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- ↗ Currency grew 11.0 percent in the last twelve months
- ↘ Corporate interest rate in soles fell to 4.4 percent
- ↔ Country risk at 204 basis points
- ↘ WTI oil quotation decreased to US\$/bl. 46.2

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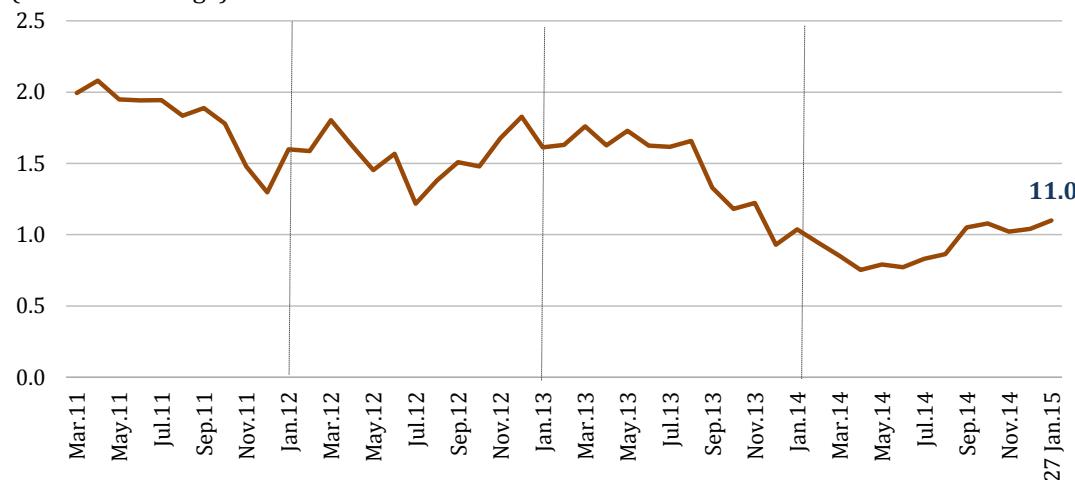
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Currency

On January 27, **currency in circulation** –that is, banknotes and coins held by the public– registered a growth rate of 11.0 percent in the last 12 months.

Currency in circulation

(Annual % change)



Corporate prime rate in soles at 4.4 percent

On January 27, the **corporate prime rate** –the interest rate charged by commercial banks to lower risk businesses– in soles showed a daily average rate of 4.4 percent (4.7 percent in the previous month). The corporate prime rate in dollars in the same period was 0.9 percent.

Average interest rate

(%)

Domestic currency

Interbank

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Jul.14 | 3,8 |
| Aug.14 | 3,8 |
| Sep.14 | 3,7 |
| Oct.14 | 3,5 |
| Nov.14 | 3,6 |
| Dec.14 | 3,8 |
| 27 Jan.15 | 3,4 |

90-days corporate prime rate

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Jul.14 | 4,7 |
| Aug.14 | 4,6 |
| Sep.14 | 4,5 |
| Oct.14 | 4,4 |
| Nov.14 | 4,4 |
| Dec.14 | 4,7 |
| 27 Jan.15 | 4,4 |

Foreign currency

Interbank

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Jul.14 | 0,1 |
| Aug.14 | 0,1 |
| Sep.14 | 0,2 |
| Oct.14 | 0,3 |
| Nov.14 | 0,2 |
| Dec.14 | 0,2 |
| 27 Jan.15 | 0,2 |

90-days corporate prime rate

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| Jul.14 | 0,7 |
| Aug.14 | 0,7 |
| Sep.14 | 0,8 |
| Oct.14 | 0,9 |
| Nov.14 | 0,8 |
| Dec.14 | 0,7 |
| 27 Jan.15 | 0,9 |

Interest rate and monetary operations

The interbank interest rate in soles showed a rate of 3.36 percent on January 27.

The monetary operations carried out by the Central Bank at January 27 have been aimed at injecting liquidity into the market in the short-term to meet financial entities' current account requirements. The Central Bank has also continued with its regular placements of BCRP-CDs three times a week with the purpose of contributing to increase liquidity in the secondary market of these instruments.

