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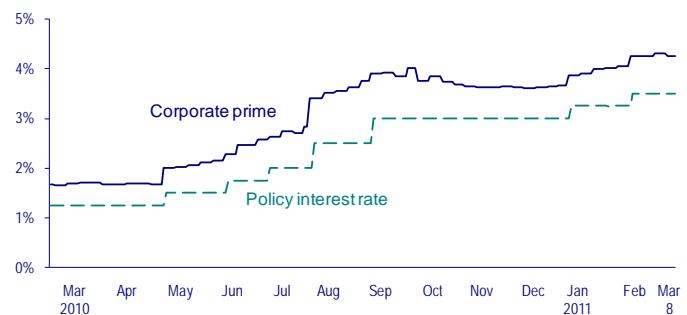
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Corporate interest rate in nuevos soles at 4.26 percent

Between **March 1 and 8**, the daily average of the corporate interest rate in domestic currency declined from 4.31 to 4.26 percent.

The average corporate interest rate in foreign currency rose from 2.71 to 2.89 percent.

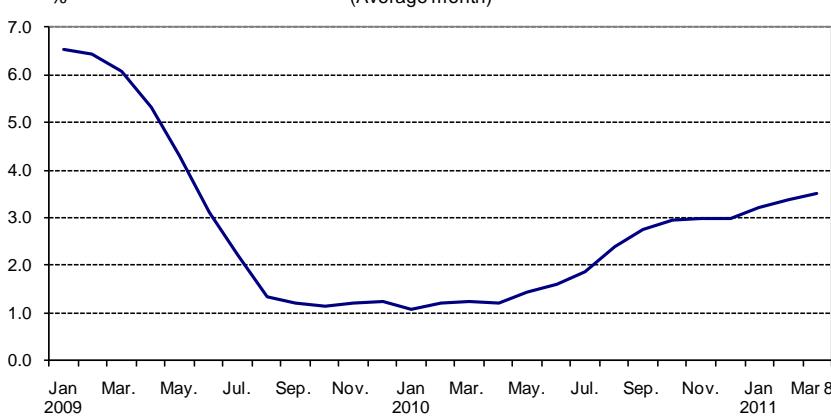
INTEREST RATES IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY
(March 2010 - March 2011)



Average interbank interest rate: 3.50 percent

The average interest rate in domestic currency as of March 8 was 3.50 percent.

INTEREST RATE IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY
(Average month)



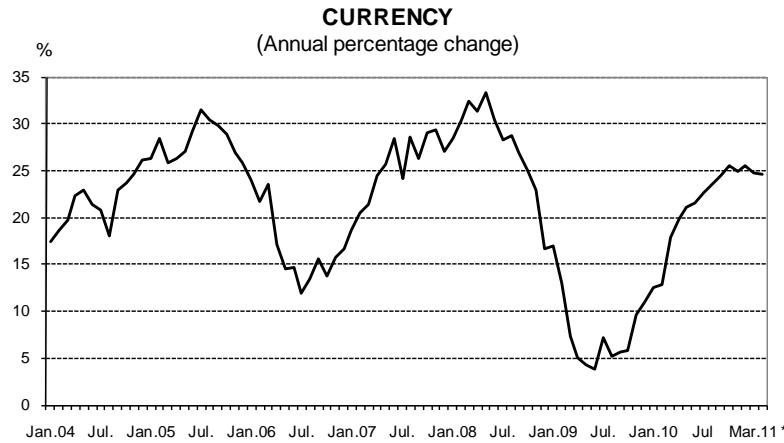
	Average interbank rate	S.D.
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December 2009	1.24%	0.02
January 2010	1.09%	0.16
February	1.21%	0.03
March	1.23%	0.02
April	1.22%	0.02
May	1.45%	0.12
June	1.62%	0.11
July	1.90%	0.12
August	2.38%	0.18
September	2.74%	0.23
October	2.94%	0.15
November	2.97%	0.05
December	2.98%	0.02
January 2011	3.21%	0.10
February	3.37%	0.13
March 8	3.50%	0.00

Monetary operations

Between **March 2 and 8**, the BCRP made the following monetary operations: i) Auctions of 189-day to up to 378-day BCRP Certificates of Deposit for a daily average of S/. 40 million. The average rate on these operations, which reached a balance of S/. 620 million, was 4.06 percent; ii) Auctions of 274-day to up to 276-day Variable Income Certificates of Deposit for a total of S/. 250 million. The average rate on these operations which amounted to S/. 10,556 million was 0.06 percent; iii) Auctions of 1-day to 3-day Term Deposits in domestic currency for a daily average of S/. 1,382 million at an average rate of 3.49 percent, reaching a balance of S/. 7,695 million, and iv) overnight deposits in domestic currency for a total of US\$ 3 million.

