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Bond Market Insight

Market ignores primary auction

Government bond auction results

The MoF canceled yesterday's primary auction of two-year local currency bonds. There were no market bids, possibly because of long maturity and uncertainty of interest rates acceptable to the MoF. Moreover, as primary auctions have not been held for a long term, the NBU's key rate rose to 30%, increasing the negative impact.

Market conditions have changed substantially since the 2-year bonds were last offered in February when a low volume was sold at 16.70%. The KyivPrime 1M interest rates have been minimally volatile at about 28% and declined below 26% just at the beginning of this week. During the last few months, the NBU routinely sold its CDs at a maturity of up to 30 days at interest rates of up to 27%. The rates at the secondary market have risen above those offered at the last primary auction. Bonds maturing this December were quoted yesterday at 20.50-24.50% while the NBU's quotes are at 21.20%. Amidst this failed auction, the NBU quoted bonds with longer maturities up to 10 years at lower interest rates and announced a tender today of 30-day and 89-day CDs at interest rates not higher than 22.00% at limited volumes.

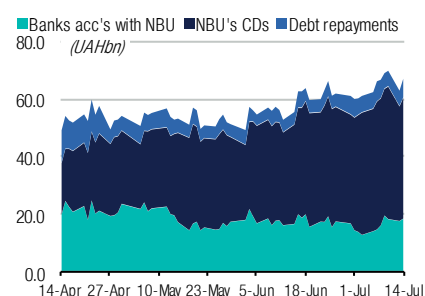
Under these conditions, the MoF is unlikely to accept interest rates above 19.00%, which is below the market and unappealing to investors opposed to buying 6-month bonds from the NBU's portfolio at 20.50%.

To restart primary auctions and attract market demand, the MoF should hold at least one primary auction per month with a wider range of maturities after informing the market of acceptable interest rates. The more bonds and interest rate guidance the MoF provides to the market, the more likely the primary auction will receive bids.

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Historical breakdown of local financial market liquidity (UAHbn)

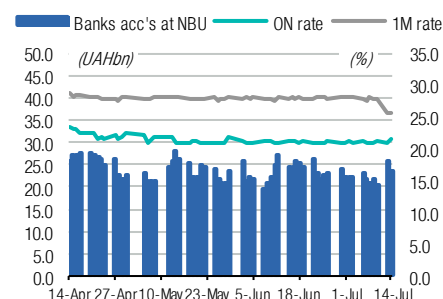
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Banks' acc' with the NBU and KyivPrime rates.

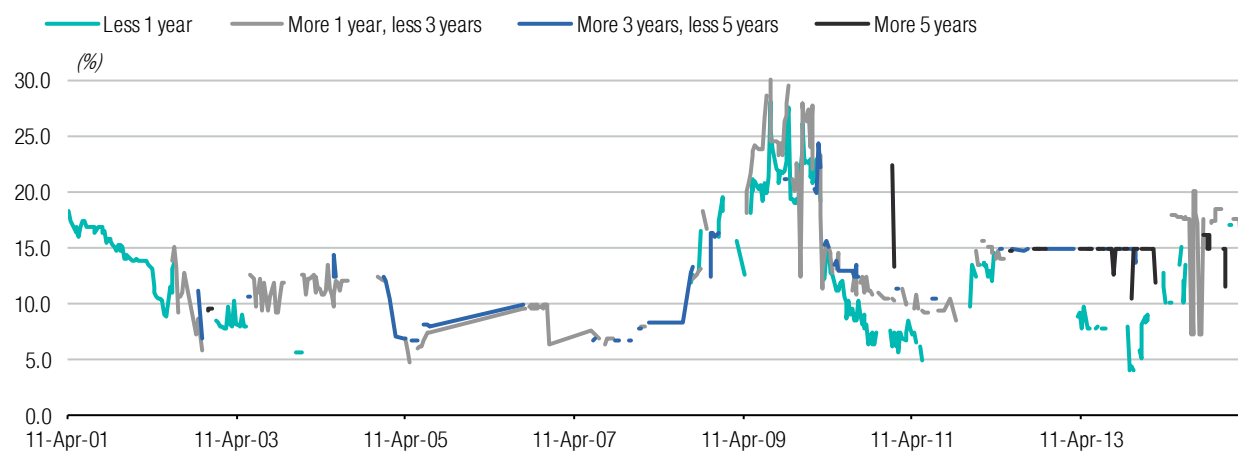
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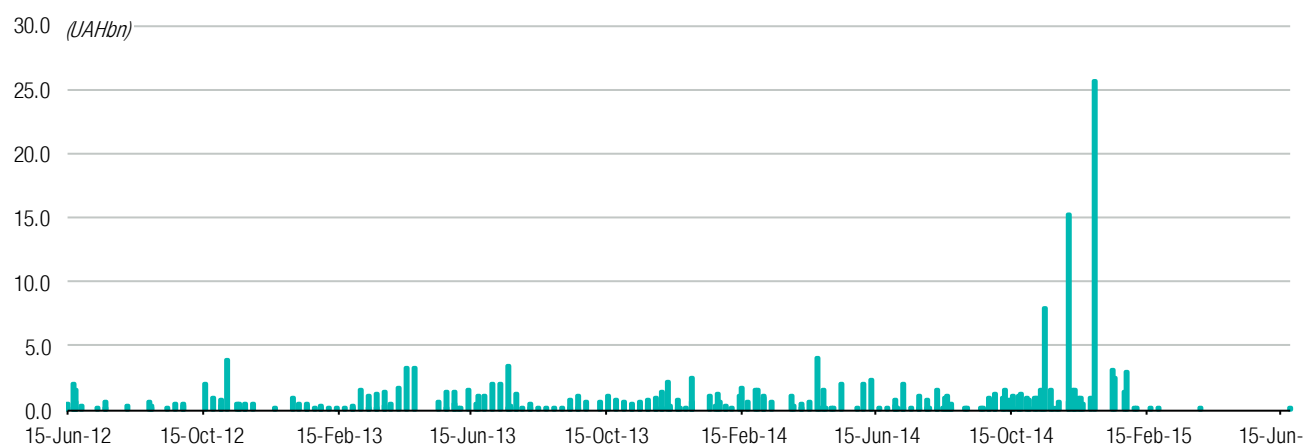
Appendix: Auctions history and schedule for 2015

