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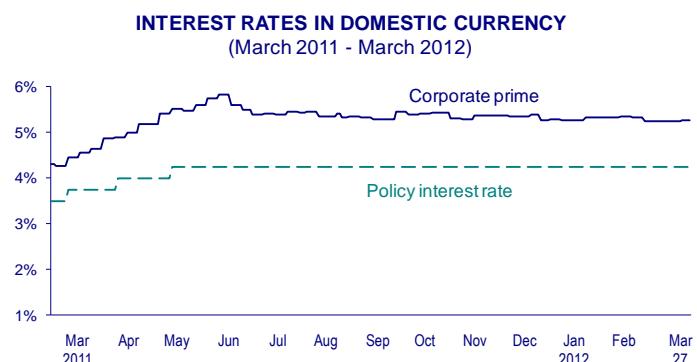
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Corporate prime rate in nuevos soles at 5.27 percent

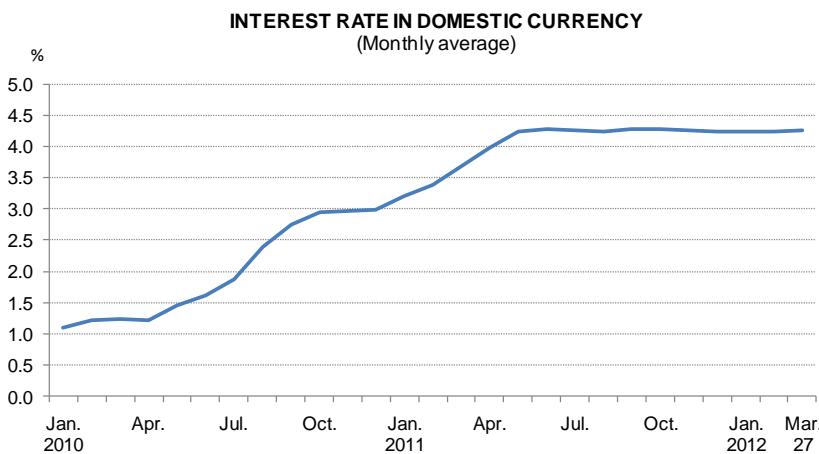
Between March 20 and 27, 2012, the average **corporate prime interest rate** rose from 5.24 to 5.27 percent.

On the other hand, the average corporate interest rate in foreign currency fell from 3.29 to 3.25 percent in this period.



Average interbank interest rate at 4.25 percent

The average **interbank interest rate** in domestic currency at March 27 was 4.25 percent.



	Average interbank rate	
	Average	S.D.
July 2010	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	4.27%	0.03
November	4.26%	0.02
December	4.24%	0.03
January 2012	4.23%	0.02
February	4.23%	0.02
March 27	4.25%	0.00

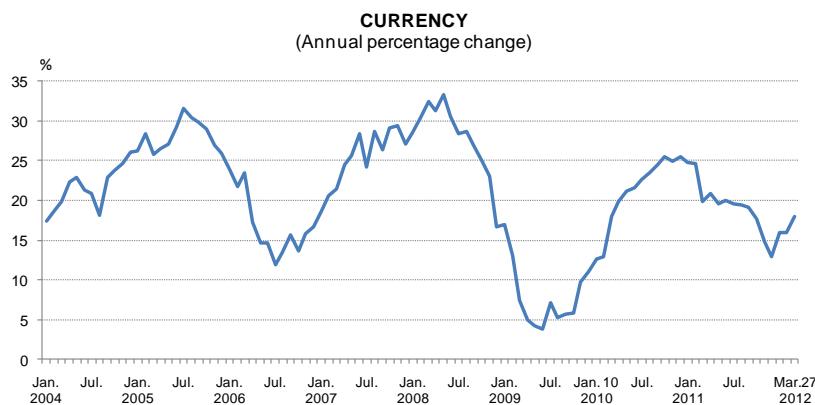
Monetary operations

Between March 21 and 27, 2012, the Central Bank made the following **operations**: i) Auctions of 168-day to 377-day BCRP Certificates of Deposit for a daily average of S/. 244 million. The average rate on these operations, which reached a balance of S/. 20.99 billion, was 4.09 percent; ii) Auctions of 1-day term deposits in soles for a daily average of S/. 7.22 billion at an average rate of 4.24 percent, reaching a balance of S/. 6.81 billion; iii) purchases of foreign currency for a total of US\$ 186 million; and iv) overnight deposits in national currency of S/. 6 million.