Currency in circulation: S/. 22,819 million on March 7

Between March 1 and 7, **currency in circulation** shrank by S/. 209 million and amounted to S/. 22,819 million. As a result of this, so far this year currency in circulation accumulates a decline of S/. 1,335 million and registers a growth rate of 23.2 percent in the last 12 months.



* As of March 7.

BCRP OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	FLOWS				BALANCE		
	Feb-11	From 01/03 to 07/03	Accumulated		Dec 31, 2010	Feb 28, 2011	Mar 7, 2011
			Monthly*	Annual*			
I. EXCHANGE OPERATIONS (Millions of US\$)	1,137	1	1	1,847			
1. Over the counter operations	411	0	0	667			
2. Public Sector	497	0	0	497			
3. Other exchange operations 1/	-25	0	0	-25			
	-61	0	0	195			
II. MONETARY OPERATIONS	-1,492	8,148	8,148	2,331	-52,565	-58,382	-50,234
1. Sterilization	-1,492	8,148	8,148	2,331	-52,565	-58,382	-50,234
a. BCRP instruments	-1,514	7,471	7,471	4,945	-24,463	-26,989	-19,519
BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP)	-280	-80	-80	-540	-30	-490	-570
BCRP Certificates of Deposit Variable in soles (CDV BCRP)	-3,810	-500	-500	-7,360	-3,196	-10,056	-10,556
BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP)	170	0	0	-541	-450	-991	-991
Term Deposits	2,406	8,051	8,051	13,386	-20,788	-15,453	-7,402
b. Public Sector Deposits in soles	94	417	417	-3,243	-26,726	-30,387	-29,969
c. Other monetary operations 2/	-73	260	260	629	-1,375	-1,006	-746
2. Injection (Repos)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
III. RESERVE REQUIREMENTS IN DC	204	-8,439	-8,439	-5,921	-10,054	-7,536	-15,975
IV. OTHER 3/	171	82	82	408			
V. CURRENCY ** (Monthly percentage change)	20	-209	-209	-1,335	24,154	23,027	22,819
(Accumulated percentage change)					11.1%	0.1%	-0.9%
(YoY)					25.5%	-4.7%	-5.5%
					25.5%	24.6%	23.2%

* As of March 7, 2011.

** Preliminary data.

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

2/ Includes overnight deposits and Deposit Insurance Funds.

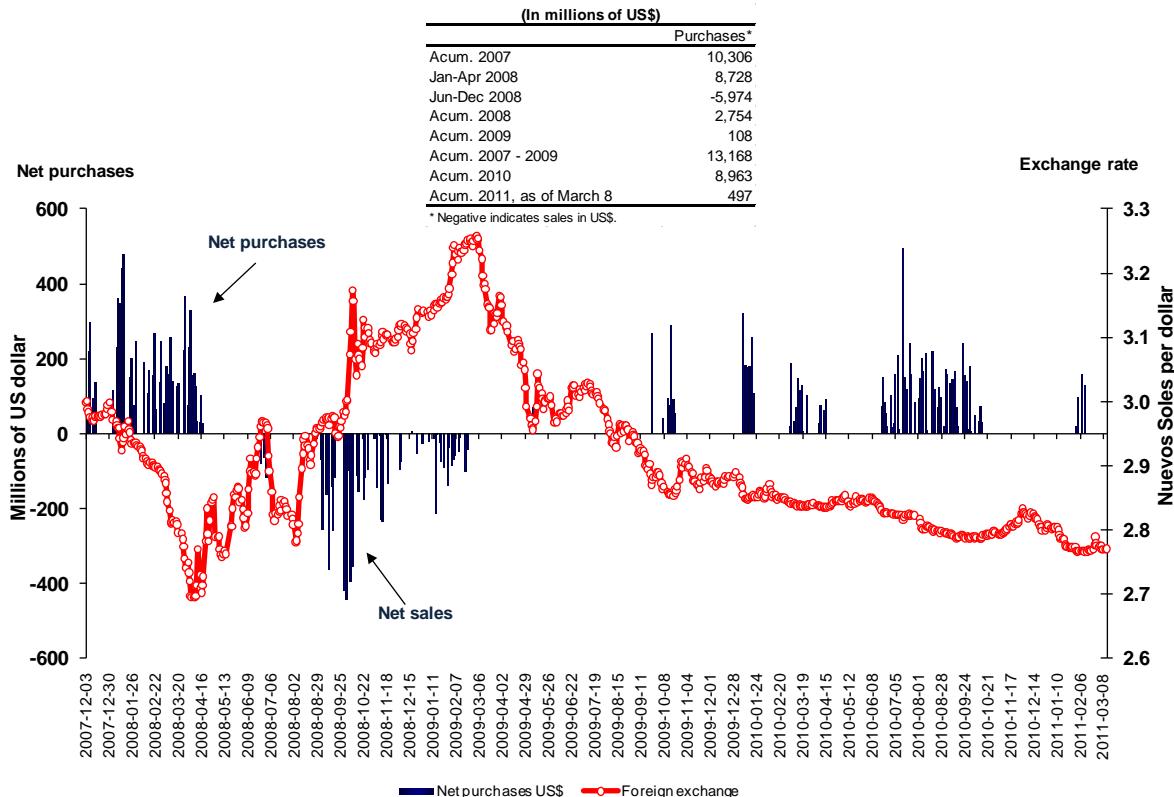
3/ Includes BCRP operative expenses, interest by deposits in the BCRP (overnight, terms and specials), net interest by CDBCRP placements and Central Bank profit transfers to the public sector.

