



# Banco Central de Reserva del Perú

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- ↗ Interbank interest rate: 2.31 percent
- ↗ NIRs amounted to US\$ 39,883 million on August 10
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- ↗ Trade surplus of US\$ 804 million in June
- ↗ Annual profitability of the LSE: 5.0 percent

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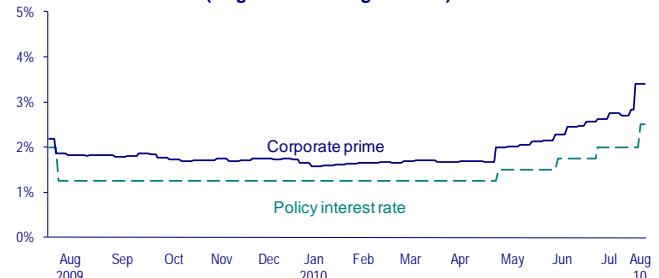
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### Corporate interest rate in nuevos soles at 3.41 percent

Between **August 3 and 10**, the average corporate interest rate in domestic currency rose from 2.83 percent to 3.41 percent.

In the same period, the average corporate interest rate in foreign currency increased from 2.69 to 3.18 percent.

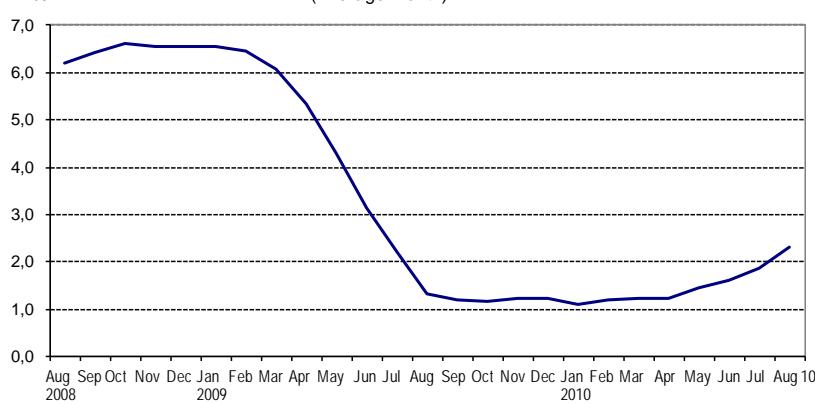
INTEREST RATES IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY  
(August 2009 - August 2010)



### Average interbank interest rate at 2.31 percent

So far this month, the average interbank interest rate is 2.31 percent. On August 10, this rate recorded 2.49 percent.

INTEREST RATE IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY  
(Average month)



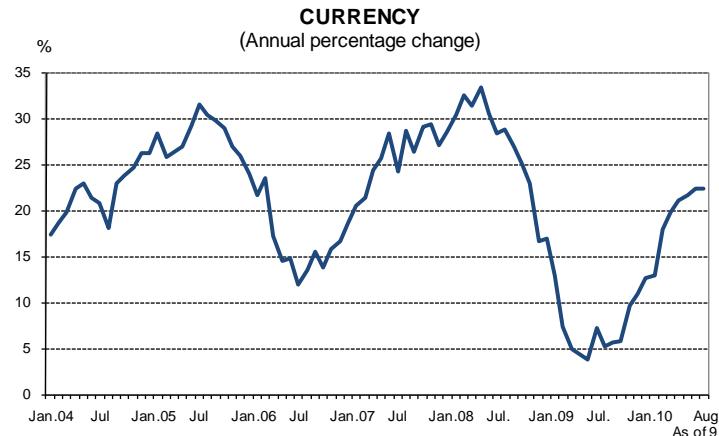
	Average	S.D.
December 2008	6.54%	0.03
March 2009	6.08%	0.13
June	3.13%	0.40
September	1.20%	0.07
December	1.24%	0.02
January 2010	1.09%	0.16
February	1.21%	0.03
March	1.23%	0.02
April	1.22%	0.02
May	1.45%	0.12
June	1.62%	0.11
July	1.90%	0.12
August 10	2.31%	0.26

### Monetary operations

Between **August 4 and 10**, the BCRP made the following monetary operations: i) Auctions of 1-day to up to 63-day CDBCRP for a daily average of S/. 3,965 million. The average interest rate on these operations, which reached a balance of S/. 21,939 million, was 2.33 percent; ii) purchases of foreign currency for a total of US\$ 700 million, and iii) overnight deposits in domestic currency for a total of S/. 685 million.

