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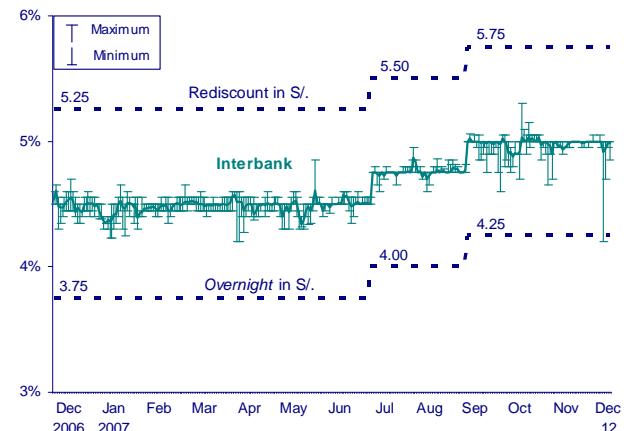
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International Reserve and International Position of the BCRP
January 2006 - December 2007
(Millions of US\$)



Interest Rates in Domestic Currency
(December 2006 - December 2007)



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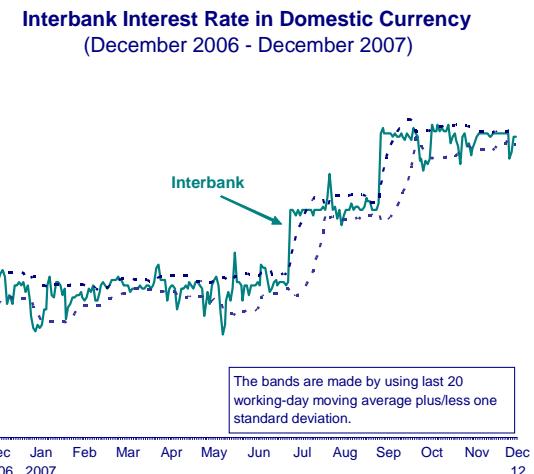
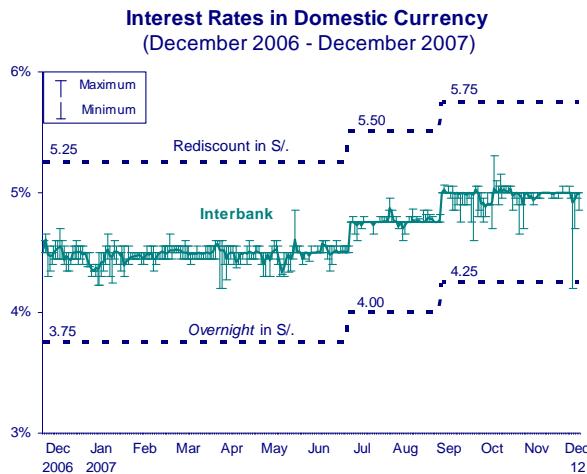
- Weekly Report N° 49-2007
- Informative note on the Monetary Program: December 2007. BCRP maintains the reference interest rate at 5.0%
- Working paper: The monetary policy transmission mechanism under financial dollarization: the case of Peru 1996-2006
- International Reserves Management: October 2007
- Inflation Report: Recent trends and macroeconomic forecast - September 2007
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Average interbank interest rate at 4.98 percent on December 12

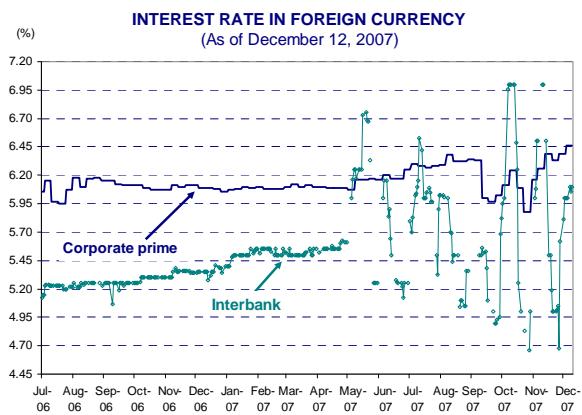
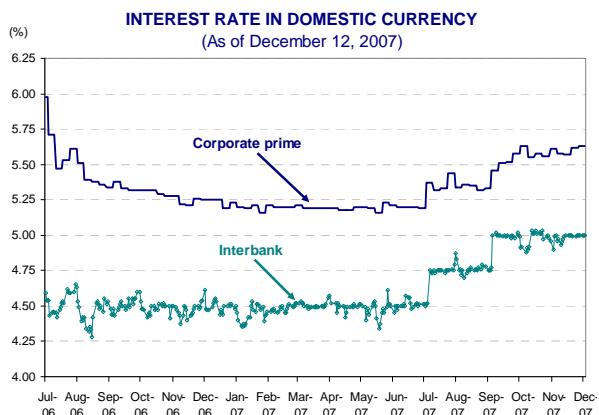
The average interbank interest rate in domestic currency by December 12 was 4.98 percent, lower than the average rate posted in November (4.99 percent). Between December 5 and 12, this rate fell from 5.00 to 4.99 percent.

