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Bond Market Insight

Yields continue to decline

Government bond auction results

The MoF held the last auction in 3Q16 yesterday, with most demand concentrated on FX-denominated bonds. Out of the UAH3.41bn of budget proceeds from this auction (calculating FX-denominated bonds at the official exchange rate), only UAH0.83bn came from local currency bonds. The 6-month and 9-month bonds attracted no demand. The 12-month and 2-year bonds saw one and two bids, respectively. USD-denominated bonds saw 25 bids.

Of the three bids received for local currency denominated bonds, the MoF rejected one bid for the 2-year bond at 16.50%, sold UAH23m of the 12-month bond at 15.20%, and sold an additional UAH800m of the 2-year bond at 16.00%. The cut-off interest rates declined 50bp for the 12-month bond, the same as the NBU key rate cut, and 35bp for the 2-year bond.

As the USD-denominated bond offering was limited to US\$100m, the US\$147.06m in demand allowed the MoF to significantly decrease interest rates for these bonds. Compared with the last auction of these bonds in August, the MoF decreased the cut-off rate by 30bp and the weighted average rate by 21bp. While the MoF accepted 23 out of 25 submitted bids, it most likely satisfied most of them partially.

With demand and budget proceeds concentrated on the FX-denominated bonds, the MoF was able to decrease rates for all bond maturities that received bids, thus extending the downward trend for interest rates along with the NBU key rate cut. Although all bond rates did not decline by the same amount, the MoF was able to decrease, albeit gradually, the cost of budget financing.

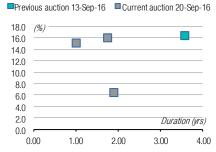
Table 1. Details of last government bond auction

| ISIN | Coupon Pa rate (%) me fre | nt | Qty of bonds sold | Price (UAH) | Pro- ceeds ² (UAHm) | Volume² (UAHm) | YTM ³ (%) | Out- standing (m) |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| UA4000195382 | 0.00 | 20-Sep-17 | 23,000 | 868.37 | 19.97 | 23.00 | 15.20 | 23.00 |
| UA4000195390 | 16.00 SA | 29-Aug-18 | 800,000 | 1,008.92 | 807.14 | 800.00 | 16.11 | 800.00 |
| UA4000195408 | 6.48 SA | 12-Sep-18 | 100,000 | 1,001.43 | 2,597.21 | 2,593.50 | 6.52 | 2,593.50 |
| Total | | | 923,000 | | 3,424.32 | 3,416.50 | | 3,416.50 |

Note: Note: [1] payment frequency abbreviations: Q - quarterly, SA - semi-annually; [2] proceeds and volumes for the USDdenominated bonds are calculated based on the previous day last price of USD/UAH exchange rate 25.935; [3] yields on coupon-bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity. Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Bloomberg, Investment Capital Ukraine LLC.

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Term structure of yields



Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

Auction results

| Auction | 20-Sep-16 | 13-Sep-16 | Change |
|--------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Breakdown by | yields (%) | | |
| 3-month | | | |
| 6-month | | | |
| 9-month | | | |
| 1-year | 15.20 | | |
| 2-year | 16.11 | | |
| 3-year | | | |
| 5-year | | 16.50 | |

Breakdown by proceeds (UAHm) 3-month 6-month 9-month 19.97 1-year 3,404.35 2-year 3-year 5-year 10.12 Total 3,424.32 10.12 338.40x

Notes: yields on coupon bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity; [1] only bonds that were placed via the auctions: [2] WA life – weighted average life or years to maturity.

Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.



Appendix: Auctions history and schedule for 2016

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



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

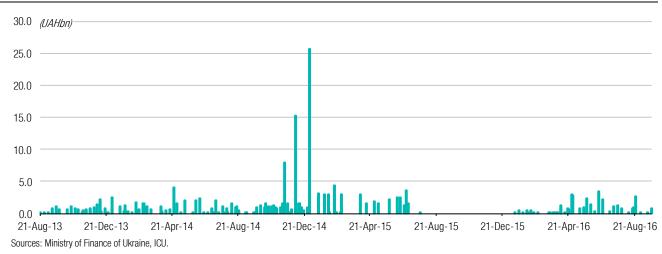
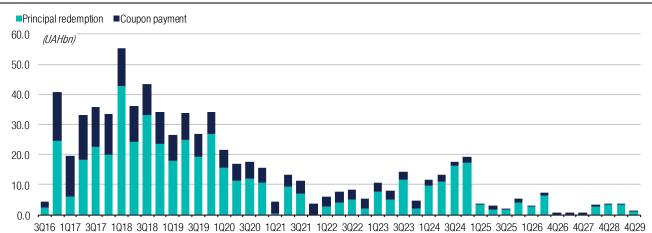


Chart 3. Schedule of redemptions of the local-currency government bonds*



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 2. Schedule of government bond auctions in 2016

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 | 5 January 2016 | 12 January 2016 | 19 January 2016 | 26 January 2016 | |
| | 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 | 2 February 2016 | 9 February 2016 | 16 February 2016 | 23 February 2016 | |
| | 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 | |
| | Auction date | 1 March 2016 | 8 March 2016 | 15 March 2016 | 22 March 2016 | 29 March 2016 |
| | 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 | 0.00 |
| April | Auction date | 5 April 2016 | 12 April 2016 | 19 April 2016 | 26 April 2016 | |
| | 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 | 3 May 2016 | 10 May 2016 | 17 May 2016 | 24 May 2016 | 31 May 2016 |
| | 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 | 0.00 |
| June | Auction date | 7 June 2016 | 14 June 2016 | 21 June 2016 | 28 June 2016 | |
| | 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 | |
| July | Auction date | 5 July 2016 | 12 July 2016 | 19 July 2016 | 26 July 2016 | |
| | 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 | |
| | Auction date | 2 August 2016 | 9 August 2016 | 16 August 2016 | 23 August 2016 | 30 August 2016 |
| July | 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 | 0.00 |
| | Auction date | 6 September 2016 | 13 September 2016 | 20 September 2016 | 27 September 2016 | |
| | 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 | 981,104,479.00 | 3,315,589,493.26 | |
| | Auction date | 4 October 2016 | 11 October 2016 | 18 October 2016 | 25 October 2016 | |
| | 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 | 1,234,578,150.00 | 1,239,031,858.50 | 3,681,932,317.00 | 9,022,259,078.63 | |
| November | Auction date | 1 November 2016 | 8 November 2016 | 15 November 2016 | 22 November 2016 | 29 November 2016 |
| November | 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 | | | 3,264,898,469.75 | 2,474,477,839.09 | 4,095,225,686.39 |
| | Auction date | 1,969,036,389.15 6 December 2016 | 3,470,520,636.00 13 December 2016 | 20 December 2016 | 27 December 2016 | 4,000,220,000.00 |
| | Short-term bonds | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| | Medium-term bonds | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A N/A | |
| | MEGNATII-IGIIII DONUS | IV/A | IN/A | IN/A | IN/A | |

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.

Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Investment Capital Ukraine LLC.



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