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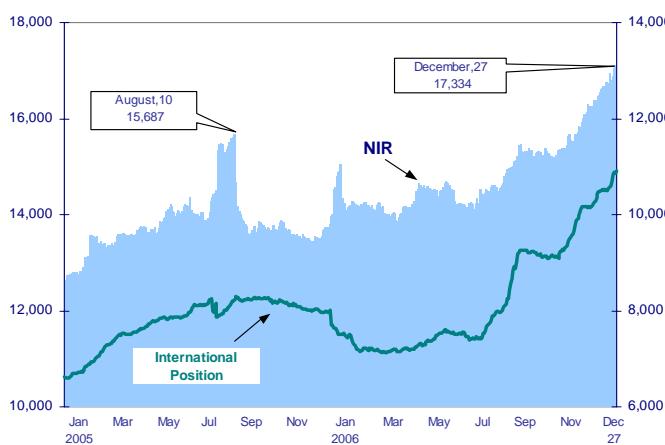
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- ↗ Average exchange rate at S/. 3.207 as of December 27.
- ↗ Country risk at lowest historical record: 120 bps.
- ↗ Lima Stock Exchange grew 12.5 percent and was the world's best performing market in 2006.

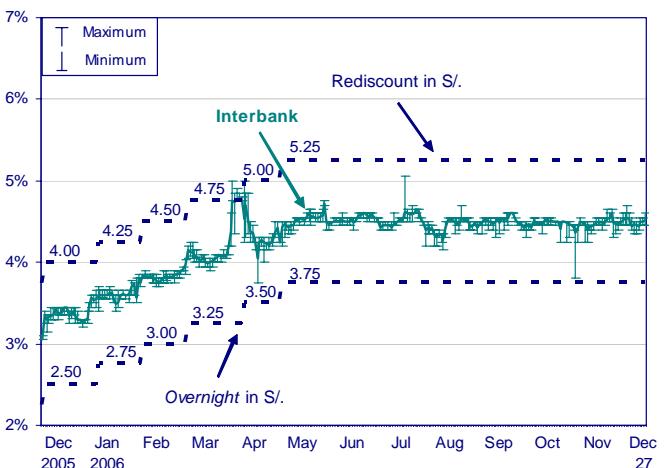
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International Reserve and International Position of the BCRP
January 2005 - December 2006
(Millions of US\$)



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



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Monetary and Exchange Operations

06/12/2006 06:15 p.m. The average interbank market interest rate in domestic currency was 4.50 percent, 1 basis point lower than the previous day. The Central Bank's operations were: Auction sale of 6-month CDBCRP amounting S/. 150 million, 1-week CDBCRP amounting S/. 150 million, 1-week CDBCRP amounting S/. 300 million, 1-day CDBCRP amounting S/. 115.4 million, purchase by US\$ 20 million.

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Interbank Exchange Rate (\$./per US\$)

	Dic.28	Dic.27
Indicators (12-months)	1.5	1.54
Core Indicators	1.5	1.53
Policy Interest Rate	4.50	5.25
Maximum	3.75	5.25
Average	3.1900	3.1946
Minimum	3.1950	3.1950
Source: Datacenter		
12-m. % change:	-6.01	-6.00
Source: BCRP		