- **Repos:** At January 27 the BCRP has placed overnight repos for a daily average of S/. 118 million. The balance of these operations at this date was S/. 300 million, with an average interest rate of 4.62 percent.
- **Currency repos:** At January 27 the BCRP has placed 18-month currency repos for a total of S/. 300 million and 24-month currency repos for credit expansion for a total of S/. 600 million. The balance of these operations at this date was S/. 9.5 billion, with an average interest rate of 4.26 percent.
- **BCRP-CDs:** The BCRP has placed 3-month BCRP-CDs for a total of S/. 1.83 billion at an average rate of 3.48 percent; 6-month BCRP-CDs for a total of S/. 950 million at an average rate of 3.33 percent; 12-month BCRP-CDs for a total of S/. 800 million at an average rate of 3.51 percent, and 18-month BCRP-CDs for a total of S/. 200 million at an average rate of 3.52 percent. The balance of BCRP-CDs at January 27 was S/. 17.56 billion, with an average rate of 3.61 percent.
- **Term deposits:** Overnight term deposits for a daily average of S/. 919 million and 1-week term deposit for a daily average of S/. 261 million. The balance of these deposits at this date was S/. 1.59 billion.
- **Overnight deposits:** At January 27, overnight deposits showed a daily average of S/. 617 million. The balance of overnight deposits at this date was S/. 175 million.

At January 27 the Central Bank has also made operations in the spot foreign exchange market to reduce volatility in the foreign exchange rate.

- **Interventions in the foreign exchange market:** In the period, the BCRP sold FC for a total of US\$ 200 million in the spot market at an average exchange rate of S/. 3.024 per dollar.
- **FX-Swaps:** the BCRP has placed Sell-FX Swaps for a total of S/. 7.90 billion (US\$ 2.64 billion) and maturities amounted to S/. 6.58 billion (US\$ 2.25 billion). The balance of these instruments at January 27 was S/. 17.80 billion.
- **CDR BCRP:** the Central Bank placed CDR-BCRP for a total of S/. 900 million (US\$ 301 million) and maturities amounted to S/. 1.32 billion (US\$ 451 million). The balance of these operations at January 27 was S/. 2.17 billion (US\$ 732 million).

Monetary and foreign exchange operations

(Million S/.)