Chart 1. History of yields at government bond auctions: breakdown by tenor of bonds sold (last 3-year period)



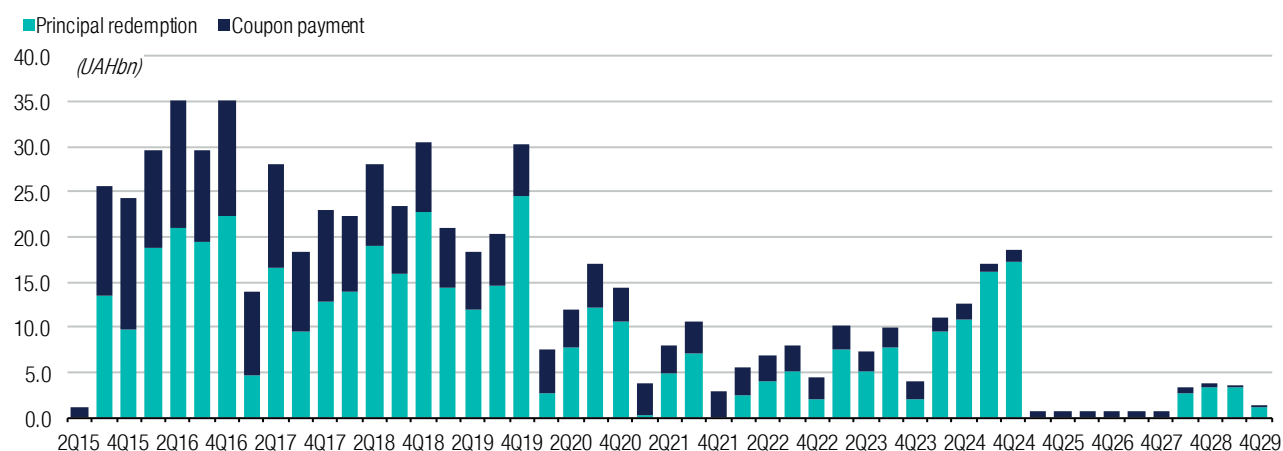
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Chart 2. History of proceeds at government bond auctions: breakdown by tenor of bonds sold (last 3-year period)



Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

Chart 3. Schedule of redemptions of the local-currency government bonds*



Note: the chart depicts data on bonds, which were placed via the auctions, i.e. it does not contain data on recapitalisation bonds.

Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

Table 1. Schedule of government bond auctions in 2015

Action dates, tenors of bonds to be offered and volume (in hryvnia) of government's refinancing needs for the next 7-day period as of auction date

Month	Auction details	1st Tuesday	2nd Tuesday	3rd Tuesday	4th Tuesday	5th Tuesday
January	Auction date	6 January 2015	13 January 2015	20 January 2015	27 January 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
February	Auction date	3 February 2015	10 February 2015	17 February 2015	24 February 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
March	Auction date	3 March 2015	10 March 2015	17 March 2015	24 March 2015	31 March 2015
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
April	Auction date	7 April 2015	14 April 2015	21 April 2015	28 April 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
May	Auction date	5 May 2015	12 May 2015	19 May 2015	26 May 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
June	Auction date	2 June 2015	9 June 2015	16 June 2015	23 June 2015	30 June 2015
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081,752,615.60	514,467,890.00
July	Auction date	7 July 2015	14 July 2015	21 July 2015	28 July 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	1,478,609,305.15	3,756,621,609.25	5,793,567,264.50	1,451,998,538.75	
August	Auction date	4 August 2015	11 August 2015	18 August 2015	25 August 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	1,099,167,015.00	1,223,996,718.75	2,273,641,506.75	1,239,005,731.25	
September	Auction date	1 September 2015	8 September 2015	15 September 2015	22 September 2015	29 September 2015
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	1,916,000,000.00	834,925,139.50	1,352,117,452.50	2,064,592,759.00	562,928,473.50
October	Auction date	6 October 2015	13 October 2015	20 October 2015	27 October 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	1,087,078,150.00	1,139,719,358.50	1,628,141,378.00	1,435,918,000.50	
November	Auction date	3 November 2015	10 November 2015	17 November 2015	24 November 2015	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	879,682,389.15	1,622,990,636.00	3,275,150,372.50	987,648,912.50	
December	Auction date	1 December 2015	8 December 2015	15 December 2015	22 December 2015	29 December 2015
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	1,303,469,024.00	3,958,164,460.00	5,268,870,639.00	1,245,639,381.25	514,467,890.00

Notes: 1) highlighted data in the rows of "Next 7 days refinancing needs" indicates critical volume of refinancing needs (i.e. above UAH0.5bn) for the government in the next 7-day period; 2) the volume of refinancing needs include principal redemptions and coupon payments.

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