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Exchange rate: US dollar traded at S/. 2.771

Between March 1 and 8, the average interbank ask price of the dollar fell from S/. 2.777 to S/. 2.771 per dollar, which represented an appreciation of the nuevo sol of 0.20 percent. The Central Bank did not intervene in the foreign exchange market in this period.

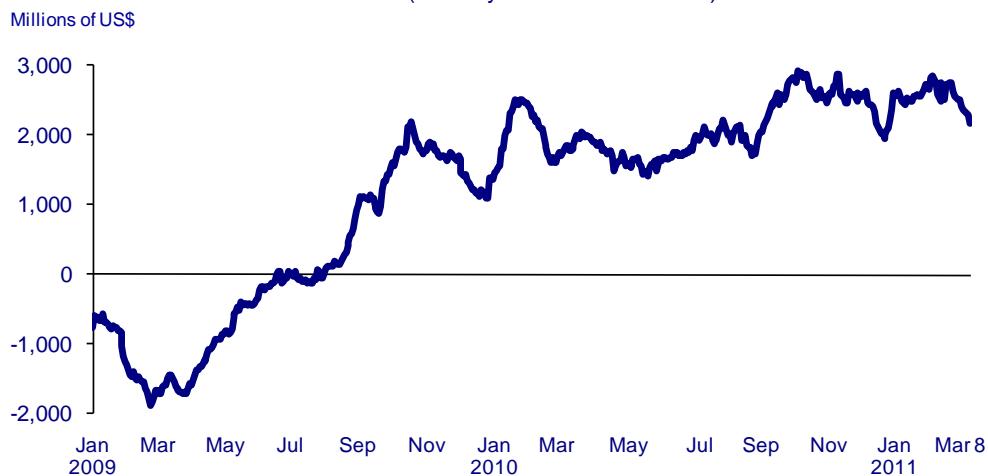
EXCHANGE RATE AND NET DOLLAR PURCHASE



Between March 1 and 8, banks' balance of net forward purchases of foreign currency declined by US\$ 242 million. So far this month, the balance of net forward purchases of FC has accumulated a decline of US\$ 350 million.

BALANCE OF NET FORWARD PURCHASES OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

(January 2009 - March 2011)



