

CENTRAL RESERVE BANK OF PERU

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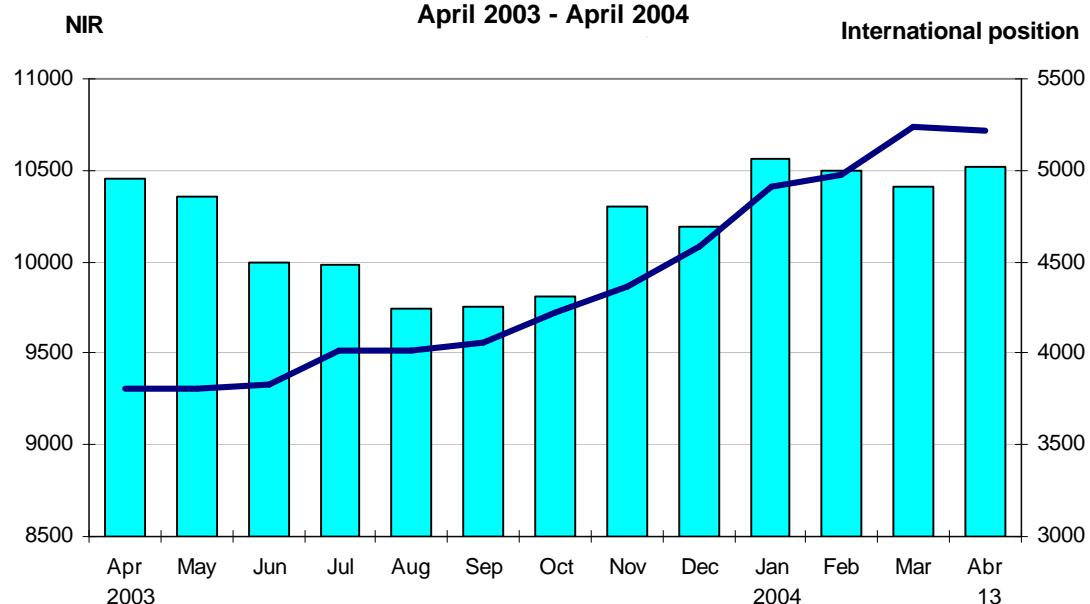
Net international reserves at US\$ 10 520 million

As of **April 13**, net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank amounted to US\$ 10 520 million, up US\$ 109 million from end-March. This increase is due to net purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 111 million) and higher public sector and financial system deposits (US\$ 96 and US\$ 30 million, respectively), which were partially offset by public debt

service payments (US\$ 100 million) and lower investment yield (US\$ 29 million).

In the year, NIR have increased US\$ 325 million, whereas the **Central Bank international position** expanded US\$ 632 million, reaching a balance of US\$ 5 215 million.

