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- Corporate interest rate in soles at 5.43 percent
- Interbank interest rate at 4.27 percent
- Exchange rate: S/. 2.707 per dollar
- Inflation in October: 0.31 percent
- Country risk at 191 bps. on October 28

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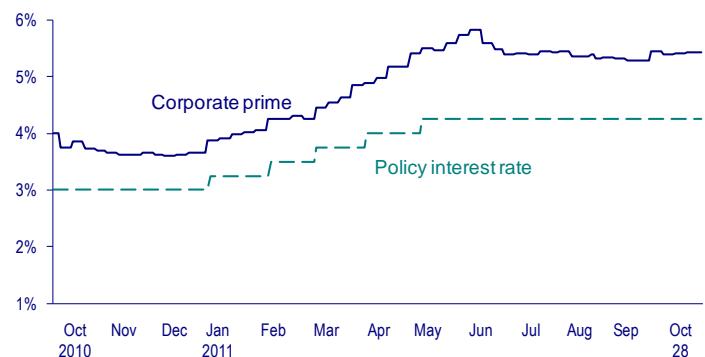
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Corporate interest rate in nuevos soles at 5.43 percent

In the period of October 25-28, the average **corporate interest rate** in domestic currency remained at 5.43 percent.

On the other hand, the average corporate interest rate in foreign currency declined from 2.24 to 2.15 percent.

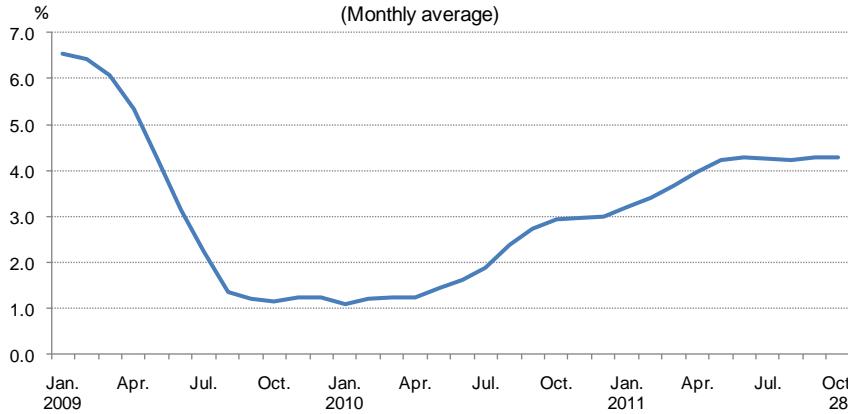
**INTEREST RATES IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY
(October 2010 - October 2011)**



Average interbank interest rate at 4.27 percent

The average **interbank interest rate** in domestic currency at October 28 was 4.27 percent.

**INTEREST RATE IN DOMESTIC CURRENCY
(Monthly average)**



	Average	S.D.
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	3.68%	0.12
April	3.97%	0.10
May	4.23%	0.15
June	4.28%	0.05
July	4.26%	0.02
August	4.23%	0.03
September	4.27%	0.05
October 28	4.27%	0.03

Monetary operations

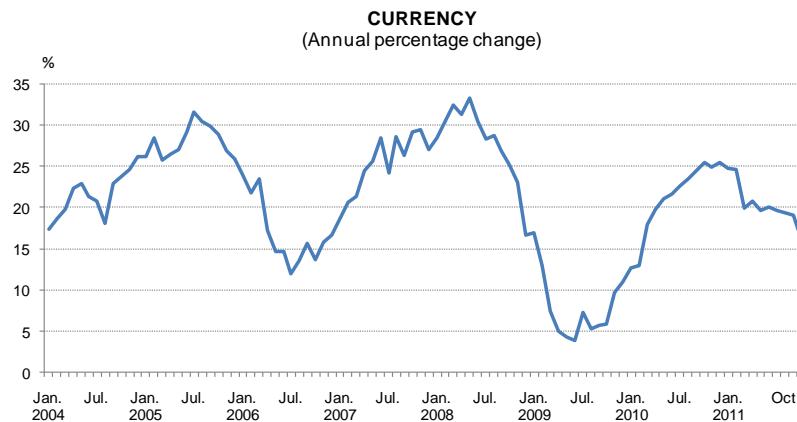
Between October 26 and 28, the Central Bank made the following **monetary operations**:

- Auctions of 79-day to 350-day BCRP Certificates of Deposit for a daily average of S/. 180 million. The average rate on these operations, which reached a balance of S/. 8.18 billion, was 4.12 percent;
- auctions of 1-day term deposits in DC for a daily average of S/. 1.73 billion at an average rate of 4.13 percent, reaching a balance of S/. 1.7 billion;
- purchases of FC for a total of US\$ 111 million;
- operations with the public sector for a total of US\$ 25 million, and
- overnight deposits in nuevos soles for a daily average of S/. 149 million.