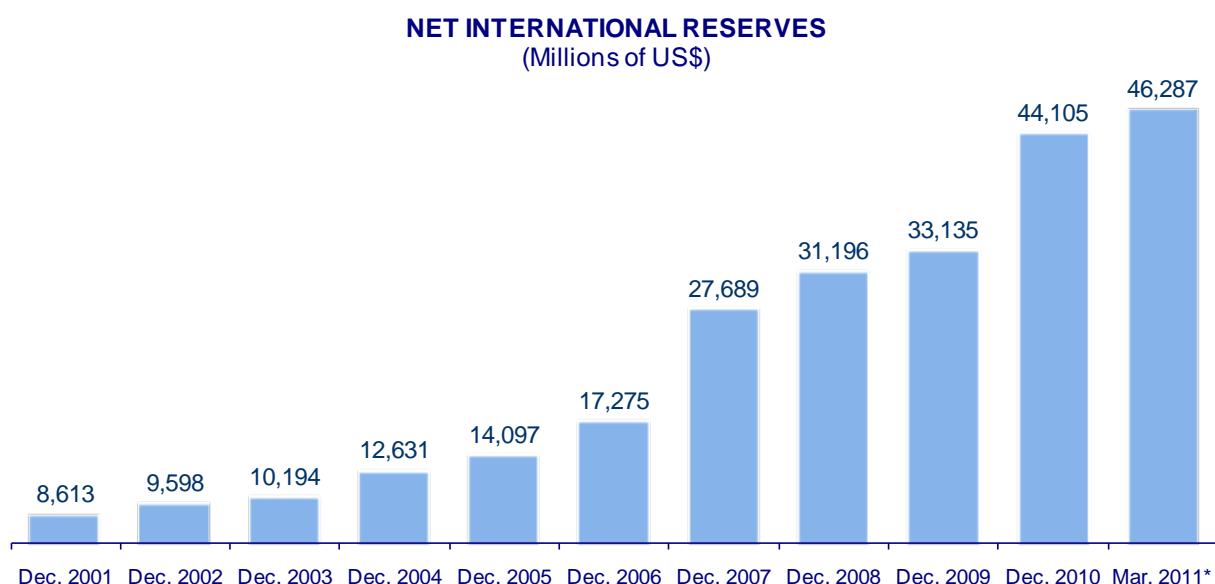
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International reserves amount to US\$ 46,287 million

At March 8, net international reserves (NIRs) amounted to US\$ 46,287 million. This level of reserves is US\$ 19 million higher than the one recorded at the close of February.

The increase observed so far this month in NIRs resulted mainly from higher government deposits (US\$ 29 million) and the higher valuation of investments (US\$ 28 million). This was partially offset by ALADI's extraordinary settlements (US\$ 34 million) and by banks' lower deposits (US\$ 3 million).

The exchange rate position of the BCRP on March 8 (US\$ 33,392 million) was lower by US\$ 7 million than the one recorded at the close of February.



* As of March 8.

Liquidity and credit to the private sector at February 15

In the last four weeks, **total liquidity in the private sector** increased 0.3 percent (S/. 439 million) and accumulated a growth rate of 20.3 percent in the last twelve months. By currencies, liquidity in soles grew 0.8 percent (S/. 708 million), while liquidity in dollars declined 0.5 percent (negative flow of US\$ 93 million).

In the same period, **total credit to the private sector** grew 1.3 percent (S/. 1,722 million). By currencies, credit in soles grew 1.3 percent (S/. 891 million), while credit in dollars grew 1.4 percent (US\$ 296 million). With this, credit to the private sector records an annual growth rate of 21.6 percent.

Non traditional exports increased by 38.4 percent in January

The trade balance was positive by US\$ 215 million in January. Exports totaled US\$ 2,931 million, sum 20.2 percent higher than the one recorded in January 2010. The volume of exports dropped 0.9 percent, which reflected the decline observed in terms of traditional exports, especially fishmeal (56.7 percent), gold (21.8 percent), zinc (10.4 percent), and copper (9.1 percent). On the other hand, non traditional exports increased by 26.9 percent. The average price of exports rose 21.3 percent. The rise in the average export price of copper (30.6 percent) and gold (21.8 percent) is worth pointing out.

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

	2010					2011	% chg. January	
	Jan.	Monthly Average				Jan	Previous months	Last 12 months
		IQ.	IIQ.	IIIQ.	IVQ.			
1. EXPORTS	2,439	2,641	2,721	3,100	3,393	2,931	- 21.1	20.2
Traditional products	1,927	2,085	2,098	2,441	2,599	2,227	- 22.9	15.6
Non-traditional products	493	535	603	641	768	683	- 14.6	38.4
Other products	19	21	21	18	25	21	- 23.5	13.1
2. IMPORTS	2,075	2,112	2,203	2,605	2,685	2,715	1.1	30.9
Consumption goods	336	375	416	501	537	443	- 8.5	32.0
Raw materials	1,058	1,057	1,086	1,248	1,284	1,407	10.8	33.0
Capital goods	639	657	686	841	841	832	- 6.6	30.3
Other goods	42	23	16	15	22	33	- 18.4	- 20.9
3. TRADE BALANCE	364	530	518	495	708	215		

Imports in January amounted to US\$ 2,715 million, a figure 30.9 percent higher than the one registered in January 2010. The total volume of imports increased by 17.7 percent as a result of higher imports of consumer durable goods (31.2 percent), capital goods (26.6 percent), and industrial inputs (18.9 percent). The average price of imports increased 11.3 percent compared to January 2010 due to the higher prices of oil crude and industrial imports.