**Net international reserve and international position of the
Central Reserve Bank
April 2003 - April 2004**

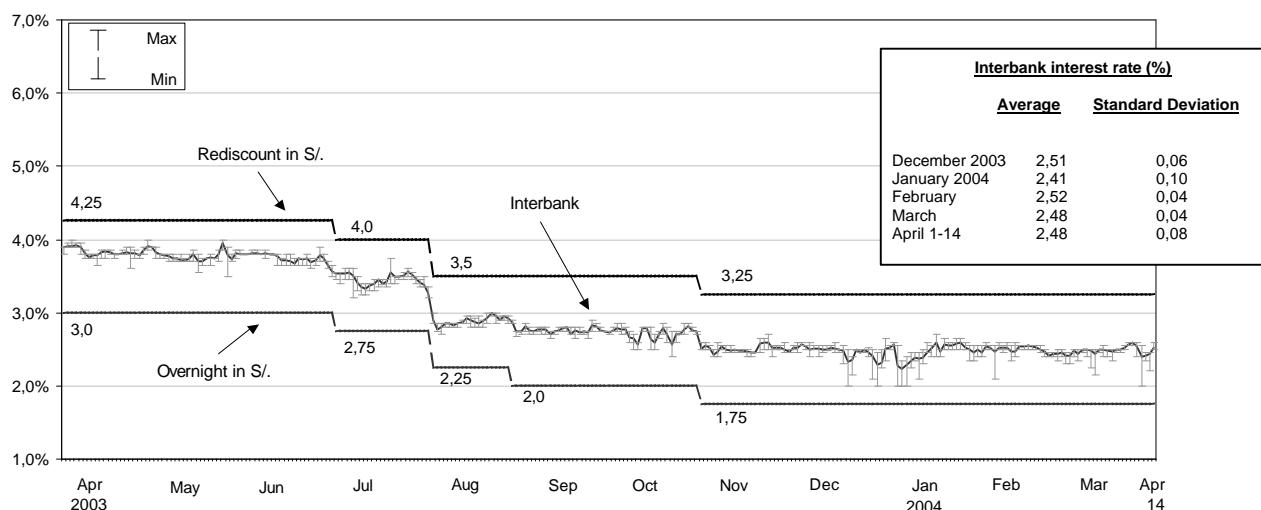


Interbank interest rate at 2,48%

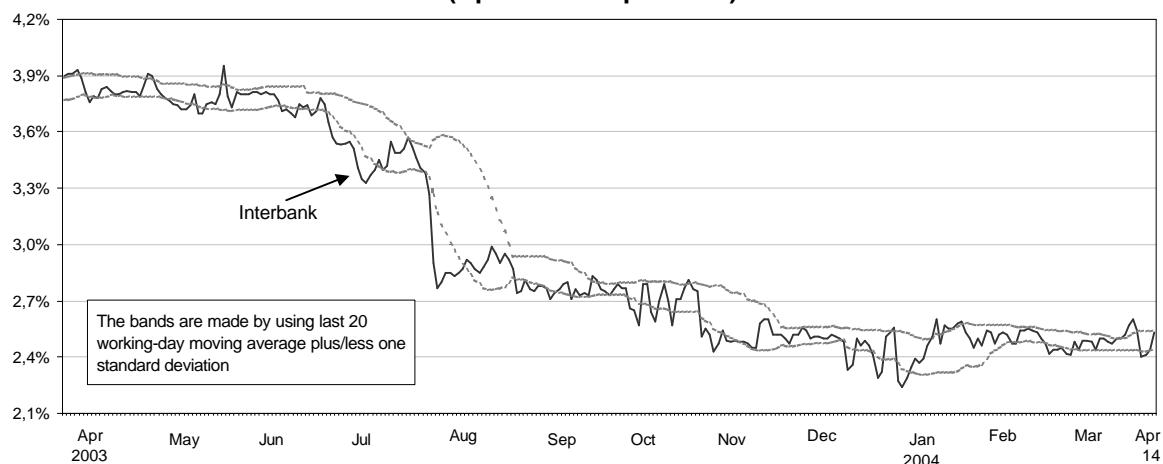
Between **April 1 and 14**, the interbank interest rate in domestic currency averaged 2,48%, similar to March. It should be noted that this rate is within the corridor set by

BCR operations' interest rates: 3,25% for monetary regulation credits and 1,75% for overnight deposits.

Interest rates in domestic currency (April 2003 - April 2004)



Interbank interest rate in domestic currency (April 2003 - April 2004)



Monetary operations

As of **April 14**, the daily average balance of banks' liquidity at the Central Bank was S/. 347 million. Between April 7 and 14, the Central Bank made the following operations:

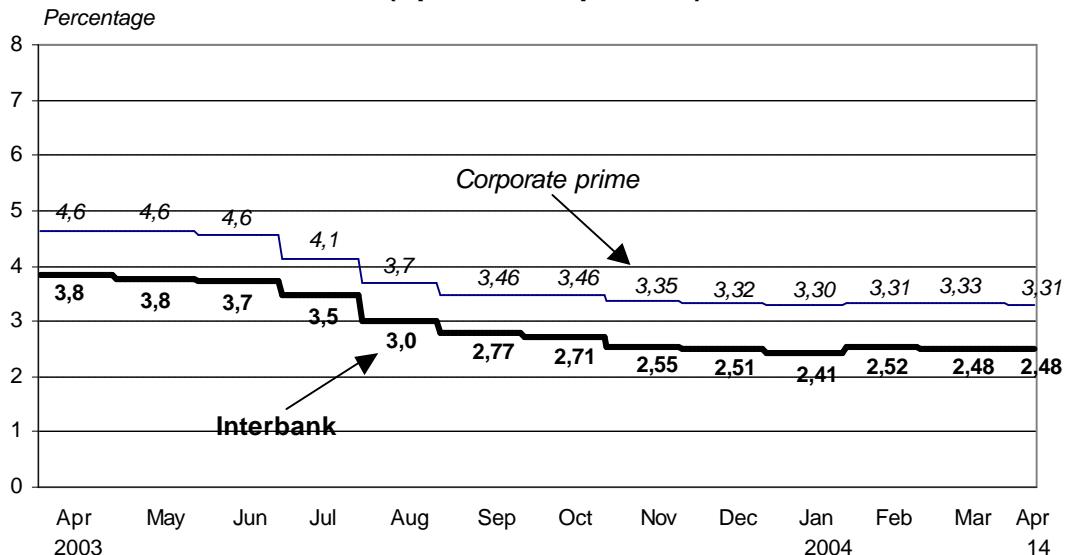
- Auctions of temporary purchase of CDBCRRP and BTP with a 1-day maturity amounting to S/. 170 million both at an interest rate of 2,52%.
- Purchases of foreign currency over the counter totaling US\$ 55 million, at an average exchange rate of S/. 3,464.
- Overnight deposits on April 7 by S/. 13 million.
- Auctions of CDBCRRP with a i) 7-day maturity by S/. 170 and 100 million at average interest rates of 2,56 and 2,57%; ii) 6-month amounting to S/. 50 and 40 million at 3,09% and 3,04%; respectively and iii) 1-year by S/. 50 million at 3,51%.

