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## Corporate prime rate in dollars at 0.93 percent

On December 24, the **corporate prime rate** –the interest rate commercial banks charge to lower risk businesses– in US dollars showed a daily average rate of 0.93 percent. On the other hand, the corporate prime rate in soles recorded a daily average rate of 4.46 percent.



The corporate prime rate in soles is the closest in level to the rate of the Central Bank's reference interest rate and tends to be the first to respond to the movements of and expectations about the monetary policy rate.

## Monetary and exchange operations

At December 23, the Central Bank has accumulated purchases of FC for a total of US\$ 5,210 million and sales of FC for a total US\$ 5,205 million, thus accumulating purchases of foreign currency for a net total of US\$ 5 million. The Central Bank has also sold FC for a total of US\$ 4.25 billion to the public sector. The BCRP net internal assets have increased by S/.17.60 billion.

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## BCRP OPERATIONS

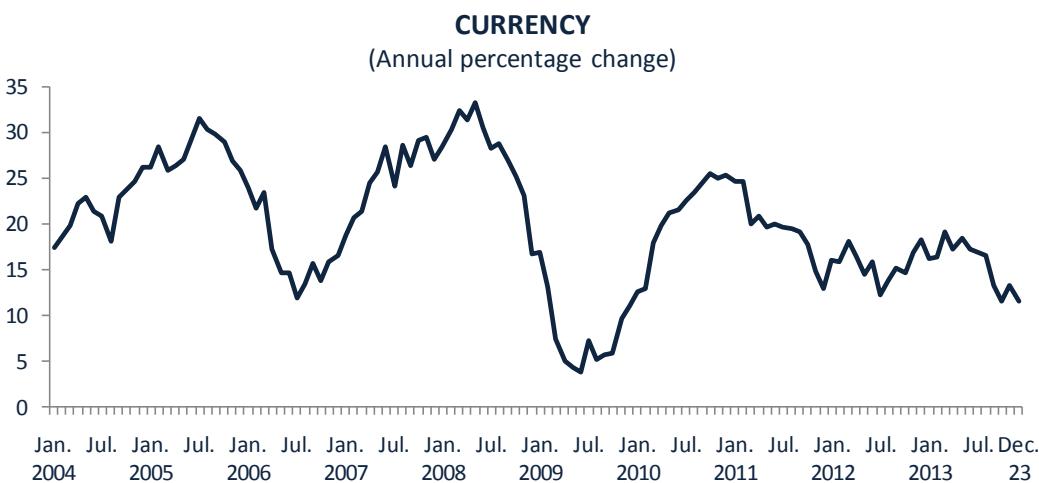
(Million S./.)

	Balance			Flows	
	Dec 31, 2012	Nov 30, 2013	Dec 23, 2013	2013*	Dec-13 *
<b>I. NET INTERNATIONAL POSITION</b>	<b>117,462</b>	<b>118,262</b>	<b>113,585</b>	<b>-14,765</b>	<b>-3,442</b>
(Million US\$)	46,063	42,237	41,005	-5,058	-1,231
1. Exchange Operations				-4,222	-1,008
a. Over the counter operations				5	-760
b. Public sector				-4,248	-250
2. Rest				-836	-223
<b>II. NET DOMESTIC ASSET</b>	<b>-85,217</b>	<b>-85,679</b>	<b>-78,504</b>	<b>17,601</b>	<b>5,940</b>
1. Monetary Sterilization	-51,567	-45,715	-42,587	8,980	3,128
a. Certificates and Term deposits	-30,053	-22,689	-22,158	7,894	531
BCRP Certificates of Deposit (CDBCRRP)	-20,805	-20,013	-18,892	1,912	1,121
CDR BCRP	0	-2,676	-3,266	-3,266	-590
Term Deposits	-9,248	0	0	9,248	0
b. Reserve requirements in Domestic Currency	-20,491	-20,054	-17,889	2,601	2,164
c. Other monetary operations	-1,024	-2,972	-2,539	-1,515	433
2. Fiscal Sterilization	-39,939	-39,409	-38,829	1,110	580
3. Other	6,289	-554	2,912	7,511	2,231
<b>III. CURRENCY **</b>	<b>32,244</b>	<b>32,584</b>	<b>35,081</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>2,498</b>
(Monthly percentage change)	10.6%	0.7%	7.7%		
(Accumulated percentage change)	33.6%	1.1%	8.8%		
(YoY)	18.3%	13.2%	11.6%		

\* As of December 23, 2013.