Interbank Interest Rates in S./

	Dic.28	Dic.27
11:00 AM	4.50%	4.50%

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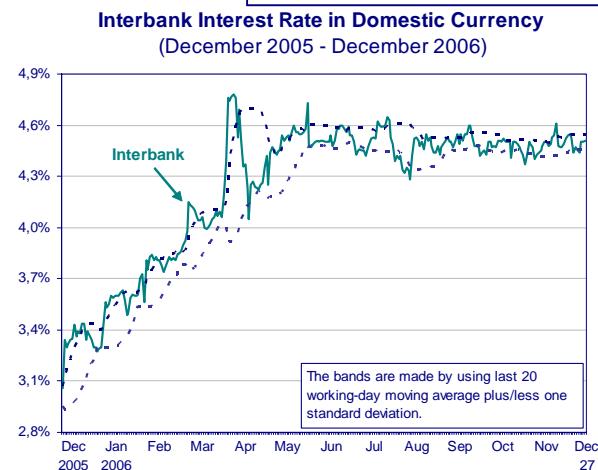
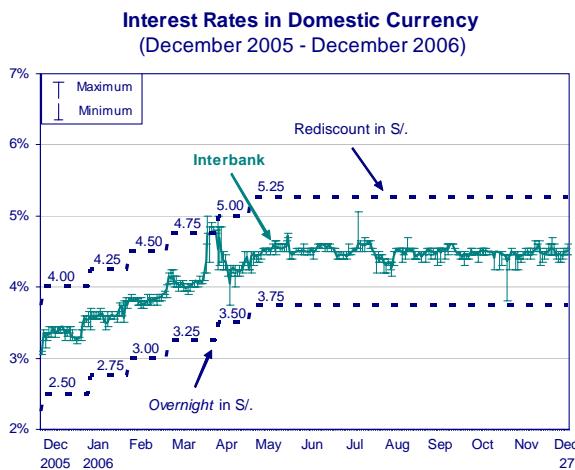
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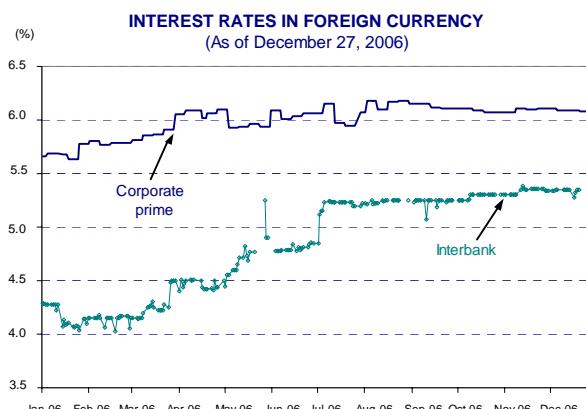
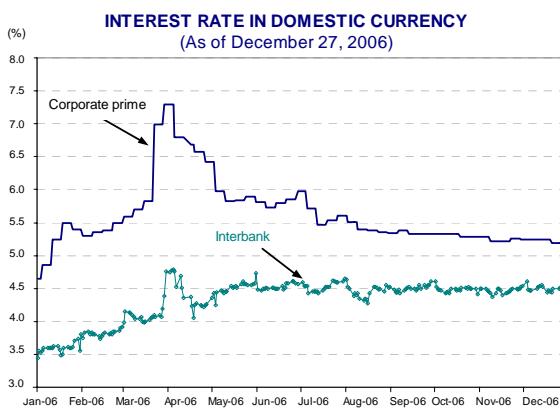
The **average daily interbank interest rate in domestic currency** increased from 4.45 percent to 4.51 percent, with rates fluctuating between 4.44 and 4.51 percent in the **December 20-27 period**. As of December 27, the average monthly interbank rate was 4.51 percent, a level higher than that of November (4.48 percent).

Interbank Interest Rate Average (percent)		
	Average	Standard Deviation
December 2004	3.00	0.05
December 2005	3.34	0.08
March 2006	4.12	0.17
June	4.53	0.07
July	4.50	0.06
August	4.44	0.01
September	4.51	0.04
October	4.50	0.04
November	4.48	0.04
December 1-27	4.51	0.04



Corporate prime rate in soles decreased to 5.19 percent.

Between **December 20 and 27**, the daily average of the 90-day corporate prime rate in soles decreased from 5.25 percent to 5.19 percent, while this rate in dollars decreased from 6.09 percent to 6.08 percent.



