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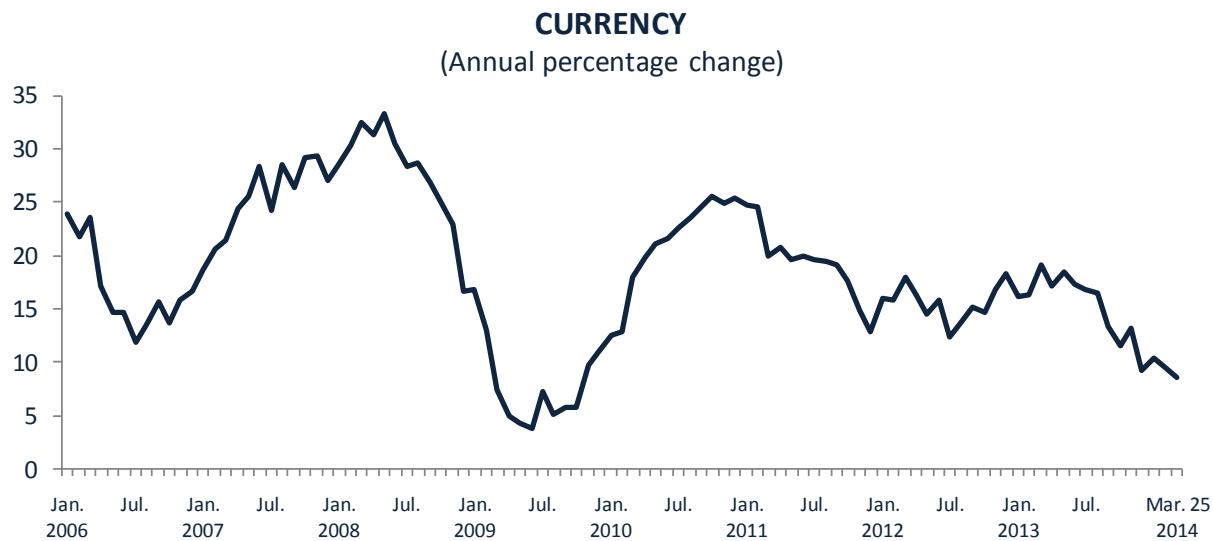
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Monetary and foreign exchange operations

So far in March (at March 25), the Central Bank has made the following operations:

1. BCRP CDs: Placements for a total of S/. 300 million at an average rate of 3.70 percent.
2. Repos: Placements for a daily average of S/. 1.15 billion at an average rate of 4.26 percent.
3. CDR BCRP: Placements of S/. 2.98 billion at an average rate of 0.11 percent.
4. Overnight deposits of depository institutions for a daily average of S/. 1.12 billion (banks' deposits: daily average of S/. 335 million).
5. Interventions in the foreign exchange market: The BCRP did not sell foreign currency in the foreign exchange market in this period.

