

Persistirán las tensiones financieras tras nuevo incremento de la tasa de interés de referencia en EE.UU.

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Nota del Editor: *Esta semana ha sido un tanto convulsa para los mercados financieros internacionales, luego de que el Sistema de la Reserva Federal (FED) elevó en 25 puntos base la tasa de interés de referencia, una vez celebrada la reunión del Comité Federal de Mercado Abierto (FOMC, por sus siglas en inglés).*

Se trata del segundo incremento de la tasa de interés de los fondos federales ('federal funds rate') desde que, en diciembre del año pasado, Janet Yellen elevó el costo del crédito interbancario a un día, también en 25 puntos base. De este modo, ahora la tasa de interés de referencia fluctúa en un rango de entre 0,50 y 0,75%.

La medida de la FED terminó provocando la caída de los precios de las materias primas ('commodities'); el petróleo, que había venido ganando terreno los últimos días, después de los acuerdos entre países tanto dentro como fuera del marco de la Organización de Países Exportadores de Petróleo (OPEP), volvió a desplomarse.

Estamos ante un escenario de tensiones financieras extremas, ahora es previsible que las próximas semanas los bancos centrales de los países industrializados lleven a cabo nuevas medidas de política monetaria frente a la acción tomada por la FED.

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