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- ↗ Interbank interest rate: 3.65 percent
- ↗ Exchange rate: S/. 2.783 per dollar
- ↗ Central government's fiscal surplus in February: S/. 352 million
- ↗ Country risk at 172 bps.

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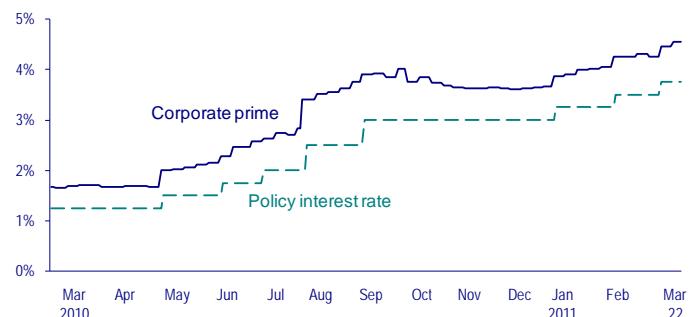
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Corporate interest rate in nuevos soles at 4.55 percent

Between **March 15 and 22**, the daily average of the corporate interest rate in domestic currency rose from 4.45 to 4.55 percent.

The average corporate interest rate in foreign currency fall to 2.70 from 2.93 percent.

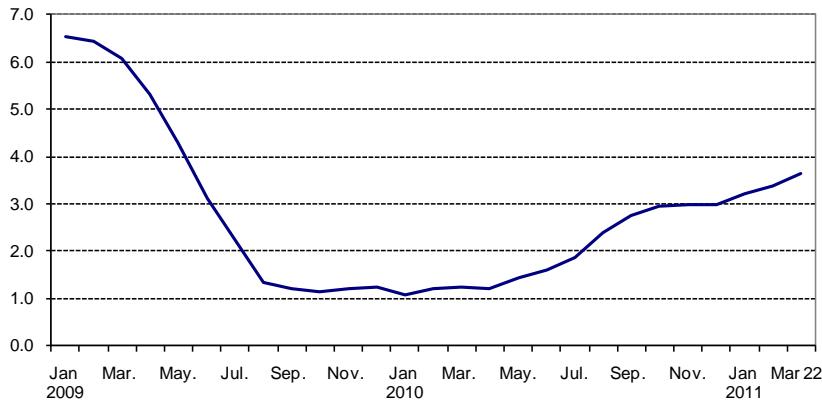
INTEREST RATES IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY
(March 2010 - March 2011)



Average interbank interest rate: 3.65 percent

The average interbank interest rate in domestic currency at March 22 was 3.65 percent.

INTEREST RATE IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY
(Average month)



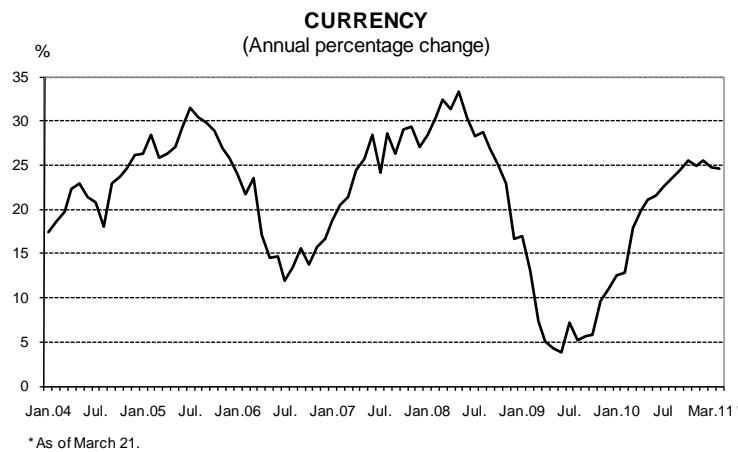
	Average interbank rate	S.D.
	Average	
December 2009	1.24%	0.02
January 2010	1.09%	0.16
February	1.21%	0.03
March	1.23%	0.02
April	1.22%	0.02
May	1.45%	0.12
June	1.62%	0.11
July	1.90%	0.12
August	2.38%	0.18
September	2.74%	0.23
October	2.94%	0.15
November	2.97%	0.05
December	2.98%	0.02
January 2011	3.21%	0.10
February	3.37%	0.13
March 22	3.65%	0.09

Monetary operations

Between **March 16 and 22**, the BCRP made the following monetary operations: i) Auctions of 175-day to up to 375-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/. 780 million, was 4.31 percent; ii) Auctions of 1-day to 32-day Term Deposits in domestic currency for a daily average of S/. 4,537 million at an average rate of 3.74 percent, reaching a balance of S/. 13,148 million; and iii) overnight deposits of S/. 55 million.