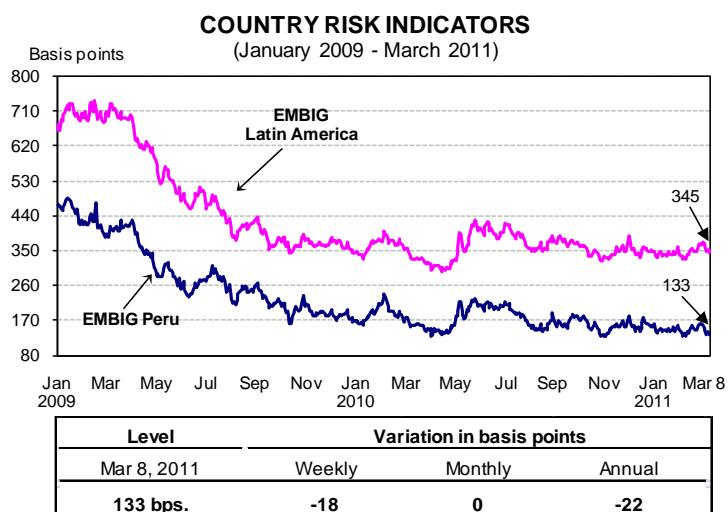
Terms of trade in January 2011 were 9.0 percent higher than in January 2010. The prices of exports increased 21.3 percent, while the prices of imports increased 11.3 percent.

International Markets

Country risk at 133 basis points

Between March 1 and 8, the average country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, dropped from 151 to 133 basis points.

The spread of the Latin American debt fell by 25 basis points, influenced by the publication of positive indicators of economic activity in the United States during the week.

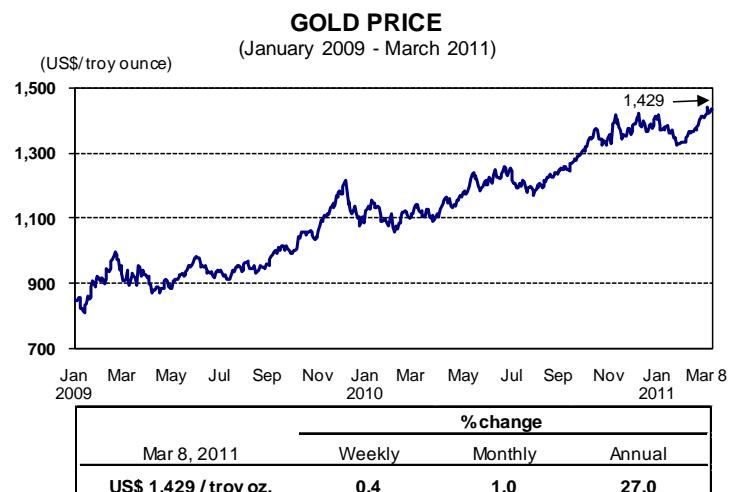


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Price of gold rose to US\$ 1,429.3 a troy ounce

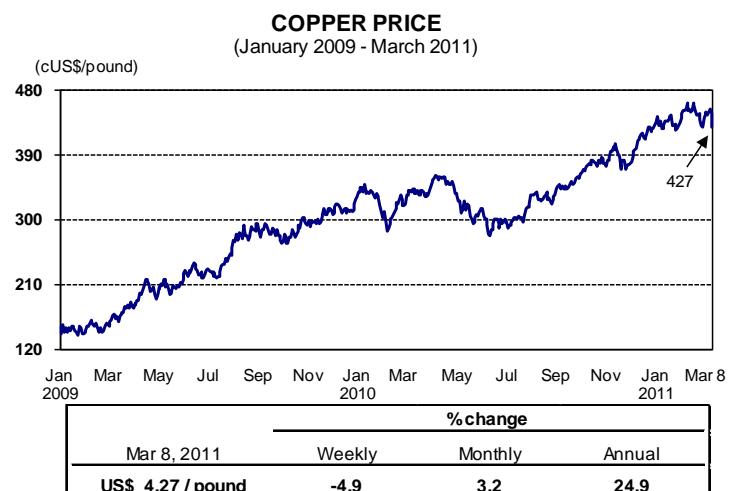
In the same period, the average price of **gold** increased 0.4 percent to US\$1,429.3/troy ounce, after recording a historical high of US\$ 1,438.9/troy on March 2.

The rise in the price of gold was supported by higher expectations of inflation in some regions, by the rise in the price of crude, and by the depreciation of the dollar against the euro in financial markets.