	Average	S.D.
December 2005	3.34	0.08
December 2006	4.51	0.04
March 2007	4.50	0.01
June	4.52	0.03
July	4.69	0.09
August	4.77	0.04
Setember	4.97	0.10
October	4.98	0.05
November	4.99	0.03
December 12	4.98	0.03



Corporate prime rate in nuevos soles decreased to 5.58 percent

Between December 5 and 12, the daily average of the 90-day corporate prime rate in domestic currency fell from 5.63 to 5.58 percent, while this rate in dollars increased from 6.39 to 6.46 percent.



Monetary operations

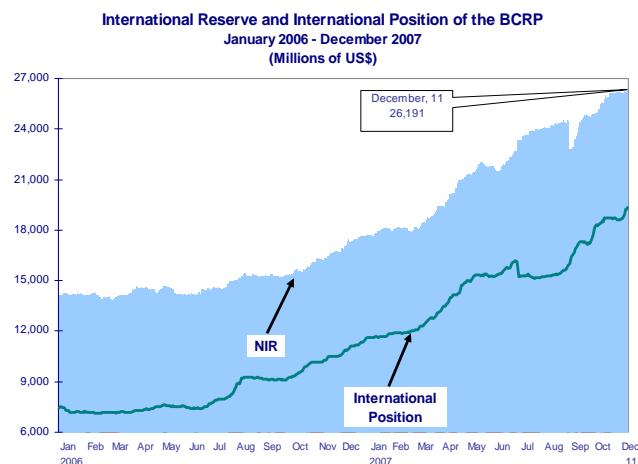
Between December 6 and 12, the Central Bank made the following monetary operations: i) auctions of BCRP Certificates of Deposit with 1-day, 3-day, 4-month, 6-month, and 1-year maturities for a daily average of S/. 1,762.5 million. The average interest rate on these operations is 4.97 percent; ii) purchases of foreign currency for a total of US\$ 652 million; and iii) overnight deposits in domestic currency for a total of S/. 452.5 million.

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International reserves amount to US\$ 26,191 million on December 11

Net international reserves (NIRs) decreased by US\$ 157 million compared to end November and amounted to US\$ **26,191** million on **December 4**.

This decrease in the balance of NIRs was mainly due to banks' lower deposits (US\$ 862 million) and to the public sector's lower deposits (US\$ 7 million). This result was offset by the BCRP exchange operations (US\$ 673 million) and by the higher valuation of other securities (US\$ 34 million).

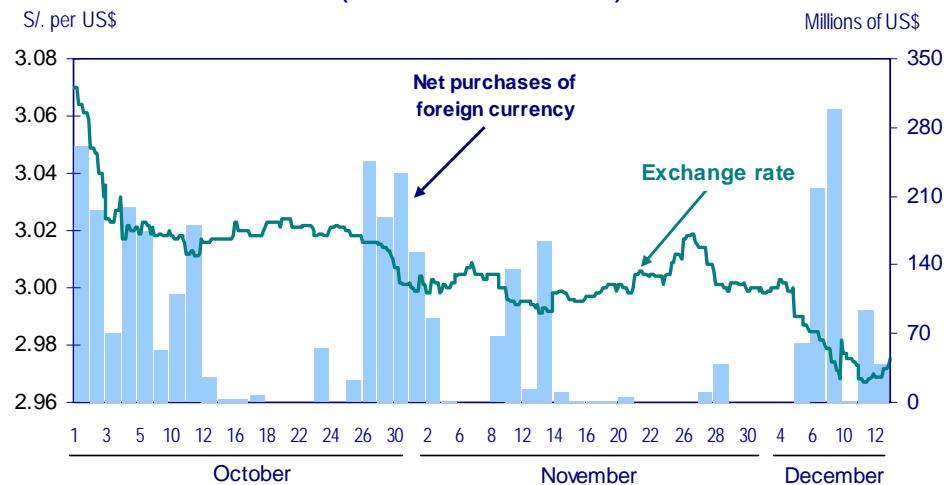


Furthermore, the international position of the BCRP by December 11 (US\$ 19,339 million) increased by US\$ 707 million compared to end November.