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Currency in circulation: S/. 24.9 billion at October 31

Between October 25 and 31, 2011, **currency in circulation** increased by S/. 228 million and amounted to S/. 24.9 billion, thus accumulating an increase of S/. 217 million so far this month. Moreover, currency in circulation recorded a growth rate of 16.1 percent in the last twelve months.



BCRP OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	BALANCE			FLOWS		
	Dec 31, 2010	Sep 30, 2011	Oct 31, 2011	ANNUAL	Oct-11 *	From 25/10 to 31/10
I. NET INTERNATIONAL POSITION (Millions of US\$)	91,106	86,978	87,393	-613	2,304	1,062
1. Exchange Operations	32,422	31,400	32,248	-174	848	392
a. Over the counter operations				-1,587	68	87
b. Public Sector				1,604	73	111
c. BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP)				-3,064	-25	-25
d. Other exchange operations				-144	18	0
2. Rest				17	1	1
				1,413	781	305
II. NET DOMESTIC ASSET	-66,975	-62,264	-62,462	1,414	-2,087	-834
1. Monetary Sterilization	-35,915	-27,982	-26,899	9,016	1,082	-752
a. Certificates and Term deposits	-24,463	-17,000	-15,130	9,333	1,870	-60
BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP)	-30	-8,100	-8,180	-8,150	-80	-760
BCRP Certificates of Deposit Variable in soles (CDV BCRP)	-3,196	-8,310	-4,610	-1,414	3,700	1,200
Readjustable CDBCRP (CDR BCRP)	0	-590	-590	-590	0	0
BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP)	-450	0	-50	400	-50	0
Term Deposits	-20,788	0	-1,700	19,088	-1,700	-500
b. Reserve requirements in Domestic Currency	-10,077	-9,601	-10,633	-556	-1,031	-398
c. Other monetary operations	-1,375	-1,380	-1,136	238	244	-294
2. Fiscal Sterilization	-26,726	-31,402	-32,199	-5,473	-797	694
3. Injection (Repos)	0	470	0	0	-470	0
III. CURRENCY ** (I+II)	24,131	24,714	24,931	800	217	228
(Monthly percentage change)	11.0%	-0.2%	0.9%			
(Accumulated percentage change)	25.4%	2.4%	3.3%			
(YoY)	25.4%	18.8%	16.1%			

