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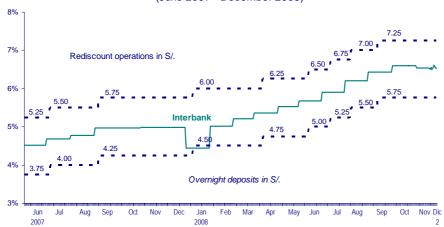
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Interbank interest rate: 6.55 percent on December 2

The average daily interbank interest rate in domestic currency on December 2 was 6.55 percent, slightly higher than the average rate of November (6.54 percent).

INTEREST RATES IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY

(June 2007 - December 2008)

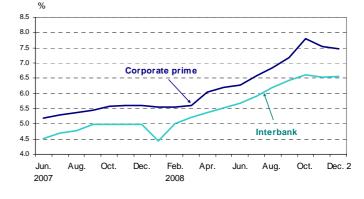


Interbank interest rate (percent)					
	<u>Average</u>	<u>SD</u>			
December 2006	4.51%	0.04			
December 2007	4.99%	0.02			
January 2008	4.44%	1.24			
February	5.02%	0.36			
March	5.21%	0.21			
April	5.37%	0.13			
May	5.50%	0.07			
June	5.68%	0.13			
July	5.91%	0.10			
August	6.21%	0.12			
September	6.43%	0.13			
October	6.60%	0.18			
November	6.54%	0.03			
December 2	6.55%	0.02			

Corporate interest rate in nuevos soles rose to 7.47 percent

Between **November 25 and December 2**, the daily average of the 90-day corporate rate in nuevos soles rose from 7.43 percent to 7.47 percent, while this rate in dollars increased from 4.74 to 5.18 percent.

INTEREST RATE IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY



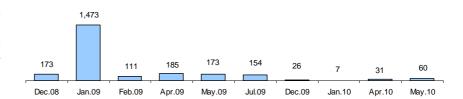
Monetary operations

Between November 26 and December 2, the Central Bank made the following operations: i) auctions of temporary purchases of 1-day, 1-week, 2-week and 1-month securities for a daily average of S/. 1,820 million. The interest rate on these operations, which amounted to S/. 9,139.1 million, was 6.63 percent; ii) 1-day and 3-day foreign currency purchases with repurchase agreement for a total average of S/. 35 million on November 28 and December 1. The balance of these operations, whose rate was 6.70 percent, is S/. 40 million, and iii) overnight deposits in domestic currency for a total of S/. 583 million.

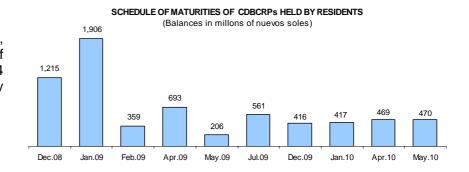
The total balance of **CDBCRP** amounts to S/. 9,105 million, of which S/. 2,392 million percent) are held by nonresidents. Most of these CDs are due by January 2009.

SCHEDULE OF MATURITIES OF CDBCRPs HELD BY NON-RESIDENTS

(Balances in millons of nuevos soles)



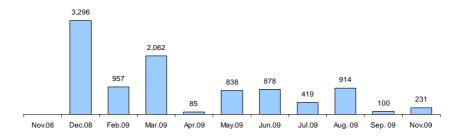
the other On hand. certificates for a total of S/. 6.712 million (74 percent) held are by residents.



The total balance of **BCRP** Certificates of **Deposit** Restricted Negotiation (CDBCRP-NR) amounted S/. 9,780 million, of which 65 percent are due by March 2009.