Exchange rate: S/. 2.971 per dollar

Between December 5 and 12, the average ask price of the interbank exchange rate fell from S/. 2.989 to S/. 2.971 per dollar, as a result of which the nuevo sol appreciated by 1.0 percent compared to end November. In the same period, the Central Bank intervened in the exchange market purchasing a total of US\$ 712 million.

**INTERBANK ASK- EXCHANGE RATE AND NET PURCHASES OF FOREIGN CURRENCY
(October - December 2007)**



Monetary base by December 7, 2007

The balance of the **monetary base** by December 7 (S/. 16,920 million) increased 8.7 percent (S/. 1,358 million) compared to end November. On average, the annual growth rate of the monetary base in this period was 26.2 percent (28.7 percent in November).

By sources, the operations that contributed most heavily to the expansion of the monetary base were purchases of foreign currency at the Central Bank's front desk (US\$ 577 million, or S/. 1,718 million) and lower deposits from the public sector (S/. 389 million). Conversely, the monetary base contracted due to banks' higher overnight deposits (S/. 423 million) and net placements of BCRP Certificates of Deposit (S/. 366 million).

Trade surplus of US\$ 664 million in October

In October the trade balance showed a surplus of US\$ 664 million. As a result of this, the accumulated surplus between January and October amounted to US\$ 6,660 million.

Exports in October totaled US\$ 2,688 million, a sum US\$ 637 million (31.1 percent) higher than the one posted in October 2006. With this result, exports have grown 18.9 percent in the January-October period. **Traditional exports in October** amounted to US\$ 2,041 million, increasing by 36.8 percent relative to October 2006 (18.8 percent so far this year). This result was mainly due to higher exports of copper (57.6 percent), zinc (41.0 percent), crude oil (364.7 percent), and fishmeal (59.5 percent).

Non-traditional exports, which increased by 15.4 percent compared to the same month last year, totaled US\$ 630 million, mainly due to higher exports of textile, agricultural, and chemical products.

Imports, which increased by 44.3 percent compared to October 2006, amounted to US\$ 2,025 million in October and accumulated a 32.4 percent growth between January and October. It should be pointed out that this increase was associated with higher imports of fuel (up 87.6 percent), capital goods for industry (up 52.9 percent), and consumer goods (25.3 percent).

TRADE BALANCE

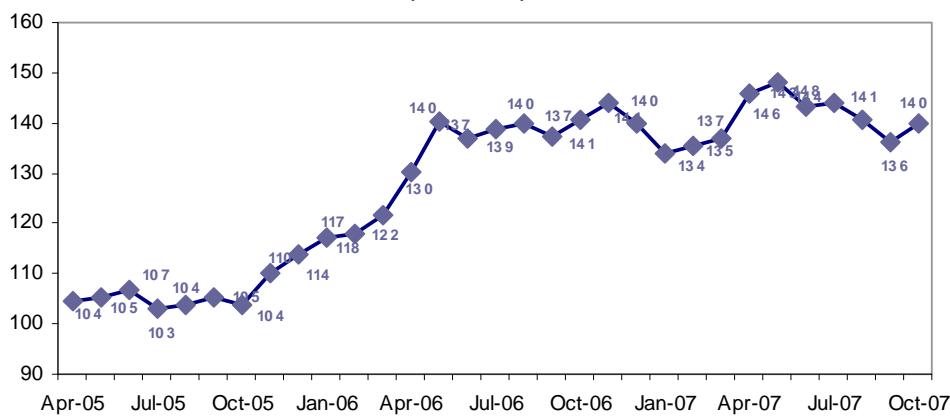
(Millions of US dollars)