Currency in circulation: S/. 22,465 million on March 21

Between March 15 and 21, **currency in circulation** shrank by S/. 97 million and amounted to S/. 22,465 million. As a result of this, currency in circulation accumulates a decline of S/. 1,689 million so far this year and registers a growth rate of 22.2 percent in the last 12 months.



BCRP OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	FLOWS				BALANCE		
	Feb-11	From 15/03 to 21/03	Accumulated		Dec 31, 2010	Feb 28, 2011	Mar 21, 2011
			Monthly*	Annual*			
I. EXCHANGE OPERATIONS	1,137	-100	-99	1,747			
(Millions of US\$)	411	-36	-36	631			
1. Over the counter operations	497	0	0	497			
2. Public Sector	-25	0	0	-25			
3. Other exchange operations 1/	-61	-36	-36	159			
II. MONETARY OPERATIONS	-1,492	-1,478	-256	-6,073	-52,565	-58,382	-58,638
1. Sterilization	-1,492	-1,478	-256	-6,073	-52,565	-58,382	-58,638
a. BCRP instruments	-1,514	-188	965	-1,561	-24,463	-26,989	-26,025
BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP)	-280	-80	-240	-700	-30	-490	-730
BCRP Certificates of Deposit Variable in soles (CDV BCRP)	-3,810	0	-800	-7,660	-3,196	-10,056	-10,856
BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP)	170	100	100	-441	-450	-991	-891
Term Deposits	2,406	-208	1,905	7,240	-20,788	-15,453	-13,548
b. Public Sector Deposits in soles	94	-1,289	-1,479	-5,140	-26,726	-30,387	-31,866
c. Other monetary operations 2/	-73	0	258	627	-1,375	-1,006	-747
2. Injection (Repos)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
III. RESERVE REQUIREMENTS IN DC	204	1,456	-495	2,023	-10,054	-7,536	-8,031
IV. OTHER 3/	171	25	288	615			
V. CURRENCY **	20	-97	-563	-1,689	24,154	23,027	22,465
(Monthly percentage change)					11.1%	0.1%	-2.4%
(Accumulated percentage change)					25.5%	-4.7%	-7.0%
(YoY)					25.5%	24.6%	22.2%

* As of March 21, 2011.

** Preliminary data.

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

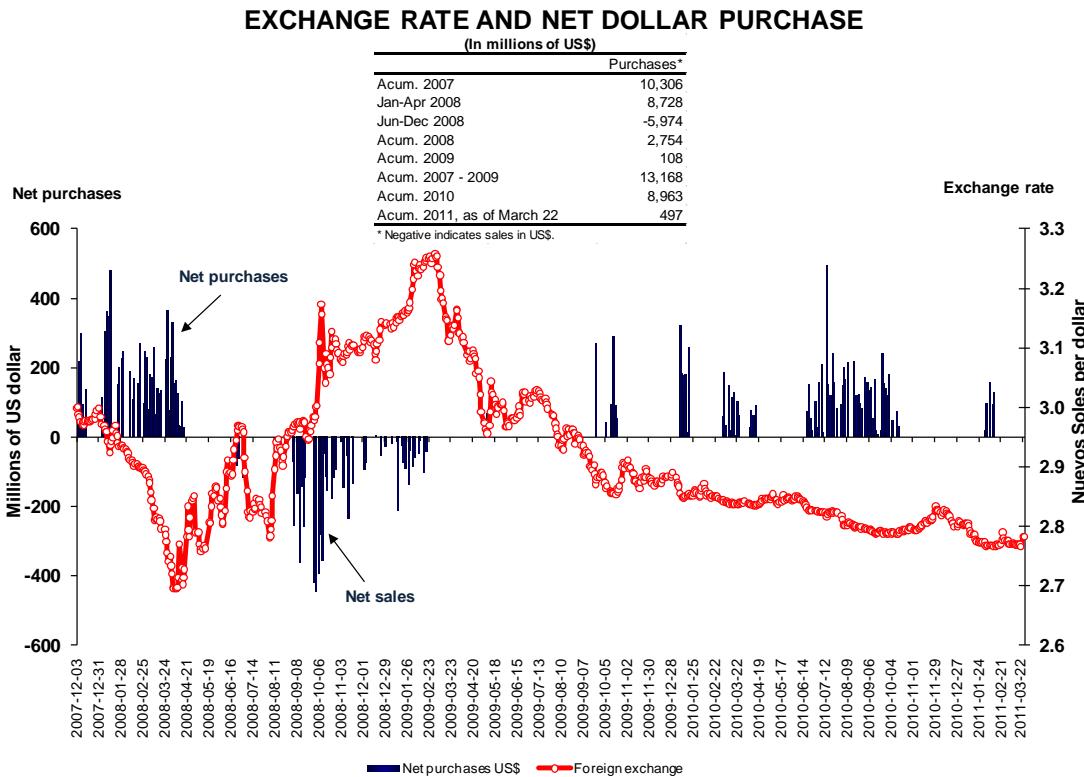
2/ Includes overnight deposits and Deposit Insurance Funds.