## Currency in circulation: S/. 20,836 million on August 9

Between August 3 and 9, currency shrank by S/. 261 million and amounted to S/. 20,836 million. In this way, currency accumulates an increase of S/. 1,595 million so far this year and thus records a growth rate of 23.1 percent in the last 12 months.



### BCRP OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	FLOWS				BALANCE		
	Jul-10	From 08/03 to 08/09	Accumulated		Dec 31, 2009	Jul 31, 2009	Aug 9, 2009
			Monthly*	Annual*			
I. EXCHANGE OPERATIONS	5,100	2,357	2,625	16,757			
(Millions of US\$)	1,808	841	936	6,093			
1. Over the counter operations	1,858	841	936	5,974			
2. Public Sector	-50	0	0	-50			
3. Other exchange operations 1/	0	1	1	169			
II. MONETARY OPERATIONS	-2,823	-3,284	-163	-12,728	-36,323	-48,888	-49,051
1. Sterilization	-2,809	-3,284	-163	-12,728	-36,323	-48,888	-49,051
a. BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP)	-2,007	-3,762	-1,212	-6,668	-14,121	-19,577	-20,789
b. Public Sector Deposits in soles	-432	533	630	-6,618	-21,006	-28,255	-27,625
c. Other monetary operations 2/	-371	-55	418	558	-1,196	-1,056	-637
2. Injection (Repos)	-14	0	0	0	0	0	0
III. RESERVE REQUIREMENTS IN DC	-957	656	-2,738	-3,402	-4,307	-4,972	-7,710
IV. OTHER 3/	103	10	56	968			
V. CURRENCY **	1,423	-261	-220	1,595	19,241	21,056	20,836
(Monthly percentage change)					10.3%	7.2%	-1.0%
(Accumulated percentage change)					29.5%	9.4%	8.3%
(YoY)					11.0%	22.3%	23.1%

\* As of August 9, 2010.

\*\* Preliminary data.

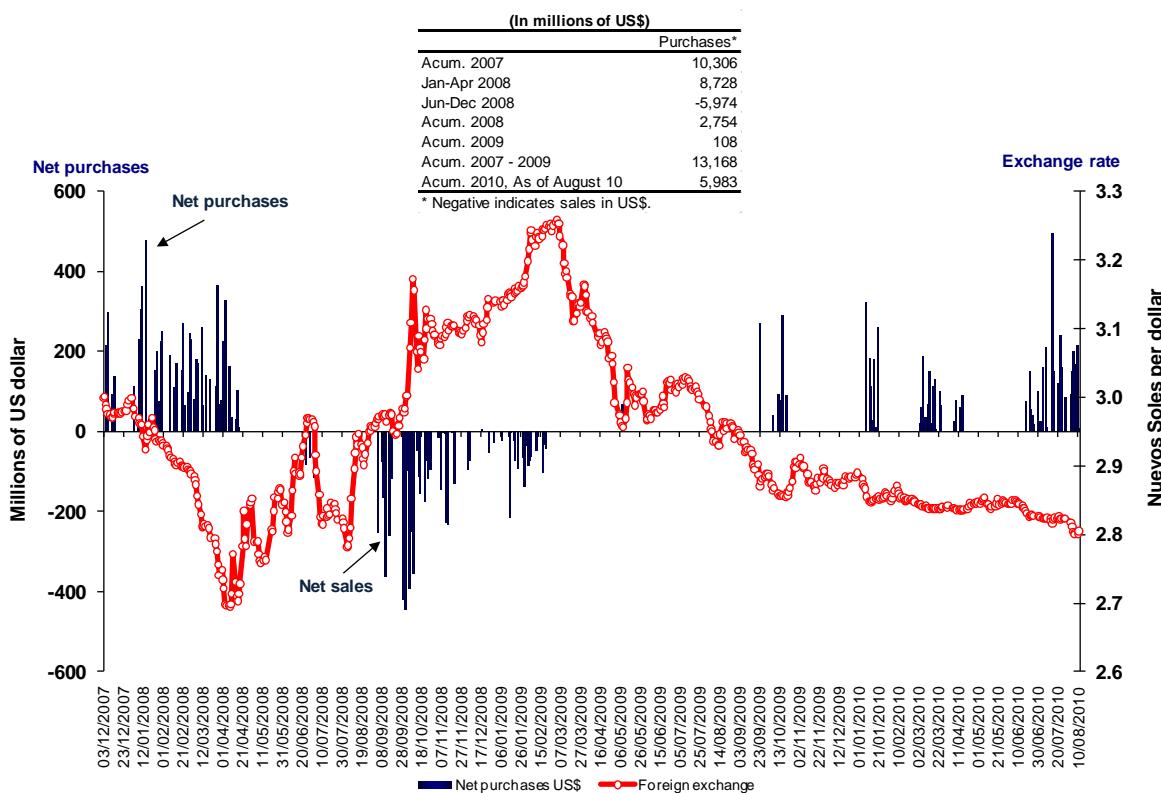
1/ Includes Swaps auctions in FC and operations outside the counter.