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Currency in circulation: S/. 26.59 billion at March 27

Between March 20 and 27, 2012, **currency in circulation** decreased by S/. 121 million and amounted to S/. 26.59 billion, thus accumulating a decrease of S/. 17 million so far this month. Moreover, currency in circulation registers a growth rate of 18.0 percent in the last twelve months.



BCRP OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	BALANCE			FLOWS		
	Dec 31, 2011	Feb 29, 2012	Mar 27, 2012	2012*	Mar-12*	From 03/20 to 03/27
I. NET INTERNATIONAL POSITION (Millions of US\$)	89,910	100,716	104,369	15,533	4,030	980
1. Exchange Operations	33,300	37,581	39,090	5,790	1,509	367
a. Over the counter operations				5,342	1,663	269
b. Public Sector				0	0	0
c. BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP)				0	0	0
d. Other exchange operations				2	1	1
2. Rest				448	-154	98
II. NET DOMESTIC ASSET	-62,669	-74,115	-77,785	-16,190	-4,047	-1,101
1. Monetary Sterilization	-30,598	-39,771	-42,497	-11,899	-2,726	-420
a. Certificates and Term deposits	-17,217	-25,858	-27,800	-10,583	-1,942	-530
BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP)	-13,580	-19,070	-20,992	-7,411	-1,922	-1,321
BCRP Certificates of Deposit Variable in soles (CDV BCRP)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Readjustable CDBCRP (CDR BCRP)	0	0	0	0	0	0
BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Term Deposits	-3,637	-6,788	-6,809	-3,172	-20	791
b. Reserve requirements in Domestic Currency	-12,726	-13,134	-13,979	-1,253	-845	111
c. Other monetary operations	-655	-779	-718	-63	61	-1
2. Fiscal Sterilization	-31,940	-33,799	-35,832	-3,892	-2,033	-504
3. Other	-130	-545	545	-399	713	-177
III. CURRENCY ** (I+II)	27,241	26,601	26,585	-657	-17	-121
(Monthly percentage change)	9.1%	-0.2%	-0.1%			
(Accumulated percentage change)	12.9%	-2.3%	-2.4%			
(YoY)	12.9%	15.9%	18.0%			

* As of March 27, 2012.