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.

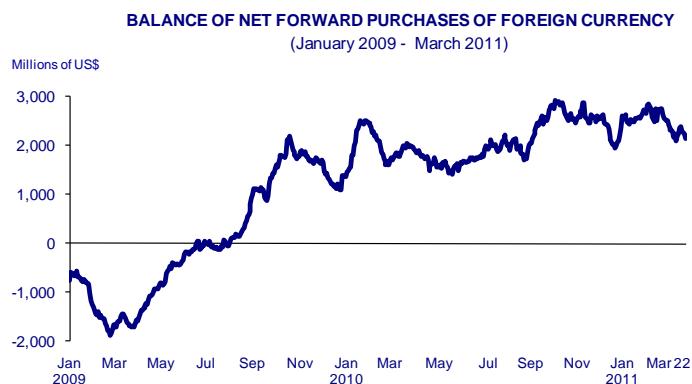
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Exchange rate: S/. 2.783 per US dollar

Between March 15 and 22, the average interbank ask price of the dollar fell from S/. 2.770 to S/. 2.783 per dollar, which represented an depreciation of the nuevo sol of 0.46 percent. The Central Bank did not intervene in the foreign exchange market in this period.



Between March 15 and 22, banks' balance of net forward purchases of foreign currency decreased by US\$ 232 million. So far this month, the balance of net forward purchases of FC has accumulated a decline of US\$ 377 million.



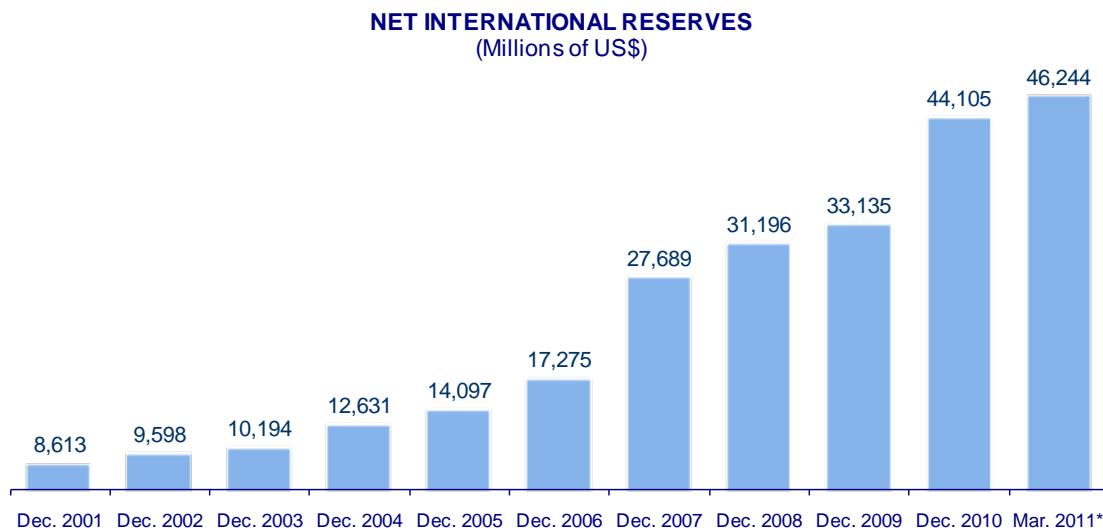
International reserves amounted to US\$ 46,244 million

At March 22, net international reserves (NIRs) amounted to US\$ 46,244 million. This level of reserves is US\$ 23 million lower than the one recorded at the close of February.

The decrease observed so far this month in NIRs resulted mainly by banks' lower deposits for US\$ 140 million, by swap operations in dollars US\$ 126 million, and by ALADI's extraordinary settlements (US\$ 35 million). This was partially offset by higher valuation of investments (US\$ 216 million) and by higher public sector deposits for US\$ 63 million.

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The exchange rate position of the BCRP on March 22 (US\$ 33,453 million) was higher by US\$ 54 million than the one recorded at the close of February.