	Monthly data				January-October			
	Oct. 2006	Sep. 2007	Oct. 2007	Oct.07/Oct.06 Flow % Chg.	2006	2007	Flow	% Chg.
1. EXPORTS	2,051	2,517	2,688	637	31	19,074	22,677	3,603
Traditional products	1,492	1,974	2,041	549	37	14,695	17,451	2,755
Non-traditional products	546	530	630	84	15	4,244	5,081	836
Other products	13	12	17	4	31	134	145	11
2. IMPORTS	1,403	1,705	2,025	621	44	12,095	16,016	3,921
Consumer goods	260	267	326	66	25	2,082	2,569	488
Raw materials and interm	772	915	1,124	352	46	6,636	8,555	1,919
Capital goods	363	514	562	199	55	3,272	4,808	1,536
Other goods	9	9	13	4	45	105	84	-21
3. TRADE BALANCE	648	812	664	16	2	6,979	6,660	-319
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In October, our **terms of trade** fell 0.5 percent. This result is explained by the fact that the increase in the average price of exports (15.9 percent) was counterbalanced by an increase in the price of imports (16.5 percent). In terms of volume, exports increased by 13.1 percent due to higher sales of copper, zinc, petroleum, and fishmeal.

TERMS OF TRADE*

(1994=100)



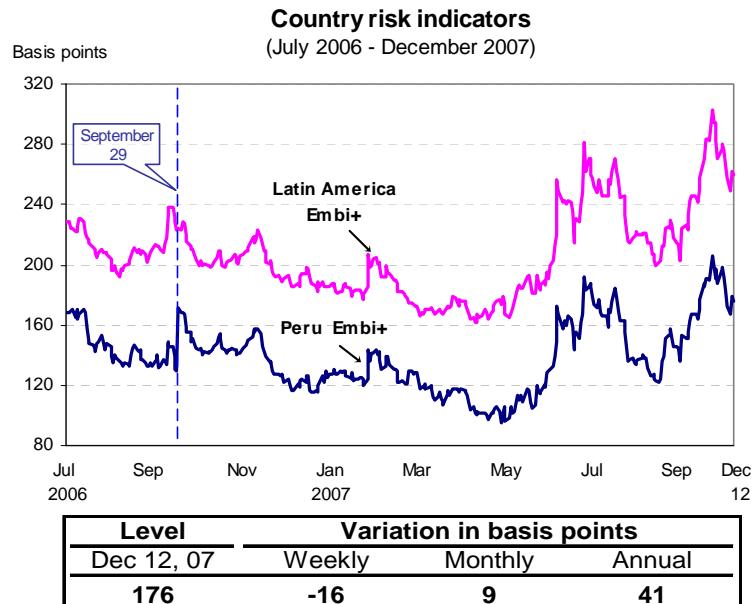
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International Markets

Country risk at 176 basis points

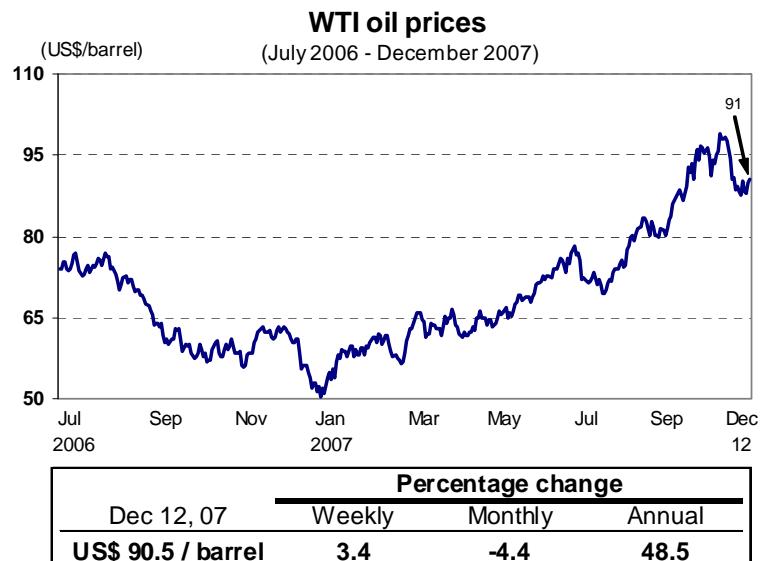
Between December 5 and 12, the country risk indicator –measured by the **EMBI+ Peru** spread– decreased from 192 to 176 basis points, following the evolution of spreads in the region (the EMBI+ Latin America fell from 276 to 260 basis points).