2/ Includes overnight deposits and Deposit Insurance Funds.

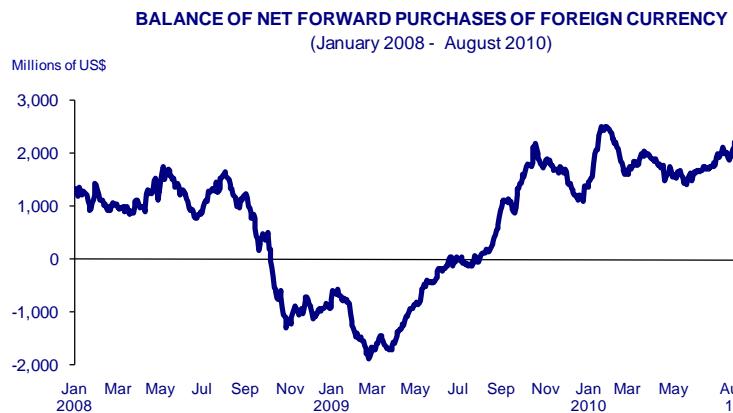
3/ Includes BCRP operative expenses, interest by deposits in the BCRP (overnight, terms and specials), net interest by CDBCRP placements and Central Bank profit transfers to the public sector.

## Exchange rate: S/. 2.805 per US dollar

Between August 3 and 10, the average interbank ask price of the dollar fell from S/. 2.812 to S/. 2.805, which represented an appreciation of the nuevo sol of 0.23 percent. In this period, the BCRP intervened in the foreign exchange buying FC for a total of US\$ 850 million.

**EXCHANGE RATE AND NET DOLLAR PURCHASE**

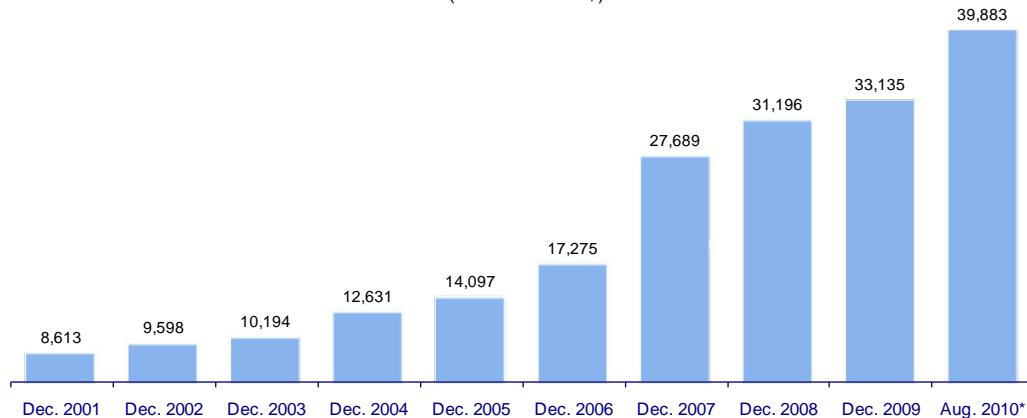
In this period, banks' balance of net forward purchases of foreign currency increased by US\$ 113 million. So far this month, net forward purchases have accumulated an increase of US\$ 64 million.

