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Daily Insight

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Selected indicators of the financial markets (three months through 11 July 2017)

	Last	Daily chg (%)	YTD chg (%)
DOMESTIC LIQUIDITY			
NBU key policy rate (%)	12.50	+0bp	-150bp
Overnight rate (interbank)	11.10	+20bp	+50bp
Banks reserves (UAHm)	46,893	+9.16	-5.71
Deposit certificates* (UAHm)	53,556	-6.06	-13.95
FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARI	KET		
UAH per US dollar	25.9400	-0.23	-4.28
Total trade volume (US\$m)	149.17	+34.44	-12.05
UAH index PCI-based	110.388	+0.13	+2.21
UAH index PPI-based	170.135	+0.13	+1.05

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GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKET INDICATORS					
S&P 500	2,425.53	-0.08	+8.34		
MSCI EM	1,018.20	+0.88	+18.08		
US dollar index (DXY)	95.669	-0.37	-6.40		
EUR / USD	1.1467	+0.60	+9.03		
Crude oil WTI (US\$/bbl)	45.04	+1.44	-16.16		
Crude oil BRENT (US\$/bbl)	47.52	+1.37	-16.37		
CRB, commodities index	173.92	+0.68	-9.66		
Gold (US\$/ounce)	1,217.80	+0.28	+5.69		

585bp

Notes: * NBU's short-term bonds. Source: Bloomberg, ICU.



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The Treasury increased its expenditures over collected revenues by UAH0.92bn, and compensated for the outflow via a decline in cash of UAH0.44bn, which caused a positive impact on non-monetary operations, mentioned above. NBU did not hold monetary operations on Monday.

Investment implications: Liquidity remains slightly volatile at around UAH100bn, and probably will not move significantly. The amount of free liquidity in banks will remain dependent on Treasury operations, as well as NBU monetary operations.

Auction review: Slight increase in demand

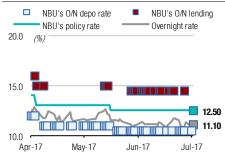
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Despite demand for three-year bonds that was nearly three times larger compared with the last auction, demand for the auction was up less than two times. But if we look at demand in June, the average demand was above UAH700m, and the MoF sold three-year bonds at UAH1.44bn at two auctions.

So, the results of yesterday's auction are not remarkable; the interest rate was unchanged and the proceeds were only slightly larger. This demand could have been from investors, who had accumulated additional funds for buying new bonds.

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Interest rates in the banks' reserves market (three months through 11 July 2017)



Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

	Last	Daily chg (%)	•	Monthly chg (%)	YTD chg (%)
BANKS' RES	SERVES MA	RKET (%)			
NBU rate ¹	12.50	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	-150bp
ON rate	11.10	+20bp	+20bp	+10bp	+50bp
ON \$ swap	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DOMESTIC	LIQUIDITY (L	JAH MILLI	ON)	_	
Reserves ²	46,893	+9.16	+6.36	+18.51	-5.71
DepCerts ³	53,556	-6.06	-9.56	-26.26	-13.95
Total	100,449	+0.48	-2.76	-10.47	-10.29
BREAKDOW	N OF GOVT	BOND HO	LDERS (U/	H MILLIO	V)
NBU	371,007	+0.00	+0.00	-0.79	+4.17
Banks	270,326	-0.03	-3.80	-3.81	+56.86
Residents	21,517	+0.04	-7.27	-4.74	+37.24
Non-res ⁴	6	+9.24	-98.08	-90.32	-99.90
Total	662,856	-0.01	-1.88	-2.18	+20.41
IMPLIED Y	IELDS OF T	HE UAH N	NDF MAR	KET (%)	
1 month	15.02	+3bp	+10bp	+25bp	-729bp
3 months	11.16	-341bp	+184bp	-330bp	-11ppt
6 months	13.53	-2bp	+1bp	+8bp	-452bp
1 year	14.67	+3bp	+2bp	-25bp	-132bp
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CDS 5yr	585	+0bp	+0bp	+35bp	-68bp

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.