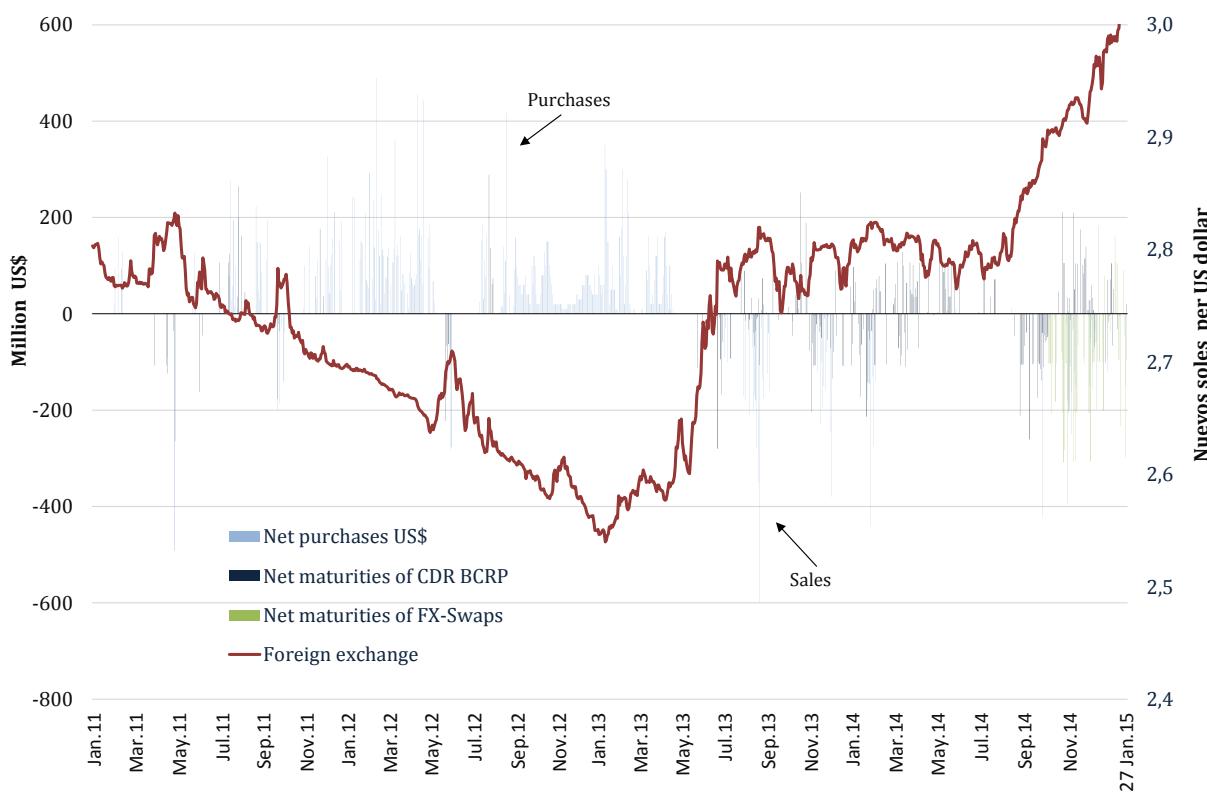
| | | Balance (Interest rate) | | Placement (Interest rate) | | | | | | | Maturity | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| | | Dec 31, 2014 | Jan 27, 2015 | Overnight | 1 week | 2-month | 3 meses | 6-month | 12-month | 18-month | 24-month | |
| Monetary operations | Injection | Repos | 1,300 | 300 | 2,005 | | | | | | | 3,005 |
| | | | (4.13%) | (4.62%) | (3.60%) | | | | | | | |
| | Sterilization | Currency repos | 8,600 | 9,500 | | | | | 300 | 600 | | |
| | | | (4.30%) | (4.26%) | | | | | (3.94%) | (3.92%) | | |
| | Sterilization | CD BCRP | 15,575 | 17,555 | | | 1,830 | 950 | 800 | 200 | | 1,850 |
| | | | (3.64%) | (3.61%) | | | (3.48%) | (3.33%) | (3.51%) | (3.52%) | | |
| | Sterilization | Term deposits | | 1,586 | 15,626 | 261 | | | | | | 14,300 |
| | | | | (2.55%) | (2.82%) | (2.81%) | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange operations | Sterilization | Overnight deposits | 1,016 | 175 | 10,492 | | | | | | | 11,333 |
| | | | (2.30%) | (2.05%) | (2.15%) | | | | | | | |
| | Sterilization | CDR BCRP | 2,590 | 2,170 | | 900 | | | | | | 1,320 |
| | | | (0.06%) | (0.03%) | | (0.00%) | | | | | | |
| Foreign exchange operations | Sterilization | FX-Swaps | 16,472 | 17,798 | | 4,600 | 3,300 | | | | | 6,575 |
| | | | (-0.35%) | (-0.69%) | | (-0.70%) | (-0.97%) | | | | | |