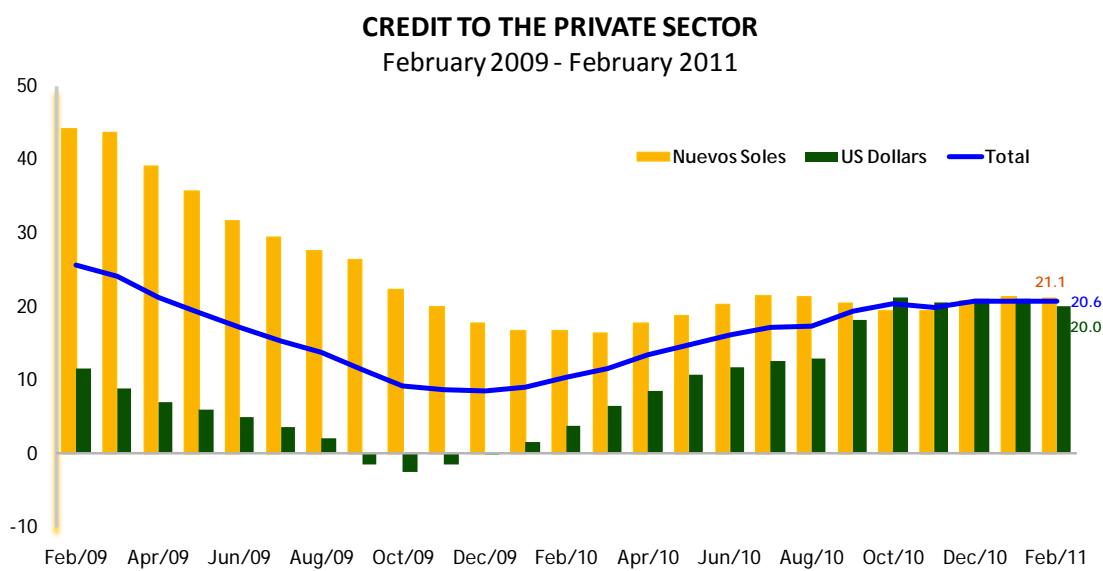


Liquidity and credit to the private sector at February 28

In February, **total credit in the private sector** increased 1.2 percent (S/. 1,529 million), including credits made by banks' branches abroad, and accumulated a growth rate of 20.6 percent in the last twelve months.

By currencies, credit in soles grew 1.4 percent (S/. 993 million) and 21.1 percent in the last twelve months, while liquidity in dollars grew 0.9 percent (US\$ 190 million) and 20.0 percent in the last twelve months.

In the same period, **total liquidity to the private sector** grew 1.3 percent (S/. 1,705 million), thus accumulating an annual growth of 21.1 percent. By currencies, liquidity in soles grew 1.2 percent (S/. 977 million), while liquidity in dollars grew 1.4 percent (US\$ 259 million).



Central government recorded economic surplus of S/. 352 million in February

The operations of the central government showed an economic surplus of S/. 352 million in February 2011, in contrast with the deficit (S/. 414 million) observed in the same period in 2010. This result is explained by the real growth of tax revenues (17.1 percent), mainly by the growth of revenues from the income tax (13.8 percent) and the VAT (15.5 percent).

The gross capital formation increased 27.9, highlighting the investments executed in the sectors of transports, education and electricity.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	February			January-February		
	2010	2011	Real % chg.	2010	2011	Real % chg.
I. Current Revenue	5,118	6,101	16.6	11,474	13,465	14.8
1. Tax revenue	4,334	5,188	17.1	9,960	11,679	14.7
2. Non tax revenue	784	913	13.9	1,514	1,786	15.4
II. Non Financial Expenditure	4,675	4,664	-2.4	8,886	9,185	1.1
1. Current	3,695	3,784	0.2	7,377	7,548	0.1
a. Wages and salaries	1,330	1,276	-6.2	2,722	2,776	-0.2
b. Goods and services	1,151	1,208	2.7	1,877	2,041	6.4
c. Transfers	1,214	1,300	4.8	2,778	2,731	-3.8
2. Capital	980	880	-12.2	1,509	1,637	6.2
a. Gross Capital Formation	495	648	27.9	680	1,001	44.0
b. Other	485	232	-53.2	829	636	-24.9
III. Capital Revenue	7	3	-53.8	388	7	-98.3
IV. Interest Payments	863	1,088	23.3	1,258	1,437	11.8
V. Overall Balance	-414	352		1,718	2,850	

Source: MEF, SUNAT, Banco de la Nación.

