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- ➡ Interbank interest rate at 4.24 percent
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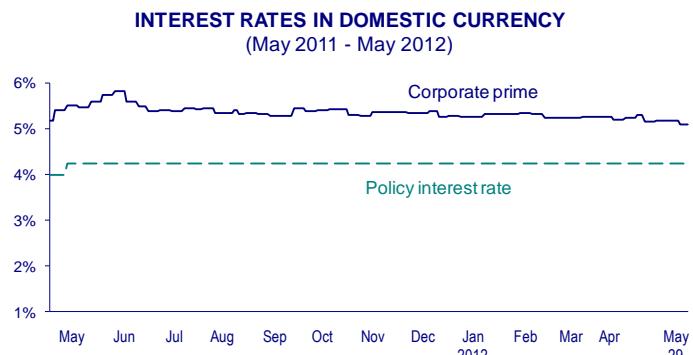
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Corporate prime rate in nuevos soles at 5.09 percent

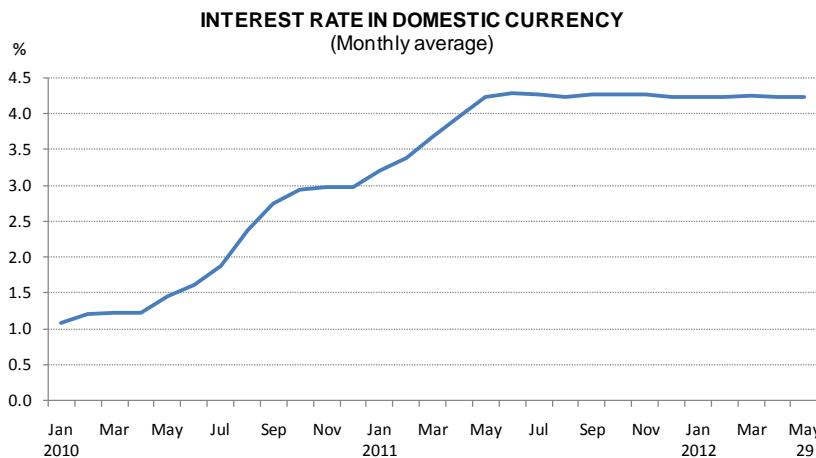
Between May 22 and 29, 2012, the daily average **corporate prime interest rate** fell from 5.17 to 5.09 percent.

On the other hand, corporate prime interest rate in foreign currency to 90 days, rose from 3.80 to 3.89 percent.



Average interbank interest rate at 4.24 percent

The average **interbank interest rate** in domestic currency at May 29 was 4.24 percent.



| Average interbank rate | | |
|------------------------|---------|------|
| | Average | S.D |
| 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 | 4.25% | 0.00 |
| April | 4.24% | 0.02 |
| May 29 | 4.24% | 0.01 |

Monetary operations

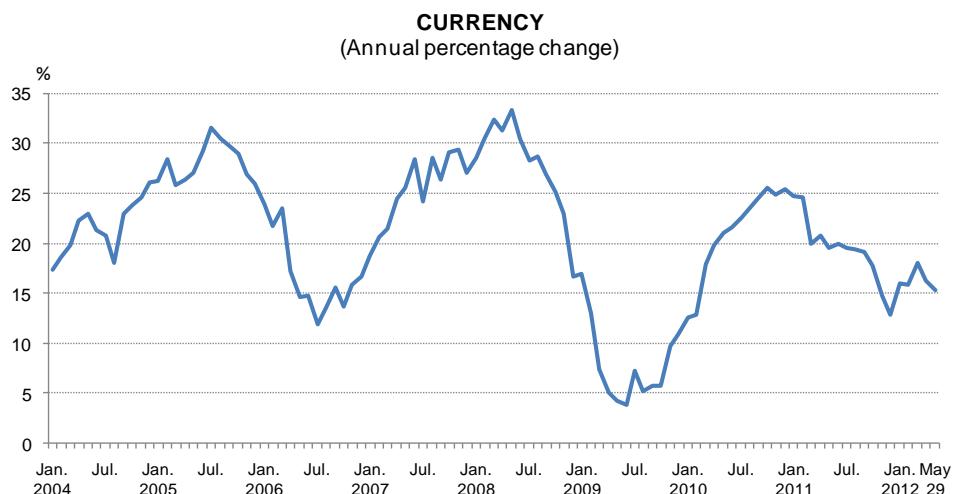
Between May 23 and 29, 2012, the Central Bank made the following **monetary operations**:

