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Bond Market Insight

MoF rejects demand

Comment on government bond placement

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Yesterday's auction was cancelled as the MoF decided to reject all bids. For the second time in 2H17, the MoF did this to avoid raising interest rates for such a low amount of funds. The last time this occurred was in September 2017.

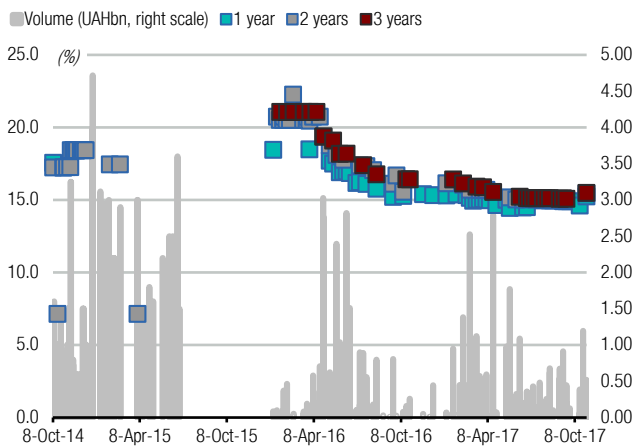
Total demand of UAH10.42m came from three bids, all at 15.00%, up 6bp for the cut-off rate and 12bp for the weighted-average rate. There was little information about the bids, as there could be only one competitive and two non-competitive bids.

The MoF's decision was anticipated and plainly signaled that higher interest rates will be not accepted by the MoF, especially for low funds. At next week's scheduled auction for 5-year bonds, the MoF will accept bids no higher than 15.40%, similar to last week's increase in yield for bonds with a shorter maturity.

Appendix: Yields-to-maturity, repayments

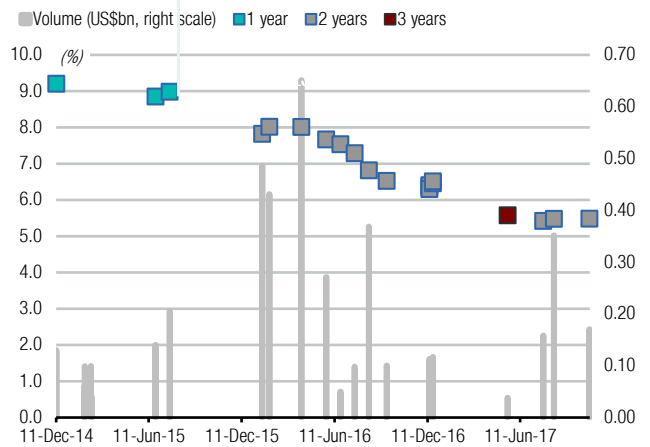
Chart 1. Three-year history of domestic government bond placements at primary market: proceeds (in billions) and yields-to-maturity (%)

UAH-denominated domestic government bonds



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

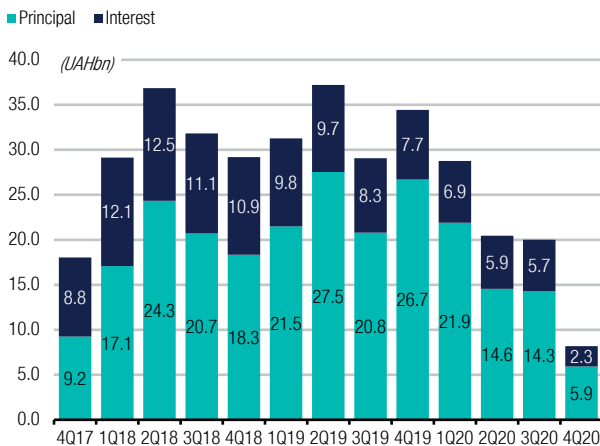
USD-denominated domestic government bonds



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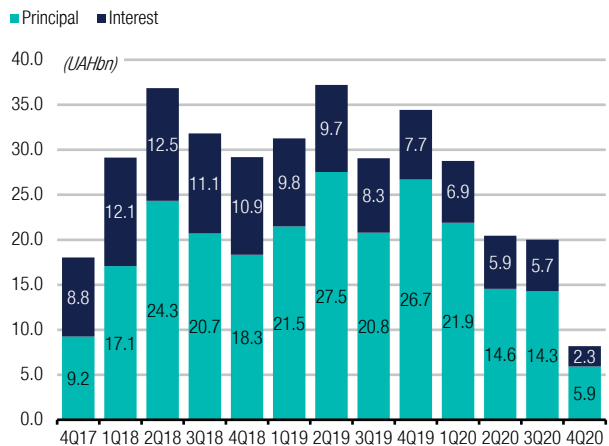
Chart 2. Future repayments on domestic government bonds (in billions of currency)

UAH-denominated domestic government bonds



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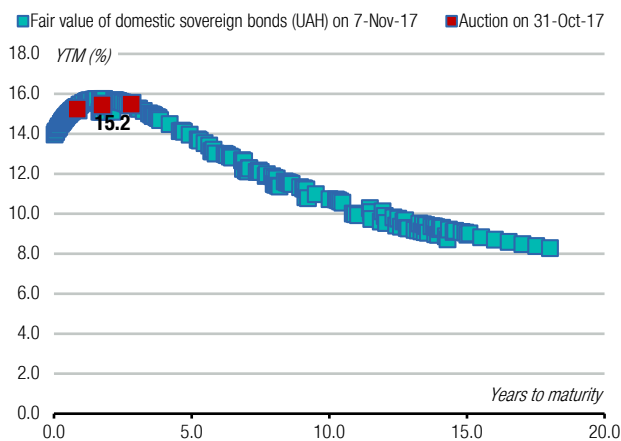
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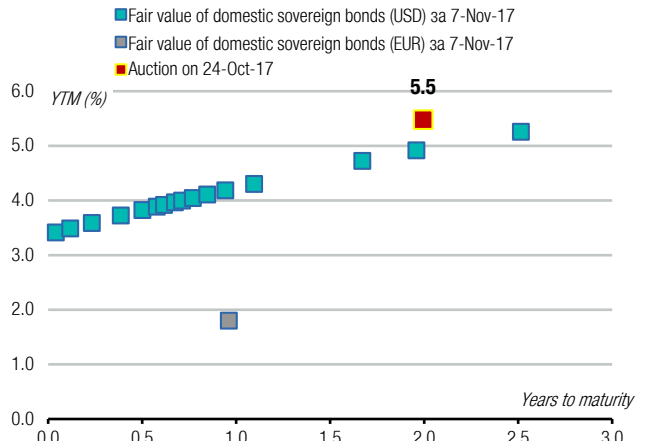
Chart 3. Fair value of domestic government bonds as calculated by NBU versus placements via primary market auctions

UAH-denominated domestic government bonds



Source: National Bank of Ukraine, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

USD- and EUR-denominated domestic government bonds



Source: National Bank of Ukraine, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

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