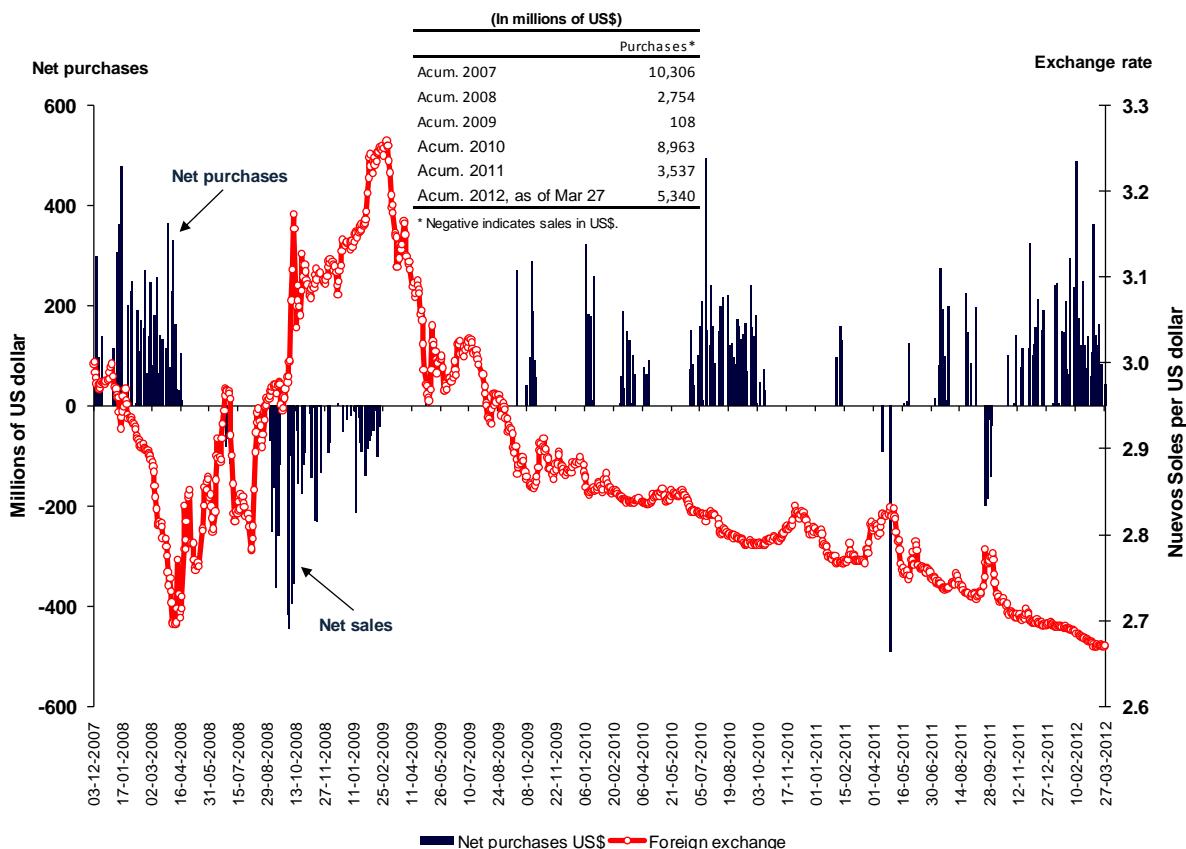
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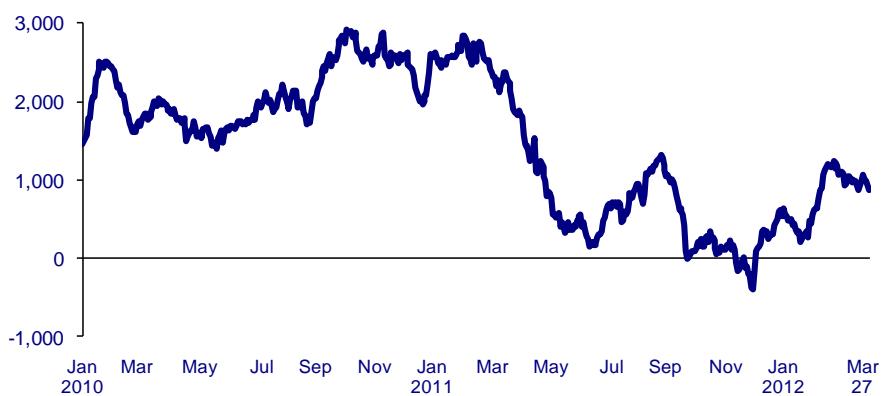
Between March 20 and 27, the average **selling price of the dollar** in the interbank market dropped from S/. 2.672 to S/. 2.671 per dollar, which represented an appreciation of the nuevo sol of 0.03 percent. In this period, the Central Bank intervened in the foreign exchange market purchasing foreign currency for a total of US\$ 268 million.

EXCHANGE RATE AND NET DOLLAR PURCHASE



Between March 20 and 27, banks' balance of **net forward purchases of foreign currency** increased by US\$ 65 million. During March, the balance of net forward purchases of foreign currency has accumulated a decrease of US\$ 181 million.