- Auctions of 91-day to 350-day BCRP Certificates of Deposit for a daily average of S/. 154 million. The average rate on these operations, which reached a balance of S/. 21.34 billion, was 4.20 percent;
- auctions of 1-day to 3-day term deposits in soles for a daily average of S/. 5.20 billion at an average rate of 4.23 percent, reaching a balance of S/. 5.52 billion;
- auctions of 59-day to 61-day CDRBCRP in soles for a daily average of S/. 330 million at an average rate of 2.09 percent, reaching a balance of S/. 1.32 billion;
- 3-day to 7-day repo operations in foreign currency for a daily average of US\$ 21 million at an average rate of 2.63 percent, reaching a balance of US\$ 2 million;
- Sales of foreign currency for a total of US\$ 117 million; and
- Overnight deposits in national currency of S/. 10 million.

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Currency in circulation: S/. 26.63 billion at May 29

Between May 22 and 29, 2012, **currency in circulation** grew by S/. 207 million and thus accumulated a decline of S/. 408 billion so far this month. In the last twelve months, currency in circulation registers a growth rate of 15.3 percent and a balance of S/. 26.63 billion at May 29.



BCRP OPERATIONS

(Millions of nuevos soles)

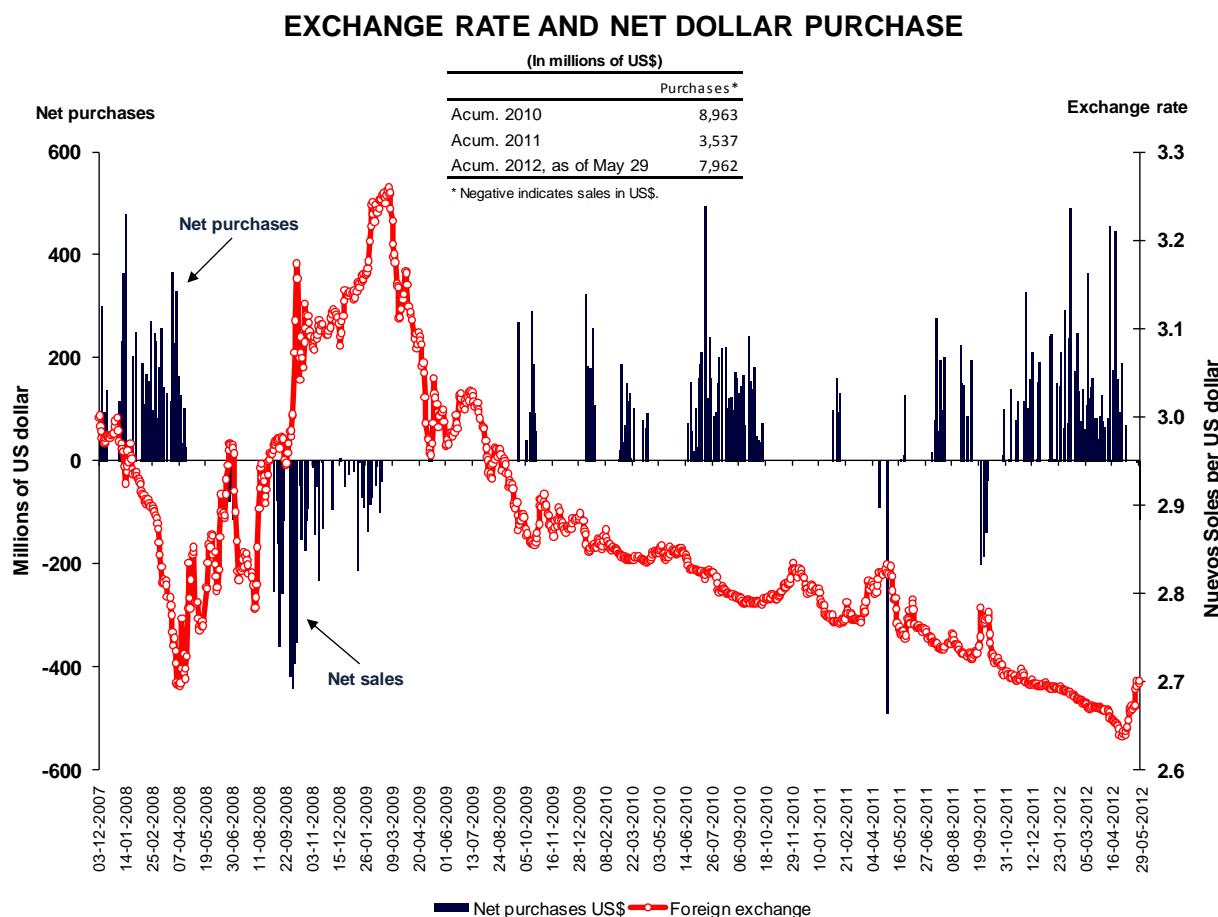
| | BALANCE | | | FLOWS | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| | Dec 31, 2011 | Apr 30, 2012 | May 29, 2012 | 2012* | May-12 * | From 05/22 to 05/29 |
| I. NET INTERNATIONAL POSITION (Millions of US\$) | 89,910 | 109,919 | 111,080 | 20,971 | -1,327 | -904 |
| 1. Exchange Operations | 33,300 | 41,636 | 41,141 | 7,841 | -495 | -336 |