Corporate prime interest rate at 3,31%

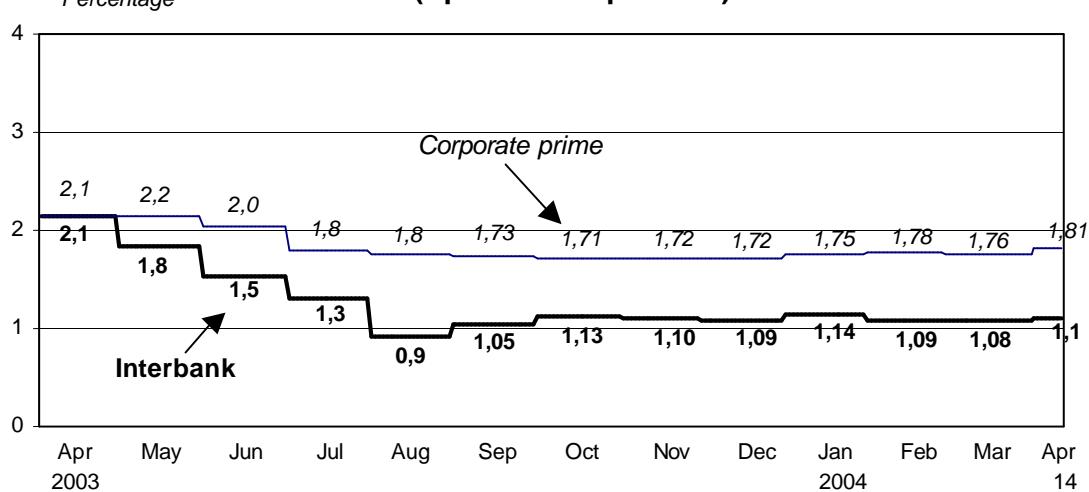
Between April 1 and 14, the average corporate prime interest rate in domestic currency decreased to 3,31% from 3,33% in

March. Over the same period, the rate in dollars passed from 1,76% to 1,81%.

**Monthly average interest rates in domestic currency
(April 2003 - April 2004)**



**Monthly average interest rates in foreign currency
(April 2003 - April 2004)**



Exchange rate: S/. 3,467

Over the period **April 7 to 14**, the exchange rate increased from S/. 3,462 to S/. 3,467 per US dollar, a 0,2% appreciation. As of April 14, the **balance of**

net forward sales dropped US\$ 2 million against end-March, whereas the **banks' exchange position** fell US\$ 16 million over the same period.

BANKS' EXCHANGE POSITION
(Millions of US\$)

	December 2002	December 2003	March 2004	April 7	April 14
a. Net sales to the public (i-ii)	905	607	504	504	502
i. Forward sales to the public	1 141	834	927	945	966
ii. Forward purchases to the public	236	227	423	442	464
b. Banks' exchange position	642	530	588	584	572

Monetary base as of April 7, 2004

The **monetary base** balance as of April 7 was S/. 7 635 million, up 8,2% from end-March. In average terms, the year on year growth of the monetary base was 17,5% compared with 15,7 % in March.

The expanding operations of the monetary base were the withdrawal of public sector deposits (S/. 500 million), purchases of

foreign currency (US\$ 80 million or S/. 277 million) and the net redemption of CDBCRP (S/. 205 million). These operations were partially offset by the net sales of foreign currency to the public sector (US\$ 100 million or S/. 346 million) and the redemption of temporary purchase of securities (S/. 70 million).

Banking system monetary accounts as of March 22, 2004

As of March 22, liquidity in **domestic currency** rose 2,0% (S/. 404 million) to a balance of S/. 20 645 million. In annual terms this aggregate grew by 11,4%. On the other hand, credit to the private sector increased 2,8% through last 4 weeks to S/. 10 394 million, up 6,1% from a year ago.

