



# Weekly Economic Report - March 30, 2023

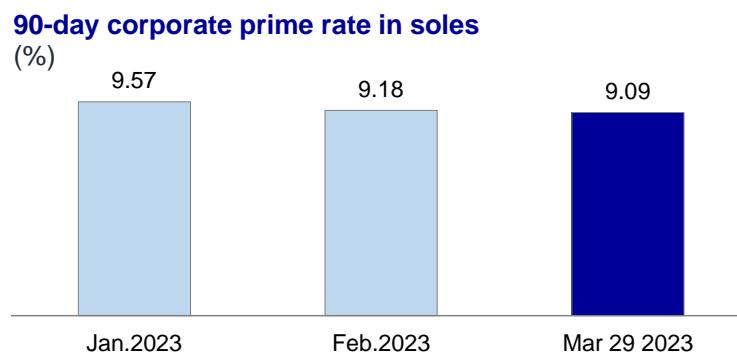
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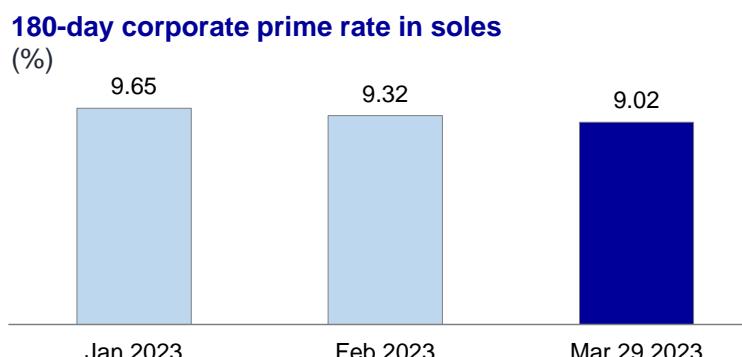
## INTERBANK INTEREST RATE IN SOLES

From March 23 to March 29, 2023, the average **interbank** interest rate in soles was 7.75 percent per year, while this rate in dollars was 5.00 percent per year.

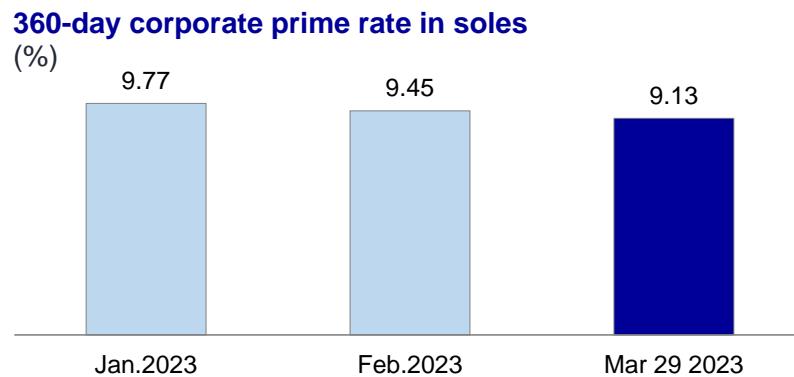
On March 29, 2023, the **90-day corporate prime interest rate** -the interest rate charged to lower-risk businesses- in soles was 9.09 percent per year and the rate in dollars was 6.00 percent per year.



On the same day, the **corporate prime interest rate on 180-day loans** in soles was 9.02 percent per year and this rate in dollars was 6.04 percent per year.



On March 29, 2023, the **corporate prime interest rate on 360-day loans** in soles was 9.13 percent per year and the rate in dollars rate was 6.07 percent per year.




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### BCRP MONETARY OPERATIONS

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The BCRP's **monetary operations** from March 23 to 29 were as follows:

- **Liquidity injection** operations:
  - Securities repos: On March 29, the balance of this repos was S/ 9,208 million, with an average interest rate of 5.80 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 9,308 million, with an average interest rate of 5.83 percent. The securities repos auctioned in this period were 3-month repos amounting to S/ 500 million (March 24), which were placed at an average interest rate of 8.55 percent.
  - Currency repos: On March 29, the balance of regular currency repos was S/ 582 million, with an average interest rate of 0.76 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 782 million, with an average interest rate of 1.32 percent.
  - Loan portfolio repos: On March 29, the balance was S/ 6,320 million, with an average interest rate of 1.27 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 6,325 million, with a similar average interest rate, corresponded mainly to the modality of loan rescheduling and repos conditioned to the expansion of long term credit in soles in the financial system.
  - Repos from Reactiva Peru (including rescheduled loans): On March 29, the balance of this instrument was S/ 13,497 million, while the balance on March 22 was S/ 13,815 million.
  - Settlement of the acquisition of sovereign bonds in the secondary market for S/ 263 million at an average rate of 7.38 percent and maturity terms between 5 and 17 years. The balance of sovereign bonds held by the Central Bank at acquisition value was S/ 5,729 million on March 29.