\*\* Preliminary data.

**Currency in circulation** at December 23 showed a balance of S/. 33.08 billion and recorded a growth rate of 11.6 percent in the last 12 months.

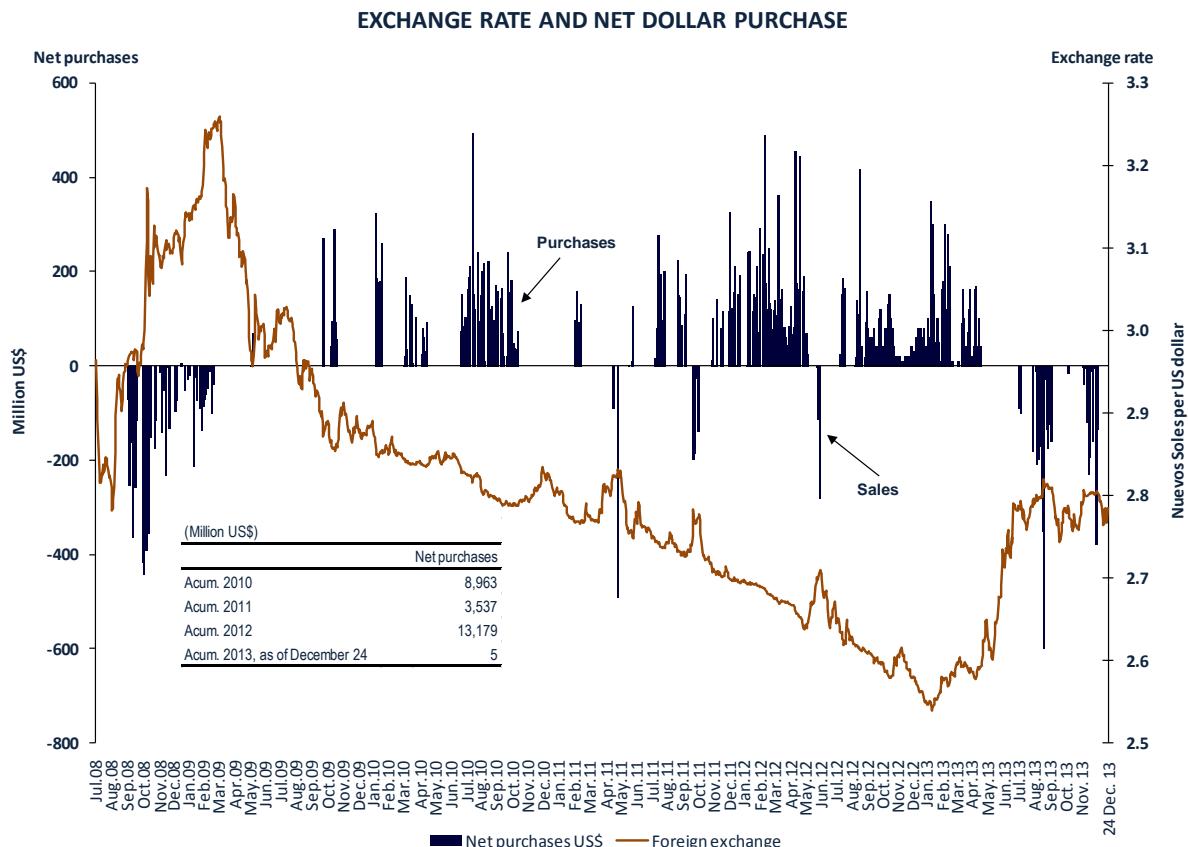


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## Exchange rate: S/. 2.78 per US dollar