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Exchange rate

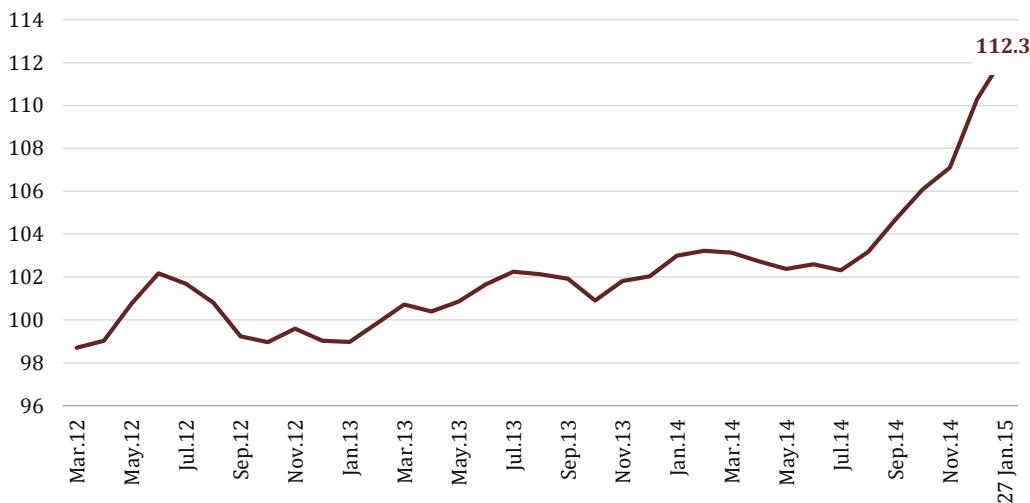
On January 27, the average selling price of the US dollar in the interbank market was S/. 3.024.

Exchange rate and foreign exchange intervention



The dollar has been showing an appreciatory trend against most other currencies in recent months, as reflected in the evolution of the FED index since January 2013. This appreciation of the dollar is associated with expectations that the Federal Reserve (Fed) will start normalizing its interest rates.

Fed index 1/



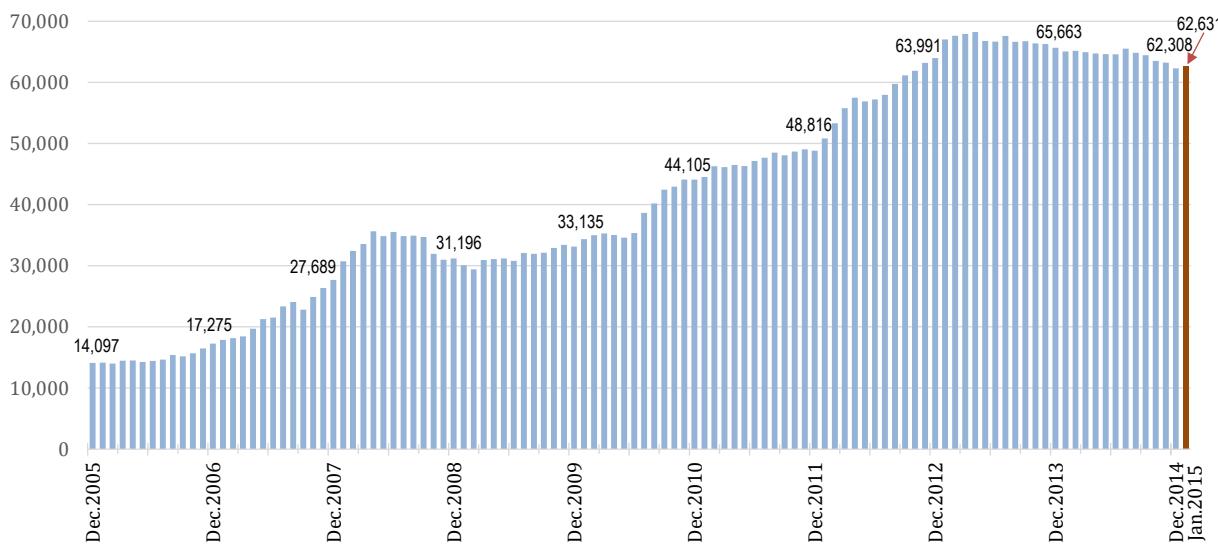
1/ Calculated taking into account currencies of US trading partners weighted by contributions. A rise in the index represents an appreciation of the US dollar.
Source: FED.

International reserves at US\$ 62.63 billion on January 27

International reserves at January 27 amounted to US\$ 62.63 billion. This level of international reserves is equivalent to 31 percent of GDP and to 18 months of imports.