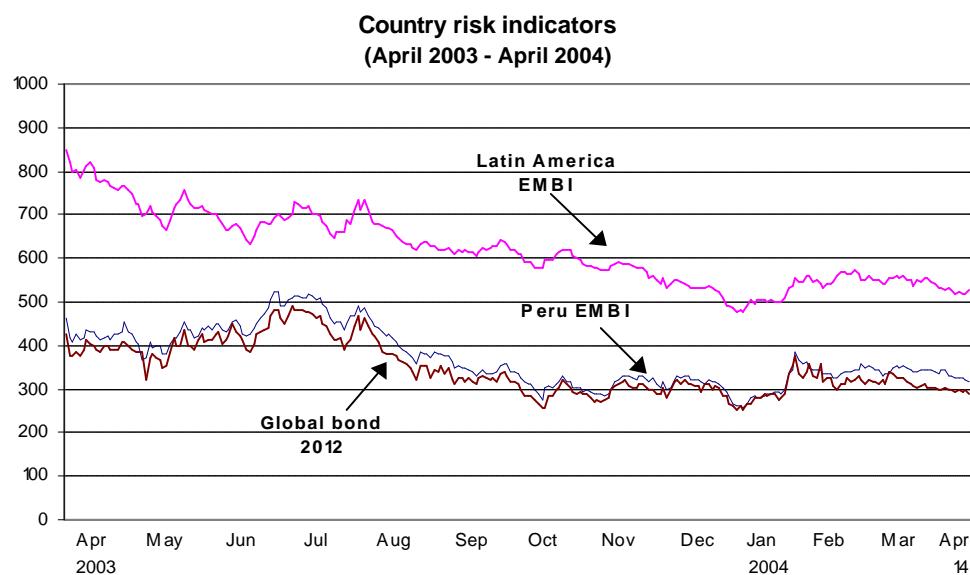
In **foreign currency**, liquidity decreased 1,8% (US\$ 172 million) over last 4 weeks and 3,6% through last 12 months, reaching a balance of US\$ 9 303 million. Credit in the same currency (US\$ 9 539 million) was 0,1% lower than 4 weeks ago and 3,8% from March 22, 2003.

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											
2002													
Dec.	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													
Jan.	-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%	
Apr.	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%	-1,1%	11,2%	1,1%	3,5%	-2,8%	-42,7%	-0,2%	-6,5%	
Jul.	8,3%	2,8%	5,8%	7,3%	0,1%	10,5%	-1,3%	-1,6%	3,7%	-42,8%	-0,7%	-6,8%	
Aug.	-3,3%	4,2%	-1,6%	6,8%	-0,7%	9,9%	-0,2%	-3,6%	-7,8%	-46,1%	0,1%	-6,0%	
Sep.	-2,5%	6,0%	0,1%	9,3%	-0,1%	7,9%	-0,8%	-3,1%	-1,5%	-45,9%	-1,1%	-6,0%	
Oct.	1,4%	6,4%	0,7%	11,9%	-0,5%	5,7%	0,5%	-3,9%	5,4%	-41,4%	-0,1%	-5,3%	
Nov.	2,8%	9,7%	1,7%	13,3%	3,0%	7,2%	-0,7%	-5,7%	4,3%	-12,3%	0,2%	-5,5%	
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													
Jan.	-6,4%	13,4%	2,7%	17,1%	-0,3%	8,7%	-0,1%	-2,7%	1,3%	4,7%	-1,3%	-4,3%	
Feb.	0,7%	14,5%	-0,7%	13,3%	-0,1%	4,5%	-2,7%	-5,3%	1,7%	-3,7%	-0,9%	-4,9%	
Mar.22	2,1%	15,4%	2,0%	11,4%	2,8%	6,1%	-1,8%	-3,6%	0,6%	4,5%	-0,1%	-3,8%	
Memo:													
Balance as of Feb.22 (Mill.S/. or Mill.US\$)	6 938		20 241		10 114		9 474		738		9 547		
Balance as of Mar.22 (Mill.S/. or Mill.US\$)	7 083		20 645		10 394		9 303		742		9 539		
1/ Short term external liabilities of banking enterprises.													

Spread of Global bond 2012 at 2,89%

As of April 14, the spread of the Peruvian **Global bond 2012** averaged 2,89%, down from end-March (3,0%), whereas the

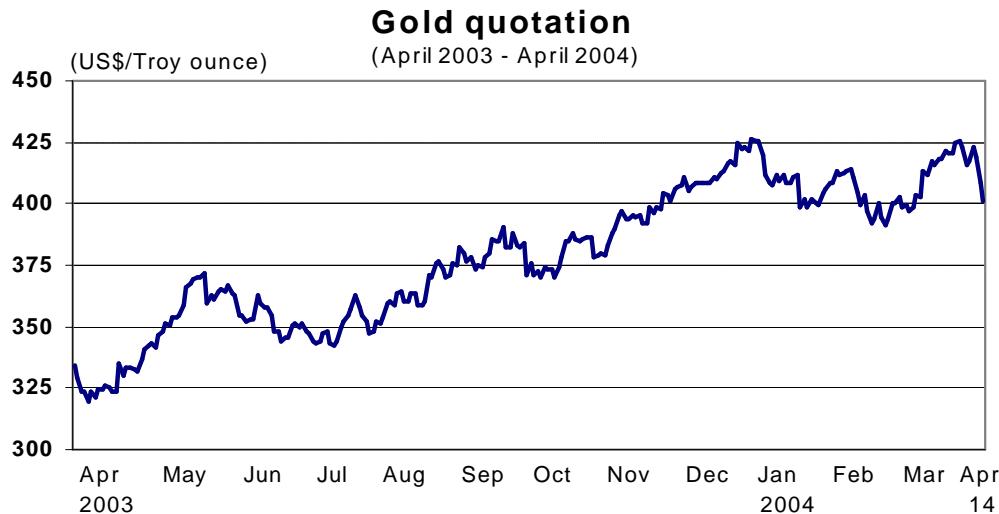
spread of the **sovereign bond** fell from 3,43% to 3,17% over the same period.