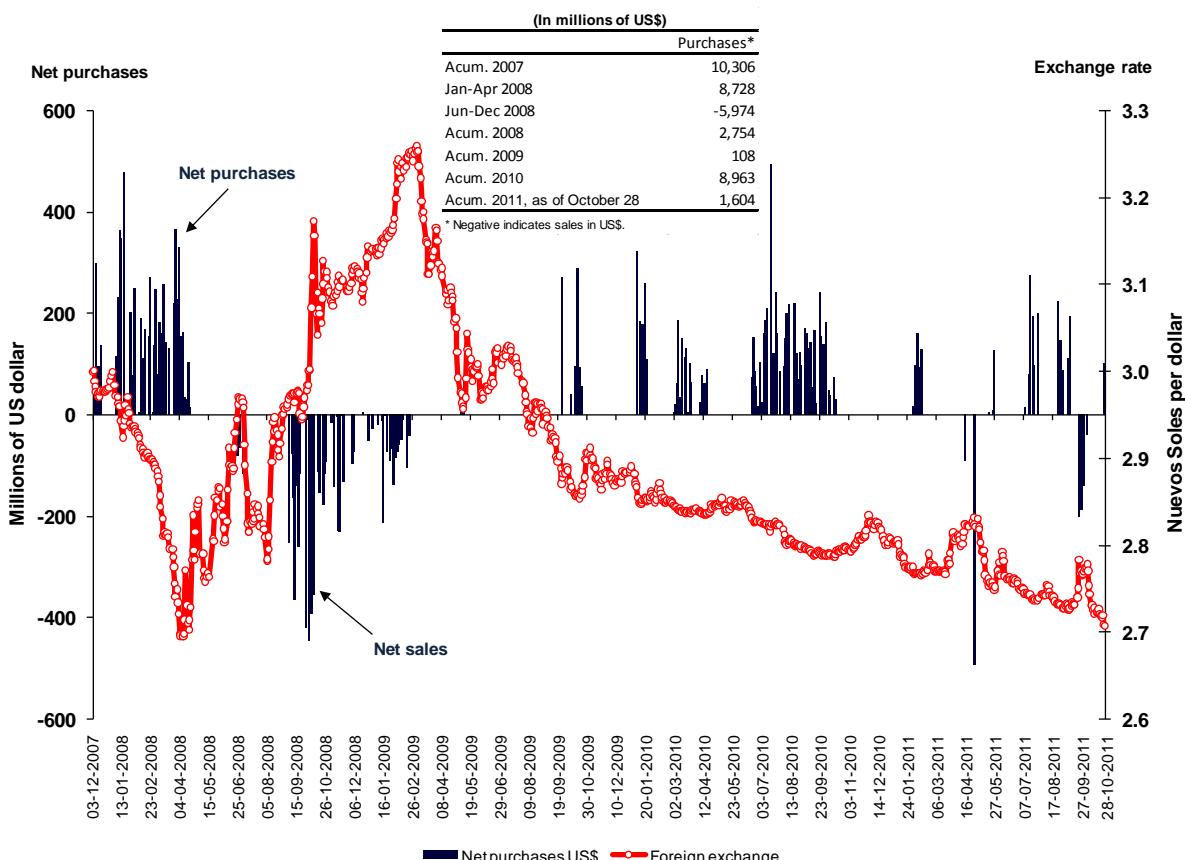
* As of October 31, 2011.

** Preliminary data.

Exchange rate: S/. 2.707 per US dollar

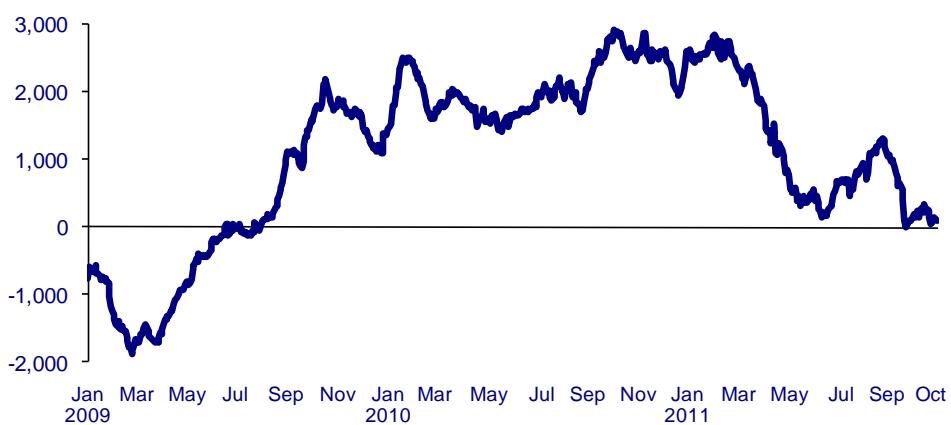
Between October 25 and 28, the average **selling price of the dollar** in the interbank market fell from S/. 2.717 to S/. 2.707, which represented an appreciation of the nuevo sol of 0.36 percent. In this period, the Central Bank intervened in the foreign exchange market purchasing US\$ 111 million.

EXCHANGE RATE AND NET DOLLAR PURCHASE



Between October 25 and 31, banks' balance of **net forward purchases in foreign currency** increased by US\$ 3 million. In October, the balance of net forward purchases accumulated an increase of US\$ 11 million.