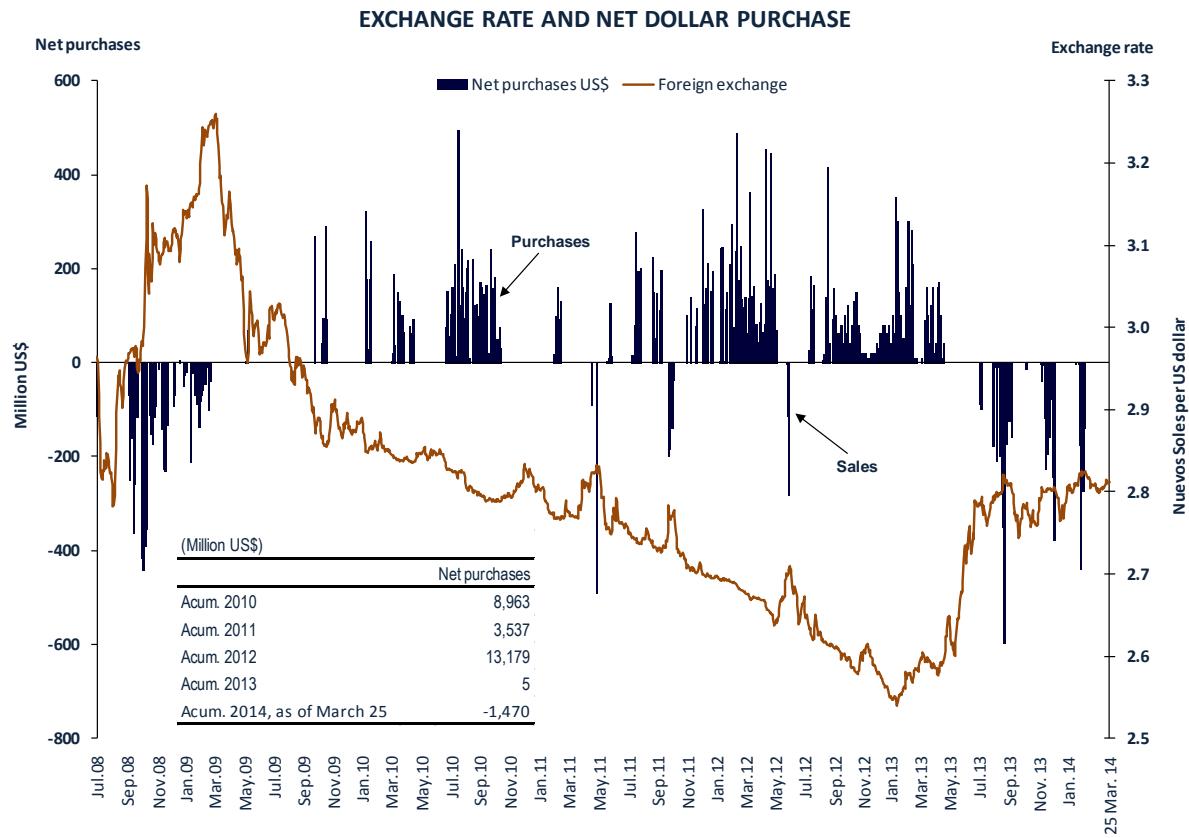
Currency in circulation at March 25, 2014, showed a balance of S/. 33.47 billion and a growth rate of 8.5 percent in the last 12 months.



Exchange rate: S/. 2.81 per US dollar

On March 25, the average selling price of the dollar in the interbank market was S/. 2.81 per dollar.

Since 2012, the Central Bank has purchased foreign currency for a total of US\$ 19.07 billion and sold foreign currency for a total of US\$ 7.35 billion. In net terms, purchases of foreign currency are higher than sales by US\$ 11.71 billion. In the week of March 19 – March 25, the BCRP did not intervene in the foreign exchange market.



International reserves amount to US\$ 64.91 billion

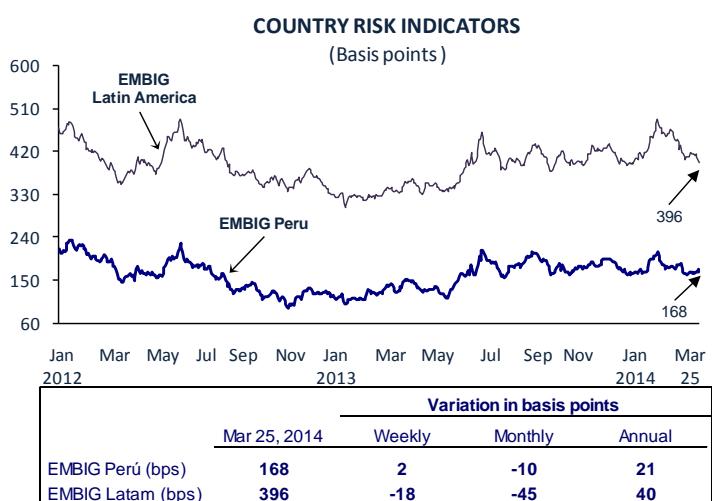
On March 25, 2014, **international reserves** amounted to US\$ 64.91 billion and the foreign exchange position of the BCRP was US\$ 40.03 billion.

