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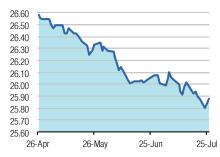
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Ukraine's hryvnia exchange rate per US dollar (three months through 26 July 2017)



Source: Bloomberg.

Selected indicators of the financial markets (three months through 26 July 2017)

	Last	Daily chg (%)	YTE chg (%)
DOMESTIC LIQUIDITY			
NBU key policy rate (%)	12.50	+0bp	-150bp
Overnight rate (interbank)	10.80	-10bp	+20bp
Banks reserves (UAHm)	51,791	+4.54	+4.14
Deposit certificates* (UAHm)	53,733	+6.11	-13.67
FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARK	ŒT		
UAH per US dollar	25.8800	+0.15	-4.50
Total trade volume (US\$m)	196.73	-2.46	+15.98
UAH index CPI-based	108.754	-0.72	+0.70
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CDS 5yr	585bp	+0bp	-68bp			
GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKET INDICATORS						
S&P 500	2,477.83	+0.03	+10.68			
MSCI EM	1,062.29	+0.06	+23.20			
US dollar index (DXY)	93.672	-0.41	-8.35			
EUR / USD	1.1734	+0.75	+11.57			
Crude oil WTI (US\$/bbl)	48.75	+1.80	-9.25			
Crude oil BRENT (US\$/bbl)	50.97	+1.53	-10.30			
CRB, commodities index	179.45	+1.01	-6.78			
Gold (US\$/ounce)	1,260.55	+0.84	+9.40			

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



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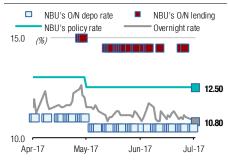
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For the second consecutive day, the impact of non-monetary operations was positive and came from Treasury injections. This Tuesday, only autonomous operations caused an increase in liquidity, including UAH4.64bn of inflows from the Treasury and UAH0.70bn from cash. The NBU did not provide or absorb any funds.

Investment implications: Despite collected revenues amounting to above UAH10bn yesterday, the impact of Treasury operations was positive, causing a majority of the liquidity increase. As banks purchased an additional portion of CDs with redemption in August, they most likely do not expect large outflows or need for funds. As currently liquidity rose above UAH105bn, the possibility of it declining below UAH100bn is low but remains possible through the end of the month.

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Interest rates in the banks' reserves market (three months through 26 July 2017)



Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

	Last			Monthly chg (%)	YTD chg (%)
BANKS' RES	SERVES MA	RKET (%)			
NBU rate ¹	12.50	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	-150bp
ON rate	10.80	-10bp	-10bp	+0bp	+20bp
ON \$ swap	11.52	-2bp	-19bp	+33bp	+5bp
DOMESTIC I	LIQUIDITY (I	JAH MILLI	ON)		
Reserves ²	51,791	+4.54	+2.70	-3.69	+4.14
DepCerts ³	53,733	+6.11	+9.19	-6.12	-13.67
Total	105,524	+5.33	+5.90	-4.94	-5.76
BREAKDOWN OF GOVT BOND HOLDERS (UAH MILLION)					V)
NBU	367,904	+0.00	-0.84	-1.37	+3.30
Banks	292,499	+0.03	-0.18	+4.32	+69.72
Residents	21,613	-0.09	+0.13	-6.71	+37.85
Non-res ⁴	3	-0.61	+147.3	-98.99	-99.95
Total	682,020	+0.01	-0.52	+0.76	+23.89
IMPLIED YIELDS OF THE UAH NDF MARKET (%)					
1 month	7.01	-188bp	-802bp	-732bp	-15ppt
3 months	10.41	+23bp	-49bp	+85bp	-12ppt
6 months	11.22	+4bp	-169bp	-217bp	-683bp
1 year	11.28	-16bp	-49bp	-327bp	-471bp
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CDS 5yr	585	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	-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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Despite US congress voting for additional sanctions on Russia, the ruble was steady as higher oil prices caused by a lower US stockpile offset the negative news. The list of restrictions was softer than investors expected. On Wednesday, the ruble closed up 0.8% to 59.4 USD/RUB.