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The US dollar weakened against major rivals, as Donald Trump, Jr., released emails in which he set up a meeting with a Russian-linked lawyer to obtain potentially damaging information on Hilary Clinton in last year's election campaign. The DXY index was down 0.4% to 95.67. At the same time, investors are awaiting Janet Yellen's semiannual monetary policy report to Congress, which is scheduled for 12 July.

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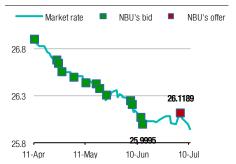
Key indicators (as of 11 липня 2017)

Last Daily Weekly Monthly YTD chg (%) chg (%) chg (%) chg (%) chg (%)

EXCHANGE RATES (PER US DOLLAR, EXCEPT EURO, POUND)					
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JPY	113.9400	-0.09	+0.58	+3.28	-2.58
GBP ²	1.2848	-0.26	-0.56	+0.80	+4.12
CNY	6.8025	-0.02	+0.03	+0.07	-2.05
RUB	60.8197	+0.96	+2.34	+6.63	-1.17

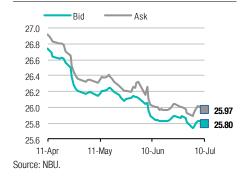
Notes: [1] DXY, US dollar index; [2] British pound. Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

Ukraine hryvnia UAH exchange rate per US dollar at the interbank market (three months through 11 July 2017)

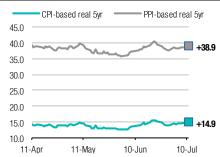


Notes: the chart provides labels for the average exchange rate at last two NBU auctions (one on buying FX from the market and one on selling it). Source: NBU, Bloomberg, ICU.

Ukraine hryvnia UAH exchange rate per US dollar at the cash market (three months through 11 July 2017)



UAH exchange rate misalignment¹ from fundamental level² (%) (three months through 11 July 2017)



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



Appendix #1: Domestic liquidity

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

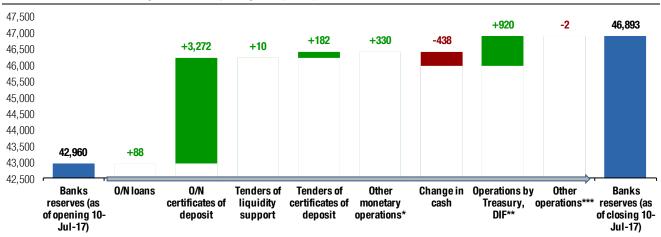


Chart 2. Banks reserves usages over last 90-day period (UAHm)

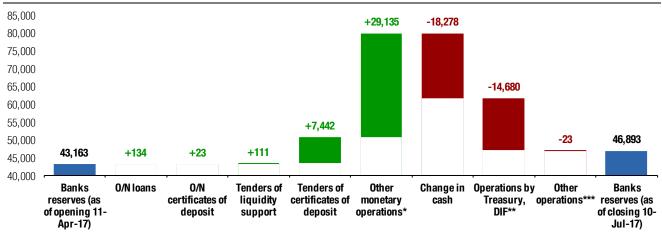
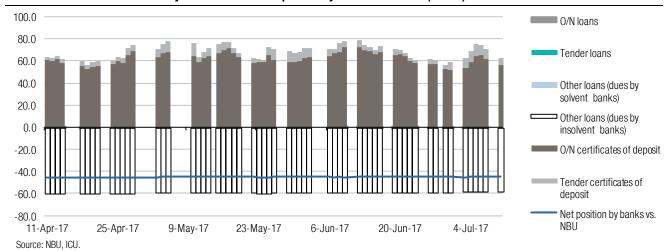


Chart 3. Stocks of NBU's monetary instruments and net position by banks versus NBU (UAHbn)



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.



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