One of the factors contributing to this evolution was the announcement of the joint effort made by the Federal Reserve and four other banks to provide liquidity to the credit market.



Price of petroleum rose to US\$ 90.5 per barrel

The price of **WTI oil** increased 3.4 percent to US\$ 90.5 per barrel between December 5 and 12. This increase was associated with the drop of inventories of crude in the United States (inventories fell by 700 thousand barrels to 304.5 million barrels during the week ended December 7). Moreover, technical problems in a storage center in the US following severe storms and a large oil spill in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea also contributed to the rise in the price of crude.

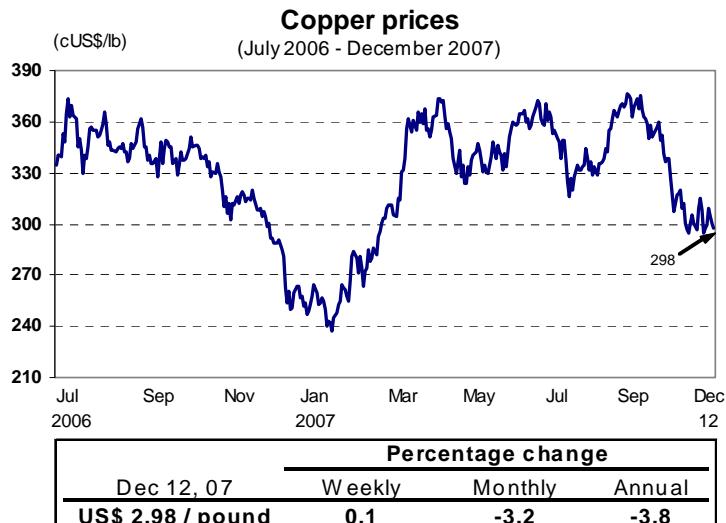


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Between December 5 and 12, the price of **gold** rose 2.1 percent to US\$ 812.4 per ounce troy due to the rise seen in the price of petroleum. Another factor contributing to this rise was the FED's announcement that more liquidity was being pumped into the US banking system, which encouraged the attraction of gold as a hedge against inflation. However, this rise was partially offset by data showing lower imports of gold by India.



In the same period of analysis, the price of **copper** rose slightly (0.1 percent) to US\$ 2.98 per pound. This rise was influenced by data that indicated that China had increased its imports of copper (imports of copper showed their highest level since April this year). However, this price rise was offset by the increase of inventories at the London Metal Exchange (LME) and reports of a lower production at Jiangxi Copper Ltd. (China's largest producer of copper) due to repairs.

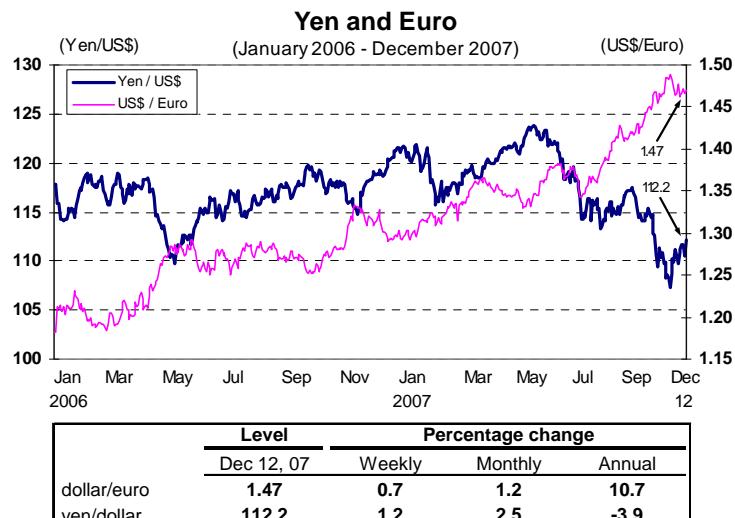


Between December 5 and 12, the price of **zinc** increased 1.2 percent to US\$ 1.09 per pound. This increase was mainly influenced by the drop of inventories at the LME (inventories fell by 2.5 percent to 77,100 MT). However, this increase was offset by expectations of a lower demand for this metal in the United States following Investors' disappointment with the modest interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve. Investors expected the FED to act more aggressively to fend off the credit crisis that has intensified in the past month.