- Liquidity **sterilization** operations:
  - CD BCRP: On March 29, the balance of these certificates was S/ 16,545 million, with an average interest rate of 7.54 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 15,352 million, with an average interest rate of 7.48 percent. In the period from March 23 to 29, certificates for S/ 2,403 million were placed for a term of 6-month with an average interest rate of 7.65 percent.
  - CDV BCRP: The balance of this instrument on March 29 was S/ 13,935 million, while the balance on March 22 was S/ 16,161 million. These certificates have a floating interest rate, linked to the Interbank Overnight Index (ION). On March 29, the average spread of the balance awarded in the auctions of BCRP CDV was -0.08 percent.
  - Overnight deposits: On March 29, the balance of this instrument was S/ 1 008 million, with an average interest rate of 5.25 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 1,097 million, with a similar average interest rate.
  - Time deposits: On March 29, the balance of time deposits was S/ 5,407 million, with an average interest rate of 7.73 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 5,400 million, with a similar average interest rate.
- Other monetary operations:
  - Interest rate swaps: On March 29, the balance of interest rate swaps was S/ 900 million, with an average interest rate of 6.81 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 980 million, with an average interest rate of 6.77 percent. In these operations, BCRP receives a fixed interest rate and pays a floating rate based on the Interbank Overnight Index (ION).

The **foreign exchange operations** of BCRP between March 23 and March 29 did not include interventions in the spot market. FX swaps-sale for a total of US\$ 239 million were placed and FX swaps-sale for a total of US\$ 356 million matured.

- i. FX Swaps-sale: The balance of this instrument on March 29 was S/ 38,358 million (US\$ 9,949 million), with an average interest rate of 4.02 percent. The balance on March 22 was S/ 38,808 million (US\$ 10,065 million), with an average interest rate of 3.94 percent.

On March 29, 2023, the **monetary base** had decreased by S/ 1,803 million compared to March 22, 2023 , in a context in which public sector deposits in soles increased by S/ 2,768 million . During the week, the public sector sold foreign currency to the BCRP for US\$ 36.8 million (S/ 138 million).

The BCRP's liquidity sterilization operations were the net placement of BCRP CDs (S/ 933 million), the amortization of government-secured portfolio repos (S/ 317 million), the maturity of currency repos (S/ 200 million) and the net maturity of

securities repos (S/ 100 million). These operations were partially offset by the maturity of CDV BCRP (S/ 1,800 million), the settlement of the purchase of sovereign bonds in the secondary market (S/ 263 million) and the net maturity of term deposits and overnight deposits (S/ 82 million).

In the last 12 months, monetary base issuance decreased by 2.3 percent, mainly as a result of a 2.9 percent decrease in demand for banknotes and coins.

#### Monetary balance of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru

(Million S/)