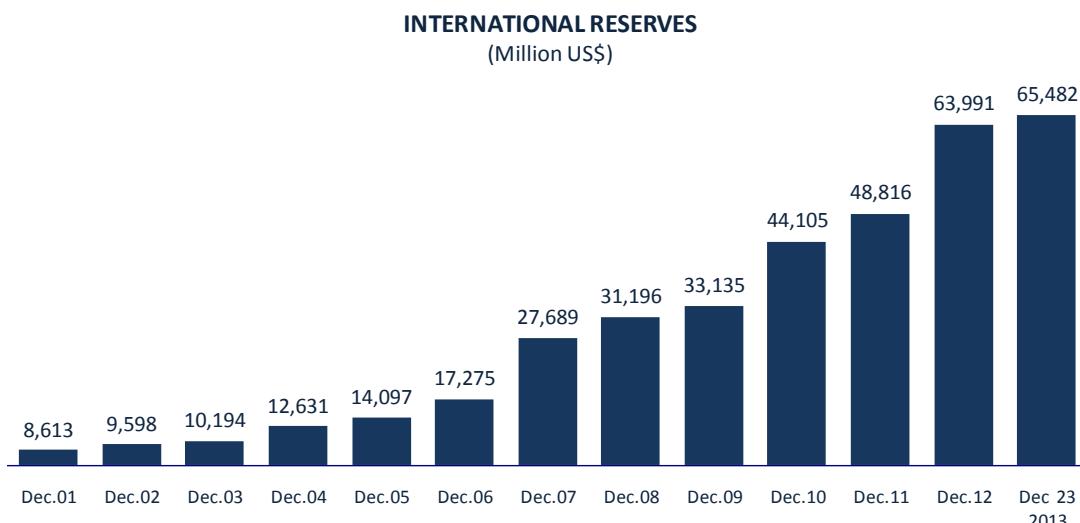
On December 24, the average selling price of the dollar in the interbank market was S/. 2.78 per dollar.

Between 2012 and 2013, the Central Bank has purchased foreign currency for a total of US\$ 19.07 billion and sold foreign currency for a total of US\$ 5.88 billion. In net terms, purchases of foreign currency are higher than sales by US\$ 13.18 billion.



## International reserves amount to US\$ 65.48 billion

**International reserves** at December 23, 2013, totaled US\$ 65.48 billion. This amount of reserves is US\$ 1.49 billion higher than the amount of reserves recorded at end-2012.

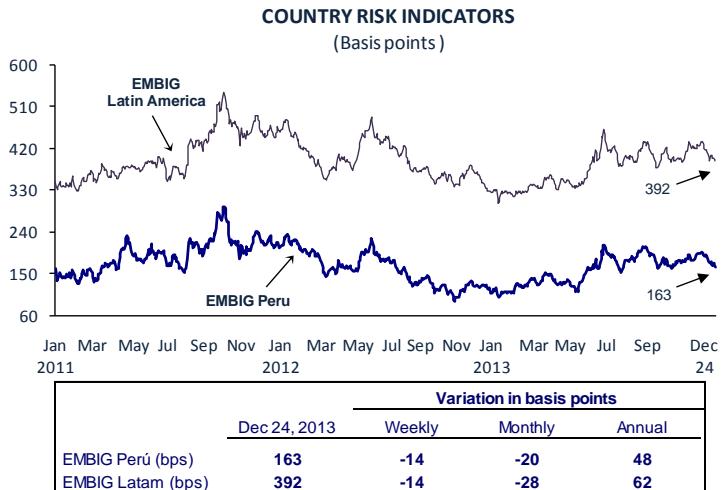


## International Markets

### Country risk fell to 163 basis points

In December 17-24, the country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, fell from 177 to 163 basis points.

The EMBIG Latin America spread fell 14 basis points given positive data of economic activity in USA and the Eurozone.



### Price of gold at US\$ 1,196.5 per troy ounce

In the same period, the price of **gold** dropped 2.9 percent to US\$ 1,196.5 per troy ounce.

The price of gold declined due to a few activity before Christmas and Fed's decision to cut its monetary stimulus, which makes it less attractive to the precious metal.



In December 17-24, the price of **copper** fell 0.1 percent to US\$ 3.30 per pound.

The price of copper dropped by concerns about demand after credit restrictions in China, but the adjusted short-term supply offset the fall in the price of metal.



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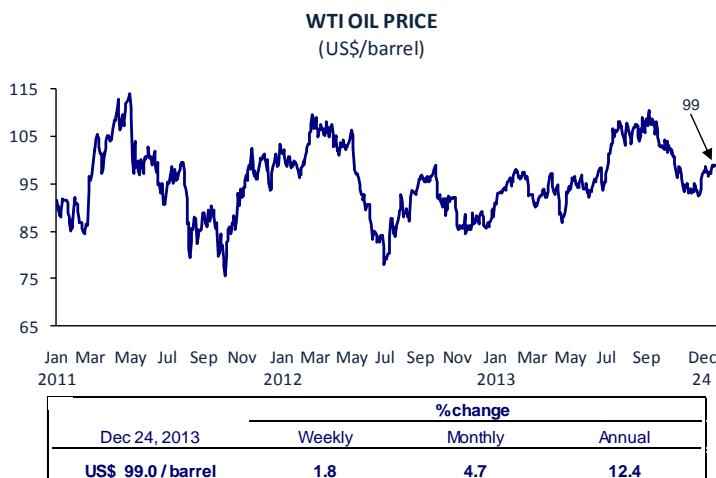
In the same period of analysis, the price of **zinc** rose 4.4 percent to US\$ 0.94 per pound, the highest level in almost 10 months.