BALANCE OF NET FORWARD PURCHASES OF FOREIGN CURRENCY (January 2009 - October 2011)

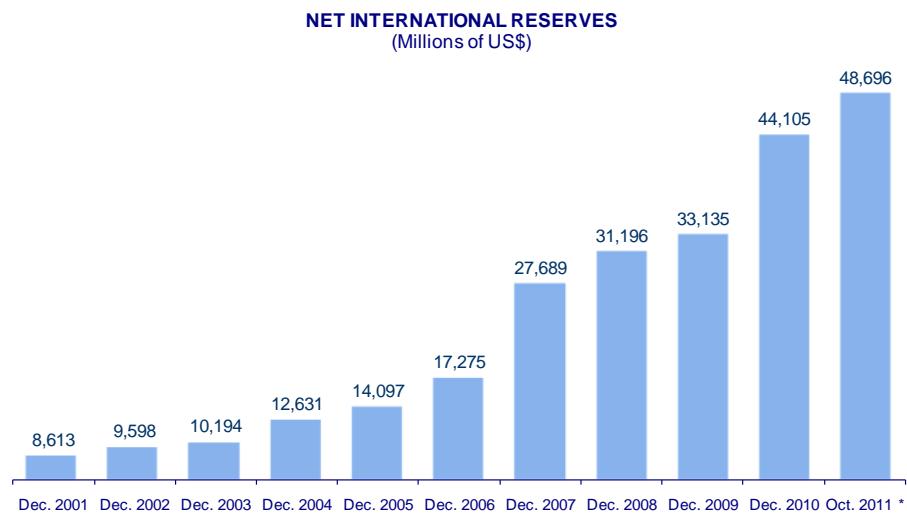


International reserves amount to US\$ 48.7 billion

Net international reserves (NIRs) at October 28 amounted to US\$ 48.7 billion. This level of reserves is US\$ 629 million higher than the one recorded at the close of September.

The increase recorded in NIRs in October resulted mainly from the higher valuation of investments (US\$ 783 million), net purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 73 million), and investment yield (US\$ 45 million). This was offset by the decline of banks' deposits (US\$ 237 million) and public sector deposits (US\$ 3 million) at the Central Bank, and by operations with the public sector (US\$ 25 million).

The **foreign exchange position** of the BCRP at October 28 was US\$ 32.25 billion. This amount is higher by US\$ 848 million than the one recorded at end September.



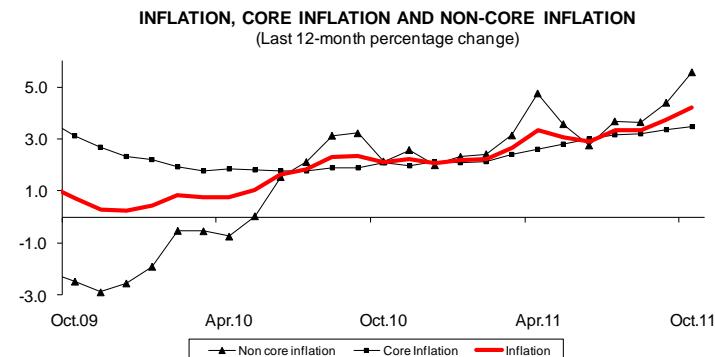
* As of 28.

Inflation in October: 0.31 percent

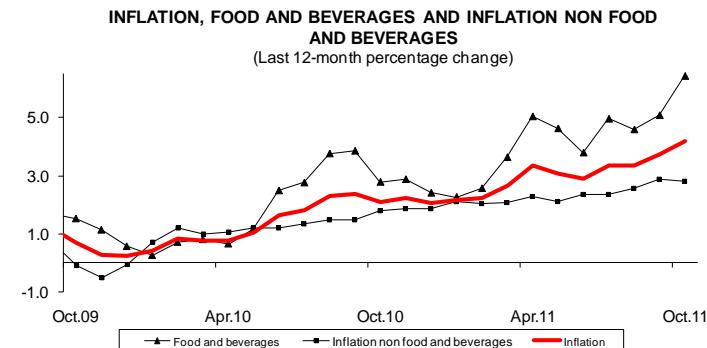
Inflation recorded a growth rate of 0.31 percent in October and accumulated a rate of 4.20 percent in the last twelve months.

	Weight 2009=100	INFLATION		12-month indicator		
		Monthly	(Accumulated percentage change)	Sep. 2011	Oct. 2011	Oct. 2010
CPI	100.0	0.33	0.31	2.10	3.73	4.20
Core index	65.2	0.31	0.28	2.07	3.37	3.48
Goods	32.9	0.33	0.28	1.56	2.80	2.96
Services	32.2	0.30	0.28	2.59	3.94	4.00
Non core index	34.8	0.37	0.38	2.14	4.39	5.56
Food	14.8	0.05	0.67	2.43	5.35	8.34
Fuel	2.8	0.97	0.22	12.35	9.20	8.92
Transporting	8.9	0.94	0.10	1.39	3.29	3.01
Utilities	8.4	0.13	0.20	-1.03	1.97	1.93
Note:-						
Food and beverages	37.8	0.34	0.60	2.79	5.09	6.44
CPI non food and beverages	62.2	0.33	0.13	1.79	2.88	2.81

Core inflation showed a rate of 0.28 percent in October and a rate of 3.48 percent in the last twelve months, while non core inflation registered 0.38 percent in October and 5.56 percent in the last twelve months.