Net International Reserves

(Million US\$)



International Markets

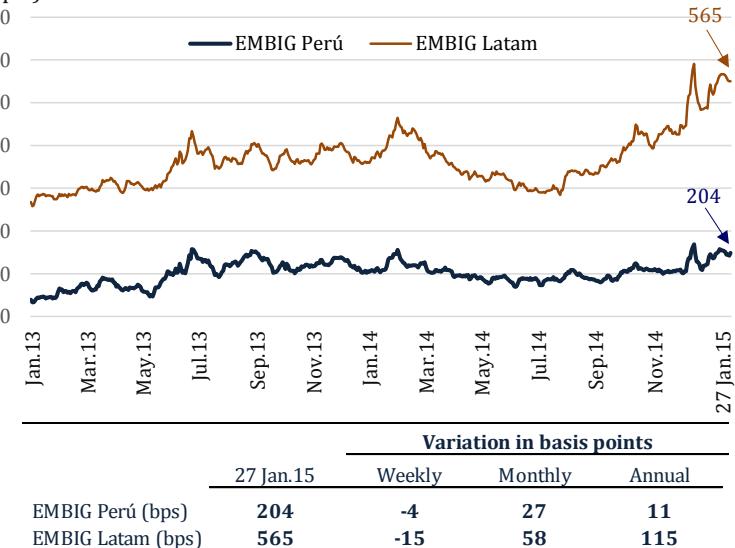
Country risk at 204 basis points

In January 20-27, the country risk indicator, measured by the **EMBIG Peru** spread, fell from 208 bps to 204 bps.

Similarly, the **EMBIG Latin America** spread decreased 15 bps in a context marked by the materialization of the expectations of quantitative easing (QE) in the Eurozone.

Country Risk Indicator

(Bps.)



Price of gold: US\$ 1,288.5 per troy ounce

In the same period, the price of **gold** kept stable to US\$ 1,288.5 per troy ounce.

At the beginning, the price was favored by the uncertainty around elections in Greece, which led to a subsequent profit taking by investors.



In the week of January 20-27, the price of **copper** fell 3.5 percent to US\$ 2.52 per pound.

The price of copper was affected by signs of low growth in China and increased production of refined copper in the same country.



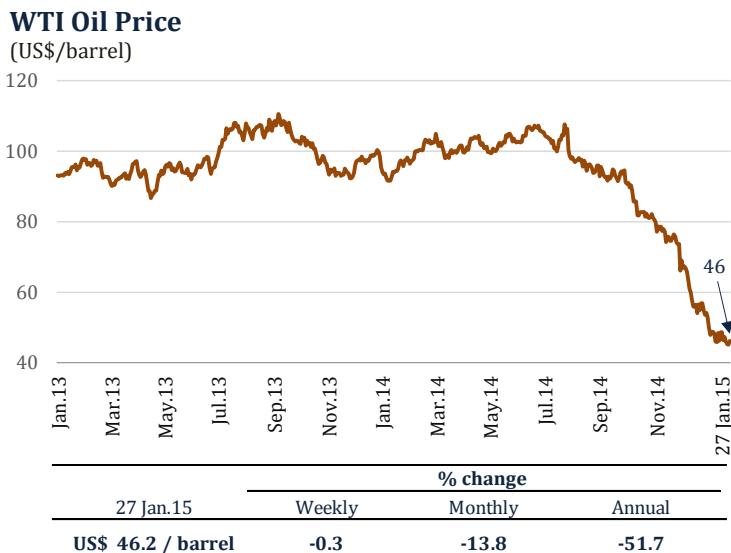
In the same period, the price of **zinc** rose 1.6 percent to US\$ 0.97 per pound.

The rise in the price of zinc was supported by lower inventories in the London Metal Exchange, although offsetting by uncertainty about the outlook for demand from China.



