreased from 4,32 to 4,18 percent. The demand for US Treasury bonds increased after it was known the

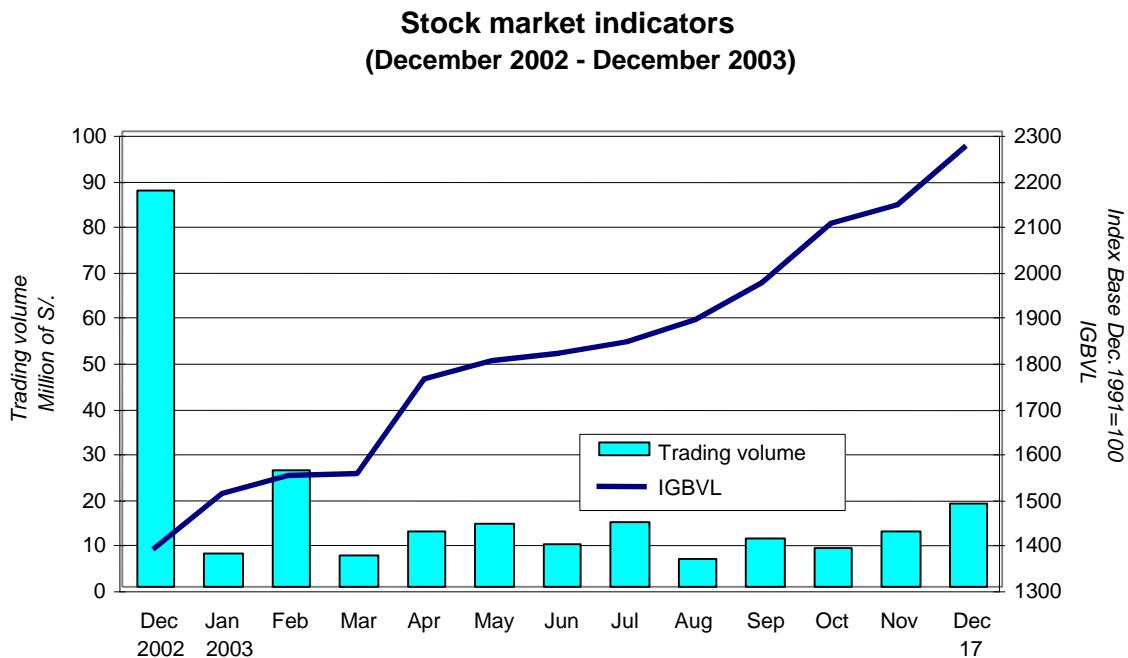
unexpected fall in CPI and core CPI (0,2 and 0,1 percent, respectively). It should be noted that a low inflation contributes to preserve fixed income investment value and the fact that the FED might keep interest rates low for a long time.



Lima Stock Exchange

As of **December 17**, the General and Blue chip indices increased 6,1 and 8,2 percent, respectively. Cumulative increase in the

year is 63,9 percent for the General Index and 69,3 percent for the Blue Chip index.



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Indicadores Económicos / Economic Indicators