| a. Over the counter operations | | | | 7,966 | 164 | -117 |
| b. Public Sector | | | | 7,962 | 164 | -117 |
| c. BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP) | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| d. Other exchange operations | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Rest | | | | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | -125 | -659 | -220 |
| II. NET DOMESTIC ASSET | -62,663 | -82,879 | -84,448 | -21,587 | 919 | 1,111 |
| 1. Monetary Sterilization | -30,592 | -43,451 | -42,378 | -11,786 | 1,073 | 421 |
| a. Certificates and Term deposits | -17,217 | -29,898 | -28,182 | -10,965 | 1,716 | -1,361 |
| BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRP) | -13,580 | -21,291 | -21,341 | -7,761 | -50 | -920 |
| BCRP Certificates of Deposit Variable in soles (CDV BCRP) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Readjustable CDBCRP (CDR BCRP) | 0 | 0 | -1,320 | -1,320 | -1,320 | -1,320 |
| BCRP Certificate of Deposits Payable in Dollars (CDLD BCRP) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Term Deposits | -3,637 | -8,608 | -5,521 | -1,885 | 3,086 | 879 |
| b. Reserve requirements in Domestic Currency | -12,720 | -12,662 | -13,564 | -844 | -902 | 1,782 |
| c. Other monetary operations | -655 | -891 | -632 | 23 | 259 | 0 |
| 2. Fiscal Sterilization | -31,940 | -41,121 | -43,235 | -11,295 | -2,115 | 69 |
| 3. Other | -130 | 1,693 | 1,165 | 1,495 | 1,961 | 621 |
| III. CURRENCY ** (I+II) (Monthly percentage change) | 27,247 | 27,040 | 26,632 | -616 | -408 | 207 |
| | 9.2% | 1.2% | -1.5% | | | |
| | 12.9% | -0.8% | -2.3% | | | |
| | 12.9% | 16.3% | 15.3% | | | |

* As of May 29, 2012.