International markets

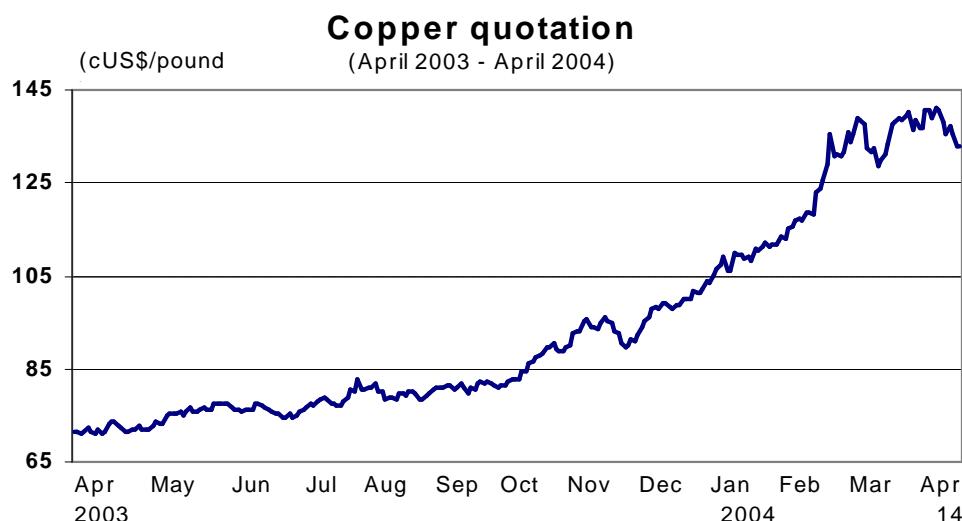
Between **April 7 and 14**, the **gold** quotation decreased 5,2% to US\$ 401 per Troy ounce due to profit-taking and the strengthening of

the US dollar, which provoked a lower demand of European and Asian investors.



The **copper** quotation dropped 3,1% to US\$ 1,33 per pound mainly due to profit-taking. However, LME inventories

decreased from 177 to 165 thousand MT over this week.



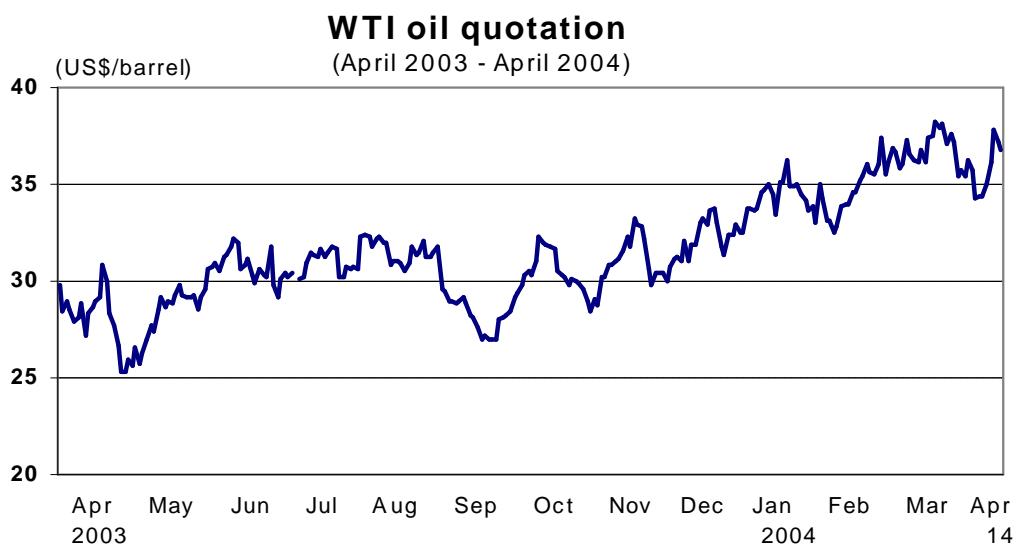
In the week under analysis, **zinc** quotation fell 2,1% to US\$ 0,46 per pound, reflecting

the increase in LME inventories (from 757 to 786 thousand MT).