Food and beverage inflation in the month showed a rate of 0.60 percent and thus accumulated a rate of 6.44 percent in the last twelve months. Inflation without food and beverages recorded a rate of 0.13 percent in October and a rate of 2.81 percent in the last twelve months.



Three items contributed with 0.14 percentage points to the growth of inflation in October: meals outside the home (0.07 percentage points), citrus fruits (0.04 percentage points), and potatoes (0.03 percentage points). On the other hand, three items contributed with 0.12 percentage points to reduce the rate of inflation this month: chicken (-0.09 percentage points), eggs (-0.02 percentage points), and cleaning items (-0.01 percentage points).

BCRP Survey on Macroeconomic Expectations: October 2011

According to the results of the BCRP Survey on Macroeconomic Expectations conducted in October, economic agents have revised the expected level of inflation upwards and now expect inflation to range between 3.5 and 4.0 percent. Inflation in 2012 and 2013 is expected to converge to the target range (between 2.5 and 3.0 percent).

SURVEY OF MACROECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS: INFLATION (%)

	<u>Survey date</u>		
	Aug. 31	Sep. 30	Oct. 31
FINANCIAL ENTITIES 1/			
2011	3.5	3.5	3.6
2012	2.7	2.7	2.6
2013	2.6	2.5	2.5
ECONOMIC ANALYSTS 2/			
2011	3.6	3.5	4.0
2012	2.6	2.5	2.6
2013	2.5	2.5	2.5
NON FINANCIAL FIRMS 3/			
2011	3.0	3.3	3.5
2012	3.0	3.0	3.0
2013	3.0	3.0	3.0

^{1/} 24 financial entities in August 2011, 21 in September, and 20 in October.

^{2/} 32 analysts in August 2011, 29 in September, and 29 in October.

^{3/} Sample of firms of various economic sectors.

Economic agents have also raised their estimates of GDP growth in 2011 and now expect GDP to grow between 6.0 and 6.2 percent instead of 6.5 percent. In 2012 and 2013, GDP is expected to grow between 5.5 and 6.0 percent on average.

SURVEY OF MACROECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS: GDP (%)

	<u>Survey date</u>		
	Aug. 31	Sep. 30	Oct. 31
FINANCIAL ENTITIES 1/			
2011	6.3	6.0	6.5
2012	5.8	5.5	5.5
2013	6.0	5.8	5.9
ECONOMIC ANALYSTS 2/			
2011	6.1	6.2	6.5
2012	5.6	5.3	5.5
2013	5.9	5.5	5.9
NON FINANCIAL FIRMS 3/			
2011	6.0	6.0	6.5
2012	6.0	6.0	6.0
2013	6.0	6.0	6.0

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Economic analysts and non-financial firms continue to forecast an exchange rate of S/. 2.71 and S/. 2.75, respectively, for 2011, while financial entities have lowered their estimates to S/. 2.70. Moreover, the exchange rate in 2012 and 2013 is expected to range between S/. 2.68 and S/. 2.80.

SURVEY OF MACROECONOMIC EXPECTATIONS: EXCHANGE RATE *

	<u>Survey date</u>		
	Aug. 31	Sep. 30	Oct. 31
FINANCIAL ENTITIES 1/			
2011	2.72	2.74	2.70
2012	2.70	2.72	2.68
2013	2.70	2.70	2.68
ECONOMIC ANALYSTS 2/			
2011	2.72	2.71	2.71
2012	2.71	2.70	2.70
2013	2.70	2.70	2.70
NON FINANCIAL FIRMS 3/			
2011	2.75	2.75	2.75
2012	2.80	2.76	2.78
2013	2.80	2.80	2.80