** Preliminary data.

Exchange rate: S/. 2.700 per dollar

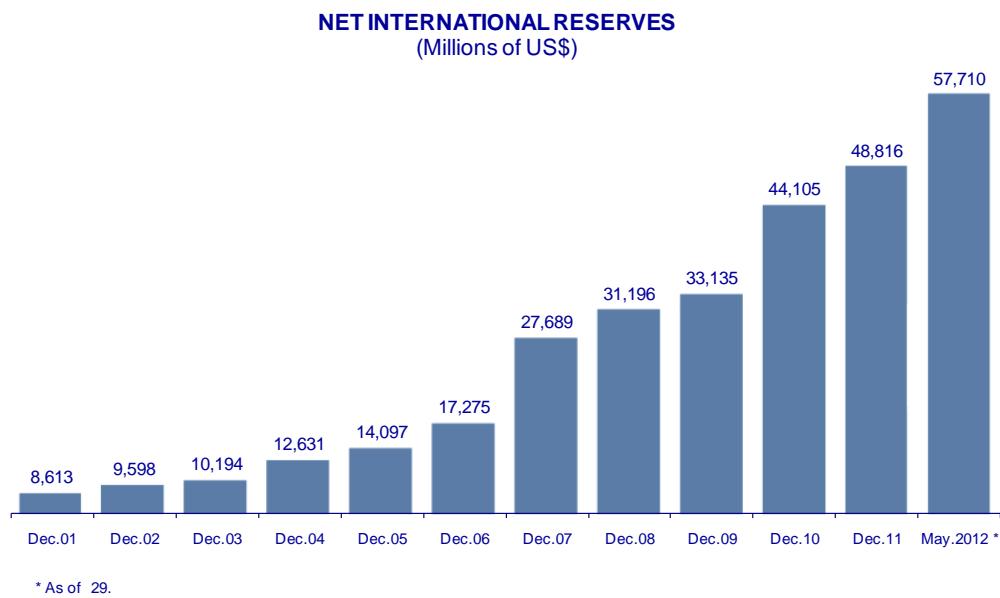
Between May 22 and 29, the average **selling price of the dollar** in the interbank market grew from S/. 2.673 to S/. 2.700 per dollar, which represented an depreciation of the nuevo sol of 1.0 percent. In this period, the Central Bank intervened in the foreign exchange market selling foreign currency for a total of US\$ 117 million.



Net international reserves at US\$ 57.71 billion

Net international reserves (NIRs) at May 29 amounted to US\$ 57.71 billion. This level of reserves is US\$ 220 million higher than the one recorded at the end of April 2012.

The increase in NIRs recorded so far this month resulted mainly from banks' higher deposits (US\$ 870 million) and from net purchases of foreign currency by the Central Bank (US\$ 164 million). This was in part offset by lower investment yield (US\$ 658 million), by the decline of public sector deposits (US\$ 153 million) and repo operations in foreign currency for US\$ 2 million.



The **foreign exchange position** of the BCRP at May 29 was US\$ 41.14 billion. This amount is US\$ 495 million higher than the one recorded at end April 2012.

Liquidity and credit to the private sector at May 15

In the past four weeks **total liquidity of the private sector** increased 0.1 percent (S/. 161 million), thus accumulating a growth of 17.1 percent in the last twelve months. By currencies, liquidity in soles grew 2.0 percent (S/. 2.05 billion), while in dollars fell 3.3 percent (negative flow of US\$ 699 million).

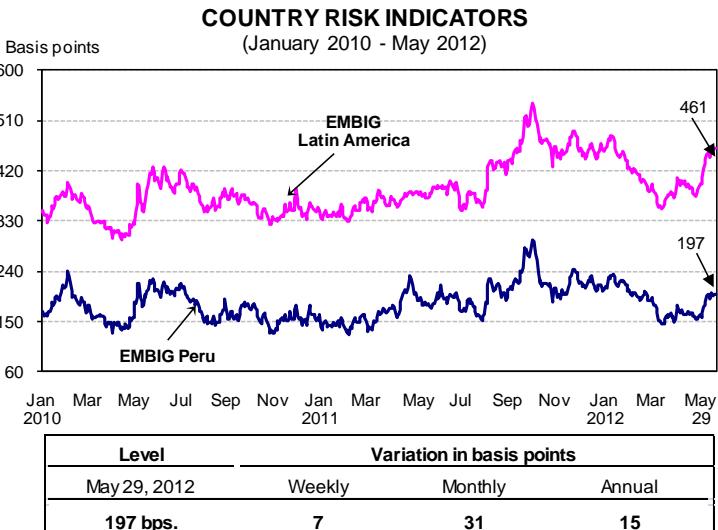
On the other hand, **total credit to the private sector** increased 1.1 percent (S/. 1.67 billion) in the same period. By currencies, credit in soles grew 1.3 percent (S/. 1.08 billion), while in dollars grew 0.9 percent (US\$ 220 million). In this way the annual growth rate was 16.7 percent.