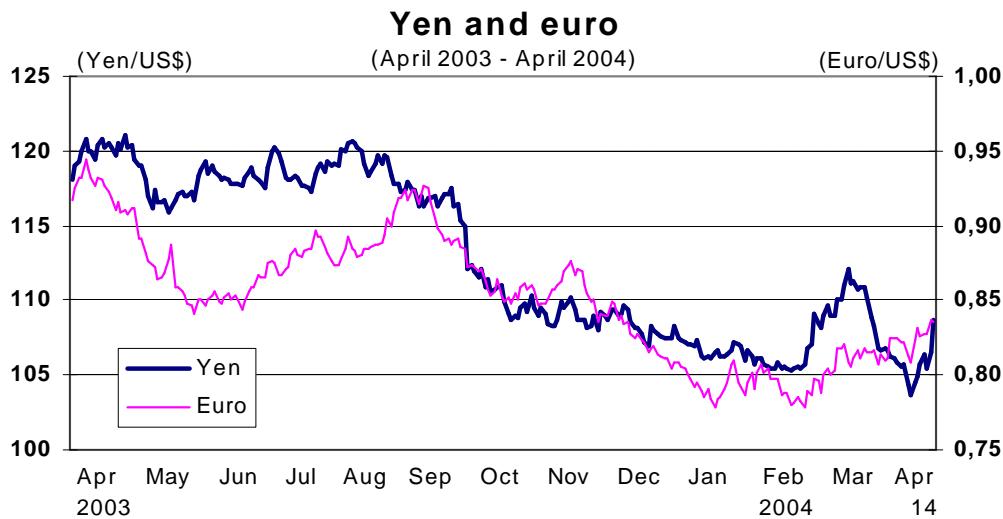
The **WTI oil** price grew by 1,6% to US\$ 36,7 per barrel, following the 6-month

long rise in oil global demand, according to the International Energy Agency.



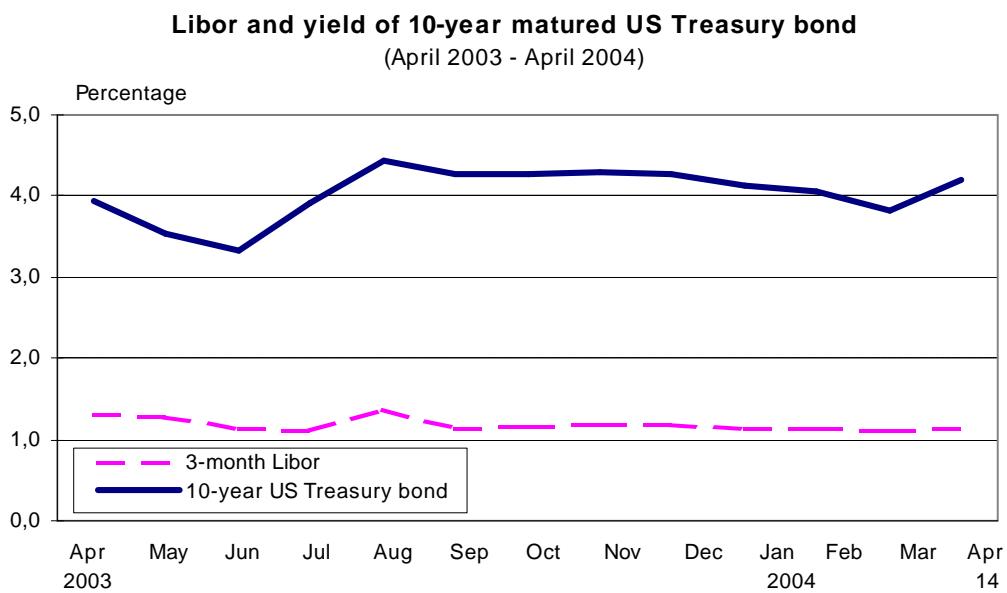
The **US dollar** appreciated 1,8% against the **euro** and 3,2% against the **yen**. The rally of the US dollar reflected higher retail sales (1,8% over an expected 0,6%), an increase

in core inflation that might drive to an increase in US interest rates and the 3% decrease in February US trade deficit.