**International reserves amounted to US\$ 39,883 million on August 10**

On August 10 net international reserves (NIRs) recorded US\$ 39,883 million, a sum equivalent to 15 months of imports and to 3.9 times the monetary base. This amount of reserves is US\$ 1,249 million higher than the one registered at the close of July.

The increase of NIRs observed in August was mainly due to purchases of FC at the Central Bank's front office (US\$ 945 million), the higher valuation of investments (US\$ 183 million), and banks' higher deposits (US\$ 115 million).

**NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES**  
(Millions of US\$)



\* As of 10.

On August 10, the foreign exchange position of the BCRP was US\$ 29,081 million, a sum US\$ 1,128 million higher than the one recorded at the close of July.

### Positive trade balance in the first semester of 2010: US\$ 3,087 million

The **trade balance** recorded a positive result of US\$ 804 million in June and reached a surplus of US\$ 3,087 million in the first semester of the year.

**Exports** in June (US\$ 3,092 million) grew 40.8 percent in nominal terms compared to June 2009. The volume of exports increased 11.6 percent due to the higher shipments of minerals –copper, gold, and zinc– and fuels, as well as due to the higher exports of non traditional agricultural and chemical products. The volume of non traditional exports grew 24.7 percent this month. Moreover, the average prices of exports were 26.1 percent higher mainly as a result of the higher prices of mining commodities and fishmeal.

**TRADE BALANCE**  
(Value FOB in millions of US\$)

	2009		2010				% Chg. Jun	I Semester			
	Monthly Average	Jun	IQ Average	Apr	May	Jun		2009	2010	% Chg.	
<b>1. EXPORTS</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>11,557</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>38.7</b>
Traditional products	1,714	1,675	2,081	2,042	1,843	2,400	30.2	43.3	8,654	12,527	44.8
Non-traditional products	513	512	533	578	531	669	25.9	30.5	2,838	3,377	19.0
Other products	13	10	21	24	16	24	49.7	138.3	66	127	92.5
<b>2. IMPORTS</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>9,710</b>	<b>12,944</b>	<b>33.3</b>
Consumption goods	330	306	376	415	377	456	21.1	48.9	1,832	2,376	29.7
Raw materials	840	837	1,057	1,151	1,037	1,069	3.1	27.8	4,374	6,427	47.0
Capital goods	571	512	657	634	673	752	11.7	46.9	3,439	4,030	17.2
Other goods	10	11	22	24	9	11	16.0	- 1.4	66	111	69.1
<b>3. TRADE BALANCE</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>804</b>			<b>1,847</b>	<b>3,087</b>	

**Imports** in June amounted to US\$ 2,289 million (up 37.3 percent compared to June 2009). The volume of imports grew 28.9 percent as a result of increased acquisitions of durable consumer goods, food (particularly sugar and dairy products), industrial inputs and capital goods for the sectors of transport, construction, telecommunications, and commerce. The average prices of imports grew 6.6 percent compared to June 2009 due to the higher prices of industrial inputs, food products, and crude.

**Terms of trade** in June were 18.3 percent higher than in June 2009 and 3.4 percent lower than in the previous month. The prices of exports grew 26.1 percent, while the prices of imports grew 6.6 percent.