International Markets

Country risk at 197 basis points

Between May 22 and 29, the country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, rose from 190 basis points to 197 basis points.

Also, the spread of debt in the region increased 18 basis points, reflecting higher global risk aversion associated with concerns on a worsening crisis in Europe, mainly due to the situation of Spanish banks.

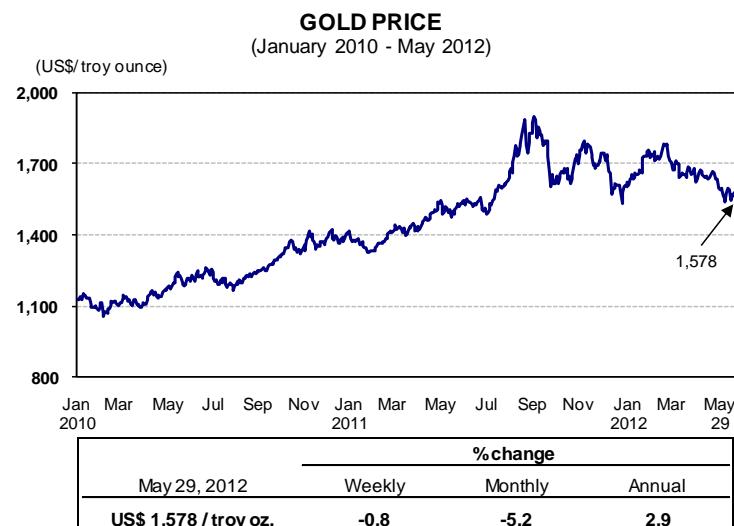


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Price of gold located at \$ 1,577.5 per troy ounce

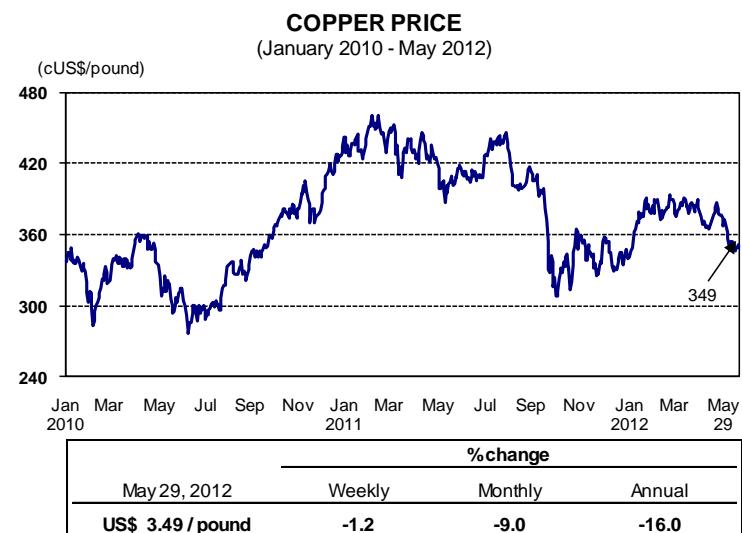
In the same period, the price of **gold** fell 0.8 percent to US\$ 1,577.5 per troy ounce.

Gold prices showed a decline after the dollar strengthened against the euro due to the increased possibility of a departure from Greece from the Eurozone and lower physical demand expected after the news that exports of jewelry from Italy (Europe's largest producer) would fall 12 percent this year.



Between May 22 and 29, the price of **copper** fell 1.2 percent to US\$ 3.49 a pound.