Between **April 7 and 14**, the **3-month Libor** remained at 1,14%, whereas the **yield of US Treasury bonds with a 10 year maturity** passed from 4,16% to 4,37%. The

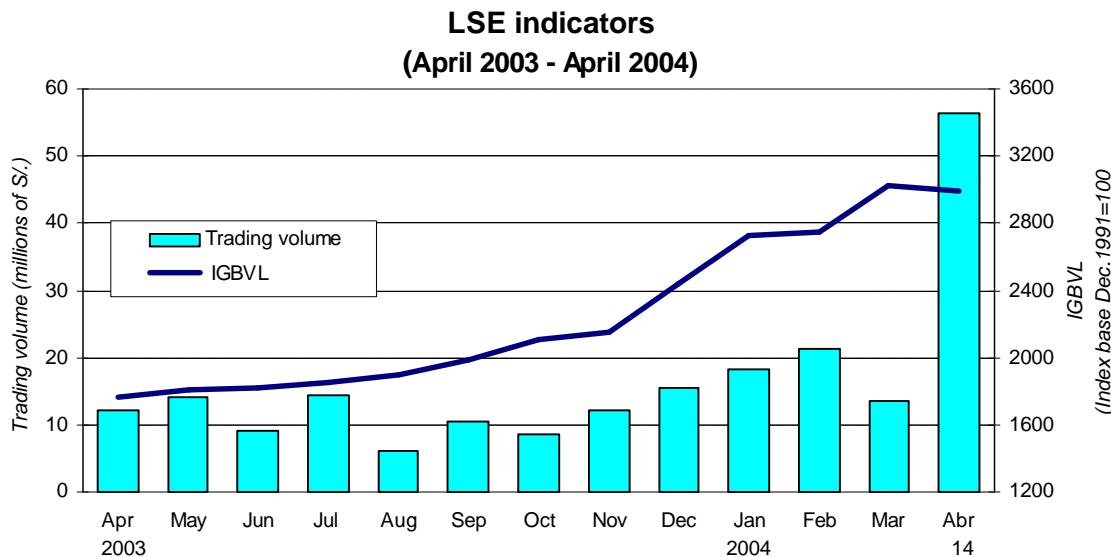
lower demand for US Treasuries is related to a likely increase in US interest rates along this year.



Lima Stock Exchange (LSE)

As of **April 14**, the LSE recorded a 1,4% setback in the **General Index** and a 3,0% one in the **Blue Chip Index**. However,

cumulative increase in the year is 22,9% for the General Index and 26,5% for the Blue Chip.