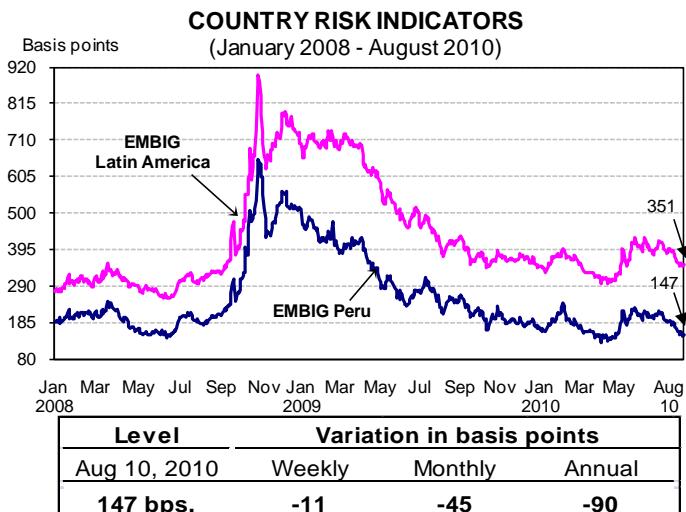
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## International Markets

### Country risk fell to 147 basis points

Between August 3 and 10, the country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, fell from 157 to 147 basis points.

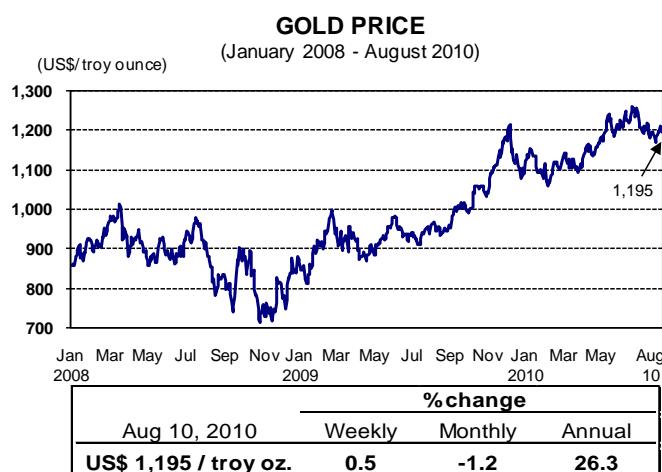
Likewise, the spread of the Latin American debt fell 5 basis points amid unfavorable indicators of activity in the United States.



### Price of gold rose to US\$ 1,195/troy ounce

In the same period, the price of **gold** rose slightly (0.5 percent) posting US\$ 1,195 per troy ounce.

Fears of a slowdown of growth in the United States and China's announcement of higher imports of gold gave support to this level of prices.



Between August 3 and 10, the price of **copper** fell 1.8 percent to US\$ 3.28/pound.

The drop in the price of this basic metal was associated with negative indicators of industrial activity, manufacturing, employment, and the real estate sector in the U.S., as well as with a slight increase of inventory levels in the main metal exchange markets.



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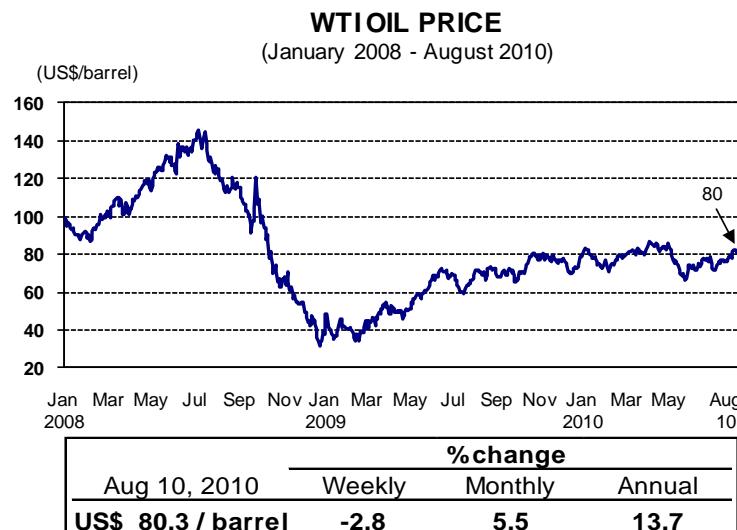
Between August 3 and 10, the price of zinc remained at US\$ 0.93 per pound.

Data of lower levels of inventories at the London Metal Exchange and negative indicators of activity in the U.S. (especially in the real estate sector) had compensatory effects on the evolution of the price of zinc during the week.



The price of **WTI oil** recorded a drop of 2.8 percent between August 3 and 10 and reached US\$ 80.3 per barrel.