International Markets

Country risk at 168 basis points

In March 18-25, the country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, rose from 166 to 168 basis points.

On the other hand, the EMBIG Latin America spread fell 18 basis points in a context of rising consumer confidence in the United States and lower geopolitical tensions about Ukraine (after the annexation of Crimea by Russia). Both of these factors imply a context of lower risk aversion.



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Price of gold at US\$ 1,313.5 per troy ounce

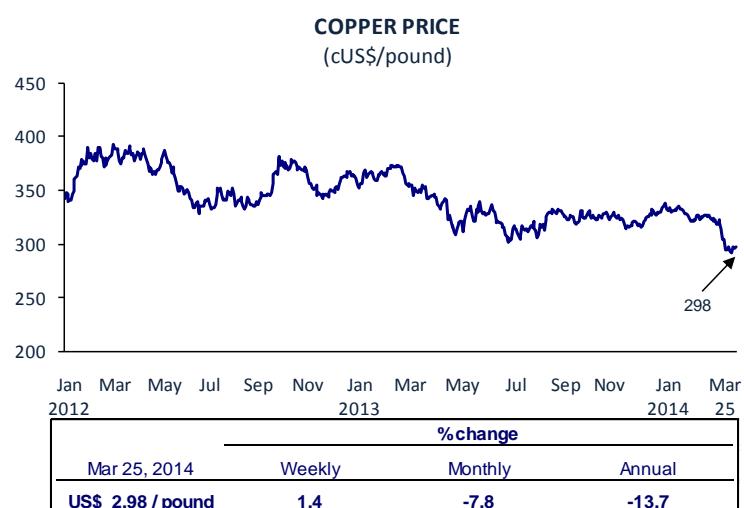
In the same period, the price of **gold** fell 3.1 percent to US\$ 1,313.5 per troy ounce.

The price of gold showed a downward trend during a week marked by the strengthening of the dollar and by signals of the Federal Reserve indicating that it will maintain the pace of withdrawal of its asset purchase program.



In March 18-25, the price of **copper** rose 1.4 percent to US\$ 2.98 per pound.

The price of this basic metal showed a slight improvement due to expectations that the Chinese government will implement economic stimulus measures, to the decline of stocks in the major metal exchange markets, and to a report of the International Copper Study Group (ICSG) which said that the global demand for copper had exceeded the supply in 2013.



In the period of analysis, the price of **zinc** rose 0.7 percent to US\$ 0.89 per pound.

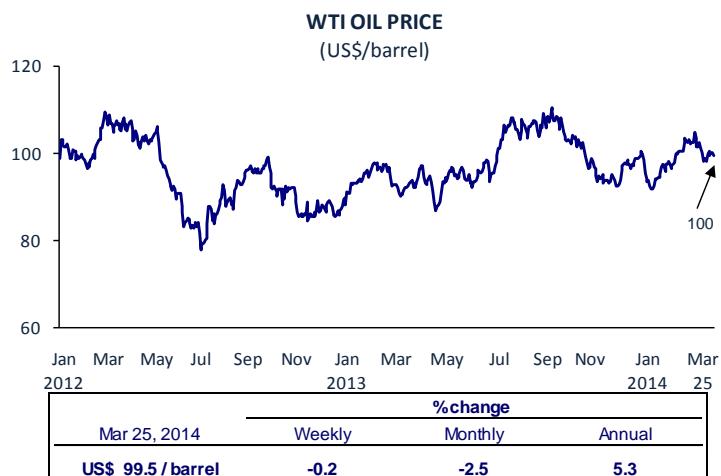
The price of zinc was favored by the decline of inventories at the London Metal Exchange, where they dropped 2.3 percent to 772 thousand tons. This price rise was offset by the contraction of the manufacturing sector in China, which showed its lowest level in 8 months.