Between March 1 and 8, the price of **copper** fell 4.9 percent to US\$ 4.27 per pound.

The price of copper showed a negative performance during the week, affected by adverse expectations of global growth as a result of the rise in the price of crude and China's monetary policy adjustments.



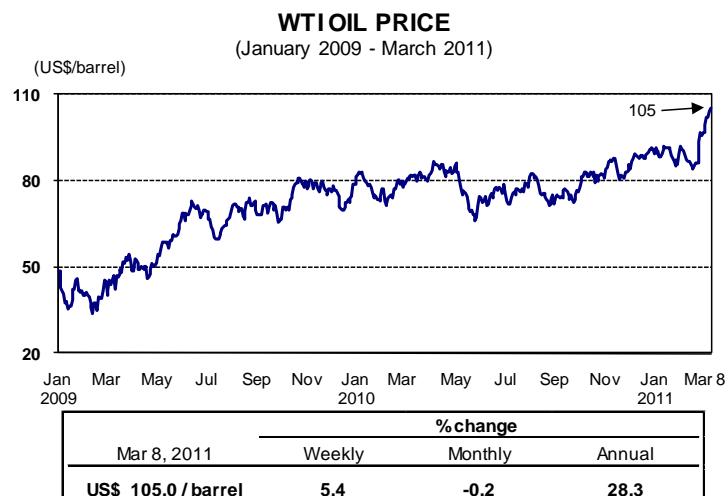
In the same period, the price of zinc dropped 5.7 percent to US\$ 1.07 a pound.

This drop in the price of zinc was associated mainly with the increase of inventories at the London Metal Exchange (LME) –inventories increased 3.7 percent to 734 thousand tons– and with prospects of lower global demand.



Between March 1 and 8, the price of **WTI oil** rose to US\$ 105.0 per barrel (5.4 percent).

The price of crude continued rising influenced mainly by the escalating conflict in Libya, as well as by the lower availability of crude and gasoline inventories in the United States.

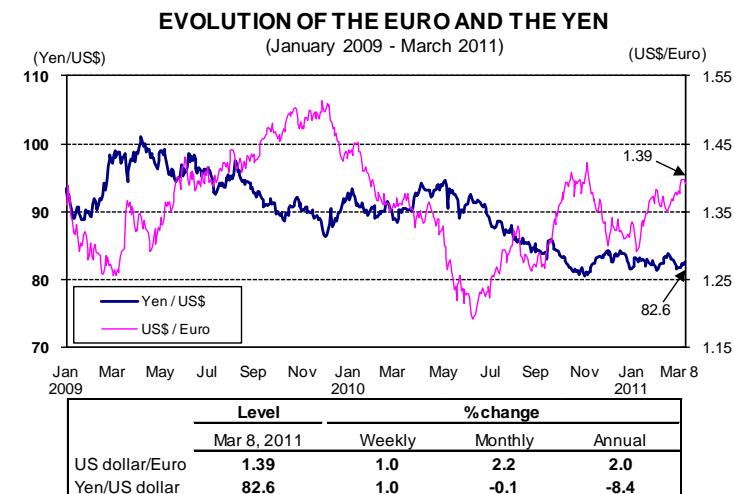


US dollar depreciated against the euro

Between March 1 and 8, the **dollar** depreciated 1.0 percent against the **euro**.

The depreciation of the dollar against the euro is explained by expectations that the Federal Reserve will maintain its rates (as inferred from Bernake's speech before Congress), while the European Central Bank is expected to raise its rates (signals from Trichet).

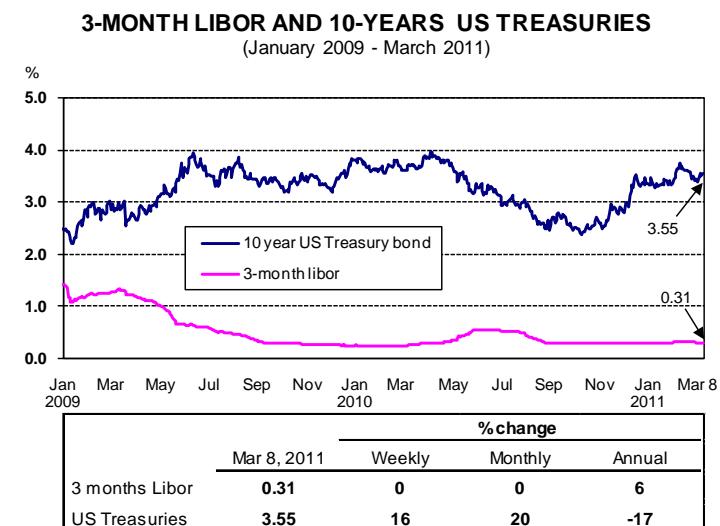
Moreover, the dollar appreciated 1.0 percent against the **yen**.