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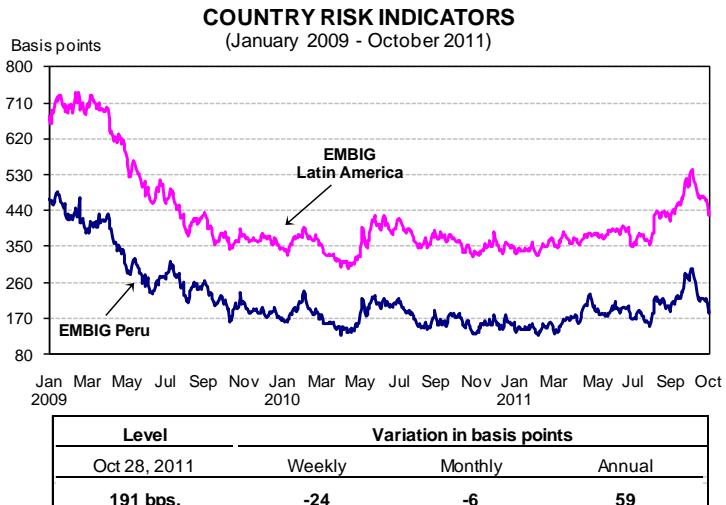
* Exchange rate at the end-of-year.

International Markets

Average country risk in October at 233 basis points

In **October**, the average country risk, measured by the **EMBIG** Peru spread, declined from 237 basis points in September to 233 basis points.

On the other hand, Latin American bond spreads rose 12 basis points in a context of mixed evidence in the different countries of the region. Most countries continued showing rises associated with uncertainty about the financial situation in Europe.



Average price of gold in October: US\$ 1,666.8 per troy ounce

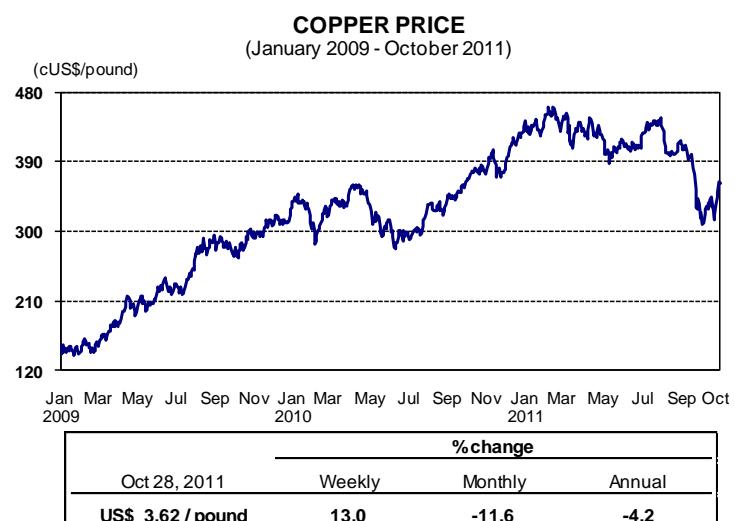
In **October**, the price of **gold** dropped 6.0 percent and registered an average level of US\$ 1,666.8 per troy ounce.

The price of the precious metal declined during the month after investors decided to take profit when gold reached its maximum level in almost a month. The appreciation of the dollar against the euro, which reduced the appeal of this metal as an investment asset, contributed also to the decline in the price of gold.



The price of **copper** fell 12.0 percent in **October** to an average price of US\$ 3.33/pound.

This fall in the price of copper was influenced by unfavorable prospects for the demand for copper after the publication of data indicating lower growth in China, as well as by continuous market risk aversion.



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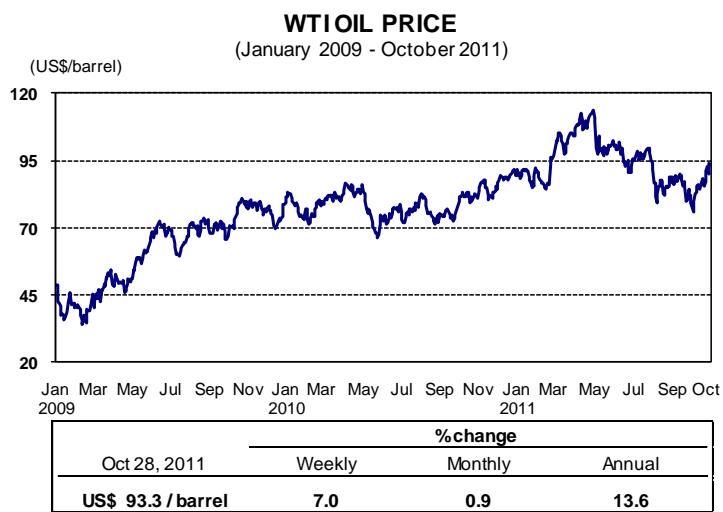
The price of **zinc** dropped 10.5 percent in **October** and recorded a monthly average of US\$ 0.84 a pound.

