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Ukraine's hryvnia exchange rate per US dollar (three months through 11 August 2017)



Source: Bloomberg.

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

	Last	Daily chg (%)	YTD chg (%)
DOMESTIC LIQUIDITY			
NBU key policy rate (%)	12.50	+0bp	-150bp
Overnight rate (interbank)	10.90	+10bp	+30bp
Banks reserves (UAHm)	48,655	+13.93	-2.17
Deposit certificates* (UAHm)	46,989	-8.41	-24.50
FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET			
UAH per US dollar	25.6650	-0.02	-5.30
Total trade volume (US\$m)	212.82	+3.09	+25.47
UAH index CPI-based	109.312	-0.22	+1.21
UAH index PPI-based	168.476	-0.22	+0.06
UKRAINE SOVEREIGN EUROBOND MARKET			
CDS 5yr	550bp	+0bp	-103bp
GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKET INDICATORS			
S&P 500	2,441.32	+0.13	+9.04
MSCI EM	1,042.80	-1.27	+20.94
US dollar index (DXY)	93.069	-0.36	-8.94
EUR / USD	1.1821	+0.42	+12.40
Crude oil WTI (US\$/bbl)	48.82	+0.47	-9.12
Crude oil BRENT (US\$/bbl)	52.10	+0.39	-8.31
CRB, commodities index	179.61	+0.39	-6.70
Gold (US\$/ounce)	1,289.35	+0.23	+11.90

Notes: * NBU's short-term bonds.

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Domestic liquidity

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Following the decline of investments in 14-day CDs, banks increased correspondent accounts with the NBU by UAH0.23bn to UAH4.07bn due to ON instruments. The NBU contributed UAH0.43bn via other monetary operations. The total effect of NBU monetary operations increasing reserves in banks' accounts amounted to UAH4.75bn. Treasury operations increased commercial banks' correspondent accounts by UAH2.48bn. The conversion of reserves into cash currency was UAH1.27bn. Overall, autonomous non-monetary operations' surplus was UAH1.2bn. Thus, commercial banks' correspondent accounts with the NBU rose UAH5.95bn. The interbank ON rate index declined 7 bp to 10.77%, remaining within the NBU's target range of 10.5-12.5% (the lowest rate is the rate for ON instruments, while the upper rate is the key policy rate and rate for 14-day CDs).

Investment implications: The increase in liquidity (excluding government bonds) continues for another day, due to Treasury operations. We expect further positive contributions from the Treasury and an increase of absorption by the NBU. Most notably, correspondent accounts with the NBU grew at the fastest pace in the last 1.5 months.

Auction pre-announcement

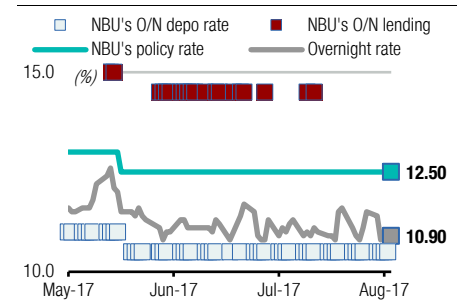
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The last FX-denominated bonds offered saw high demand of which the MoF satisfied only one-third of the submitted bids at 5.30-5.50% with a 5.40% cut-off rate and a 5.34% weighted-average rate. We expect interest rates to be within the same range and local currency bonds to trade within the range of 13.85-14.54%.

Investment implications: Considering the results of the last FX bond placement, demand should be around US\$500m, but the amount of satisfied bids will depend on MoF needs. With scheduled debt payments around UAH200m, demand should be moderate with interest rates unchanged.