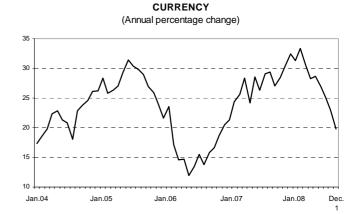
SCHEDULE OF MATURITIES OF BCRP CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT WITH RESTRICTED NEGOCIATION

(Balances in millions of nuevos soles)



Demand for currency

Between November 25 and December 1, currency in circulation increased by Given S/. 11 million. that reserve requirements in domestic currency increased by S/. 3,369 during this period, the BCRP injected a total of S/. 3,080 through repo operations. Moreover, public sector deposits increased by S/. 234 million and overnight deposits increased by S/.451 million.



BCRP OPERATIONS (Millions of nuevos soles)

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			FLOWS				STOCKS		
		From 11/11 to 24/11	Nov-08	Dec-08 *	Annual Cummulated	Dec-31-07	Nov-30-08	Dec-01-08	
I.	NET INTERNATIONAL POSITION (Millions of US\$)	<u>156</u> 51	<u>-1,629</u> -524	<u>-128</u> -41	<u>2,912</u> 1,354	<u>58,865</u> 19,622	<u>65,151</u> 21,017	65,024 20,975	
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	A. Foreign Exchange Operations	1	-916	-10	808				
	1. Over the Counter Operations	0	-810	0	3,043				
	2. Swaps	0	0	0	0				
	3. Net swaps auctions in FC	0	-88	-10	0				
	4. Public Sector	0	-24	0	-2,284				
	5. Other operations	1	6	0	48				
	B. Rest of Operations	50	392	-32	546				
II.	NET INTERNAL ASSETS	<u>-145</u>	<u>1,391</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>-2,021</u>	<u>-44,008</u>	<u>-49,308</u>	-49,275	
	A. Monetary operations	3,297	1,892	3,578	1,694	-38,714	-40,592	-37,013	
	1. Sterilization	217	3,316	-22	-7,865	-38,714	-46,551	-46,573	
	a. Public Sector Depostis in soles	-234	-815	-89	-6,990	-16,924	-23,825	-23,914	
	b. BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP)	0	1,159	0	12,349	-21,458	-9,109	-9,109	
	c. BCRP Indexed Certificates of Deposit (CDR)	0	0	0	-2,915	0	-2,915	-2,915	
	d. BCRP Certificates of Deposit with restricted negociation	0	2,339	0	-9,779	0	-9,779	-9,779	
	e. Term Deposists	0	0	0	-283	0	-283	-283	
	f. Overnight Deposits	451	713	67	-15	-20	-102	-35	
	g. Other operations	0	-80	0	-232	-312	-537	-537	
	2. Injection	3,080	-1,424	3,600		0	5,959	9,559	
	a. Repos	3,080	-1,424	3,600	9,559	0	5,959	9,559	
	b. Rediscount operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	B. Reserve Requirements in DC **	-3,369	620	-3,727	-4,923	-2,922	-4,118	-7,845	
	C. Rest	-73	-1,122	181	1,209				
III.	CURRENCY **	<u>11</u>	-238	<u>-95</u>	<u>891</u>	14,857	15,844	15,749	
	(Monthly percentage change)					13.0%	-1.5%	-0.6%	
1	(Acummulated percentage change)					27.1%	6.6%	6.0%	
	(YoY)					27.1%	23.0%	19.8%	
*	As of December 1, 2008								

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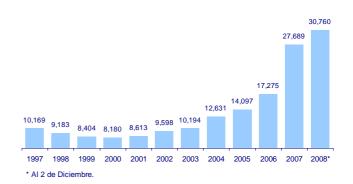
In this way, a total of S/. 46,573 million, equivalent to 295.7 percent of currency in circulation, was sterilized. This amount is broken down as follows: public sector deposits (S/. 23,914 million), BCRP Certificates of Deposit (S/. 9,109 million), BCRP Certificates of Deposit of restricted negotiation (S/. 9,779 million), BCRP indexed certificates of deposit (S/. 2 915 million), and BCRP term deposits (S/. 283 million). The average remaining maturity term for CDBCRP-NR and for total sterilization instruments as of December 1 is 116 days and 133 days, respectively.