The price of the base metal fell as a result of higher inventories in the major world markets and by expectations of lower demand following the likely departure of Greece from the Eurozone and problems in Spain banks.



Between May 22 and 29, the price of **zinc** rose 0.3 percent to US\$ 0.86 a pound.

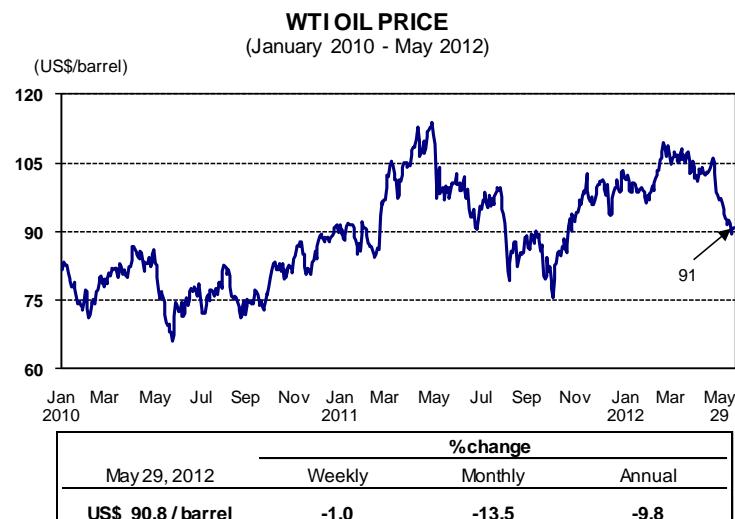
Zinc prices rose mainly due to lower inventories recorded in the London Metal Exchange, but was limited by negative activity indicators in the Eurozone.



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The price of **WTI oil** dropped to US\$ 90.8 per barrel (1.0 percent) between May 22 and 29.

Oil prices showed a downward behavior explained by the unexpected increase in crude inventories in the US and lower concerns of supply disruptions in the Middle East after Iran agreed to have a meeting to grant access to UN inspectors.

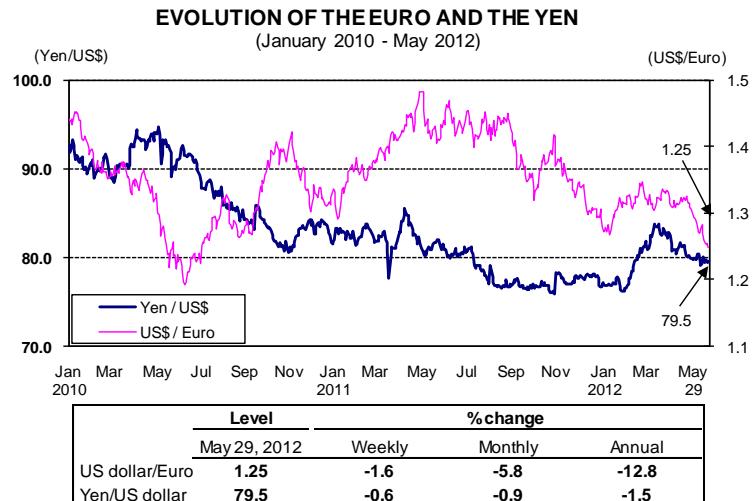


Dollar appreciated against the euro

In May 22-29, the **dollar** appreciated 1.6 percent against the **euro**.

The positive trend of the dollar against the euro was due to increased risk in the financial markets due to maintained uncertainty about the future of Greece in the Eurozone.