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



Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

Key indicators (as of 11 August 2017)

	Last	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
	chg (%)	chg (%)	chg (%)	chg (%)	chg (%)
BANKS' RESERVES MARKET (%)					
NBU rate ¹	12.50	+0bp	+0bp	+0bp	-150bp
ON rate	10.90	+10bp	-60bp	-20bp	+30bp
ON \$ swap	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DOMESTIC LIQUIDITY (UAH MILLION)					
Reserves ²	48,655	+13.93	-3.70	+3.76	-2.17
DepCerts ³	46,989	-8.41	+1.93	-12.26	-24.50
Total	95,644	+1.74	-1.01	-4.78	-14.58
BREAKDOWN OF GOVT BOND HOLDERS (UAH MILLION)					
NBU	365,704	+0.00	-0.11	-1.43	+2.68
Banks	296,064	+0.00	-0.05	+9.52	+71.79
Residents	22,498	-0.42	-0.65	+4.56	+43.50
Non-res ⁴	11	+3.09	+1.33	+73.33	-99.83
Total	684,277	-0.02	-0.10	+3.23	+24.30
IMPLIED YIELDS OF THE UAH NDF MARKET (%)					
1 month	11.20	-80bp	+326bp	-382bp	-11ppt
3 months	11.38	-33bp	+111bp	+22bp	-11ppt
6 months	11.81	-14bp	+76bp	-172bp	-624bp
1 year	11.66	+3bp	+36bp	-301bp	-433bp
UKRAINE SOVEREIGN EUROBOND MARKET					
CDS 5yr	550	+0bp	+10bp	-35bp	-103bp

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.

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The EUR/USD pair was relatively flat on Friday. However, just after the US CPI report, the greenback plunged, which pushed the euro to a 1-week high (1.1847 EUR/USD). In the second part of the trading session, the USD managed to recover some losses, which led to a correction of the EUR/USD pair. At the same time, investors are eyeing the estimate of the July Eurozone CPI, which is expected on August 18, as the euro strengthened 0.4% against the US dollar to 1.1821 EUR/USD.

The hryvnia was almost flat on Friday, having slightly declined to 25.6957 USD/UAH, but remained near this year's high. The decline of the UAH to 25.7138 USD/UAH at the beginning of Friday's trading session could be the result of the growth of liquidity in the banking sector for the second consecutive day. However, the hryvnia appreciated in the second part of the day thanks to another drop of the USD in world FX markets. On Friday, the UAH sold for 25.59 USD/UAH versus 25.78 USD/UAH to buy in the Ukrainian cash market. The hryvnia's CPI-based real trade-weighted index fell 0.22% to 109.31, while in year-on-year terms, was up 9.18% from 100.12 last year.

The Russian ruble moved upward against the US dollar at the end of the week. According to the preliminary estimate, Russia's real GDP rose 2.5% YoY in 2Q17. The real GDP reading, together with high oil prices and disappointing US CPI data, supported the ruble. On the other hand, EM currencies remain negatively affected by investors' risk averseness. Still, despite negative factors, the ruble remained near the psychological rate of 60 USD/RUB. On Friday, the ruble traded in the 59.80 – 60.31 range, having closed up 0.4% to 59.8625 USD/RUB.

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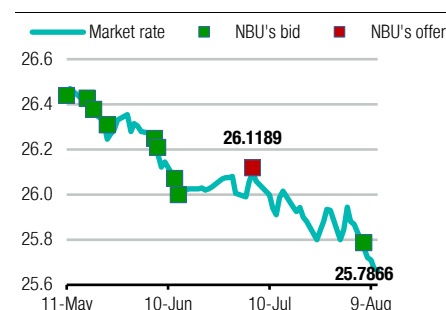
Key indicators (as of 11 August 2017)

	Last	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
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EXCHANGE RATES (PER US DOLLAR, EXCEPT EURO, POUND)					
UAH	25.6650	-0.02	-0.79	-1.06	-5.30
USD ¹	93.069	-0.36	-0.51	-2.72	-8.94
EUR	1.1821	+0.42	+0.41	+3.09	+12.40
JPY	109.1900	-0.01	-1.36	-4.17	-6.64
GBP ²	1.3014	+0.29	-0.20	+1.29	+5.46
CNY	6.6636	+0.25	-0.97	-2.04	-4.05
RUB	59.8388	-0.48	-0.22	-1.61	-2.76