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The price of **WTI oil** fell 0.2 percent to US\$ 99.5 per barrel between March 18 and March 25.

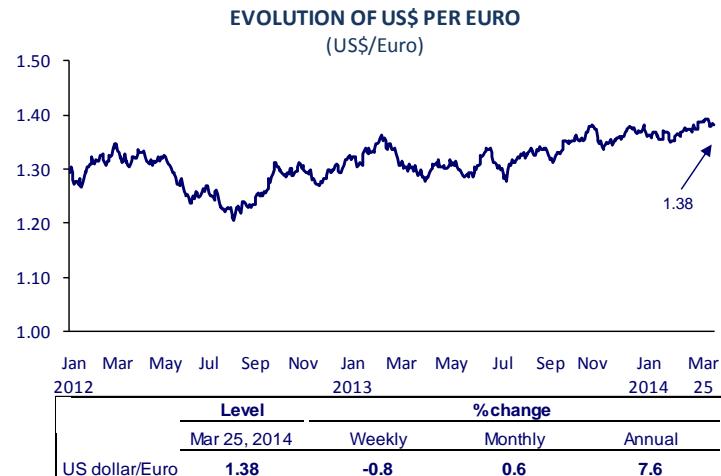
The fall in the price of crude oil is explained by a higher-than-expected increase of crude inventories in the United States. This price fall was offset by the partial closing of some large pipelines used to carry crude oil in the USA for maintenance and by fears of possible disruptions in the supply that comes from Russia.



U.S. dollar appreciated 0.8 percent against the euro

In March 18-25, the **dollar** appreciated 0.8 percent against the **euro**.

The strengthening of the dollar against the euro was associated with signs pointing to the likelihood that the Federal Reserve will maintain the pace of withdrawal of its asset purchase program as well as with increased consumer confidence in the United States.



Yield on 10-year U.S. Treasuries rose to 2.75 percent

In March 18-25, the **3-month Libor** remained at 0.23 percent while the yield on the **10-year US Treasury bonds** rose from 2.67 percent to 2.75 percent.

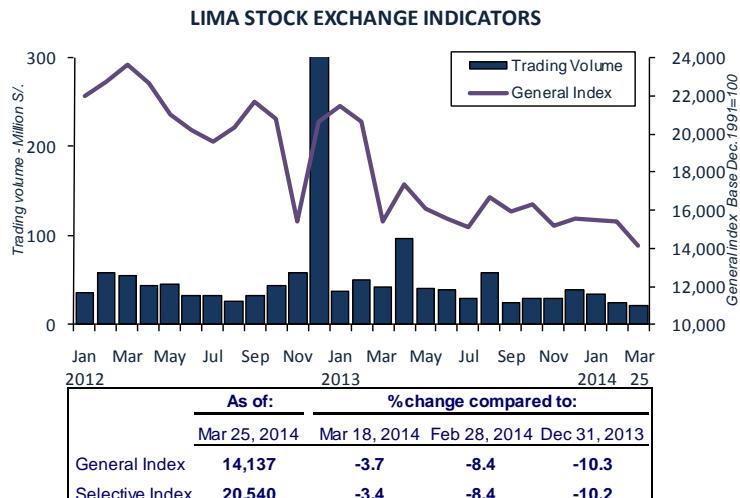
The yield on the US Treasury bonds increased due to the lower demand for safe assets after the Conference Board showed that consumer confidence had risen to its highest level in six years.



Lima Stock Exchange

So far this month (at March 25), the **General Index** and the **Selective Index** of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) has each fallen 8.4 percent.

During the week of March 18-25, the indices of the LSE fell 3.7 and 3.4 percent, respectively, due to the weakening of global markets as a result of concerns regarding the sanctions to Russia as well as regarding China's economic performance.



Year-to-date, the indices of the LSE accumulate declines of 10.3 and 10.2 percent, respectively.