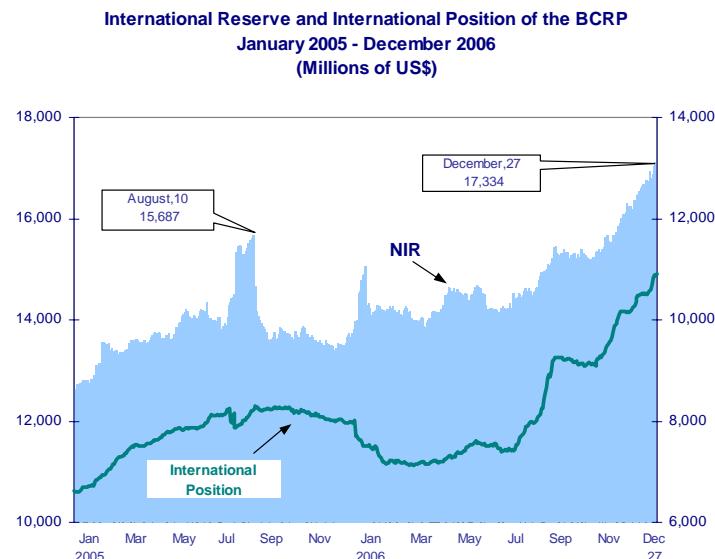
Monetary operations

Between **December 21 and 27**, the Central Bank made the following monetary operations:

- i) Auctions of BCRP Certificates of Deposit with maturities of 1-week, 1-month and 6 months for a daily average of S/. 500.3 million on December 21, 26, and 27. The average interest rate on these operations fluctuates between 4.52 percent and 4.97 percent;
- ii) Purchases of foreign currency for a total of US\$ 235 million at an average exchange rate of S/. 3.198 per dollar; and
- iii) Overnight deposits in domestic currency for a total of S/. 363.4 million.

International reserves peak to US\$ 17,334 million and post new historical record

As of **December 27**, net international reserves (NIRs) amounted to US\$ 17,334 million, increasing by US\$ 860 million with respect to NIRs at the close of December. This increase resulted mainly from BCRP exchange operations (US\$ 580 million), higher public sector deposits (US\$ 402 million) and higher investment yield (US\$ 43 million), but was offset by lower prices of gold (US\$ 52 million), sales of foreign currency (US\$ 50 million) for repayment of external debt purposes, and by banks' lower deposits (US\$ 67 million). Year-to-date, NIRs have increased by US\$ 3,237 million.

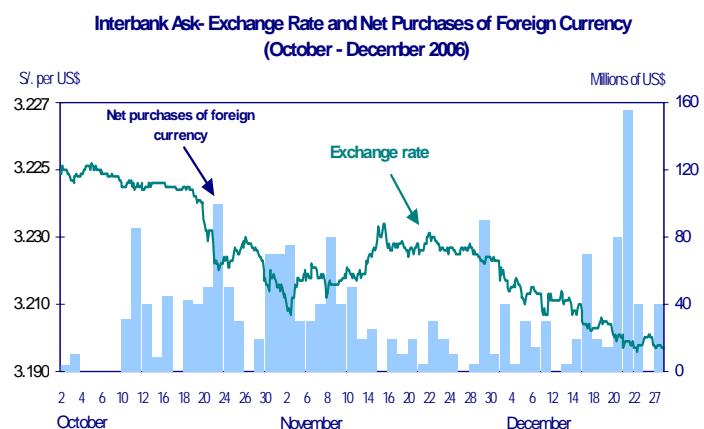


This level of Net International Reserves is a historical record level that is equivalent to 3.2 times the country's liabilities, 79 percent of the total liquidity in the banking system and 14 months of imports.

As of December 27, the **international position of the BCRP** (US\$ 10,918 million) has increased by US\$ 3,467 million with respect to end-2005.