Indicadores Económicos / Economic Indicators

	2002	2003	2004										Var.
	DIC.	DIC.	ENE.	FEB.	31 Mar.	MAR.	6 Abr.	7 Abr.	12 Abr.	13 Abr.	14 Abr.	ABR.	
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mils. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES													
Posición de cambio / Net international position	3 341	4 583	4 914	4 972	5 235	263	5 187	5 208	5 217	5 215			-21
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	9 598	10 194	10 564	10 503	10 411	.92	10 491	10 514	10 509	10 520			109
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCR / Financial system deposits at BCR	3 381	2 892	3 033	2 969	2 776	-194	2 809	2 813	2 798	2 805			30
Empresas bancarias / Banks	3 048	2 687	2 857	2 792	2 611	-181	2 651	2 651	2 637	2 641			30
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	291	154	120	124	113	-12	105	108	106	110			-3
Resto de instituciones financieras / Other financial institutions	42	52	56	53	52	-1	53	54	55	54			3
Depósitos del sector público en el BCR / Public sector deposits at BCR	2 900	2 761	2 652	2 595	2 433	-161	2 533	2 527	2 527	2 530			96
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (MIL. US\$) / BCR FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.		Acum.							Acum.
Origen externo de la emisión primaria / External origin of the monetary base	49	175	339	55	15	223	15	15	15	15	10		21
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	5	176	317	96	15	255	15	15	15	15	10		120
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector	45	0	23	-40	0	-32	0	0	0	0	0		-100
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.							Prom.
De intervención en la Mesa de Negociación / BCRP intervention													
Compra interbancario/Interbank bid	Promedio / Average	3,513	3,471	3,468	3,483	3,459	3,464	3,458	3,461	3,462	3,463	3,466	3,460
Apertura / Opening		3,516	3,472	3,467	3,485	3,460	3,466	3,458	3,461	3,464	3,463	3,465	3,461
Mediodía / Midday		3,515	3,471	3,468	3,483	3,461	3,466	3,459	3,463	3,464	3,468	3,462	3,462
Cierre / Close		3,515	3,471	3,468	3,483	3,460	3,465	3,460	3,464	3,463	3,465	3,468	3,462
Promedio / Average		3,515	3,472	3,468	3,484	3,460	3,466	3,459	3,462	3,463	3,464	3,468	3,461
Sistema Bancario (SBS)	Compra / Bid	3,513	3,470	3,467	3,483	3,459	3,464	3,458	3,461	3,461	3,463	3,466	3,460
Venta / Ask		3,515	3,472	3,468	3,484	3,461	3,466	3,459	3,462	3,463	3,464	3,467	3,462
Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)		100,4	107,8	109,3	108,5		106,6						
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS													
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency													
Emisión Primaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	11,1	11,5	-6,4	0,7	0,7	0,7						
Monetary base	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	11,0	10,1	13,4	14,5	16,6	16,6						
Oferta monetaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	6,3	3,6	2,7	-0,7								
Money Supply	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	10,6	10,5	17,1	13,3								
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	0,8	-1,2	-0,3	-0,1								
Crédito al sector privado	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	7,1	5,1	8,7	4,5								
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var.% acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	2,9	-0,8	1,6	-0,6	3,2	3,2	0,3	2,0	1,6				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE)/Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,2	0,2	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,2	1,6	1,7	1,6				
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S/) / Banks' current account (balance)	191	192	172	184	63	182	435	426	200	163	45		
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 de S.) / Public sector deposits at the BCR (Mills.S.)	275	1 196	1 549	1 756	2 000	2 000	1 628	1 500	1 758	1 780	n.d.		
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S.) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of S.)	1 635	4 097	5 789	5 489	5 998	5 998	5 693	5 793	5 963	6 103	6 103		
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S.) / repos (Balance millions of S.)	170	0	312	85	70	70	0	0	0	0	0		170
Tasa de interés (%)	Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	14,84	13,97	14,47	14,89	14,51	14,76	14,34	14,29	14,26	14,32	14,15	14,34
Interest rates (%)	Interbancaria / Interbank	3,80	2,51	2,41	2,52	2,50	2,48	2,54	2,40	2,41	2,44	2,53	2,48
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	5,10	3,30	3,30	3,31	3,36	3,32	3,32	3,32	3,30	3,30	3,30	3,30	3,32
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos	3,6	s.m.	2,5	2,6	2,6	2,6	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	2,5	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts	4,5	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	3,3	
Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance	4,6	3,9	3,7	3,7	3,6	3,6	3,7	3,7	3,6	3,6	3,6	3,6	
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency													
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-0,3	-0,6	-1,3	-0,9								
Crédito al sector privado	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	-3,6	-5,8	-4,3	-4,9								
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var.% acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	-1,9	0,2	-0,3	-3,1	0,3	0,3	1,4	0,8	0,8				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE)/Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2	0,3	0,1				
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tasa de interés (%)	Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	8,13	7,26	7,30	7,14	7,21	7,30	7,16	7,15	7,15	7,05	7,07	7,15
Interest rates (%)	Interbancaria / Interbank	2,22	1,09	1,14	1,09	1,12	1,08	1,12	1,10	1,13	1,10	1,11	1,10
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	2,38	1,72	1,71	1,78	1,75	1,77	1,82	1,82	1,80	1,80	1,80	1,82	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts **	2,5	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.
Indice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)	1,4	13,4	12,1	0,7	1,7	10,5	-0,4	0,5	-0,7	-1,5	1,1	-1,4	
Indice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)	1,7	16,2	11,9	3,8	1,8	12,4	-0,5	0,4	-1,3	-1,7	1,3	-3,0	
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S.) - Prom. diario	67,1	15,7	18,2	21,3	17,2	13,4	23,1	11,0	5,6	12,4	13,3	56,5	
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)													
Inflación mensual / Monthly	-0,03	0,56	0,54	1,09			0,46						
Inflación últimos 12 meses / % 12 months change	1,52	2,48	2,80	3,43			2,76						
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mil. S.) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of S.)													
Resultado primario / Primary balance	-230	-821	739	435									
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue	2 781	2 933	2 701	2 553									
Gastos no financieros / Non-financial expenditure	3 140	3 867	1 965	2 121									
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mils. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)													
Balanza Comercial / Trade balance	71	178	140	211									
Exportaciones / Exports	746	894	838	868									
Importaciones / Imports	675	716	698	657									
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT													
Variación %, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior / Annual rate of growth	4,7	3,1	3,0	4,1									
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.							Prom.
LIBOR a tres meses (%) / LIBOR 3-month (%)	1,41	1,17	1,13	1,12	1,11	1,11	1,14	1,14	1,14	1,14	1,14	1,13	
Dow Jones (Var %) / (% change)	-5,90	6,53	0,33	0,91	-0,23	-2,14	0,12	-0,86	0,70	-1,28	-0,03	0,20	
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (10 años) / U.S. Treasuries yield (10 years)	4,02	4,26	4,13	4,06	3,84	3,81	4,15	4,16	4,23	4,35	4,37	4,19	
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) / EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points)	620	318	288	346	343	344	327	327	326	323	317	328	
Bono Global 2012 - Perú (en pbs) / Global Bond 2012 - Peru (basis points)	576	304	282	328	300	315	293	297	295	296	289	296	

* 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.21 de la Nota Semanal.

** 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, Bloomberg.