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Bond Market Insight

Increase in military-bill rates continues

Comment on government bond placement

Yesterday, the Ministry of Finance continued to move toward the market, raising the rate on another issue of military bills.

After last week's cautious offer of non-military paper and a new issue of military securities, the Ministry of Finance revised the conditions for 1.5-year paper yesterday. For this instrument, the interest rate was raised to 18.5%, the same rate at which non-military government bonds were sold last week.

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

ISIN	Coupon rate (%)	Pay- ment freq ¹	Maturity	Qty of bonds sold	Price (UAH)	Pro- ceeds² (UAHm)	Volume² (UAHm)	YTM ³ (%)	Out- standing (m) ⁴
UA4000226427	0.00	@Mty	5-Apr-23	17,039	949.73	16.18	17.04	12.00	484.76
UA4000226260	16.00	SA	27-Sep-23	12,369	1,028.73	12.72	12.37	14.53	6,786.35
UA4000226450	16.00	SA	13-Mar-24	1,006,652	988.48	995.06	1,006.65	19.41	1,508.19
Total UAH				1,036,060		1,023.96	1,036.06		8,779.31
UA4000220412	3.90	SA	5-0ct-23	14,469	996.75	532.56	534.30	4.55	12,930.32
Total USD				14,469		532.56	534.30		12,930.32

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 36.93/USD, 36.88/EUR; [3] yields on coupon-bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity. Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Bloomberg, ICU.

But for the usual six-month military bills, it seems that the Ministry of Finance was not ready to raise the rate to 14%, the level of the additional issue last week, which one buyer purchased for the full UAH4bn (US\$102m).

Therefore, semi-annual and 12-month bills were placed at 12% and 14%, for small amounts. The increase in the rate for the 1.5-year instrument immediately generated greater demand, which amounted to UAH1bn (US\$27m), two times more than this paper was sold during recent weeks.

FX-denominated bills yesterday were non-military, but there was not a huge demand for them after the considerable volume of last week's purchases.

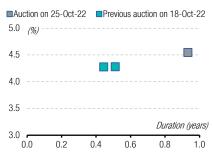
In general, the steps taken by the Ministry of Finance to raise interest rates are beginning to yield positive results. The volume of market borrowings to cover the budget deficit has increased and may increase further if rates for other UAH-denominated securities are raised.

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

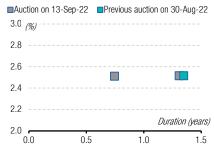


USD-denominated domestic gov't bonds: yield curve in past two auctions



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

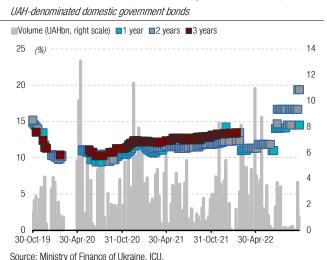
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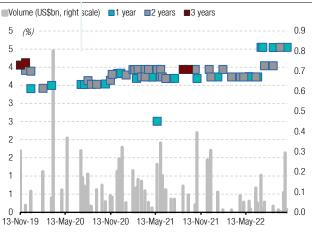


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Appendix: Yields-to-maturity, repayments

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



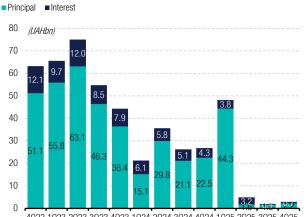


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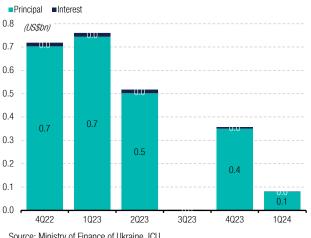
Chart 2. Future repayments on domestic government bonds (in billions of currency)

UAH-denominated domestic government bonds



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USD-denominated domestic government bonds



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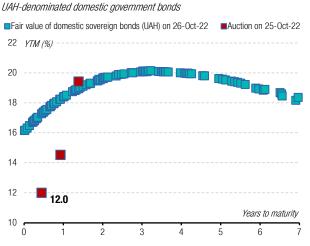
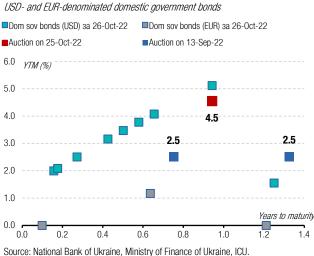


Chart 3. Fair value of domestic government bonds as calculated by NBU versus placements via primary market auctions

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



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