^{**} Preliminary data

International reserves: US\$ 30,760 million on December 2

Net international reserves (NIRs) amounted to US\$ 30,760 million on December 2. This level of NIRs is US\$ 3,071 million higher than the one recorded at end 2007. On the other hand, the international position of the December **BCRP** on 2 US\$ 21,016 million -a sum US\$ 1,394 million higher than the one recorded at end 2007.

ACUMULACIÓN DE RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES NETAS (Millones de US\$)

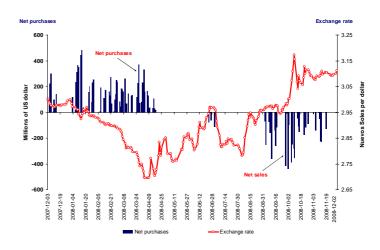


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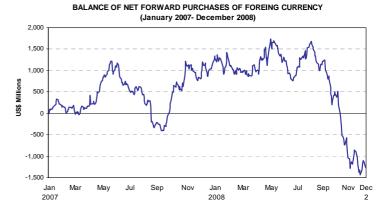
Between November 25 and December 2, the average interbank ask price of the dollar increased from S/. 3.093 to S/. 3.112, which represented a depreciation of the nuevo sol of 0.61 percent. The BCRP did not intervene in the exchange market in this period.

In November the nuevo sol depreciated 0.19 percent. So far this month the nuevo sol has depreciated 0.48 percent compared to the close of November.

EXCHANGE RATE AND NET DOLLAR PURCHASE



Between November 25 and December 2, banks' balance of net forward purchases of foreign currency declined by US\$ 91.7 million. In November, the balance of net forward purchases accumulated an increase of US\$ 26.8 million.



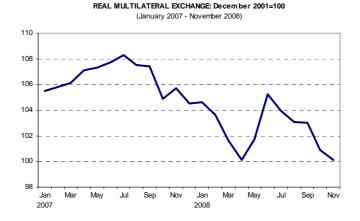
MATURITIES OF BANKS' FORWARD WITH THE PUBLIC (In thousands of US Dollars)

Month	Purchased (C)	Sold (S)	Net Purchases (C) - (S)
From 03 to 31 December	1,363	1,840	-477
January 2009	952	925	27
February 2009	258	249	9
From March 2009 to October 2010	1,413	1,608	-194
Balance as of december 2, 2008	3,987	4.622	-636

The balance of net forward purchases as of December 2 amounted to US\$ 636 million, of which US\$ 450 million (71 percent) are operations with maturities due in the rest of December and in January 2009.

Real multilateral exchange rate in November

The real multilateral exchange fell 0.8 percent compared with last month. This evolution is explained by a 0.3 percent rate of both domestic and external inflation, and by a 0.8 percent nominal appreciation of the nuevo sol against the currency basket of Peru's main trading partners.



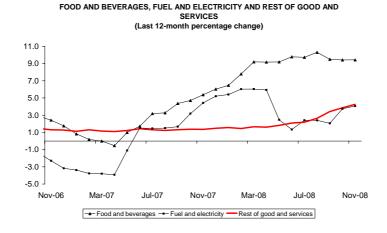
Inflation in November: 0.31 percent

Inflation in November showed a rate of 0.31 percent and thus accumulated 6.75 percent in the last 12 months. Three items contributed with 0.37 percentage points to this month's inflation rate: electricity (0.19 percentage points), potato (0.12 points), and beef (0.08 points). Conversely, three items contributed with -0.40 percentage points to inflation in November: citrus fruits (-0.17 points), gasoline (-0.16 points) and papaya (-0.07 points).