The US Dollar index was 94.04-94.28 ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy decision and pulled back from a 13-month low. Investors are looking for some hints on when the Fed will start reducing its \$4.5 trillion balance sheet and if a rate hike will occur this year. But, after the Fed's holds its key policy rate unchanged and said that it starts to trim balance sheet relatively soon, the DXY index decreased 0.4% to 93.67 on Wednesday, while as of 9.00 am Thursday, the DXY index was 93.4.

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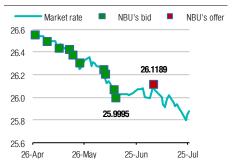
Key indicators (as of 26 липня 2017)

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

EXCHANGE RATES (PER US DOLLAR, EXCEPT EURO, POUND)					
UAH	25.8800	+0.15	-0.24	-0.73	-4.50
USD ¹	93.672	-0.41	-1.17	-3.85	-8.35
EUR	1.1734	+0.75	+1.90	+4.94	+11.57
JPY	111.1800	-0.63	-0.71	-0.61	-4.94
GBP ²	1.3122	+0.74	+0.77	+3.14	+6.34
CNY	6.7540	+0.04	+0.03	-1.27	-2.75
RUB	59.4212	-0.79	+0.74	+1.03	-3.44

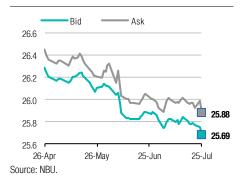
Notes: [1] DXY, US dollar index; [2] British pound. Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

Ukraine hryvnia UAH exchange rate per US dollar at the interbank market (three months through 26 July 2017)

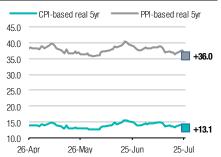


Notes: the chart provides labels for the average exchange rate at last two NBU auctions (one on buying FX from the market and one on selling it). Source: NBU, Bloomberg, ICU.

Ukraine hryvnia UAH exchange rate per US dollar at the cash market (three months through 26 July 2017)



UAH exchange rate misalignment¹ from fundamental level² (%) (three months through 26 July 2017)



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

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



Appendix #1: Domestic liquidity

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

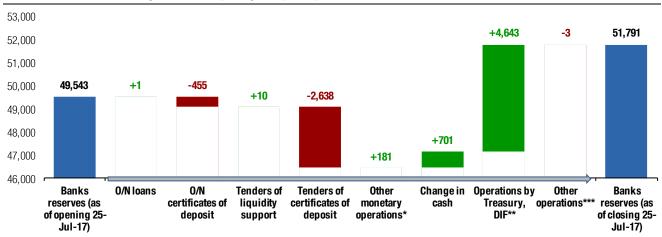


Chart 2. Banks reserves usages over last 90-day period (UAHm)

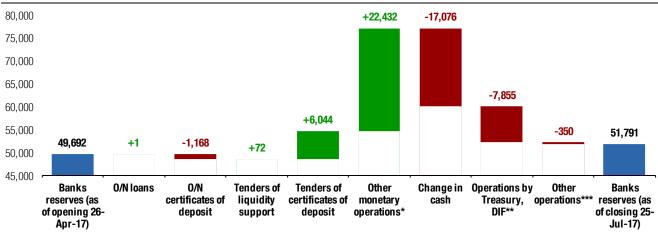
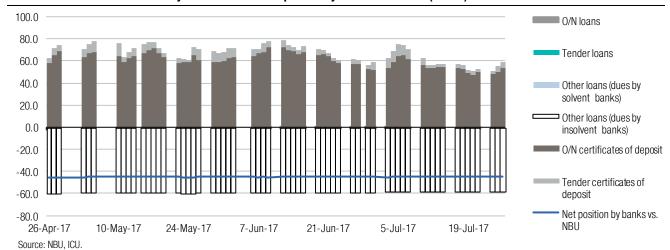


Chart 3. Stocks of NBU's monetary instruments and net position by banks versus NBU (UAHbn)



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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