	2002	SET.	OCT.	28 Nov.	NOV.	12 Dic.	15 Dic.	16 Dic.	17 Dic.	DIC.	Var.
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mils. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES											87305
Posición de cambio / Net international position	3 341	4 062	4 221	4 367	4 367	4 435	4 446	4 454	4 454		115
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	9 598	9 755	9 810	10 303	10 303	10 548	10 555	10 607	10 607		113
Depositos del sistema financiero en el BCR / Financial system deposits at BCR	3 381	3 268	3 179	3 069	3 069	3 150	3 132	3 184	3 184		-1
Empresas bancarias / Banks	3 048	3 034	2 970	2 851	2 851	2 925	2 911	2 964	2 964		3
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	291	185	157	166	166	169	165	164	164		4
Sector privado / Private sector	42	49	53	53	53	56	57	56	56		4
Depositos del sector público en el BCR / Public sector deposits at BCR	2 900	2 456	2 449	2 915	2 915	3 010	2 992	2 998	2 998		84
Depositos de privatización	24	19	7	12	12	16	16	16	16		4
Otros depósitos / Other *	2 875	2 437	2 442	2 903	2 903	2 994	2 976	2 983	2 983		80
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mils. US\$) / BCR FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.								Acum.
Origen externo de la emisión primaria / External origin of the monetary base	49	14	142	5	115	15	10	10	10		79
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	5	53	135	5	79	15	10	10	10		80
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector	45	-39	7	0	35	0	0	0	0		0
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.						Prom.
Compra interbancario / Interbank	Promedio / Average	3,513	3,481	3,478	3,480	3,477	3,474	3,474	3,471	3,471	3,475
Venta Interbancario	Apertura / Opening	3,516	3,481	3,478	3,480	3,478	3,474	3,475	3,473	3,471	3,476
Interbank Ask	Mediodía / Midday	3,515	3,481	3,478	3,482	3,478	3,474	3,474	3,471	3,471	3,475
	Cierre / Close	3,515	3,481	3,478	3,480	3,478	3,474	3,473	3,471	3,471	3,475
Sistema Bancario (SBS)	Promedio / Average	3,515	3,481	3,478	3,480	3,478	3,474	3,474	3,471	3,471	3,476
Banking System	Compra / Bid	3,513	3,480	3,478	3,479	3,477	3,473	3,474	3,470	3,470	3,475
	Venta / Ask	3,515	3,482	3,479	3,481	3,478	3,475	3,475	3,472	3,472	3,476
Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)	100,4	105,1	107,1			107,0					
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS											
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency											
Emisión Primaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	11,1	-2,5	1,4	2,8	2,8					
Monetary base	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	11,0	6,0	6,4	9,7	9,7					
Oferta monetaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	6,3	0,2	1,0							
Money Supply	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	10,6	9,1	12,1							
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	0,8	-0,1	0,1							
Crédit to the private sector	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	7,1	7,8	6,1							
TOSE saldo fin de periodo (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	2,9	1,1	-2,2	3,4	3,4	2,5	3,2				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,2	0,2	0,1	0,2	0,2	0,9	0,8				
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S.) / Banks' current account (balance)	191	175	176	72	175	135	141	145	145	121	
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S.) / Rediscounts (Millions of S.)	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Depositos públicos en el BCR (millones de S.) / Public sector deposits at the BCR (Mills.S.)	275	945	981	1 609	1 609	1 430	1 350	1 354	n.d.		
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S.) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of S.)	1 635	3 810	4 190	4 175	4 175	3 920	3 920	3 715	3 635		
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S.) / repos (Balance millions of S.)	170	45	s.m.	380	380	245	155	s.m.	s.m.		
Tasa de interés (%)	Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	14,8	14,3	14,0	14,7	14,0	14,1	14,0	13,8	13,9	13,9
Interest rates (%)	Interbancaria / Interbank	3,80	2,80	2,71	2,60	2,55	2,56	2,54	2,50	2,51	2,53
	Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	5,1	3,5	3,5	3,3	3,4	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3
	Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos	3,6	2,7	s.m.	2,6	2,6	2,6	2,5	s.m.	s.m.	
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts	4,5	3,5	3,5	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	
	Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance	4,6	4,3	4,1	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	4,0	
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency											
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-0,3	-0,7	0,5							
Crédit to the private sector	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	-3,6	-6,0	-4,6							
TOSE saldo fin de periodo (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	-1,9	-0,8	0,1	0,1	0,1	1,1	1,0				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	2,1	1,0				
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Tasa de interés (%)	Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	8,1	6,9	7,0	7,2	6,9	7,2	7,3	7,3	7,3	7,2
Interest rates (%)	Interbancaria / Interbank	2,2	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,13
	Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	2,4	1,7	1,7	1,7	1,7	1,7	1,7	1,7	1,7	1,7
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts ***	2,5	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.
Índice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)	1,4	4,4	6,5	0,4	2,0	0,1	1,1	0,2	0,0	0,0	6,1
Índice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)	1,7	5,0	6,1	0,5	4,1	0,4	1,6	0,4	-0,1	8,2	
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S.) - Prom. diario	67,1	10,6	8,7	6,3	12,3	4,9	6,2	7,4	9,4	18,4	
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)											
Inflación mensual / Monthly	-0,03	0,56	0,05			0,17					
	Inflación últimos 12 meses / 12 months change	1,52	1,98	1,30		1,88					
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mils. S.) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of S.)											
Resultado primario / Primary balance	-230	353	-337								
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue	2 781	2 619	2 533								
Gastos no financieros / Non-financial expenditure	3 140	2 368	2 874								
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mils. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)											
Balanza Comercial / Trade balance	71	80	57								
Exportaciones / Exports	746	777	785								
Importaciones / Imports	675	697	729								
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Variac. %, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior / Annual rate of growth	4,7	3,6	4,1								
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.						Prom.
LIBOR a tres meses (%) / LIBOR 3-month (%)	1,4	1,1	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2
Dow Jones (Var %) / (% change)	-5,9	-1,5	5,7	0,0	-0,2	0,3	-0,2	1,1	0,1	3,6	
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (10 años) / U.S. Treasuries yield (10 years)	4,0	4,3	4,3	4,3	4,3	4,2	4,3	4,2	4,2	4,2	4,3
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) / EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points)	620	353	316	319	309	330	326	329	330	318	
Bono Global 2012 - Perú (en pbs) / Global Bond 2012 - Peru (basis points)	576	328	296	302	296	322	313	322	313	303	

* Incluye depósitos de Promecipri, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Cofide, fondos administrados por la ONP; y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No.21 de la Nota Semanal.

** Los tipos de cambio del Sistema Bancario son adelantados.

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