INFLATION (Accumulated percentage change)

	Weight	Monthly	12-month indicator			Annual average indicator		
		Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.
		2008	2007	2008	2008	2007	2008	2008
<u>CPI</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>0.31</u>	<u>3.49</u>	<u>6.54</u>	<u>6.75</u>	<u>1.55</u>	<u>5.29</u>	<u>5.56</u>
Food and beverages	47.5	0.10	5.38	9.42	9.43	2.15	8.52	8.85
Energy	6.2	0.48	4.43	3.74	4.06	-0.46	3.92	3.89
Fuel	3.9	-2.79	5.48	5.82	2.80	0.94	5.81	5.58
Electricity	2.2	10.25	1.63	-2.00	7.54	-4.08	-1.21	-0.70
Rest of good and services	46.3	0.50	1.35	3.86	4.26	1.27	2.10	2.34
Goods	21.0	0.60	1.69	2.94	3.33	1.13	2.05	2.18
Transports	8.4	0.09	0.57	6.10	6.32	0.60	1.89	2.36
Public services	2.4	3.89	-2.71	4.54	8.61	-1.50	1.25	2.21
Other services	14.5	0.22	1.93	3.75	3.80	2.25	2.42	2.58

Inflation in food and beverages in November was 0.10 percent and accumulated 9.4 percent in the last 12 months. **Inflation in fuels and electricity** was 0.48 percent and thus showed an accumulated rate of 4.1 percent in the last 12 months. On the other hand, the rate of **inflation in the rest of goods and services** was 0.50 percent (4.3 percent in the last 12 months).

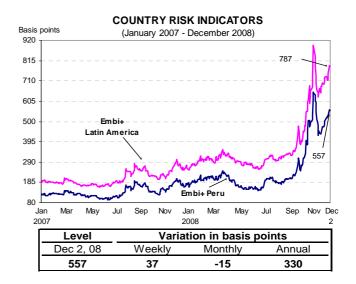


International markets

Average country risk in November: 485 basis points

In **November**, the average country risk, measured by the **EMBI+ Peru** spread, fell from 500 to 485 basis points, showing an opposite evolution to the one observed in the region (the EMBI+ Latin America increased 26 basis points in this period). The spread of Peru's country risk was favored by the fact that the rating agency Fitch affirmed the investment grade rating assigned to Peru's sovereign bonds.

The increase observed in the country risk indicator of the rest of emerging countries is associated with concerns about the repercussions of the world recession in said countries.



On **December 2**, the **EMBI + Peru** recorded 557 basis points.

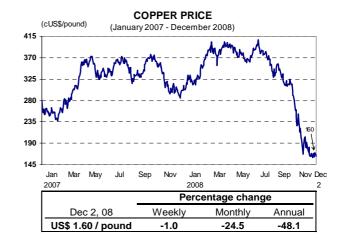
Average price of copper fell to US\$ 1.69 per pound in November

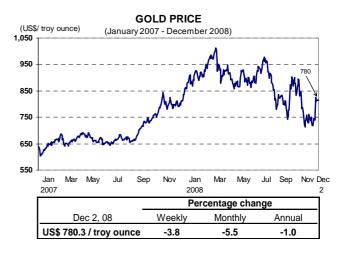
In **November**, the average price of **copper** fell 24.5 percent, from US\$ 2.23 to US\$ 1.69 per pound. This drop in the price of copper resulted from global deceleration and from the increase observed in the inventories of stock markets, which reached similar levels to those seen in 2004.

On **December 2**, the price of **copper** reached US\$ 1.60 per pound amidst greater evidences that the world recession would be deepening.

In **November**, the average price of **gold** fell from US\$ 806.3 to US\$ 762.2 per troy ounce (5.5 percent). This fall in the price of gold was explained by the lower prices of oil and the strengthening of the dollar against the euro.

On the supply side, lower production of copper in South Africa would have been compensated by China's higher production.





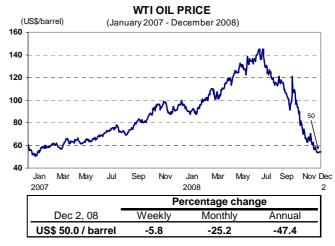
The price of **gold** posted US\$ 780.3 per troy ounce on **November 2**.