	Dec 31, 22	Balance			Flows		
		2023			2023	March	Week <sup>1/</sup>
		Feb. 28	Mar. 22	Mar. 29			
I. <b>NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES</b> <i>(Millions US\$)</i>	<b>273,876</b>	<b>280,761</b>	<b>280,129</b>	<b>278,875</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>234</b>
1. Foreign Exchange Position	52,040	52,158	52,847	52,888	848	-730	41
2. Deposits of the Commercial Banks	13,822	15,876	15,666	15,660	1,838	-217	-7
3. Deposits of the Public Sector	3,898	3,765	3,726	3,738	-159	-27	12
4 Others <sup>2/</sup>	2,124	2,086	2,066	2,081	-43	-5	15
<b>II. NET DOMESTIC ASSETS</b>	<b>-180,885</b>	<b>-190,496</b>	<b>-189,608</b>	<b>-190,158</b>	<b>-13,663</b>	<b>-3,371</b>	<b>-2,037</b>
1. Credit to the financial sector in soles	9,601	-458	-1,412	-1,085	-10,686	-693	327
a. Security repos	7,803	8,908	9,308	9,208	1,406	300	-100
b. Currency repos	1,112	782	782	582	-530	-200	-200
c. Temporary Purchase of Portfolio	6,340	6,329	6,325	6,320	-20	-9	-5
d. Portfolio Repo under Reactiva Peru	18,721	15,075	13,815	13,497	-5,223	-1,577	-317
e. Securities issued	-18,279	-23,036	-24,547	-23,680	-5,401	-644	867
i. CDBCRRP	-7,779	-8,736	-10,947	-11,880	-4,101	-3,144	-933
ii. CDRBCRRP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
iii. CDVBCRRP	-10,500	-14,300	-13,600	-11,800	-1,300	2,500	1,800
f. Other deposits in soles	-6,095	-8,516	-7,095	-7,013	-918	1,504	82
2. Net assets public sector in soles <sup>3/</sup>	<b>-78,529</b>	<b>-71,339</b>	<b>-70,947</b>	<b>-73,715</b>	<b>4,815</b>	<b>-2,310</b>	<b>-2,768</b>
3. Credit to the financial sector in dollars	-52,874	-60,410	-59,144	-58,804	-5,948	819	26
<i>(Millions US\$)</i>	<b>-13,822</b>	<b>-15,876</b>	<b>-15,666</b>	<b>-15,660</b>	<b>-1,838</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>7</b>
4. Net assets public sector in dollars	-13,042	-12,493	-12,231	-12,215	627	114	-49
<i>(Millions US\$)</i>	<b>-3,423</b>	<b>-3,288</b>	<b>-3,244</b>	<b>-3,257</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-13</b>
5. Other Net Accounts	-46,040	-45,795	-45,875	-44,339	-1,471	-1,302	428
<b>III. MONETARY BASE (I+II)</b> <i>(% change 12 months)</i>	<b>92,991</b>	<b>90,265</b>	<b>90,521</b>	<b>88,717</b>	<b>-4,273</b>	<b>-1,548</b>	<b>-1,803</b>
	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>			

1/ As of Mar 29. The flows isolate the valuation effects of fluctuations in the sol against the dollar.

2/ Includes SDR allocations. Global Public Treasury Bonds and Repos Operations to provide foreign currency.

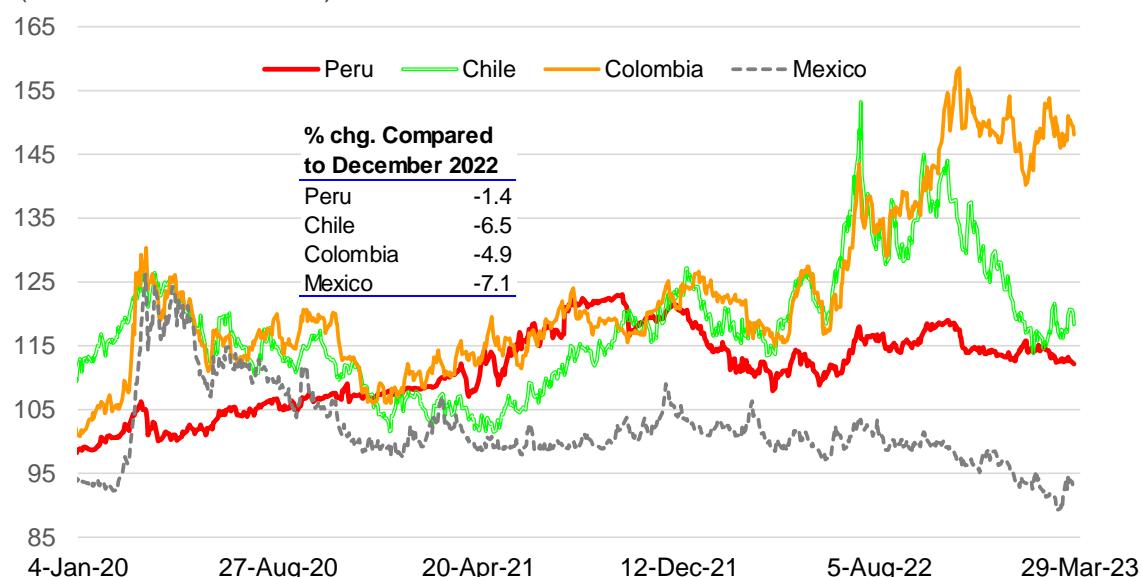
3/ Includes bonds issued by the Public Treasury, which the BCRP acquires in the secondary market in accordance with Article 61 of the Organic Law of the BCRP.