Factors accounting for the drop in the price of this basic metal included expectations of lower demand and reports of the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) showing that the supply of this basic metal will continue to exceed demand in 2011 and 2012.



The price of **WTI oil** rose 0.9 percent in **October** and recorded an average of US\$ 86.4 per barrel.

This rise in the price of oil is explained by the drop of inventories in the United States, Kuwait's transitory suspension of oil exports, and political uncertainty in the Middle East and North Africa. However, the OPEC's downward revision of forecasts of global demand and supply in 2012 offset this price rise.

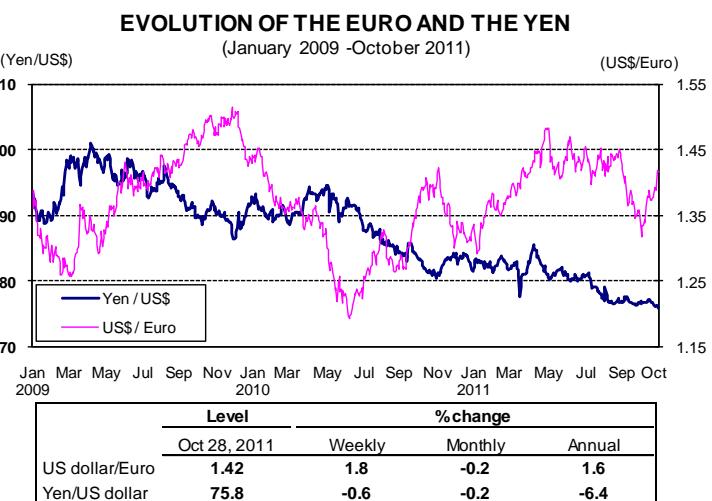


On average, the dollar appreciated against the euro in October

In **October** the **dollar** appreciated 0.2 percent on average against the **euro**.

The trend observed in the dollar was basically associated with uncertainty about the financial situation in the Eurozone and with some positive indicators of activity in the United States.

On the other hand, the dollar depreciated 0.2 percent against the **yen**.



Yield on US Treasuries rose to 2.13 percent on average in October

On average terms, the **3-month Libor** rose 6 basis points in **October**, while the yield on the 10-year US Treasury bonds rose 17 basis points to 2.13 percent.

Positive data of employment and services in the United States translated into a lower demand for longer term securities.

3-MONTH LIBOR AND 10-YEARS US TREASURIES

(January 2009 - October 2011)



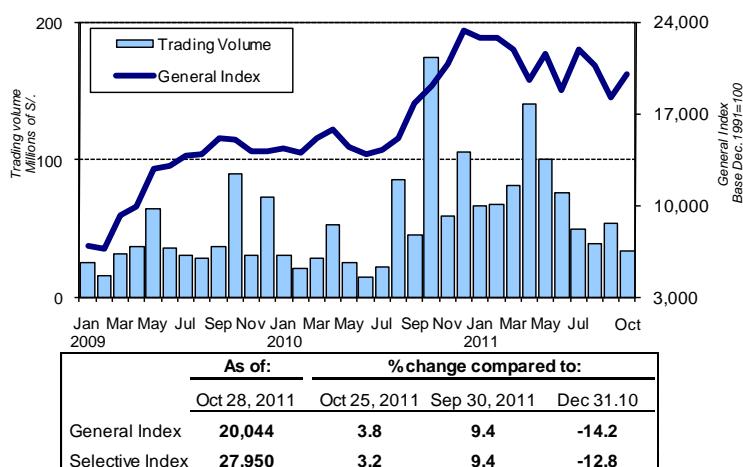
Lima Stock Exchange

In **October**, both the **General Index** and the **Selective Index** of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) recorded increases of 9.4 percent.

The positive results registered by the LSE indices during the month were in line with the good performance of other stock markets in the region, favored by the first reports of corporate balances in the United States and by expectations of a solution to Europe's debt crisis in the near future.

LIMA STOCK EXCHANGE INDICATORS

(January 2009 - October 2011)



So far in 2011, the indices of the LSE accumulate declines of 14.2 and 12.8 percent, respectively.