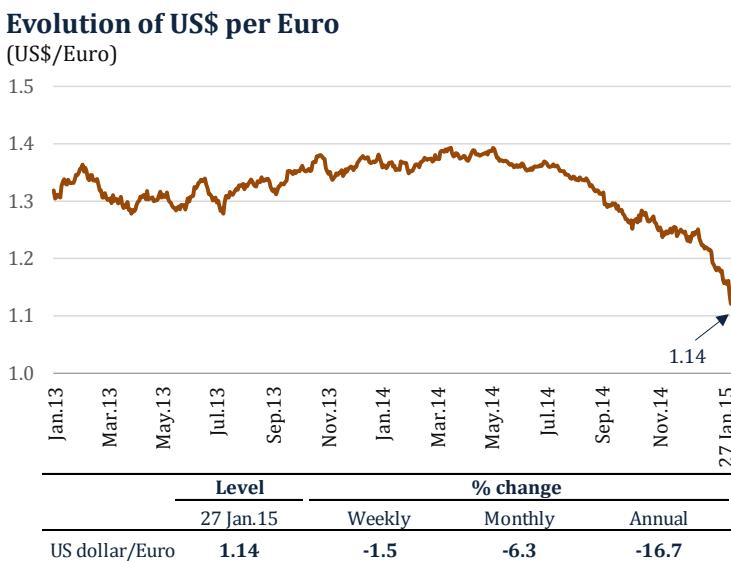
In January 20-27, the price of **WTI** oil declined 0.3 percent to US\$. 46.2 per barrel.

The price of oil fell due to increase oil reserves in the US and Saudi Arabia's decision to maintain its current oil production.



US dollar appreciated against the euro

In January 20-27, the **dollar** appreciated 1.5 percent against the **euro** amid the announcement of the European Central Bank for a new quantitative easing program (bond purchase program up to €/. 60 billion a month from March this year to September 2016).



Yield on 10-year US Treasuries: 1.82 percent

In January 13-20, the **3-month Libor** kept to 0.26 percent.

On the other hand, the yield on the **10-year US Treasuries** rose 3 bps to 1.82 percent after the announcement of quantitative easing (QE) of the European Central Bank.



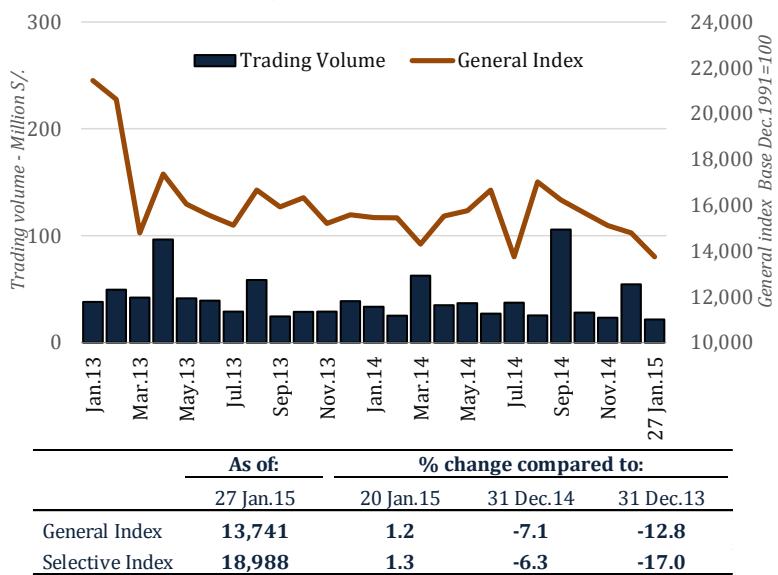
Lima Stock Exchange

In January 20-27, the **General Index** of the Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) rose 1.2 percent and the **Selective Index** rose 1.3 percent.

The LSE indices increased influenced, despite volatility of regional markets, with the advance in mining and industrial stocks.

Year-to-date, the LSE indices have fallen 7.1 and 6.3 percent, respectively.

Lima Stock Exchange Indicators



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* Incluye depósitos de Promcepri, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Cofide, fondos administrados por la ONP; y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No.12 de la Nota Semanal.

** A partir del 18 de enero de 2008, el BCRP utiliza los depósitos a plazo en moneda nacional como instrumento monetario.

*** A partir del 6 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 (CDLDBCRP) como instrumentos monetarios.

**** Las empresas reportarán 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 16 de enero de 2015, esta tasa bajó a 4,05%.

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

Fuente: BCRP, INEI, Banco de la Nación, BVL, Sunat, SBS, Reuters y Bloomberg.

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