On March 29, the **interbank selling price** of the dollar closed at S/ 3.75, a rate 0.5 percent lower than the rate on March 22. As a result, the PEN accumulates an appreciation of 1.4 percent with respect to at the end of last year. So far this year, BCRP has carried out trading operations for a total of US\$ 1 million in the spot market

and has auctioned FX Swaps-sale, with which the balance of these operations has increased by US\$ 149 million.

### Nominal exchange rate indices

(December 2018 = 100)

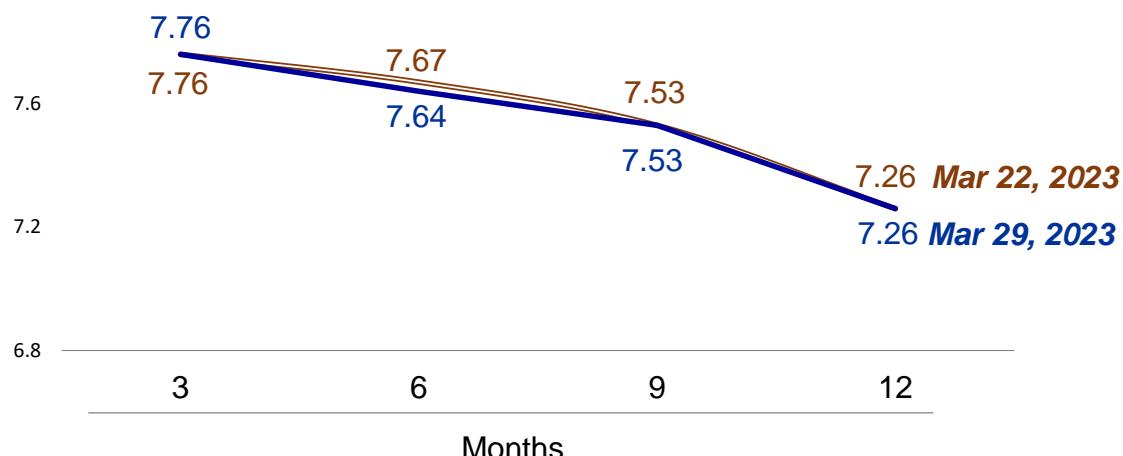


### SHORT-TERM YIELD CURVES

On March 29, 2023, the yield curve of BCRP CD recorded similar rates for all maturities compared to March 22, 2023, with the exception of 6-month BCRP CD which showed a lower rate. BCRP Certificates of Deposit are a monetary sterilization instrument that can be traded in the market or used in interbank repos and repos with the BCRP. The shape of this yield curve is influenced by expectations of future monetary policy rates and liquidity conditions in the market.

### Yield curve of CDBCRP

(%)