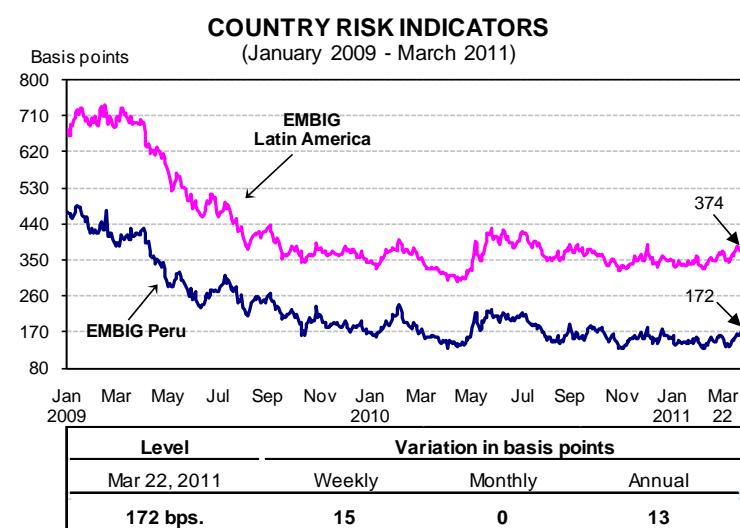
International Markets

Country risk at 172 basis points

Between March 15 and 22, the average country risk indicator, measured by the EMBIG Peru spread, rose from 157 to 172 basis points.

While, the spread of debt in the Latin American region remained at 374 bps.

Moody's raised the debt perspective of Peru from stable to positive (keeping the Baa3 rating) based on improvements in macroeconomic indicators.

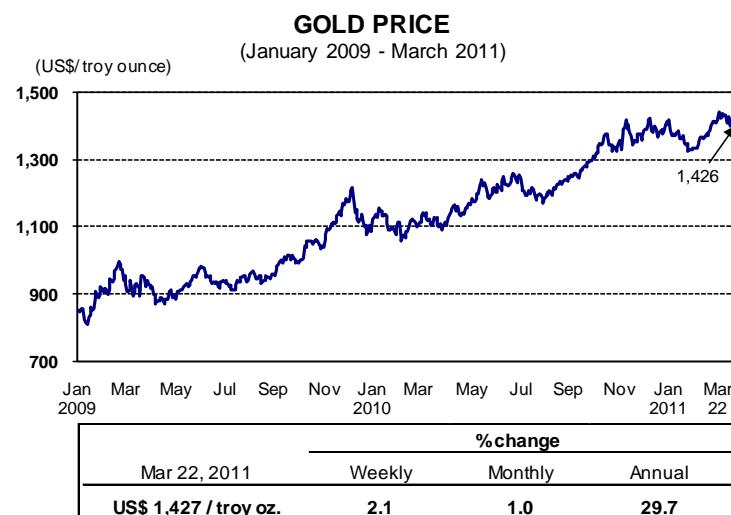


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Price of gold rose to US\$ 1,426.5 a troy ounce

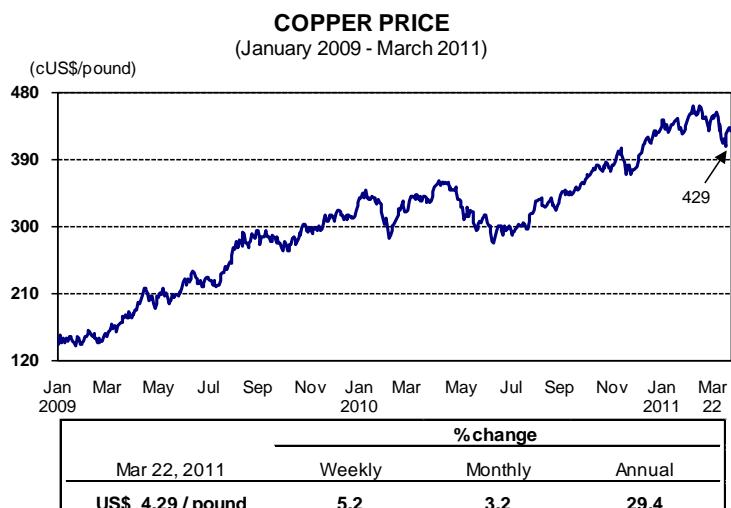
In the same period, the average price of **gold** increased 2.1 percent to US\$1,426.5/troy ounce.

Gold price increased after higher demand of gold as a safe haven asset under the uncertain economic situation following the earthquake in Japan, problems in the Middle East and North Africa and inflationary pressures. Another factor that influenced the price increase was the depreciation of the dollar against the euro.



Between March 15 and 22, the price of **copper** rose 5.2 percent to US\$ 4.29 per pound.

This week the price of copper recovered after been falling in the previous weeks. The expectations of increased demand for the reconstruction of Japan and the falling dollar, explained this increase. The rise in copper prices comes despite the rise in stocks (3.5 percent in the week) in the main metal exchanges.