Dollar depreciated against the euro

Between December 5 and 12, the **dollar** depreciated 0.7 percent against the **euro** and appreciated 1.2 percent against the **yen**. The euro strengthened against the dollar after the speech given by Jean Claude Trichet, president of the CEB, showed that the possibility is open for new interest rate rises next year. However, increased concerns about the German economy –after the ZEW consumer confidence index plunged to its lowest level in 15 years– prevented the euro from appreciating even further.

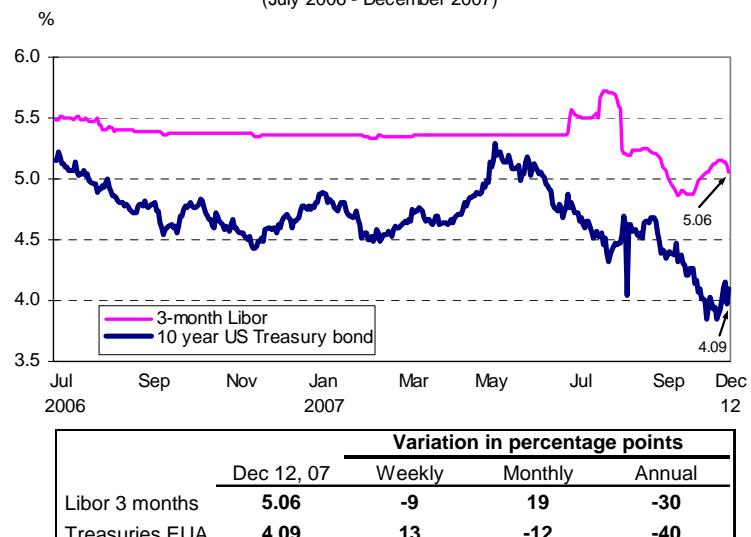


On the other hand, the yen weakened against the dollar after the main central banks and the U.S. Federal Reserve announced joint efforts to boost liquidity in the global banking system.

Yield on 10-year US Treasuries rose to 4.09 percent

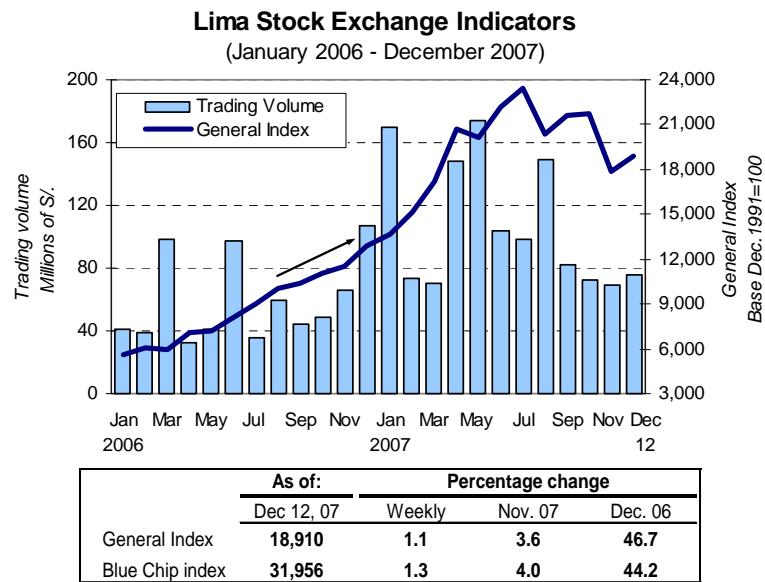
In the same period of analysis, the **3-month Libor** fell from 5.15 to 5.06 percent. However, the yield on the **10-year US Treasury bond** increased from 4.00 to 4.09 percent. This increase was influenced by the announcement that the Federal Reserve and other central banks would provide the market with greater liquidity to prevent the bankruptcy of mortgage insurance companies. This initiative reduced the appeal of Treasury bonds as safe assets and improved confidence in riskier assets.