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

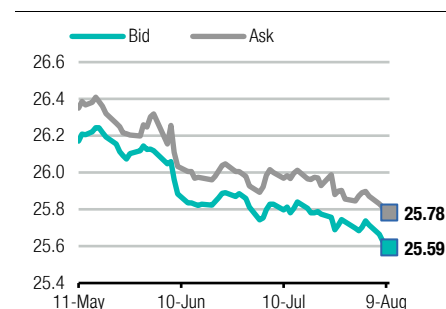
Source: Bloomberg, ICU.

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



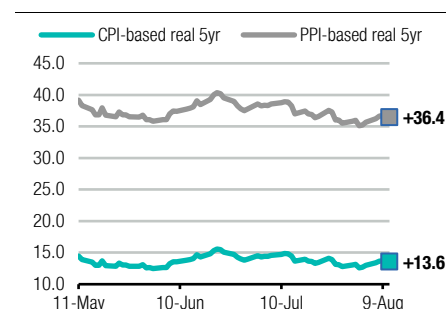
Notes: the chart provides labels for the average exchange rate at last two NBU auctions (one on buying FX from the market and one on selling it). Source: NBU, Bloomberg, ICU.

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



Source: NBU.

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



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)

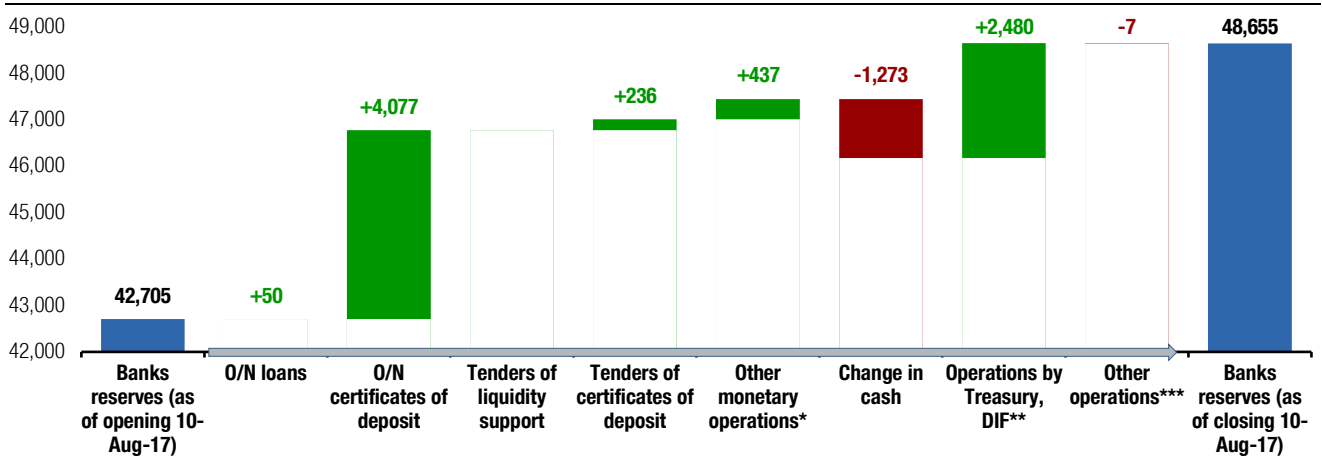
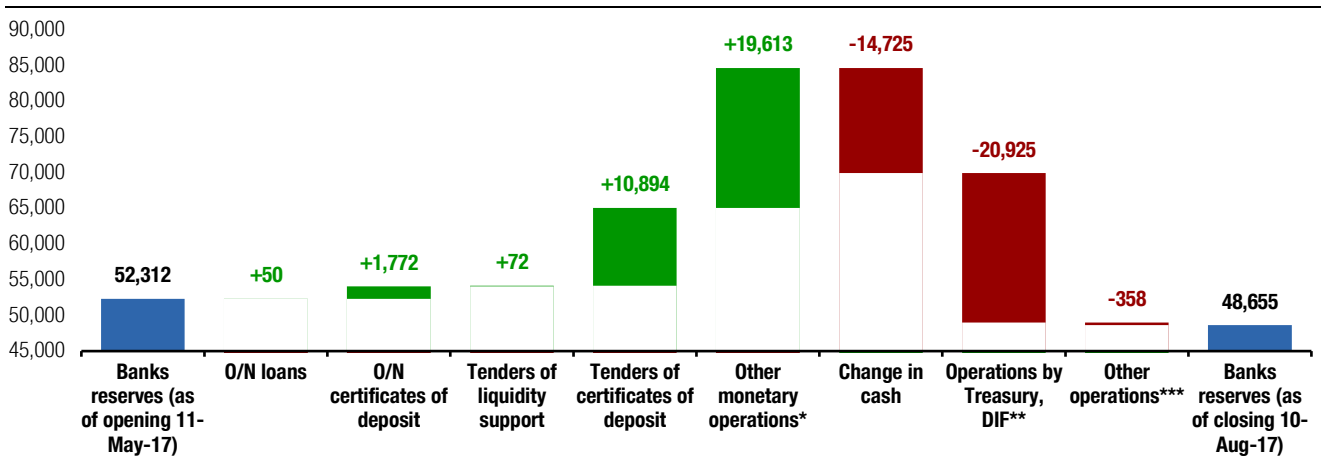
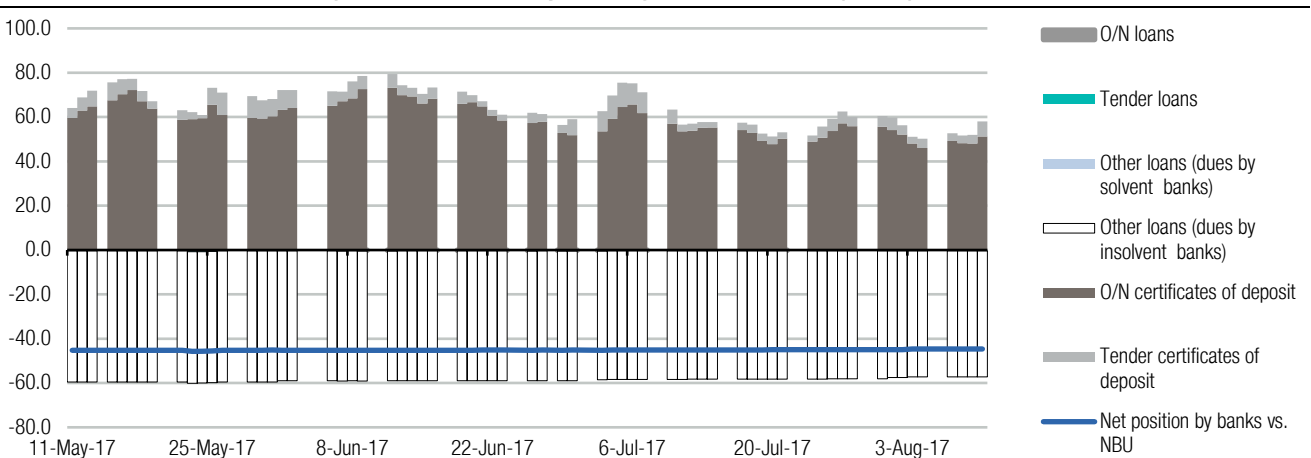


Chart 2. Banks reserves usages over last 90-day period (UAHm)



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)



Source: NBU, ICU.

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