The price of this basic metal was favored by lower supplies and by higher imports from China.



The price of **WTI crude oil** rose 1.8 percent to US\$ 99.0 per barrel between December 17 and 24.

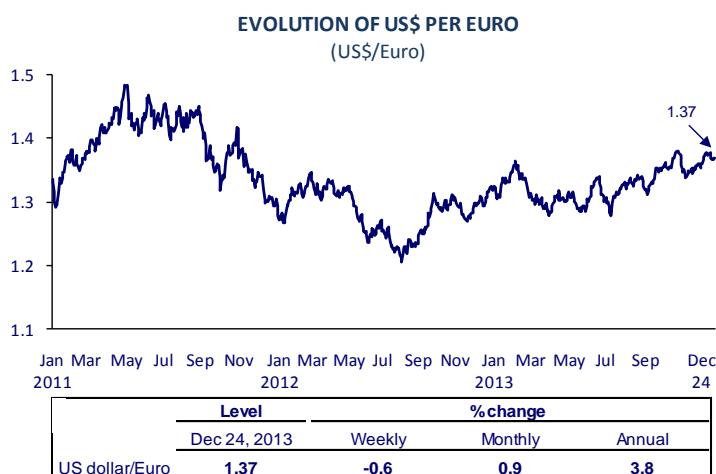
The rise in the price of crude is associated with data from the EIA that showed lower oil inventories in the USA, by strong demand for oil refineries to meet distillate exports and by production disruptions in Libya.



## Dollar appreciated against the euro

In December 17-24, the **dollar** appreciated 0.6 percent against the **euro**.

The dollar appreciated against the euro amid the Fed's decision to cut its monetary stimulus.



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## Yield on 10-year U.S. Treasuries rose to 2.98 percent

In the week of December 17 to December 24, the **3-month Libor** rose from 0.24 to 0.25 percent.

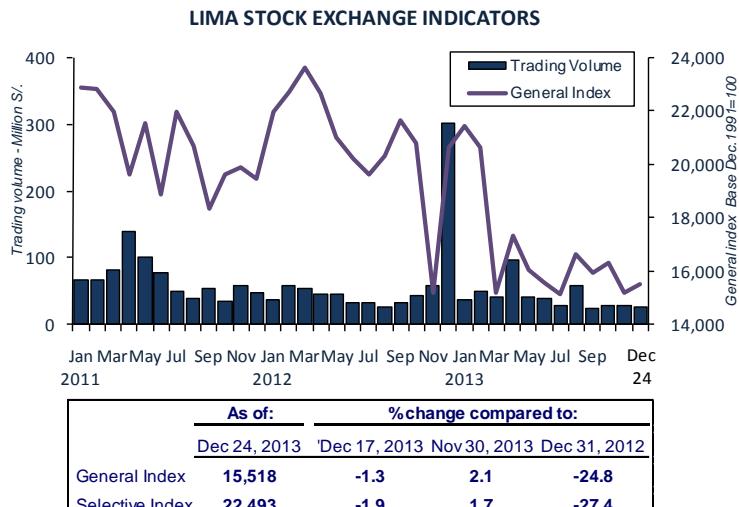
The yield on the **10-year US Treasuries** rose from 2.84 to 2.98 percent due to Fed's decision to begin to reduce its program of monetary stimulus.



## Lima Stock Exchange

So far this month (at December 24), the **General Index** and the **Selective Index** of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) increased 2.1 and 1.7 percent, respectively.

During the week of December 17-24, these indices fell 1.3 and 1.9 percent, respectively, as a result of investor cautions before the announced withdrawal of monetary stimulus in the USA and the volatility of metal prices in the international market.



So far this year, the indices of the LSE accumulate losses of 24.8 and 27.4 percent, respectively.

