

# **Bond Market Insight**

## MoF decreased interest rates

### **Comment on government bond placement**

At vesterday's auction, the MoF decreased interest rates for 2-year and 3-year bonds and rejected a large portion of demand for these bonds. It also rejected all bids for zero-coupon bonds. Ultimately, the MoF rejected about 33% of demand.

Demand for 6-month and 9-month bonds was minimal at UAH11.00m and UAH27.16m, respectively, while 3-month and 1-year bonds attracted no bids. Interest rates yesterday were at the same level as before, at 15.10% and 15.20%, respectively, but the MoF decided to decrease interest rates for longer bonds and rejected these bids.

The 2-year bond saw four bids for a total of UAH0.46bn with interest rates in the range 15.40-15.50%, including non-competitive demand amounted to UAH0.15bn. Out of these bids, the MoF accepted two bids, one of which was non-competitive.

Large demand for 3-year bonds came in as anticipated, as the next offering of similar bonds is scheduled in mid-March. 3-year bonds collected seven bids for a total of UAH2.05bn with interest rates at 15.49-15.75%, including non-competitive demand of UAH0.35bn. The MoF only accepted bids at the lowest interest rate and non-competitive demand, selling UAH1.36bn.

As a result, the MoF should receive UAH1.74bn of proceeds today, sold at the lowest rates. This should force interest rates at the shorter maturities to decline as there should be demand from banks using funds deposited by local budgets within this budget period.

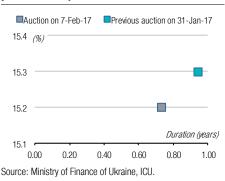
Table 1. Details of domestic government bonds placed at the auction (UAHbn)

ISIN	Coupon rate (%)	Pay- ment freq <sup>1</sup>	Maturity	Qty of bonds sold	Price (UAH)	Pro- ceeds <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	YTM <sup>3</sup> (%)	Out- standing (m) <sup>4</sup>
UA4000196562	15.50	ПР	2-Янв-19	350,000	1,018.96	356.64	350.00	16.04	410.00
UA4000196620	15.74	ПР	15-Янв-20	1,358,950	1,017.43	1,382.64	1,358.95	16.14	2,305.87
Всего				1,708,950		1,739.27	1,708.95		2,715.87

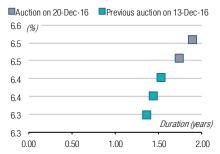
Note: [1] payment frequency abbreviations: Q - quarterly, SA - semi-annually; [2] proceeds and volumes for the USD-denominated bonds are calculated based on the previous day last price of USD/UAH exchange rate; [3] yields on coupon-bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity. Sources: Ministry of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

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### **UAH-denominated domestic gov't bonds:** yield curve in past two auctions



### USD-denominated domestic gov't bonds: yield curve in past two auctions

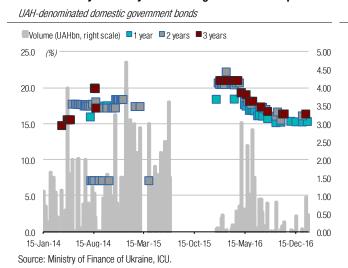


Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.



# **Appendix: Yields-to-maturity, repayments**

Chart 1. Three-year history of domestic government bond placements at primary market: proceeds (in billions) and yields-to-maturity (%)



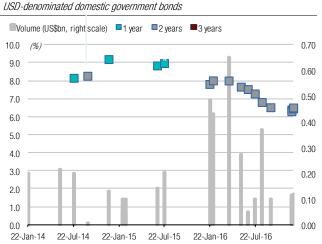


Chart 2. Future repayments on domestic government bonds (in billions of currency)

UAH-denominated domestic government bonds





Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

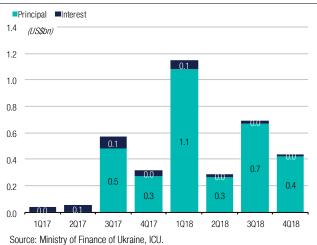
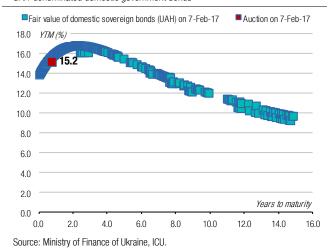
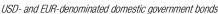
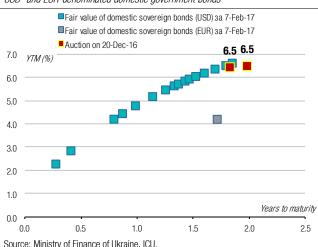


Chart 3. Fair value of domestic government bonds as calculated by NBU versus placements via primary market auctions

UAH-denominated domestic government bonds









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