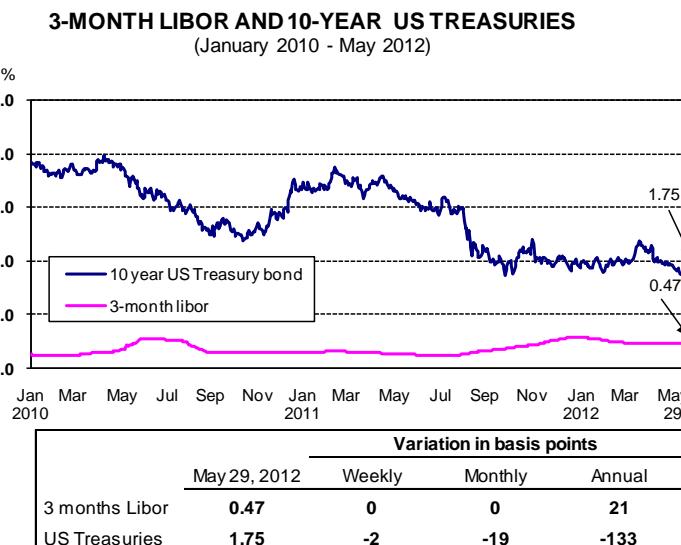
Furthermore, the dollar depreciated 0.6 percent against the **yen**



Yield on 10-year US Treasuries at 1.75 percent

Between May 22 and 29, the **3-month Libor** remained at 0.47, while the **yield on the 10 year-US Treasuries** fell from 1.77 to 1.75 percent.

Yields on US Treasuries fell due to greater demand for safe assets while concerns remain that Greece will leave the euro zone.

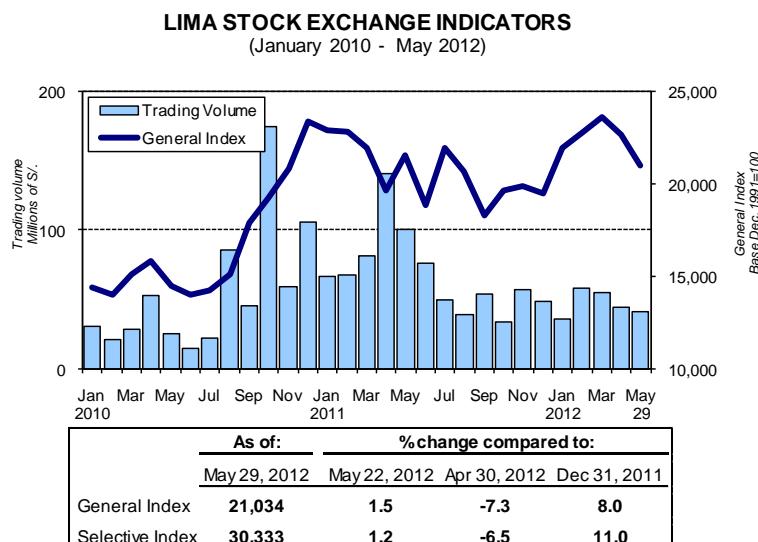


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Annual profitability at the LSE registered 8.0 percent

So far this month, at May 29, the **General and the Selective Indices** of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) have decreased 7.3 and 6.5 percent, respectively.

During the week (May 21 – 29), both indices rose 1.5 and 1.2 percent, respectively, favored by position taking by institutional investors in blue-chip stocks of companies in the mining and manufacturing sectors.



So far this year, the General and the Selective Indices of the LSE have accumulated gains of 8.0 and 11.0 percent, respectively.

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Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicators

Credit Default Swaps PERU 5 años (pys) / CDS PERU 5Y (basis points)
* Incluso los datos de Perú como Fondo de Estabilización Financiera (FED), fondo administrado por la ONPE, entre los datos del MEF. El dato se presenta en el cuadro N° 24 de la Nota Semanal.

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*** A partir del 1 de octubre de 2010, el BCRP utiliza Certificado de Depósito en Moneda Nacional con Tasa de Interés Variable (CDV BCRP) y CD Liquidables en Dólares (CDLDBCSP) como instrumentos monetarios.

**** Las empresas reportan a la SBS información más segmentada de las tasas de interés. Estos cambios introducidos por la SBS al reporte de tasas activas (Res. SBS N° 11356-2008; Oficio Múltiple N° 24719-2010-SBS) son a partir de julio de 2010.

***** A partir del 13 de mayo de 2011, esta tasa subió a 5,05%.

***** Las tasas de interés para los créditos de regulación monetaria en dólares serán a las

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