

# Bond Market Insight

## Interest rates mostly unchanged

### Comment on government bond placement

Yesterday, the MoF offered only local-currency instruments, which attracted insufficient demand, but which was mostly accepted. At the same time, cut-off rates were kept at the usual level.

Short-term instruments were sold at the usual cut-off rates, 18% for five-month and 17.9% for 10-month maturities. This level of yields was in submitted bids, which were fully accepted, and the budget received proceeds of UAH10.8m.

Also unchanged was the cut-off rate for the five-year notes, which was last sold in May. The highest rate among the bids was 16.5%, but the MoF rejected two bids amounting to UAH3m (par value), and set the cut-off rate at 16%, receiving UAH10.2m of proceeds.

The smallest demand was for the three-year note at 16.8%, which is 10bp above the cut-off rate seen two weeks ago. But the Ministry decided to accept this demand despite the very small amount, just UAH150,000 (par value).

So, the regular auction that offered local-currency bonds expectedly met with low demand, and, for the most part, did not move rates. Next week, we could see a similar result, as the MoF has scheduled only local-currency bonds, while the market expects a further NBU key rate increase. Therefore, this decision could also result in an increase in interest rates for government bonds.

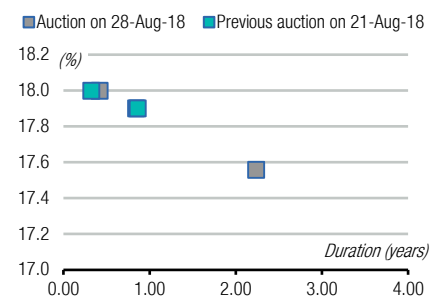
**Table 1. Details of domestic government bonds placed at the auction (UAHbn)**

ISIN	Coupon rate (%)	Payment frequency	Maturity	Qty of bonds sold	Price (UAH)	Proceeds <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	YTM <sup>3</sup> (%)	Outstanding (m) <sup>4</sup>
UA4000201735	0.00	@Mty	30-Jan-19	4,170	929.42	3.88	4.17	18.00	2,749.70
UA4000201768	0.00	@Mty	3-Jul-19	7,973	868.77	6.93	7.97	17.90	40.34
UA4000194377	16.75	SA	2-Jun-21	150	1,036.74	0.16	0.15	17.56	3,579.15
UA4000201255	16.00	SA	24-May-23	9,893	1,039.23	10.28	9.89	16.69	39.89
<b>Total UAH</b>				<b>22,186</b>		<b>21.24</b>	<b>22.19</b>		<b>6,409.07</b>

Note: [1] payment frequency abbreviations: M - monthly, Qtly - quarterly, SA - semi-annually, @Mty - at maturity date; [2] proceeds and volumes for the USD-denominated bonds are calculated based on the previous day's exchange rate 27.85/USD, 31.3/EUR; [3] yields on coupon-bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity. Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Bloomberg, ICU.

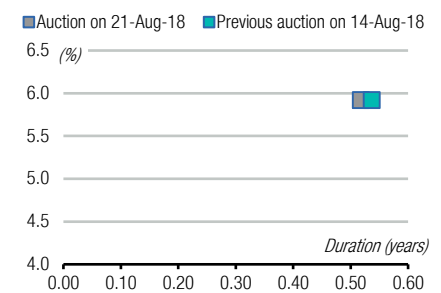
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#### UAH-denominated domestic gov't bonds: yield curve in past two auctions



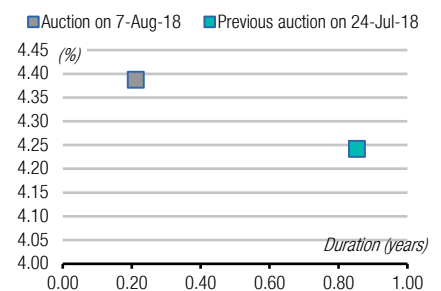
Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

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



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

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

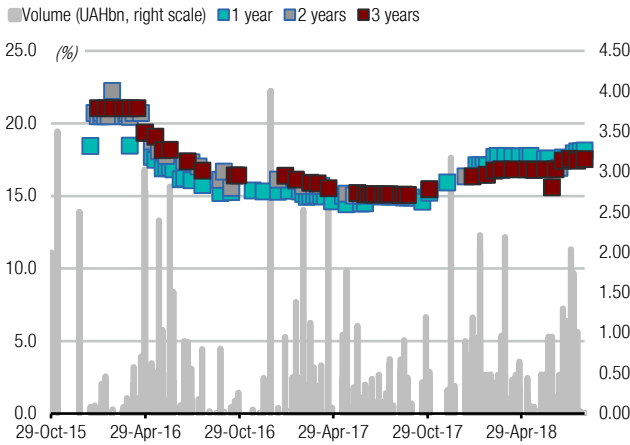


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# Appendix: Yields-to-maturity, repayments