3-month Libor and yield on 10-year US Treasury bonds
(July 2006 - December 2007)



Lima Stock Exchange grew 3.6 percent by December 12

The **General** and **Blue Chip** indices of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) grew 3.6 and 4.0 percent respectively by December 12, influenced by the optimism of economic agents given the new measures implemented by central banks to expand credit. Another factor that contributed to this partial recovery of the LSE was the signing of the Peru-U.S. free trade agreement whose most likely effects will be increased investment flows in the near future. However, LSE showed negative indicators at the end of the week as investors were discouraged by the modest interest rate cut approved by the U.S. Federal Reserve.



So far this year, the indices of the LSE have grown 46.7 and 44.2 percent respectively.

Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicators

	2006						2007						Var.
	Dic.	Mar	Jun	Set	Oct	Nov	6 Dic.	7 Dic.	10 Dic.	11 Dic.	12 Dic.	Dic	
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mils. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.							
Posición de cambio / Net international position	11 086	12 403	15 305	16 024	18 195	18 632	18 924	19 223	19 254	19 339			707
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	17 275	18 427	21 528	22 827	24 890	26 348	26 286	26 240	26 245	26 191			-157
Depositos del sistema financiero en el BCRP / Financial system deposits at BCRP	3 481	3 629	3 523	3 924	3 627	4 675	4 316	4 000	3 967	3 813			-862
Empresas bancarias / Banks	3 312	3 245	3 395	3 648	3 432	4 442	4 095	3 789	3 751	3 604			-838
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	92	312	58	199	144	164	146	138	144	135			-30
Resto de instituciones financieras / Other financial institutions	77	72	70	77	52	69	74	73	72	74			5
Depositos del sector público en el BCRP / Public sector deposits at BCRP *	2 778	2 490	2 854	3 045	3 220	3 226	3 198	3 201	3 213				-7
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mill. US\$) / BCRP FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.							Acum.
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	695	610	371	767	2 181	535	218	299	1	95	39	711	
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	-50	-200	-168	-296	-200	-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.							Prom.
Compra interbancario / Interbank	Promedio / Average	3,204	3,185	3,170	3,135	3,019	3,000	2,981	2,973	2,972	2,968	2,969	2,981
Venta Interbancario	Apertura / Opening	3,207	3,186	3,171	3,138	3,022	3,002	2,989	2,980	2,976	2,975	2,971	2,986
Interbank Ask	Mediodía / Midday	3,206	3,186	3,171	3,136	3,020	3,002	2,982	2,971	2,974	2,968	2,972	2,982
	Cierre / Close	3,206	3,186	3,171	3,136	3,020	3,001	2,980	2,982	2,973	2,970	2,975	3,152
Sistema Bancario (SBS)	Compra / Bid	3,205	3,185	3,170	3,136	3,019	3,000	2,982	2,972	2,972	2,967	2,969	2,981
Banking System	Venta / Ask	3,206	3,186	3,171	3,137	3,020	3,002	2,982	2,974	2,974	2,968	2,970	2,982
Indice de tipo de cambio real (2001 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (2001 = 100)	106,3	106,1	107,7	107,4	104,9	105,2							
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS													
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency													
Emisión Primaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	15,7	1,3	3,0	-1,8	4,1	2,2						
Monetary base	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	18,3	20,7	26,2	26,1	30,3	29,9						
Oferta monetaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	12,4	2,0	5,7	-0,3	5,0							
Money Supply	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	18,0	29,1	43,7	38,0	42,2							
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	3,1	3,4	5,8	4,0	1,7							
Crédit to the private sector	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	29,0	30,3	41,8	46,4	44,0							
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	1,0	3,9	4,2	-1,1	5,0	4,6	1,7	2,4	3,8				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,9	0,9	1,0	0,7	0,6	0,3	1,5	1,9	1,9				
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S.) / Banks' current account (balance)	305	351	420	456	442	263	1 453	1 195	1 158	616	361		
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 BCRP (millones S.) / Public sector deposits at the BCRP (Mills.S.)	10 172	11 159	15 866	16 688	17 034	17 849	17 599	17 460	17 431	17 493	n.d.		
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S.) / CD BCRP balance (Millions of S.)	8 066	12 016	15 852	14 803	19 956	20 557	20 223	20 923	21 445	22 176	21 923		