In the same period, the price of **zinc** increased 2.8 percent to US\$ 1.04 a pound.

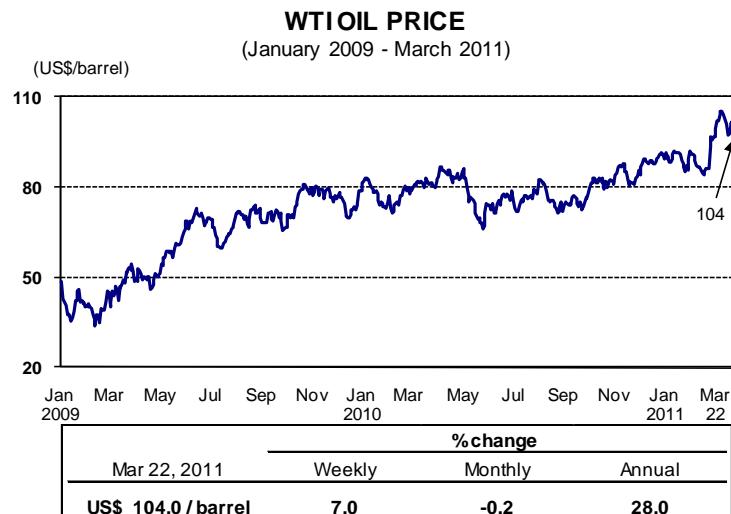
The greater price of the base metal was associated with expectations of increased demand for the reconstruction of Japan and the decline in inventories of the main metal exchanges.



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Between March 15 and 22, the price of **WTI oil** increased to US\$ 104.0 per barrel (7.0 percent).

Crude oil prices resumed their upward trend during the week due to continuous problems in the region Middle East and North Africa (UN intervention in Libya and events in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia).

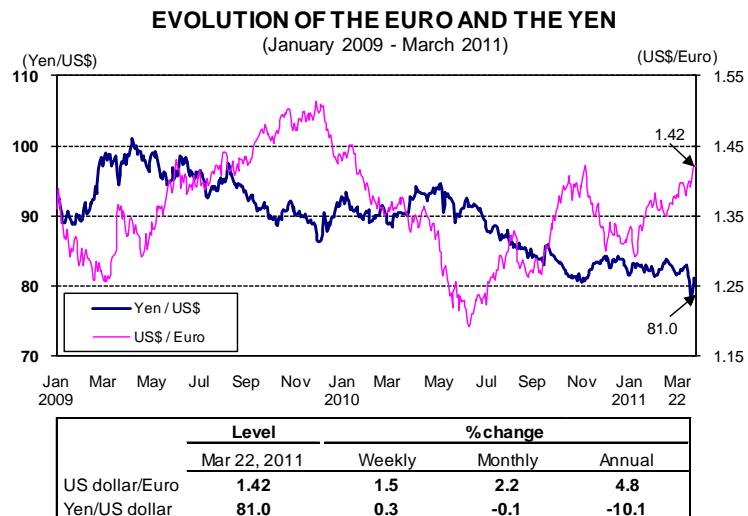


US dollar depreciated against the euro

Between March 15 and 22, the **dollar** depreciated 1.5 percent against the **euro**.

The dollar continued to depreciate against the euro on expectations of a rise in the benchmark interest rates in the Eurozone next month.

Against the **yen**, the dollar appreciated 0.3 percent, amid the intervention of foreign currency purchase coordinated by the G-7 to stabilize the Japanese currency.



Yield on 10-year US Treasuries increased to 3.33 percent

Between March 15 and 22, the **3-month Libor** remained at 0.31 percent, while the yield on the **10-year US Treasury bonds** rose to 3.33 percent from 3.31 percent.

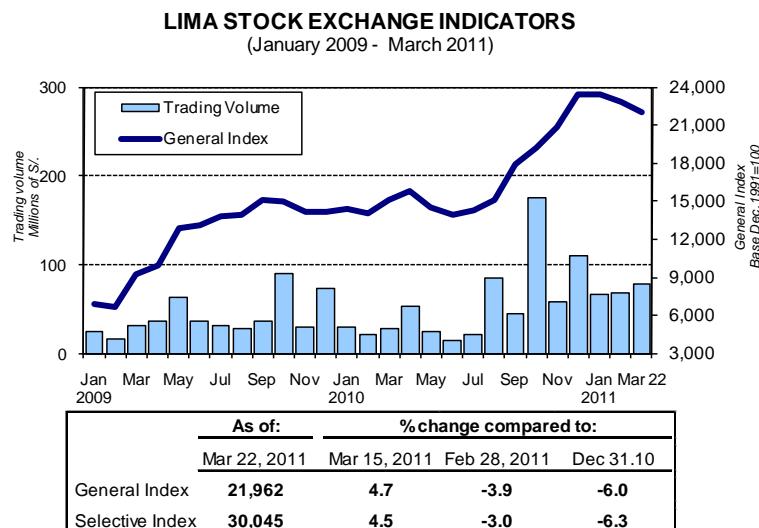
During the week, the yields of the US Treasuries rose slightly due to lower concern about Japan which reduced the demand for safe assets. The Treasury announced the sale of its portfolio of Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) for next year.