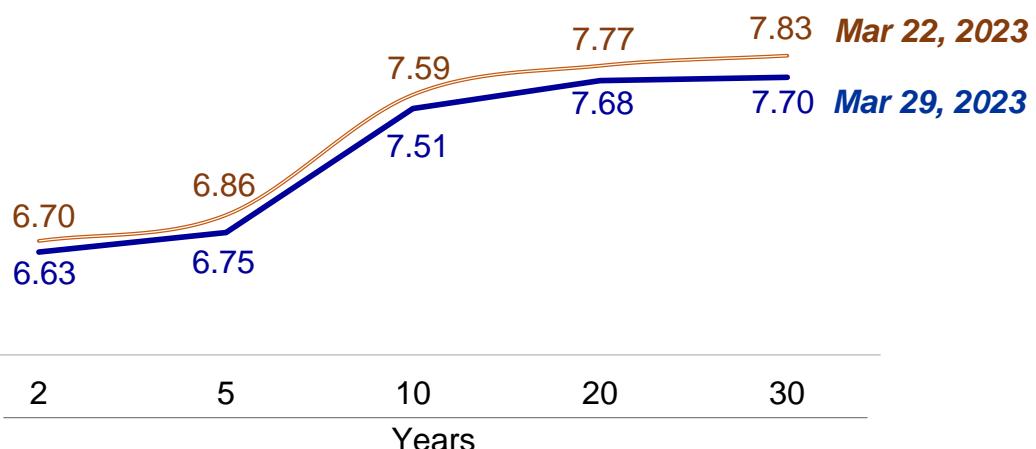


## TREASURY BONDS

Markets use the yield on the Public Treasury bonds as reference for terms of 2 years or more. On March 29, 2023, the interest rates on sovereign bond were lower for all maturity terms than those observed on March 22.

### **Yield curve of BTP**

(%)

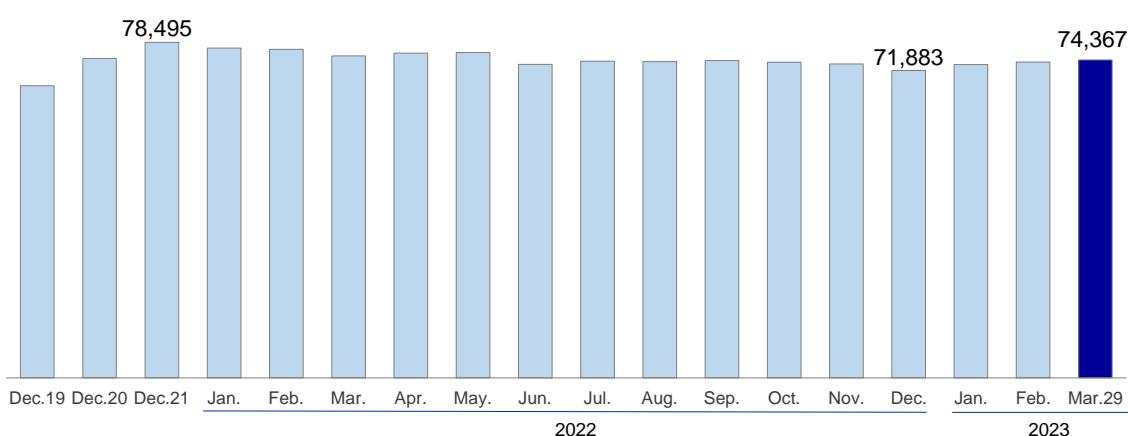


## INTERNATIONAL RESERVES

On March 29, 2023, Net International Reserves totaled US\$ 74,367 million, a balance US\$ 2,483 million higher than at the end of 2022. International reserves are made up of liquid international assets and their current level is equivalent to 30 percent of GDP.

### **Net International Reserves**

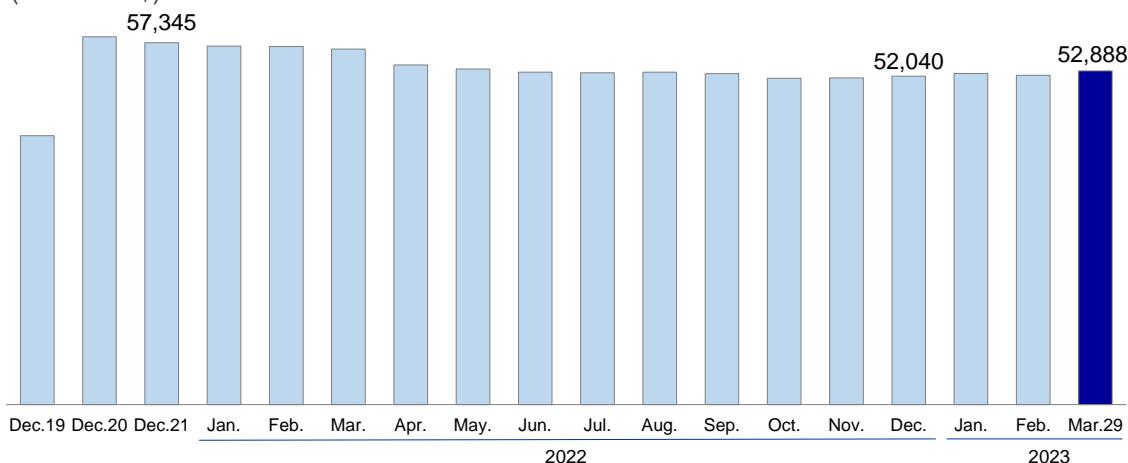
(Million US\$)



The **foreign exchange position** on March 29, 2023 was US\$ 52,888 million, US\$ 848 million higher than at the end of December 2022.