Average nominal exchange rate at S/. 3.207 per dollar

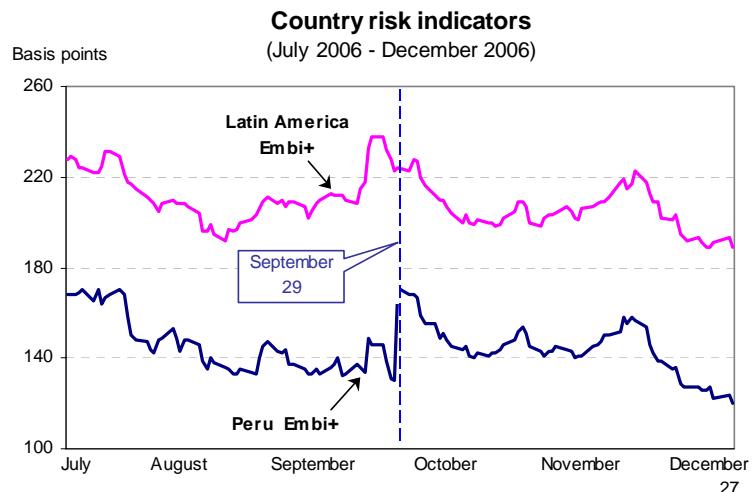
Between **December 20 and 27**, the ask price of the average interbank exchange rate fell from S/. 3.201 to S/. 3.198 per dollar. The average rate as of December 27 was 0.5 percent lower than the average rate in November as it decreased from S/. 3.223 to S/. 3.207 per dollar. Between December 1 and 27, the Central Bank intervened in the exchange market purchasing a total of US\$ 580 million at the BCRP's Front Desk.



International markets

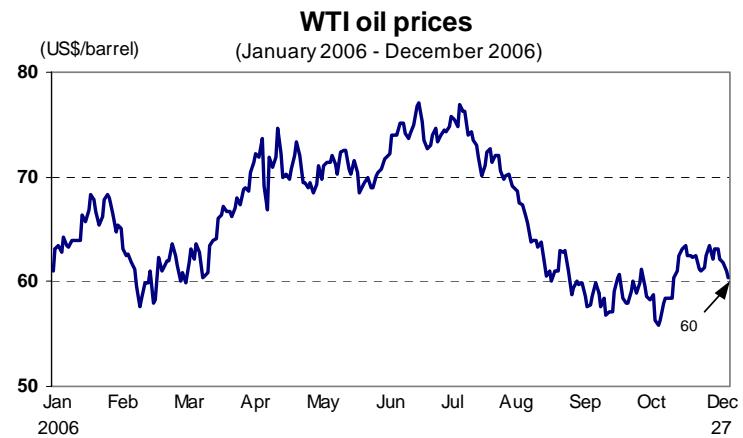
Country risk records new historical minimum level: 120 basis points

In the December 20 – 27 period, the country risk indicator measured by the **EMBI+ Peru** spread dropped from 126 to 120 basis points and recorded a new historical minimum level. This evolution follows the trend of spreads of emerging economies in the region, and reflects the increase observed in the yield on the US Treasury Bond (basis for comparison).



Oil quotation fell 4.4 percent

Between December 20 and 27, the price of **WTI oil** fell 4.4 percent to US\$ 60.3 per barrel. This evolution is associated with a warmer-than-expected weather in the Northern Hemisphere, which is likely to decrease the demand for fuels until January. Several meteorological agencies have reported that household demand for heating oil in the North East –region accounting for 80 percent of use of heating oil– is 26 percent below expected levels at this time of the year.



Moreover, calm returned to the oil market after oil shipments and activities went back to normal at the Houston Ship Channel.

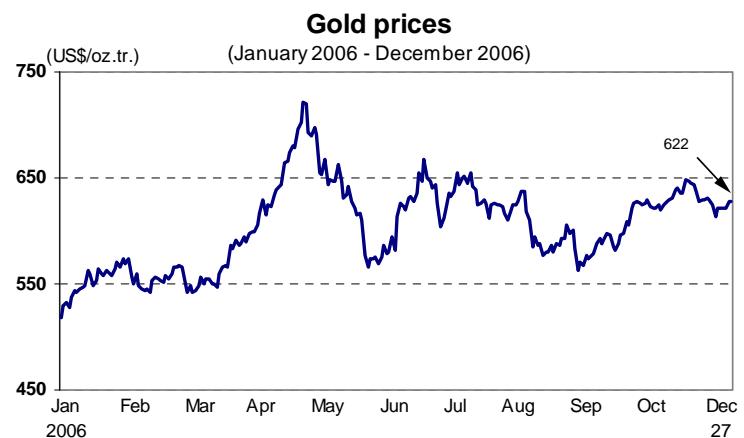
The drop in the price of oil was offset by higher tensions in the Middle East and increased probabilities that the US will have fewer inventories of crude.

