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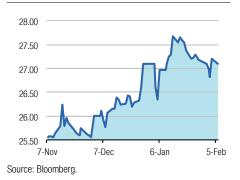
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Ukraine's hryvnia exchange rate per US dollar (three months through 6 February 2017)



Selected indicators of the financial markets (three months through 6 February 2017)

	Last	Daily chg (%)	YTD chg (%)	
DOMESTIC LIQUIDITY				
NBU key policy rate (%)	14.00	+0bp	+0bp	
Overnight rate (interbank)	12.00	+60bp	+140bp	
Banks reserves (UAHm)	42,737	-8.95	-14.07	
Deposit certificates* (UAHm)	10,683	-41.21	-89.91	
FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET				
UAH per US dollar	27.0950	-0.39	-0.02	
Total trade volume (US\$m)	N/A			
UAH index PCI-based	101.805	+0.35	-1.97	
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UKRAINE SOVEREIGN EUROBOND MARKET				
CDS 5yr	621bp	+0bp	+0bp	
GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKET INDICATORS				

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S&P 500	2,292.56	-0.21	+2.40		
MSCI EM	922.99	+0.45	+7.04		
US dollar index (DXY)	99.907	+0.04	-2.25		
EUR / USD	1.0750	-0.31	+2.22		
Crude oil WTI (US\$/bbl)	53.01	-1.52	-1.32		
Crude oil BRENT (US\$/bbl)	55.72	-1.92	-1.94		
CRB, commodities index	N/A				
Gold (US\$/ounce)	1,235.41	+1.25	+7.22		

Notes: * NBU's short-term bonds.

Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

Domestic liquidity

Liquidity declines

After rising significantly last week, liquidity fell UAH9.63bn to UAH102.67bn as a result of large outflows last Friday, most likely attributable to FX-market purchases and loan repayments to the NBU.

Non-monetary operations pushed liquidity down just UAH0.94bn while banks' correspondent accounts fell UAH4.20bn to UAH42.74bn and total CDs outstanding fell UAH5.43bn to UAH59.94bn.

Investment implications: Despite insufficient outflows to the budget, the decline in liquidity was very significant. As FX purchasing was minimal, especially with no FX auctions held by the NBU, loan repayments to the NBU and other outflows outside the banking system were the main cause - possibly a payment for natural gas with FX purchased directly from the NBU.

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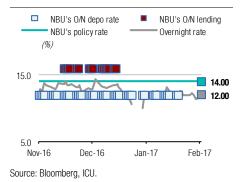
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The last time the MoF sold 3-month bonds was at the beginning of last December at 15%. The current maturity is significantly shorter. As a result, the interest rate should be lower, but higher than 14%, interest rate for 14-day CDs.

Investment implications: The MoF is competing for short-term liquidity with the NBU, but currently it could be very difficult. The MoF needs to set its interest rate significantly below 15%, but only a few investors could find them attractive enough to diversify investments with CDs. So, this bond could find low demand, if any. Also, 12-month bonds could be sold at 15.30%.

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Interest rates in the banks' reserves market (three months through 6 February 2017)



Key indicators (as of 6 February 2017)

	Last	Daily chg (%)		Monthly chg (%)	YTD chg (%)		
BANKS' RE	BANKS' RESERVES MARKET (%)						
NBU rate ¹	14.00	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp		
Overnight	12.00	+60bp	+0bp	+40bp	+140bp		
KYIV PRIME	E RATES (%)						
Overnight	12.92	+0bp	-8bp	+0bp	-8bp		
1 week	14.50	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp		
1 month	16.08	+0bp	+8bp	-25bp	-42bp		
2 months	18.00	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp		
3 months	18.00	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp		
DOMESTIC	LIQUIDITY (JAH MILLI	ON)				
Reserves ²	42,737	-8.95	-7.77	+8.97	-14.07		
DepCerts ³	10,683	-41.21	-80.94	-91.47	-89.91		
Total	53,420	-15.55	-43.10	-60.01	-59.71		
BREAKDOW	N OF GOVT	BOND HO	LDERS (UA	H MILLIO	V)		
NBU	383,344	+0.00	+0.00	+0.37	+7.64		
Banks	253,893	+0.13	-0.12	+0.75	+47.32		
Residents	23,908	-0.13	-0.43	+1.88	+52.49		
Non-res ⁴	6,298	+0.29	-0.36	+0.32	-0.84		
Total	667,442	+0.05	-0.06	+0.56	+21.24		
IMPLIED Y	IELDS OF T	HE UAH N	NDF MAR	KET (%)			
3 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
6 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
9 months	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
1 year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
UKRAINE SOVEREIGN EUROBOND MARKET							
CDS 5yr	621	+0bp	+25bp	+0bp	+0bp		