BALANCE OF NET FORWARD PURCHASES OF FOREIGN CURRENCY (January 2010 - March 2012)



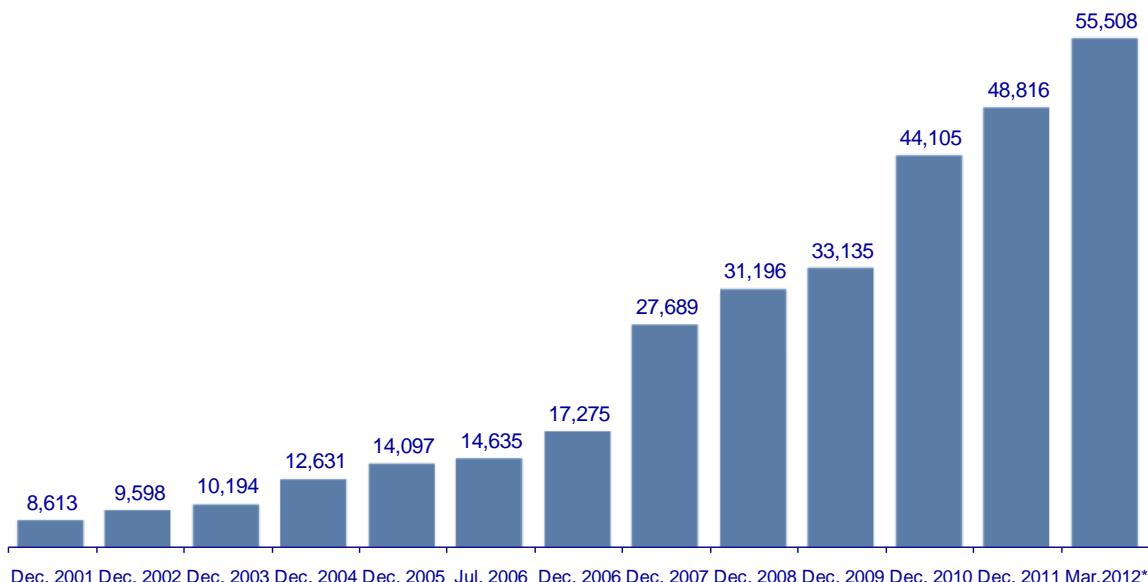
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Net international reserves amount to US\$ 55.51 billion

Net international reserves (NIRs) at March 27 amounted to US\$ 55.51 billion. This level of reserves is higher by US\$ 2.19 billion than the one recorded at the end of February 2012.

The increase in NIRs recorded so far this month resulted mainly from net purchases of foreign currency by the Central Bank (US\$ 1.66 billion) and higher banks' deposits and public sector's deposits (US\$ 448 million and US\$ 198 million, respectively). This increase was partially offset by the lower valuation of investments (US\$ 174 million).

NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES
(Millions of US\$)



* As of 27.

The **foreign exchange position** of the BCRP at March 27 was US\$ 39.09 billion, US\$ 1.51 billion higher than the one recorded at the close of February.

Liquidity and credit at March 15

Total liquidity in the private sector grew 0.6 percent (S/. 907 million) in the last four weeks, thus accumulating 19.0 percent growth in the last 12 months. Liquidity in domestic currency increased 3.8 percent (S/. 3.86 billion) and foreign currency liquidity fell 5.0 percent (negative flow of US\$ 1.09 billion).

On the other hand, **total credit to the private sector** grew 0.5 percent (S/. 835 million) in the last four weeks. Credit in domestic currency increased 0.9 percent (S/. 727 million) and credit in foreign currency rose 0.2 percent (US\$ 40 million). With, the annual growth rate of credit was 18.1 percent.

Non financial public sector: Surplus of S/. 1.24 billion in February

In February 2012, the non financial public sector recorded a surplus of S/. 1.24 billion, S/. 369 million higher than the one observed in February 2011.

Current revenue of General Government in February totaled S/. 7.91 billion, which represents a real decline of 0.8 percent compared to the same period last year.

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Non-financial general government expenditure (S/. 5.90 billion) recorded a real growth of 1.6 percent. This month highlights the increased spending on investment projects of local governments (263.5 percent) and by higher purchases of goods and services by sub-national governments (58.1 percent of local governments and 26.4 per percent of regional governments).