Between December 20 and 27, the quotation of **gold** increased 1.0 percent to US\$ 627.8 per ounce troy. This evolution is mainly explained by rising geopolitical fears in the Middle East after Iran defied United Nation sanctions over its nuclear program and continued developing its nuclear work. The United Nations Security Council imposed sanctions on Iran on December 23 because the country had "simply thumbed its nose at the Security Council and defied international law".

In the same period, the price of **copper** decreased 0.4 percent to US\$ 2.91 per pound. This evolution reflects the increase of inventories observed at the London Metal Exchange during the week, as well as the favorable resolution of labor negotiations in Chile, after Codelco –the world's largest copper producer– and the workers' union of its Northern Division –Codelco's main operational unit– came to an agreement.

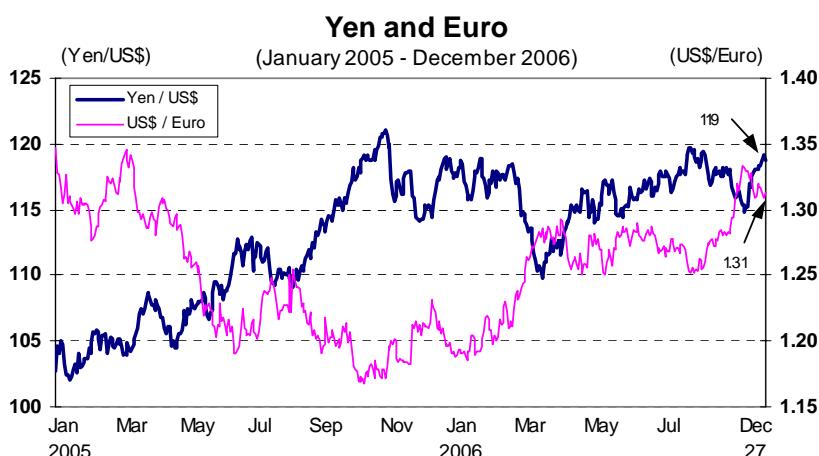
On the other hand, the US Department of Commerce reported that the demand for primary metals used by American companies had dropped 1.9 percent in the last month after having increased 0.1 percent in October.

The price of zinc showed no significant change in the week of December 20 – 27 and remained at US\$ 1.95 per pound given that the London Metal Exchange maintained its level of inventories at 87,575 MT during this week.



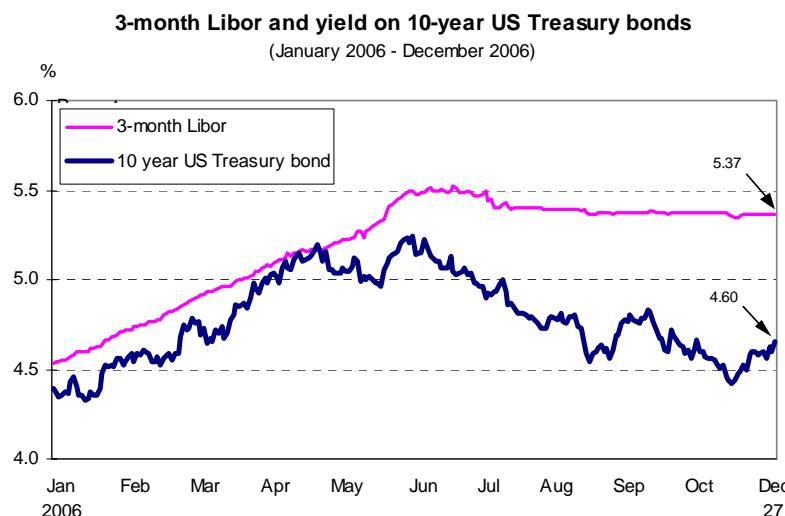
Dollar appreciates against the euro and the yen

In the period of analysis, the dollar appreciated 0.4 percent against the euro and 0.3 percent against the yen. The US currency strengthened following reports pointing to the facts that the consumer confidence index had improved in the month of December, that per capita spending had increased another 0.5 percent in November after having previously increased 0.3 percent in October; and that the index on new houses had increased in November. It should be pointed out that this appreciation was offset by a lower demand for dollars after the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates announced that it intends to convert 8 percent of its reserves from dollars to euro. In Asia on the other hand, the yen was affected by lower probabilities that the Bank of Japan will raise its interest rates given data on low levels of inflation in the country –core inflation excluding food products increased by 0.2 percent– and lower spending –household consumption decreased by 0.7 percent.