Notes: [1] NBU's key policy rate; [2] stock of banks' reserves held at NBU; [3] stock of NBU's short-term bonds; [4] non-residents. Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

Foreign exchange markets

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	Last	Daily chg (%)		Monthly chg (%)	YTD chg (%)
EXCHANGE RATES (PER US DOLLAR, EXCEPT EURO, POUND)) (DND
UAH	27.0950	-0.39	-0.09	+0.44	-0.02
USD ¹	99.907	+0.04	-0.52	-2.26	-2.25
EUR	1.0750	-0.31	+0.51	+2.07	+2.22
JPY	111.7400	-0.77	-1.78	-4.51	-4.46
GBP ²	1.2469	-0.12	-0.14	+1.48	+1.05
CNY	6.8630	-0.06	-0.31	-0.88	-1.18
RUB	58.9327	-0.12	-1.63	-1.16	-4.23

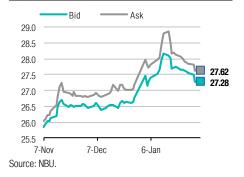
Notes: [1] DXY, US dollar index; [2] British pound. Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

Ukraine hryvnia UAH exchange rate per US dollar at the interbank market (three months through 6 February 2017)

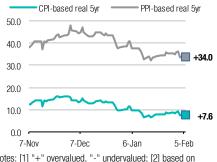


Notes: the chart provides labels for the average exchange rate at last two NBU auctions (one on buying FX from the market and one on selling it). Source: NBU, Bloomberg, ICU.

Ukraine hryvnia UAH exchange rate per US dollar at the cash market (three months through 6 February 2017)



UAH exchange rate misalignment¹ from fundamental level² (%) (three months through 6 February 2017)



Readers may follow the ICU trade-weighted indices of the local-currency, the hryvnia (UAH), on the ICU <u>website</u>.

Notes: [1] "+" overvalued, "-" undervalued; [2] based on the UAH's CPI- and PPI-based real TWIs. Source: ICU.

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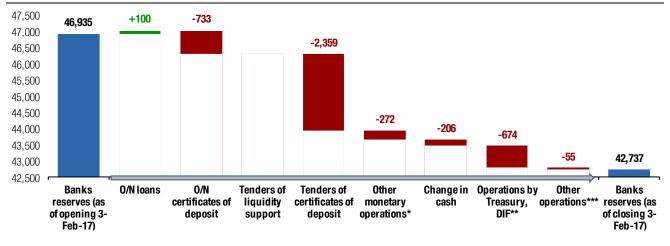
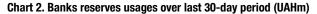
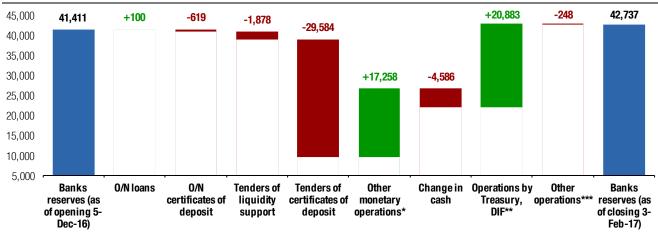


Chart 1. Banks reserves usages over last reporting date (UAHm)





Notes: [1] data from the NBU's daily reporting https://bank.gov.ua/control/uk/publish/article?art_id=38643651&cat_id=40807142; * operations repo, purchase and sale of government bonds, FX market interventions, stabilisation loans, FX swap agreements; ** DIF – deposit insurance fund; *** interest payments on NBU's loans and on NBU's certificates of deposit, other operations. Source: NBU, ICU.

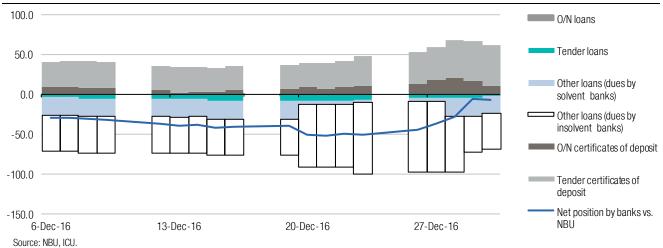


Chart 3. Stocks of NBU's monetary instruments and net position by banks versus NBU (UAHbn)

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