Oil prices fell given prospects of increased global supply after the dissemination of data of higher production in Russia outweighed the upward pressures on the price of oil resulting from the strong demand of emerging countries.

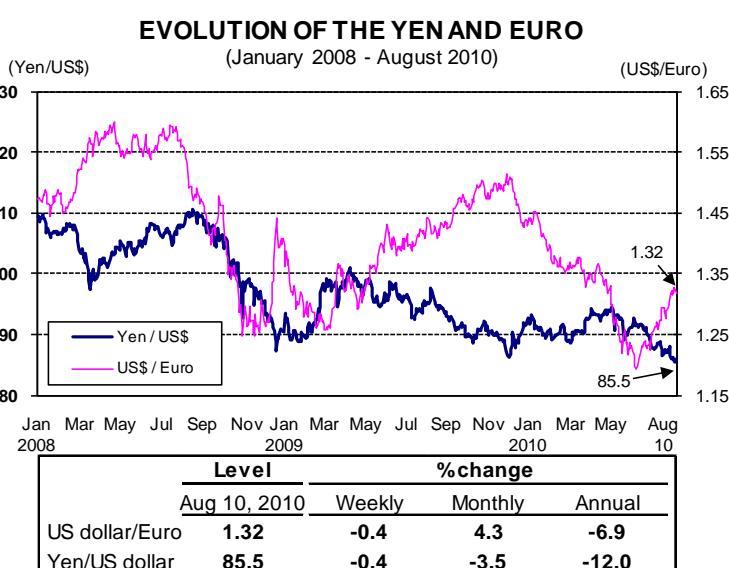


## Dollar appreciated against the euro

In the same period, the **dollar** appreciated 0.4 percent against the **euro**.

The appreciation of the U.S. currency was associated with the Federal Reserve's decision to extend credit support to monetary policy.

The dollar depreciated 0.4 percent against the **yen**.

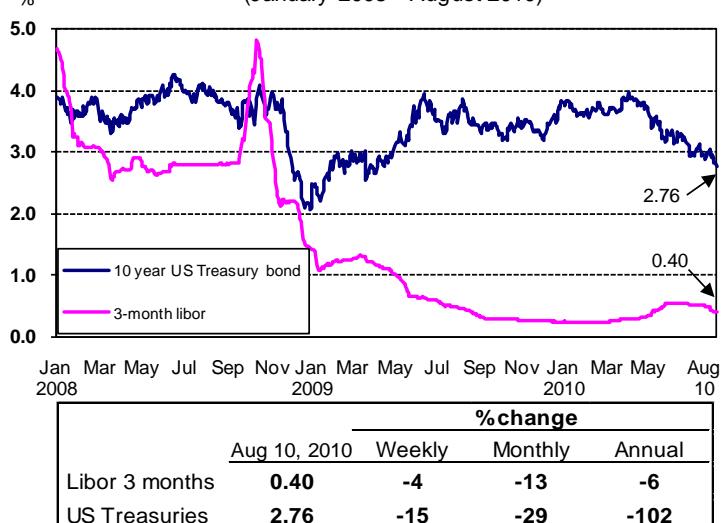


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## Yield on 10-year US Treasuries fell to 2.76 percent

### 3-MONTH LIBOR AND 10-YEARS US TREASURIES

(January 2008 - August 2010)



Between August 3 and 10, the **3-month Libor** declined from 0.43 to 0.40 percent and the yield on the **10-year Treasury bond** declined from 2.91 to 2.76 percent.

The yields on the US Treasury bonds fell during the week given unfavorable data of economic activity in the United States that led investors to seek safer assets.

## Profitability of the LSE: 5.0 percent at August 10

So far this month (at August 10), the **General** and **Selective** indices of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) have grown 4.2 and 3.8 percent, respectively.

During the period of analysis (August 3-10), both the General Index and the Selective Index rose 1.3 and 0.4 percent, respectively, favored by the higher gains of mining and electricity stocks. This rise was offset by a drop in the prices of metals.

Year-to-date, the General Index has gained 5.0 percent, while the Selective Index has declined 0.7 percent.

### LIMA STOCK EXCHANGE INDICATORS

(January 2008 - August 2010)