OPERATIONS OF THE NON-FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR 1/

(Millions of nuevos soles)

	FEBRUARY			JANUARY - FEBRUARY		
	2011	2012	Real % chg.	2011	2012	Real % chg.
1. General government current revenues	7,649	7,907	- 0.8	15,996	17,877	7.3
a. Tax revenue	5,487	5,869	2.7	12,067	13,708	9.0
National	5,189	5,621	4.0	11,680	13,362	13.4
Local	298	248	- 20.1	387	346	- 14.2
b. Non-tax revenue	2,163	2,038	- 9.6	3,928	4,169	1.8
National	1,855	1,797	- 7.0	3,418	3,765	5.7
Local	271	207	- 26.6	434	327	- 27.7
Regional	37	34	- 12.1	76	76	- 4.0
2. General government non-financial expenditure	5,579	5,902	1.6	9,986	10,765	3.5
a. Current	4,562	4,610	- 3.0	8,573	8,950	0.2
b. Capital	1,017	1,291	21.9	1,413	1,815	23.3
Of which: Gross Capital Formation	833	1,167	34.6	1,224	1,680	31.7
3. Others 2/	-105	360		-26	510	-1 951.7
4. Primary Balance	1,965	2,365		5,984	7,622	
5. Interests	1,091	1,123	-1.2	1,478	1,417	-8.0
External	108	104	-7.5	416	403	-7.1
Domestic	983	1,019	-0.5	1,062	1,014	-8.4
6. Overall Balance	873	1,242		4,505	6,205	

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Includes capital revenues from the General government and primary result of public companies.

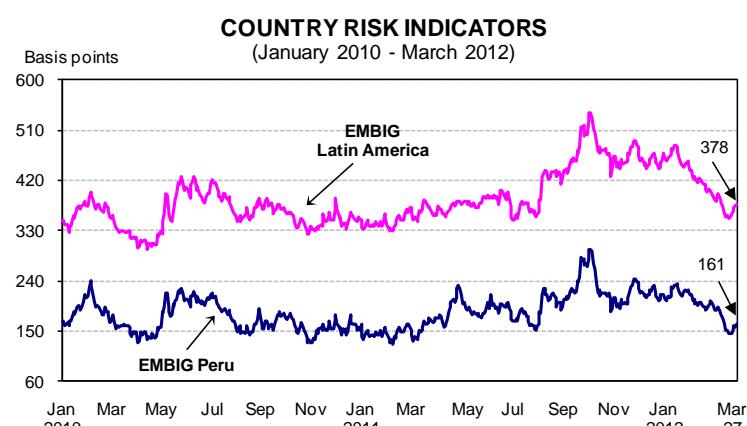
Source: MEF, SUNAT, Banco de la Nación, public charities, public institutions and companies.

International Markets

Country risk at 161 basis points

Between March 20 and 27, the country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, rose from 145 basis points to 161 basis points.

Meanwhile, the debt spread of the region increased 24 basis points on expectations of slower global growth generated after the publication of negative activity data in the US, Europe and China, and the uncertainty surrounding the debt crisis in the Eurozone.



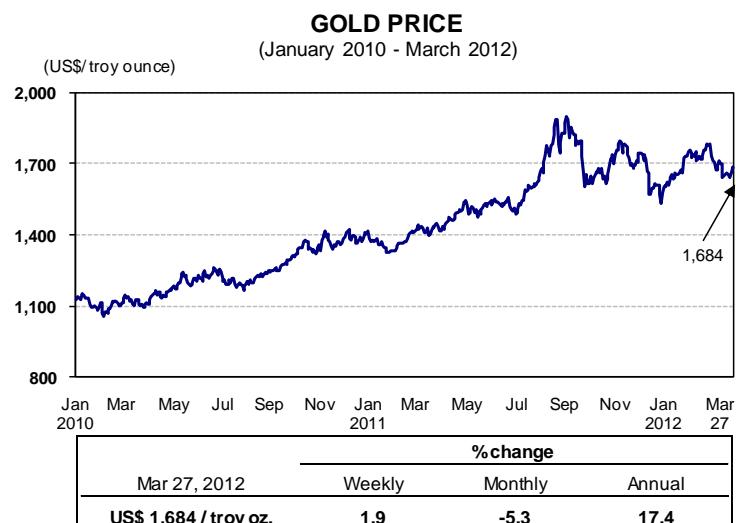
Level	Variation in basis points
Mar 27, 2012	Weekly
161 bps.	Monthly
	Annual
	-42
	-4