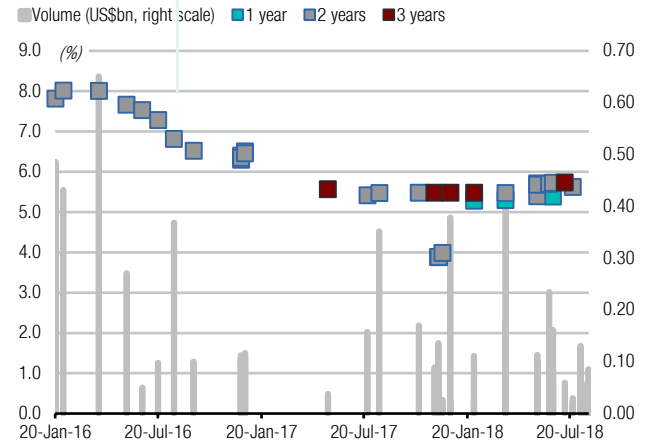
**Chart 1. Three-year history of domestic government bond placements at primary market: proceeds (in billions) and yields-to-maturity (%)**

*UAH-denominated domestic government bonds*



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

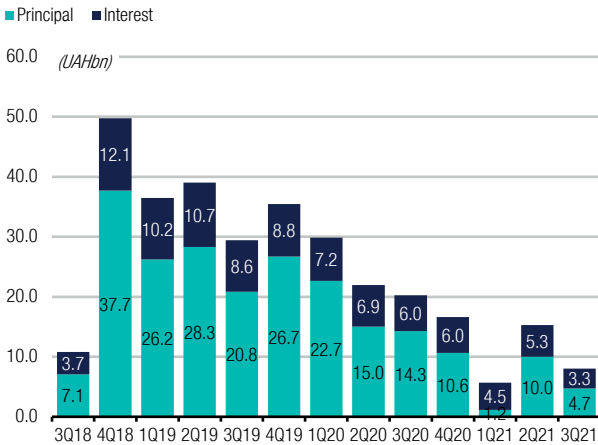
*USD-denominated domestic government bonds*



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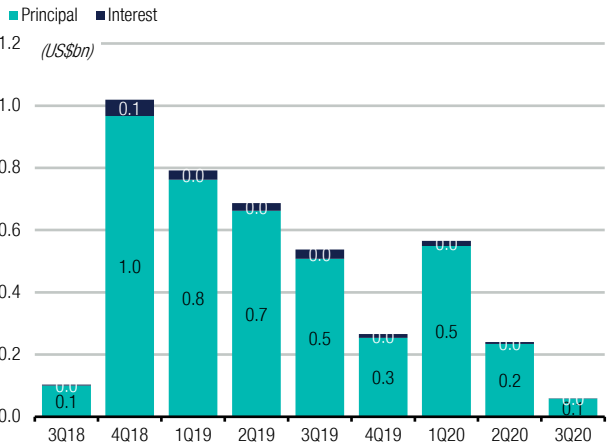
**Chart 2. Future repayments on domestic government bonds (in billions of currency)**

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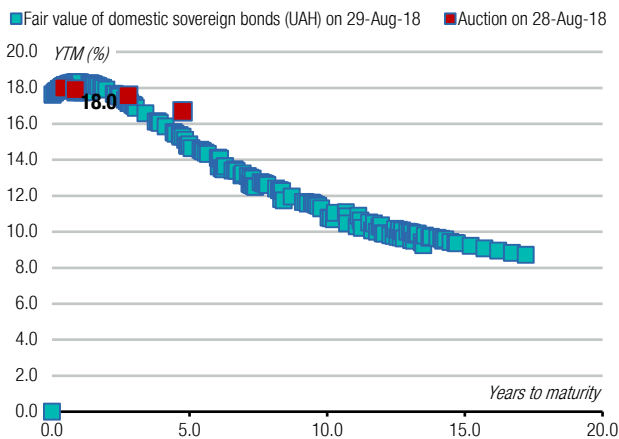
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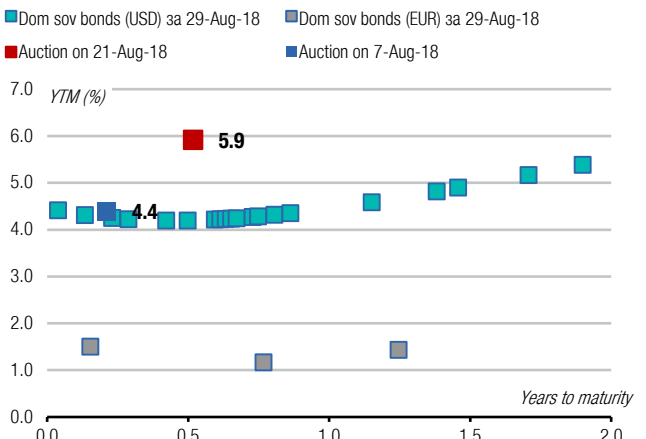
**Chart 3. Fair value of domestic government bonds as calculated by NBU versus placements via primary market auctions**

*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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