Lima Stock Exchange

So far this month (at March 22), the **General Index** and the **Selective Index** of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) have fallen 3.9 and 3.0 percent, respectively.

During the week (from March 15 to 22), both indices increased 4.7 and 4.5 percent, respectively, boosted mainly after Moody's upgraded its perspective about the country improving the confidence of investor about Lima Stock Exchange.



Year-to-date, the **General Index** and the **Selective Index** of the Lima Stock Exchange have accumulated losses of 6.0 percent and 6.3 percent, respectively.

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Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicators

	2010												2011							
	Dic	Dic	Dic	Mar	Jun	Set	Dic	Ene	Feb	16 Mar.	17 Mar.	18 Mar.	21 Mar.	22 Mar.	Mar					
	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Var.										
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES																				
Posición de cambio / Net international position	19 622	21 365	22 988	25 168	25 858	32 212	32 423	32 812	33 399	33 464	33 505	33 581	33 553	33 453	54					
Reservas internacionales netas / Net international reserves	27 689	31 196	33 135	35 269	35 341	42 464	44 105	44 511	46 268	46 833	46 928	46 931	46 265	46 244	-23					
Depositos del sistema financiero en el BCRP / Financial system deposits at BCRP	4 635	6 581	5 853	6 011	6 349	7 042	7 326	7 398	8 532	9 037	9 039	8 926	8 298	8 392	-140					
Empresas bancarias / Banks	4 396	6 297	5 462	5 438	5 609	6 454	6 655	6 650	7 877	8 337	8 355	8 262	7 637	7 718	-159					
Banco de la Nación / Banco de la Nación	174	255	302	488	643	480	545	620	534	587	583	562	560	570	36					
Resto de instituciones financieras / Other financial institutions	65	29	89	85	97	107	126	128	114	101	102	100	104	-18						
Depositos del sector público en el BCRP / Public sector deposits at BCRP *	3 407	3 274	4 304	4 056	3 079	3 218	4 339	4 267	4 308	4 303	4 355	4 386	4 386	4 370	63					
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mills. US\$) / BCR FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.									Prom.		
Origen externo de la emisión primaria / External origin of monetary base	656	-331	85	956	536	1 887	-1	256	412	0	0	0	-36	-90	-126					
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	854	-289	0	956	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	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	0				
Operaciones con el Sector Público / Public sector	-200	-33	82	0	0	0	0	0	-25	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.		
Compra interbancario/Interbank	Promedio / Average	2,980	3,113	2,877	2,839	2,838	2,790	2,815	2,786	2,770	2,768	2,768	2,766	2,781	2,782	2,771				
Apertura / Opening	2,983	3,117	2,879	2,840	2,840	2,792	2,816	2,788	2,772	2,768	2,770	2,766	2,777	2,787	2,772					
Mediodía / Midday	2,982	3,115	2,878	2,840	2,839	2,791	2,816	2,787	2,771	2,770	2,769	2,780	2,783	2,772						
Cierre / Close	2,983	3,117	2,879	2,840	2,838	2,792	2,815	2,786	2,771	2,769	2,784	2,782	2,772							
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Sistema Bancario (SBS) / Banking System	Compra / Bid	2,980	3,113	2,877	2,838	2,837	2,790	2,815	2,786	2,770	2,769	2,768	2,768	2,780	2,782	2,771				
Venta / Ask	2,982	3,115	2,878	2,840	2,839	2,791	2,816	2,788	2,771	2,770	2,769	2,781	2,782	2,772						
Indice de tipo de cambio real (2001 = 100) / Real exchange rate Index (2001 = 100)	104,5	99,4	100,3	96,1	94,11	95,7	98,2	97,6	97,5											
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS																				
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency																				
Emisión Primaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	14,3	11,8	13,1	3,2	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	16,3	20,9	26,5	45,3	39,5	39,1											
Oferta monetaria (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	5,2	2,9	5,3	3,3	1,8	0,5	5,4	-1,1	1,2											
Money Supply (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	33,6	26,5	15,0	24,0	26,0	28,9	30,1	28,1	27,4											
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	2,9	2,6	0,7	1,7	2,0	0,7	1,9	1,0	1,4											
Crédito sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	37,9	46,4	17,6	16,3	20,3	20,4	20,8	21,2	21,1											
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	0,0	0,8	-0,6	3,4	1,2	-0,8	1,2	-1,2	2,3	1,2	0,0	-0,1	0,4							