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Price of gold rose to US\$ 1,683.8 per troy ounce

In the same period, the price of **gold** rose 1.9 percent to US\$ 1,683.8 per troy ounce.

The price of gold rose by a weaker dollar against the euro, expectations of further monetary stimulus by the Fed and the increased risk aversion in the financial markets.



Between March 20 and 27, the price of **copper** increased 0.9 percent to US\$ 3.86 a pound.

The price of base metal inventories rose due to lower inventories recorded at the London Metal Exchange and expectations of further monetary easing measures by the Federal Reserve. Concerns about weak demand from China limited the rise in the price of the base metal.



Between March 20 and 27, the price of **zinc** dropped 0.8 percent to US\$ 0.91 a pound.

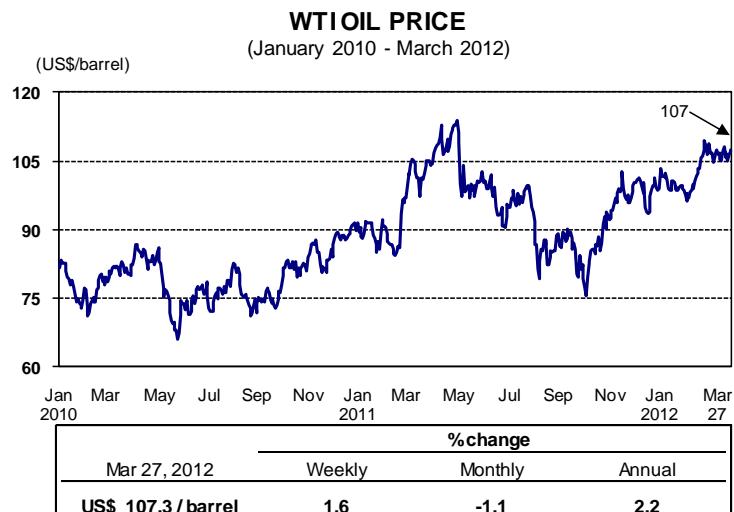
The zinc price was affected by higher inventories in the major metal exchanges in the world and publication of data in the US, Eurozone and China, which showed weaker growth.



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Between March 20 and 27, the price of **WTI oil** increased 1.6 percent and recorded US\$ 107.3 per barrel.

The increase in oil prices was explained by the concerns of an oil supply disruption from Iran after sanctions imposed by the West and an unexpected drop in crude inventories in the US last week.

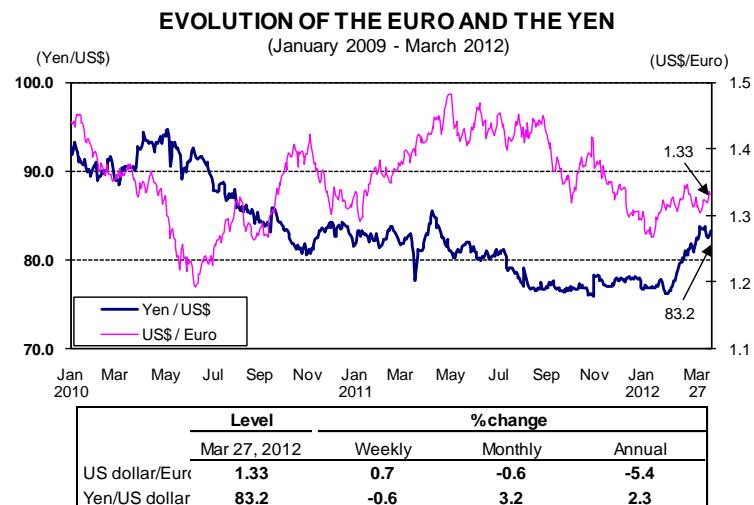


Dollar depreciated against the euro

In March 20-27, the **dollar** depreciated 0.7 percent against the **euro**.