The average price of zinc showed a percent decrease of 11.5 November, as the price fell from US\$ 0.59 to US\$ 0.52 per pound. This decline in the price of zinc was based on concerns generated by global economic slowdown, which would reduce the demand for basic metals. However, announcements of closure of several mines and a lower production of zinc concentrates and refined zinc in China offset the decline recorded in the price of zinc.

On **December 2**, the price of zinc was US\$ 0.53 per pound.

In **November**, the average price of **WTI oil** fell from US\$ 76.6 to US\$ 57.3 per barrel (25.2 percent). This strong drop in the price of crude is explained by the increase of inventories of crude and derivatives in the United States and by expectations of a lower demand due to global slowdown. Moreover, the OPEC's decision of postponing the reduction of oil production contributed to further decline the price of crude.



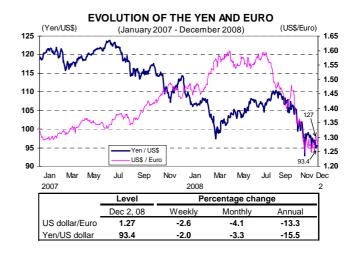


On **December 2**, the price of **WTI oil** dropped to US\$ 47.0 per barrel.

On average, the dollar appreciated against the euro in November

In **November**, the **dollar** appreciated 4.1 percent on average against the **euro**. The strength of the US dollar is explained by increased evidence of a slowdown in Europe, which would reflect in a possible reduction of interest rates by the ECB.

On the other hand, the dollar depreciated 3.3 percent on average against the **yen** due to increased risk aversion (which has generated a reversal of carry trade operations).

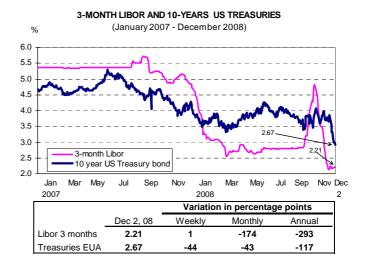


On **December 2**, the exchange rate was US\$ 1.27 per euro and 93.4 yen per US dollar.

Yield on 10-year US Treasuries declined to 3.48 percent on average in November

On average terms, the **3-month Libor** fell to 2.29 from 4.04 percent, and the yield on the **10-year Treasury bond** declined from 3.78 to 3.48 percent in **November**.

This drop in the yield of Treasury bonds is associated with investors' search for safer assets in a context of an unfavorable outlook for economic growth in the United States.

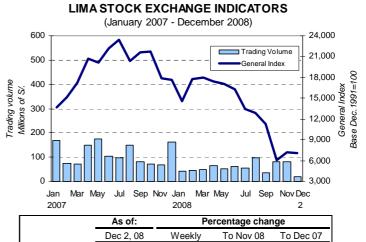


On **December 2**, the yield on the **3-month Libor** and the **10-year Treasury bond** was 2.21 and 2.67 percent, respectively.

Lima Stock Exchange grew 5.0 percent in November

In **November**, the **General Index** and the **Blue Chip** index of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) showed positive results (5.0 and 7.4 percent, respectively). The important growth observed early this month in the LSE moderated thereafter due to the drop of the prices of basic metals and to increasingly growing evidence of a possible world recession.

So far in **December**, the **General Index** has accumulated a loss of 4,0 percent while the **Blue Chip** index has accumulated a loss of 6.3 percent.



	As of:	Percentage change				
	Dec 2, 08	Weekly To Nov 08 To Dec 07				
General Index	7,113	-1.1	-4.0	-59.4		
Blue Chip Index	11,507	-1.9	-6.3	-60.4		

So far this year, the General and the Blue Chip indices have accumulated losses of 59.4 and 60.4 percent, respectively.