Yield on 10-year US Treasuries increased to 3.55 percent

Between March 1 and 8, the **3-month Libor** remained at 0.31 percent, while the yield on the **10-year US Treasury bonds** rose to 3.55 percent from 3.39 percent.

During the week, the yield on the US Treasuries rose in line with more favorable data of activity in the United States.

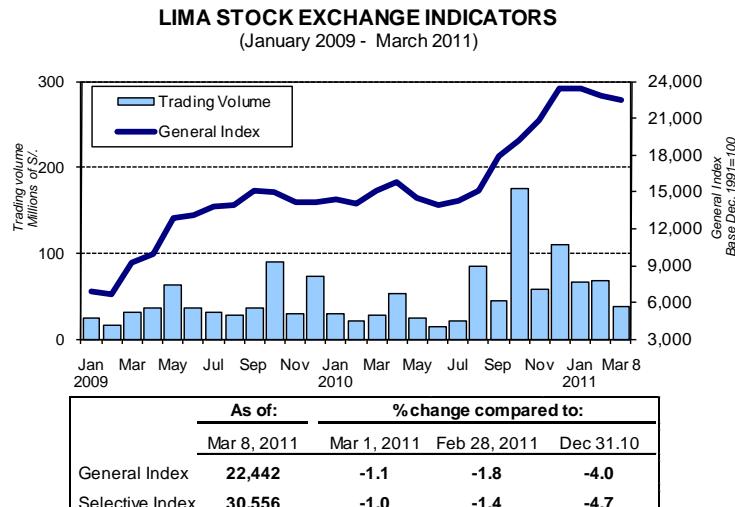


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Lima Stock Exchange

So far this month (at March 8), the **General** Index and the **Selective** Index of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) have fallen 1.8 and 1.4 percent, respectively.

In the week of analysis (March 1-8), the indices of the LSE fell 1.1 and 1.0 percent, respectively, affected by profit taking in the case of some shares and by the decline in the international prices of basic metals.



Year-to-date, the **General** Index and the **Selective** Index of the Lima Stock Exchange have accumulated losses of 4.0 percent and 4.7 percent, respectively.

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Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicators

RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mils. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	2007		2008		2009		2010		Var.													
	Dic	Dic	Dic	Jun	Set	Dic	Ene	Feb														
	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.														
Posición de cambio / Net international position	19 622	21 365	22 988	25 858	32 212	32 423	32 812	33 399	33 276	33 410	33 379	33 445	33 443	33 392	-7							
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	27 689	31 196	33 135	35 341	42 464	44 105	44 511	46 268	46 264	46 176	46 206	46 337	46 299	46 287	-1							
Depositos del sistema financiero en el BCRP / Financial system deposits at BCRP	4 635	6 581	5 853	6 349	7 042	7 326	7 398	8 532	8 551	8 428	8 460	8 526	8 490	8 529	-3							
Empresas bancarias / Banks	4 396	6 297	5 462	5 609	6 454	6 655	6 650	7 877	7 888	7 775	7 804	7 885	7 838	7 873	-3							
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	174	255	302	643	480	545	620	534	535	530	534	520	530	528	-6							
Resto de instituciones financieras / Other financial institutions	65	29	89	97	107	126	128	121	128	122	121	121	122	128	7							
Depositos del sector público en el BCRP / Public sector deposits at BCRP *	3 407	3 274	4 304	3 079	3 218	4 339	4 267	4 308	4 307	4 307	4 337	4 336	4 336	4 336	28							
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mils. US\$) / BCRP FOREIGN OPERATIONS											Acum.											
Origen externo de la emisión primaria / External origin of monetary base	656	-331	85	536	1 887	-1	256	412	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	854	-289	0	526	1 914	0	0	497	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Compras con compromiso de recompras en ME (neto) / Net swaps auctions in FC	0	-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector	-200	-33	82	0	0	-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE											Prom.											
Compra interbancario/Interbank	Promedio / Average	2,980	3,113	2,877	2,838	2,790	2,815	2,786	2,770	2,775	2,774	2,769	2,769	2,769	2,770							
Apertura / Opening	2,983	3,117	2,879	2,840	2,792	2,816	2,788	2,772	2,774	2,784	2,769	2,769	2,770	2,771	2,773							
Mediocda / Midday	2,982	3,115	2,878	2,839	2,791	2,816	2,787	2,771	2,778	2,774	2,769	2,771	2,770	2,771	2,772							
Cierre / Close	2,983	3,117	2,879	2,838	2,792	2,815	2,786	2,771	2,779	2,773	2,771	2,770	2,771	2,772	2,772							
Promedio / Average	2,982	3,116	2,879	2,839	2,791	2,816	2,787	2,771	2,777	2,775	2,770	2,770	2,770	2,771	2,772							
Sistema Bancario (SBS)	Compra / Bid	2,980	3,113	2,877	2,837	2,790	2,815	2,786	2,770	2,777	2,774	2,770	2,769	2,768	2,770							
Banking System	Venta / Ask	2,982	3,115	2,878	2,839	2,791	2,816	2,788	2,771	2,778	2,775	2,771	2,770	2,771	2,773							
Indice de tipo de cambio real (2001 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (2001 = 100)	104,5	99,4	100,3	94,1	95,7	98,2	97,6	97,5														
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS																						
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency																						
Emitación Primaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	14,3	11,8	13,1	2,5	0,1	22,1	-10,1	-0,6														
Monetary base (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	28,2	25,5	5,5	20,9	26,5	45,3	39,5	39,1														
Oferta monetaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	5,2	2,9	5,3	1,8	0,5	5,4	-1,4															
Money Supply (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	33,6	26,5	15,0	26,0	28,9	30,1	27,8															
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	2,9	2,6	0,7	2,0	0,7	1,9	1,0															
Crédito al sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	37,9	46,4	17,6	20,3	20,4	20,8	21,1															
TOSE saldo fin de periodo (Var.% acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	0,0	0,8	-0,6	1,2	-0,8	1,2	-1,2	2,3	-0,3	-0,2	0,4	0,3	0,7									
Superávit de encarte promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,4	1,0	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,5	6,2	6,9	7,4	7,9									
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S./) / Banks' current account (balance)	531	1 779	1 202	352	2 331	4 892	4 846	4 890	8 508	9 399	10 326	10 620	10 307	10 060								
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S./) / Rediscounts (Millions of S.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Depositos públicos en el BCRP (millones S./) / Public sector deposits at the BCRP (Mills.S.)	16 924	23 568	21 006	27 823	28 888	26 726	30 481	30 387	30 284	30 285	30 233	30 092	29 969	29 941								
Certificados de Depósito BCRP (saldo Mill. S./) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of S.)	21 458	7 721	14 121	17 570	29 768	30	210	490	540	540	570	570	570	620								
Subasta de Depósitos a Plazo (saldo Mill. S./) / Time Deposits Auctions (Millions of S.)**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
CDBCRP con Negociación Restringida (Saldo Mill. S./) / CDBCRP-NR balance (Millions of S.)	0	6 483	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
CDBCRP-MN con Tasa Variable (CDV BCRP) (Saldo Mill. S./) / CDVBCRP- balance (Millions of S.) ***					3 196	6 246	10 056	10 056	10 056	10 056	10 056	10 256	10 556									
CD Liquidables en Dólares del BCRP (Saldo Mill. S./) / CDLBCRP- balance (Millions of S.) ***	0	3 990	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
CD Reajustables BCRP (saldo Mill. S./) / CDRBCRP balance (Millions of S.)	0	5 412	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Operaciones de reporte (saldo mill. S./) / Deposits																						
TASA / Average lending rates in domestic currency	22,27	23,04	19,93	19,13	18,36	18,74	18,68	18,58	18,66	18,67	18,57	18,63	18,62	18,57	18,62							
Préstamos hasta 360 días / Loans up to 360 days ****	13,24	15,25	11,13	10,77	13,01	14,20	13,64	13,45	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.							
Interbancaria / Interbank	4,99	6,54	1,24	1,62	2,74	2,98	3,21	3,39	3,50	3,49	3,50	3,50	3,50	3,50	3,50							
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	5,60	7,51	1,74	2,31	3,85	3,63	3,90	4,19	4,31	4,26	4,26	4,26	4,26	4,26	4,28							
Tasa de interés (%)	TASA / Average lending rates in foreign currency																					
	Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts ****																					
	5,75																					
	5,46																					
	Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance																					
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^{**} Incluye depósitos de Promefco, 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.

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***** Las tasas de interés para los créditos de regulación monetaria

Fuente: BCRP, INEI, Banco de la Nación, BVL, Sunat, SBS, Reuters y Bloomberg.

Elaboración: Departamento de Publicaciones Económicas.