## Foreign Exchange Position

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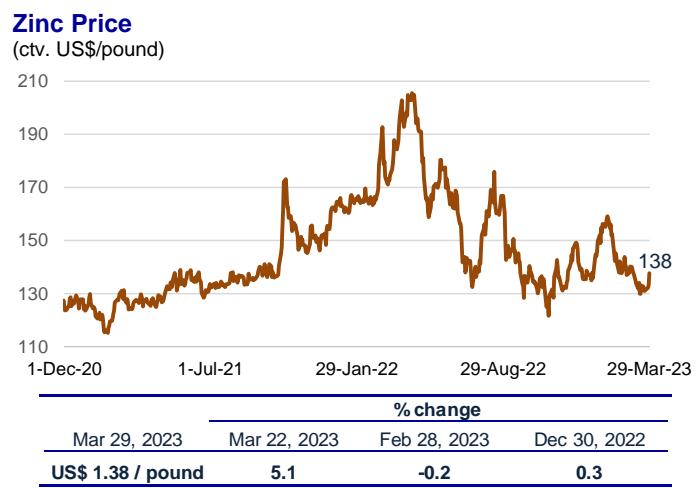
## INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

### Copper and zinc prices rise in international markets

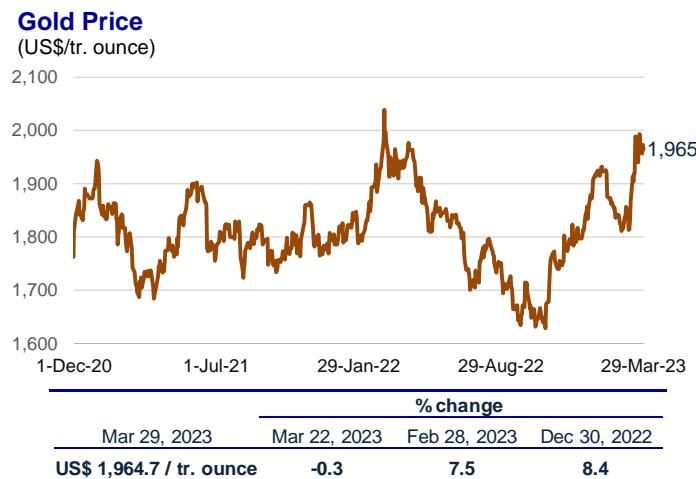
From March 22 to 29, the price of **copper** increased 1.9 percent to US\$ 4.11 the pound, supported by the fall in inventories in the London Metal Exchange.



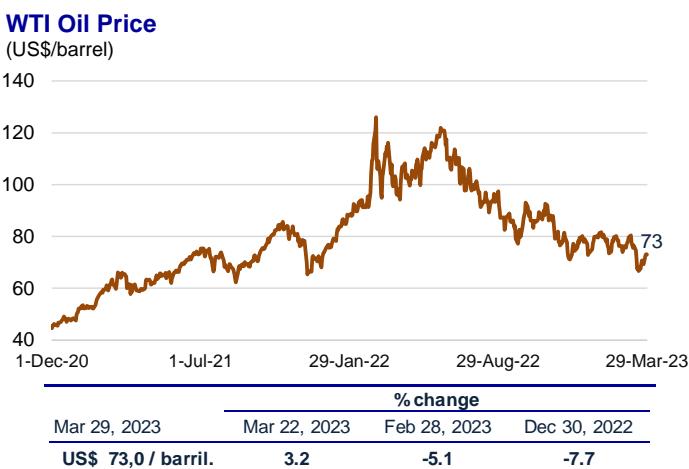
Between March 22 and March 29, the price of **zinc** increased 5.1 percent to US\$ 1.38 a pound, which is associated with expectations of higher demand in China.



In the same period, the price of **gold** decreased 0.3 percent to US\$ 1,964.7 the ounce, mainly due to the appreciation of the dollar in international markets.