Yield on 10-year US Treasuries increased to 4.65 percent.

In December 20 - 27, the **3-month Libor** decreased from 5.37 to 5.36 percent and the yield on the **10-year US Treasury** increased from 4.60 to 4.65 percent given a less pessimistic outlook as a result of positive economic data in the US –the index on sales of new houses increased more than expected in November. Moreover, the higher Producers' Price index (PPI) contributed to slightly increase the yield on US Treasuries.

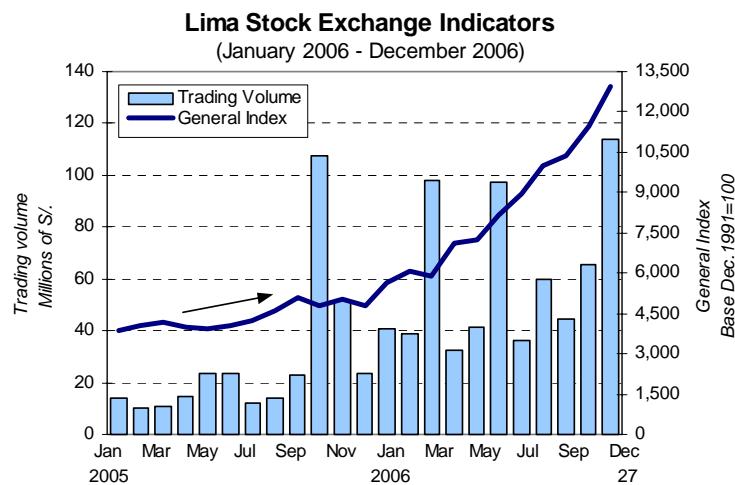


Lima Stock Exchange grew 12.5 percent as of December 27

Between December 1 and 27, the **General** and **Blue Chip** indices of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) increased 12.5 and 13.3 percent respectively, boosted by the dynamic performance of the agricultural and mining sectors given the higher quotation of gold and the better positions achieved by some stocks after the government announced that profits resulting from stock market operations will continue to be tax-exempted until December 31, 2008. According to LSE officials, the most profitable sectors this year were the mining and agricultural sectors, as well as diverse stocks, which grew at rates of 260, 239, and 177 percent respectively.

It is also worth noting that the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) was the world's best performing market this year and recorded a profitability of 185 percent in foreign currency, outpacing the yield of other stock markets such as Caracas (141 percent), Mexico (44 percent) and Santiago de Chile (34 percent).

So far this year, **General** and **Blue Chip indices** have increased by 169.0 and 191.6 percent respectively.



Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicators

	2005		2006												Var.	Var.	
	JUN.	SET.	DIC.	Mar	Jun.	Jul.	Ago.	Set.	Oct.	Nov.	21 Dic.	22 Dic.	26 Dic.	27 Dic.	Dic		
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES																	
Posición de cambio / Net international position	8 127	8 192	7 450	7 257	7 525	8 047	9 201	9 139	9 782	10 426	644	10 835	10 881	10 868		442	
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	13 818	13 695	14 097	14 472	14 415	14 638	15 379	15 172	15 672	16 473	801	16 884	17 038	17 111		637	
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCRP / Financial system deposits at BCRP	2 836	2 984	4 165	5 129	4 731	4 248	3 828	3 675	3 511	3 643	132	3 420	3 516	3 602		-41	
Empresas bancarias / Banks	2 684	2 876	4 076	4 964	4 543	4 072	3 692	3 522	3 297	3 423	126	3 187	3 279	3 381		-43	
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	96	56	33	99	118	94	63	75	141	145	4	150	150	136		-9	
Resto de instituciones financieras / Other financial institutions	56	52	57	67	70	82	73	78	73	75	2	83	86	85		11	
Depósitos del sector público en el BCRP / Public sector deposits at BCRP *	2 913	2 572	2 533	2 129	2 208	2 389	2 411	2 408	2 443	2 478	35	2 667	2 681	2 681		203	
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (MIL US\$) / BCR FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.		Acum.				Acum.	
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	265	-25	-581	0	2	472	1 116	-34	577	10	460	155	40	0	40	530	
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations	365	33	-345	0	3	660	1 410	166	696	10	610	155	40	0	40	580	
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	
Compra interbancario/Interbank	Promedio / Average	3,252	3,306	3,423	3,356	3,262	3,242	3,233	3,247	3,237	3,222	3,197	3,196	3,198	3,196	3,205	
Apertura / Opening	3,253	3,308	3,427	3,350	3,266	3,245	3,235	3,249	3,240	3,224	3,223	3,198	3,199	3,202	3,197	3,208	
Venta Interbancario	Mediodía / Midday	3,254	3,309	3,425	3,361	3,265	3,244	3,235	3,249	3,238	3,223	3,199	3,198	3,201	3,198	3,207	
Interbank Ask	Cierre / Close	3,253	3,309	3,424	3,371	3,265	3,244	3,236	3,249	3,238	3,217	3,223	3,198	3,198	3,197	3,207	
Sistema Bancario (SBS)	Promedio / Average	3,253	3,309	3,426	3,342	3,266	3,244	3,235	3,249	3,238	3,223	3,198	3,198	3,200	3,198	3,207	
Compra / Bid	3,252	3,307	3,423	3,356	3,263	3,243	3,234	3,247	3,237	3,221	3,197	3,198	3,198	3,196	3,206		
Venta / Ask	3,253	3,308	3,425	3,358	3,265	3,244	3,235	3,248	3,238	3,223	3,198	3,198	3,200	3,197	3,207		
Índice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)	103,2	107,3	109,1	106,5	106,2	106,3	107,0	107,0	106,4	107,3							
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS																	
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency																	
Emisión Primaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	1,9	-0,1	13,1	0,8	2,3	8,0	-4,2	0,9	0,8	-2,6	2,6						
Monetary base (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	28,1	31,8	25,7	24,2	16,0	11,7	12,8	13,9	13,5	15,6	15,6						
Oferta monetaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	2,2	-0,6	5,3	2,1	0,9	2,8	2,6	0,7	1,9	3,7	3,7						
Money Supply (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	35,4	27,9	19,5	8,8	2,5	1,8	6,4	7,8	8,6	10,6	10,6						
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	0,8	2,0	7,0	1,3	2,1	1,4	1,5	2,4	3,4	3,9	3,9						
Crédito al sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	16,2	21,0	34,8	39,2	38,8	38,0	35,5	36,0	35,8	33,9	33,9						
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	3,2	0,5	-0,7	5,9	1,9	0,2	6,1	0,0	1,1	4,2	4,2	3,3	1,8				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,6	1,0	1,0	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,1	0,9	0,9	1,3	1,1				
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S/) / Banks' current account (balance)	278	286	312	275	229	250	244	260	259	74	263	178	120	81	90		
Creditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S/) / Rediscounts (Millions of \$.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Depósitos públicos en el BCRP (millones Mill.S.) / Public sector deposits at the BCRP (Millions of \$.)	4 985	5 169	4 738	6 685	7 847	9 431	9 392	9 700	9 872	10 470	10 470	10 296	10 290	10 249	n.d.		
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S.) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of \$.)	10 465	9 738	7 676	5 491	3 796	3 224	5 470	4 776	6 307	6 986	7 565	7 735	7 845				