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,4	1,0	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	4,2	3,7	3,3	2,2							
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S.) / Banks' current account (balance (millions of S.))	531	1 779	1 202	1 450	352	2 331	4 892	4 846	4 890	2 543	2 518	2 647	2 676	2 400						
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	0	0				
Depósitos públicos en el BCRP (millones S.) / Public sector deposits at the BCRP (Mills.S.)	16 924	23 568	21 006	22 224	27 823	28 888	26 726	30 481	30 387	30 807	31 507	31 479	31 866	32 405						
Certificados Depósito BCRP (saldo Mill.S.) / CDBCRP balance (Millions of S.)	21 458	7 721	14 121	21 753	17 570	29 768	30	210	490	700	730	730	780							
Subasta de Depósitos a Plazo (saldo Mill.S.) / Time Deposits Auctions (Millions of S.)**	0	0	0	0	0	0	20 788	17 858	15 453	14 640	13 962	13 648	13 548	13 148						
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	0					
CDBCRP-MN con Tasa Variable (CDV BCRP) (Saldo Mill S.) / CDVBCRP-balance (Millions of S.)***	3 196	6 246	10 056	10 056	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856	10 856						
CD Liquidados en Dólares del BCRP (Saldo Mill S.) / CDLDBCRP-balance (Millions of S.) ***	450	1 161	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	991	
CD Reajustables BCRP (saldo Mill. S.) / CDRBCRP balance (Millions of S.) ***	0	3 990	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S.) / repos (Balance millions of S.)	0	5 412	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency																				
Crédito sector privado (Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	2,9	0,1	1,3	1,9	0,9	-0,7	2,3	1,8	2,0											
Crédito sector privado (Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	29,5	16,7	0,8	7,3	11,7	12,5	14,1	15,7	16,6											
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) / TOSE balance (% change)	6,1	-1,1	-0,5	0,9	3,9	-3,7	4,6	3,5	7,0	-1,7	-0,6	-1,4	-2,0							
Superávit de encaje promedio (% respecto al TOSE) / Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,3	1,0	0,5	0,5	0,3	0,7	0,5	0,1	0,3	1,1	1,2	1,3	1,4							
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) / Rediscounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tasa de interés (%) / Interest rates (%)																				
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TAMEX / Average lending rates in domestic currency	10,46	10,55	8,62	8,27	8,03	8,72	8,55	8,41	8,34	8,33	8,31	8,31	8,28	8,27	8,33					
Prestamos hasta 360 días / Loans up to 360 days ****	13,24	15,25	11,13	10,77	10,77	13,01	14,20	13,64	13,45	13,51	13,48	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	13,50					
Interbancaria / Interbank	4,99	6,54	1,24	1,23	1,62	2,74	2,98	3,21	3,39	3,74	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,75	3,65				
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / Corporate Prime	5,60	7,51	1,74	1,69	2,31	3,85	3,63	3,90	4,19	4,45	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,40				
Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP / CDBCRP repos	s.m.	6,96	s.m.	s.m.	2,55	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.	
Créditos por regulación monetaria / Rediscounts *****	5,75	7,25	2,05	2,05	2,55	3,80	3,80	4,05	4,30	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,55	4,55				
Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance	5,46	5,87	1,70	1,50	1,57	2,87	3,90	3,78	3,90	3,95	3,97	3,97	3,97	3,97	3,97	3,99				
Del saldo de depósitos a Plazo / Time Deposits	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.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Del saldo de CDBCRP-NR / CDBCRP-NR balance	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.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Del saldo de CDLDBCRP / CDLDBCRP -balance	3,12	3,23	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27	3,27
Spread del saldo del CDV BCRP - MN / Spread CDV BCRP	0,09	0,07	0,25	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24	0,24
INDICADORES BURSÁTILES / STOCK MARKET INDICES	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	
Indice General Bursátil (Var. %) / General Index (% change)	-4,0	-4,8	-0,8	8,1	-3,5	17,9	11,5	-2,1	-0,2	0,0	-1,1	-1,3	4,3	2,7	-3,9					
Indice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) / Blue Chip Index (% change)	-5,5	-4,8	-2,7	5,1	-4,0	14,2	10,0	-2,7	-0,7	-0,2	-1,3	-1,0	4,4							