From March 15 and March 22, the price of **WTI oil** rose 3.2 percent to US\$ 73.0 the barrel after oil exports from Iraqi Kurdistan via Turkey were halted due to heightened geopolitical tensions.



## Soybean price decreases in international markets

The price of **soybean oil** decreased 7.0 percent between March 22 and 29 to US\$ 1,224 the ton due to the entry of Brazil's record crop.



Between March 22 and March 29, **wheat** prices rose 9.1 percent to US\$ 383.4 the ton, due to lower inventories in the United States, expectations of lower planted area by the USDA, as well as the lack of moisture in central and western Kansas.



In the analyzed period, the price of **maize** increased 2.6 percent to US\$ 252.5 the ton. This increase is explained by China's purchases from the United States and higher oil prices.



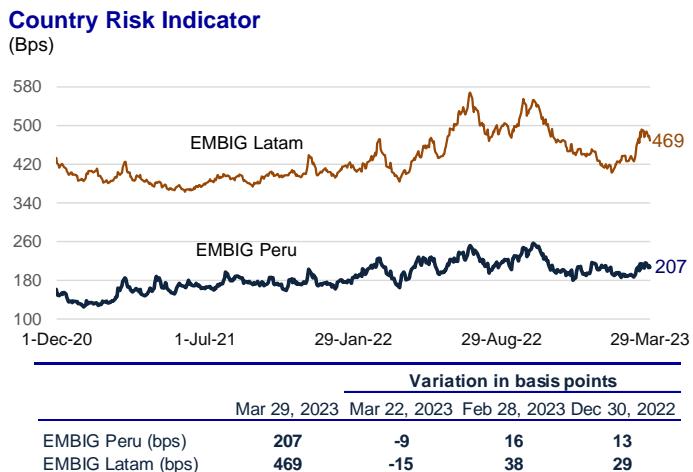
## Dollar appreciates in international markets

In the same period, the **dollar** index rose 0.2 percent, following the release of mostly favorable U.S. activity indicators.



## Country risk stands at 207 basis points

Between March 22 and March 29, **EMBIG Peru** indicator decreased 9 bps to 207 bps while the **EMBIG Latin America** indicator decreased 15 bps to 469 bps, amid an environment of lower stress in the global financial sector.

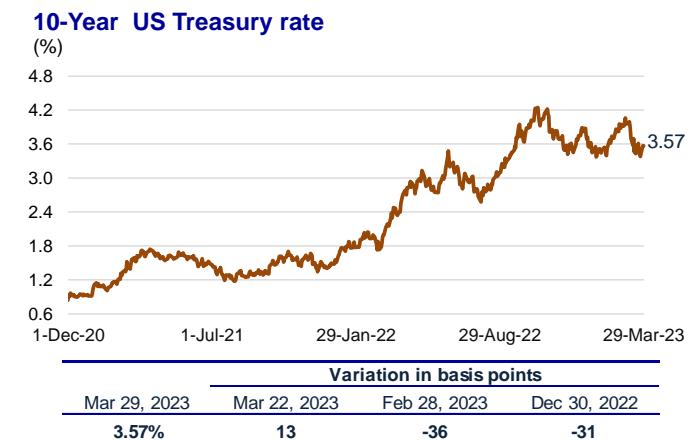


The interest rate on **Peru's 10-year sovereign bonds**, which fell by 10 bps between March 22 and March 29, remains one of the lowest in the region.



## U.S. Treasury yields at 3.57 percent

In the period under review, the yield on the **US Treasury bond** increased by 13 bps to 3.57 percent, in line with the release of positive US activity indicators and lower fears of the global financial system.



## INDICES OF THE LIMA STOCK EXCHANGE

From March 22 to 29, the **General Index of the Lima Stock Exchange** (IGBVL-Peru General) rose 1.2 percent and the **Selective Index** (ISBVL-Lima 25) fell 0.2 percent, amid the increase in copper and zinc prices.



\* Incluye depósitos de Promepri, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Cofide, fondos administrados por la ONP; y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No.23 de la Nota Semanal.

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\*\*\* A partir del 6 de octubre de 2010, el BCRP utiliza Certificado de Depósito en Moneda Nacional con Tasa de Interés Variable (CDI).

\*\*\*\* Corresponde a un promedio de tasas de préstamos hasta 360 días

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