CD Reajustables BCRP (saldo Mill. S.) / CDRBCRP balance (Millions of \$.)	0	0	1 202	1 197	700	670	670	670	670	250	50	50	50	50	50		
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S.) / repos (Balance millions of \$.)	0	0	2 850	3 050	2 092	2 352	354	264	0	40	0	0	0	0	0		
Tasa de interés (%) / Interest rates (%)																	
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TAMN / Average lending rates in domestic currency	25,99	25,59	23,63	24,28	24,34	24,14	24,05	23,89	23,42	23,10	23,14	22,74	22,73	22,78	23,19	23,12	
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	15,51	14,67	13,93	14,60	14,92	14,85	14,67	14,68	14,55	13,94	14,13	13,79	13,80	13,88	13,91	13,83	
Interbancaria / Interbank	2,99	2,99	3,34	4,12	4,53	4,50	4,44	4,51	4,50	4,53	4,48	4,44	4,50	4,51	4,51	4,51	
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	3,92	3,80	4,37	5,92	5,80	5,67	5,45	5,34	5,25	5,26	5,19	5,19	5,19	5,19	5,19	5,24	
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos	s.m.	s.m.	3,25	4,56	4,88	4,82	4,86	4,76	s.m.	4,50	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.		
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts **	3,75	3,75	4,00	4,75	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,25		
Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance	4,59	4,64	4,72	4,86	4,95	5,03	5,11	5,23	5,14	5,20	5,14	5,13	5,13	5,13	5,13		
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency																	
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	1,5	-1,4	-0,2	2,5	2,0	0,4	-0,9	0,8	0,3	1,2	1,2						
Crédito al sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	5,7	4,6	5,0	1,9	2,6	2,4	3,7	6,0	6,2	5,5	5,5						
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	-0,5	1,1	7,5	2,8	2,9	1,4	-0,2	-0,7	2,1	-0,3	-0,3	2,7	1,8				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,1	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,3	0,1	0,1	1,5						
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de \$ dólares) / Rediscounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tasa de interés (%) / Interest rates (%)																	
TAMEX / Average lending rates in foreign currency	9,67	10,01	10,41	10,62	10,55	10,66	10,67	10,64	10,73	10,80	10,72	10,78	10,70	10,77	10,68	10,80	
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	8,31	8,90	9,37	9,73	9,70	9,82	9,88	9,94	10,03	10,14	10,06	10,04	10,03	10,02	10,00	10,07	
Interbancaria / Interbank	2,87	3,52	4,19	4,25	4,80	5,22	5,24	5,24	5,28	s.m.	5,34	5,35	5,41	5,39	5,38	5,37	
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	3,94	4,39	5,51	5,85	6,00	6,03	6,14	6,13	6,10	6,11	6,08	6,08	6,08	6,08	6,09	6,09	
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.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.		
INDICADORES BURSÁTILES / STOCK MARKET INDICES	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.					Acum.	
Indice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)	2,9	10,0	-4,6	-2,6	13,1	9,6	11,6	3,8	2,9	0,7	7,4	-1,0	1,0	1,1	1,2	12,5	
Indice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)	1,6	9,6	-4,9	-2,4	13,1	12,5	14,2	2,9	0,8	0,8	7,1	-1,2	0,7	0,9	1,1	13,3	
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S/) - Prom. diario	23,4	23,2	23,7	98,1	97,4	36,1	59,7	44,7	40,6	63,4	65,5	141,6	40,8	202,4	43,4	113,8	
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)																	
Inflación mensual / Monthly	0,26	-0,09	0,42	0,46	-0,13	-0,17	0,14	0,03	0,04							-0,28	
Inflación últimos 12 meses / 12 months change	1,48	1,11	1,49	2,50	1,83	1,55	1,87	1,99	1,89							1,54	
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (MILL. S/) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of \$/)																	
Resultado primario / Primary balance	487	178	-2 451	1 154	833	569	533	345	576							657	
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue	3 230	3 443	3 674	4 364	3 993	4 489	4 177	3 989	4 220							4 263	
Gasto no financieros / Non-financial expenditure	2 753	3 281	1 975	1 733	2 044	2 347	1 997	2 160	2 012							3 614	
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mills. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)																	
Balanza Comercial / Trade balance	480	471	924	447	780	1 148	745	935	613								
Exportaciones / Exports	1 435	1 493	1 975	1 733	2 044	2 347	1 997	2 160	2 012								
Importaciones / Imports	956	1 021	1 051	1 286	1 264	1 199	1 251	1									