CD Reajustables BCRP (saldo Mill.S.) / CD BCRP balance (Millions of S.)	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S.) / repos (Balance millions of S.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Tasa de interés (%)	TAMN / Average lending rates in domestic currency	23,08	23,31	22,39	22,54	22,75	22,57	22,33	22,32	22,29	22,38	22,23	22,33
Interest rates (%)	Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	13,79	14,03	13,14	12,83	13,13	13,29	13,26	13,27	13,28	13,23	n.d.	13,29
	Interbancaria / Interbank	4,51	4,50	4,52	4,97	4,98	4,99	5,00	4,92	4,94	4,99	4,99	4,98
	Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	5,23	5,18	5,20	5,48	5,58	5,60	5,58	5,58	5,58	5,58	5,58	5,60
	Operaciones de reporte con CD BCRP / CD BCRP repos	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.								
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts **	5,25	5,25	5,25	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	5,75	
	Del saldo de CD BCRP / CD BCRP balance	5,12	5,24	5,26	5,30	5,30	5,42	5,43	5,41	5,41	5,40	5,42	
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency													
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-2,3	1,7	4,9	2,8	2,0							
Crédit to the private sector	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	3,2	7,7	9,7	15,3	17,3							
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	2,4	-0,9	-2,5	1,1	4,2	2,4	0,6	1,3	1,0				
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,3	0,3	0,2	0,2	0,3	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7				
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tasa de interés (%)	TAMEX / Average lending rates in foreign currency	10,80	10,65	10,58	10,54	10,46	10,40	10,52	10,52	10,49	10,47	10,48	10,47
Interest rates (%)	Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	10,05	9,93	9,92	9,88	9,73	9,61	9,65	9,66	9,66	9,67	n.d.	9,65
	Interbancaria / Interbank	5,37	5,51	5,76	5,39	6,06	5,34	6,00	6,00	6,10	6,06	6,10	5,65
	Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	6,09	6,11	6,18	6,13	6,07	6,30	6,46	6,46	6,46	6,46	6,46	6,43
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts ***	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.								
INDICADORES BURSÁTILES / STOCK MARKET INDICES	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.							Acum.
Índice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)	12,2	13,2	11,1	4,7	-0,6	-15,8	1,9	0,3	-0,4	-0,6	-0,1	3,6	
Índice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)	12,1	11,3	12,4	2,9	-0,3	-18,2	2,4	0,1	-0,5	-0,5	-0,5	4,0	
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S.) - Prom. diario	107,1	70,5	103,7	82,9	72,1	69,5	87,8	154,0	34,5	131,2	71,4	75,2	
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)													
Inflación mensual / Monthly	0,03	0,35	0,47	0,61	0,31	0,11							
Inflación últimos 12 meses / % 12 months change	1,14	0,25	1,55	2,80	3,08	3,49							
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mill. S.) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of \$.)													
Resultado primario / Primary balance	-1 840	1 356	-1 821	931	1 359								
Ingresos corrientes / Current revenue	4 409	4 665	4 650	4 730	5 200								
Gastos no financieros / Non-financial expenditure	6 289	3 318	6 499	3 810	3 860								
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mills. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)													
Balanza Comercial / Trade balance	1 117	692	938	812	664								
Exportaciones / Exports	2 545	2 097	2 471	2 517	2 688								
Importaciones / Imports	1 427	1 404	1 533	1 705	2 025								
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT													
Variac. %, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior / Annual rate of growth (12 months)	8,1	6,7	6,6	8,8									
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.							Prom.
LIBOR a tres meses (%) / LIBOR 3-month (%)	5,36	5,35	5,36	5,49	5,14	4,97	5,15	5,14	5,13	5,11	5,06	5,13	
Dow Jones (Var %) / (% change)	1,97	0,70	-1,61	4,03	0,25	-3,90	1,32	0,04	0,74	-2,14	0,38	0,84	
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (10 años) / U.S. Treasuries yield (10 years)	4,56	4,56	5,11	4,49	4,52	4,13	4,01	4,11	4,16	3,97	4,09	4,01	
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) / EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points) ****	131	132	103	156	138	177	183	173	167	179	176	183	

* 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.24 de la Nota Semanal.

** A partir del 7 de setiembre de 2007, esta tasa se elevó a 5,75%.

*** 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 incluido dentro de su EMBI+ PERÚ los bonos globales Perú 2025 y 2033. Al ser los spreads de dichos bonos cerca a los 200 pbs, 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.

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