The evolution of the dollar against the euro was due to the speculation of a new monetary stimulus by the Fed and weak indicators of the US housing sector.

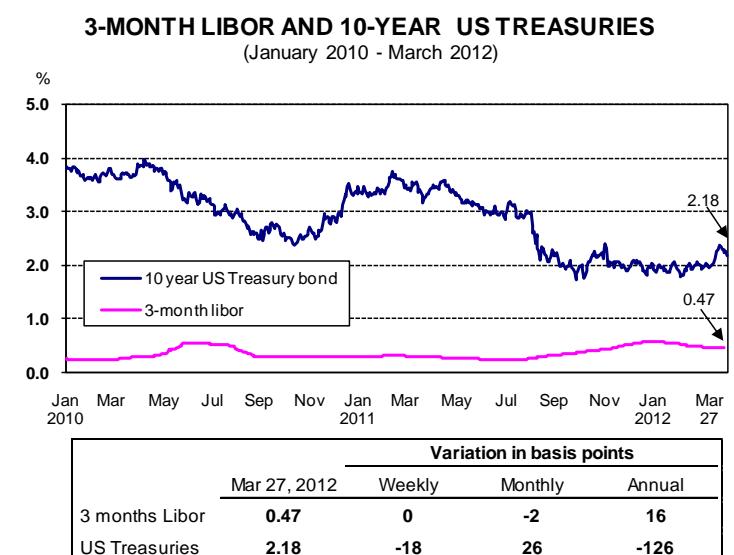
The dollar depreciated 0.6 percent against the **yen**.



Yield on 10-year US Treasuries rose to 2.18 percent

Between March 20 and 27, the **3-month Libor** remained at 0.47 percent, while the **yield on the 10 year-US Treasuries** fell 18 basis points to 2.18 percent.

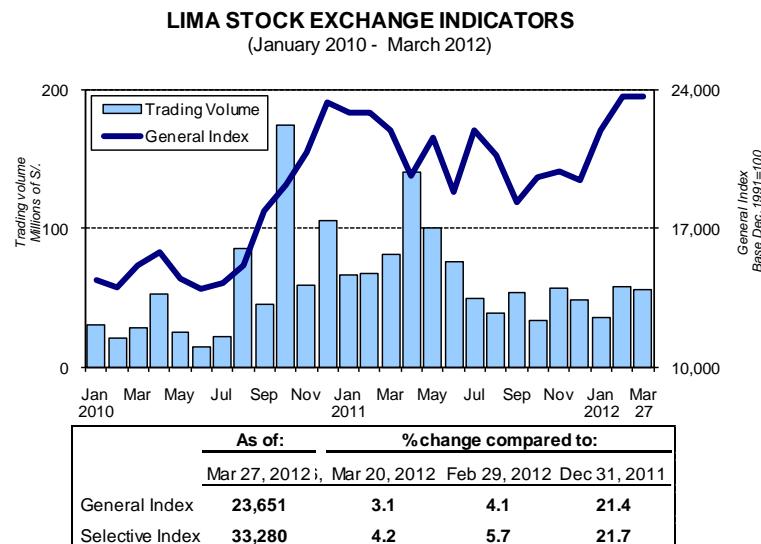
The yield on the US Treasury fell during the week, due to sustained demand for these securities under uncertain of global growth outlook.



Annual profitability at the Lima Stock Exchange reached 21.5 percent

So far this month, at March 27, the **General** and the **Selective** Indices of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) have risen 4.1 and 5.7 percent, respectively.

During the week of analysis (March 20-27), both indices, the General Index and the Selective Index, rose 3.1 and 4.2 percent, respectively, mainly driven by the advance of mining stocks after the expectation of investors on the announcement of dividend payments.



So far this year, the General and Selective indices of the LSE have risen 21.5 and 21.8 percent, respectively.

