

# **Bond Market Insight**

## Borrowing increases, but caps not met

#### **Comment on government bond placement**

Yesterday, the Ministry of Finance raised UAH9.5bn, largely thanks to FXdenominated bills. However, demand remains significantly lower than supply.

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

ISIN	Coupon rate (%)	Pay- ment freq <sup>1</sup>	Maturity	Qty of bonds sold	Price (UAH)	Pro- ceeds <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	Volume² (UAHm)	YTM³ (%)	Out- standing (m) <sup>4</sup>
UA40002312K7	14.72	SA	10-Sep-25	3,107,639	1,056.85	3,284.31	3,107.64	15.23	15,719.57
UA4000231559	15.47	SA	10-Jun-26	2,216,955	1,019.80	2,260.86	2,216.96	16.15	11,902.25
UA4000231625	16.80	SA	9-Feb-28	29,915	1,078.31	32.26	29.92	17.51	8,778.49
Total UAH				5,354,509		5,577.43	5,354.51		36,400.31
UA4000231864	4.66	SA	21-Aug-25	94,706	1,020.61	3,960.63	3,880.64	4.71	11,489.11
Total USD				94,706		3,960.63	3,880.64		11,489.11

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 40.98/USD, 43.14/EUR; [3] yields on coupon-bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity. Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Bloomberg, ICU.

Demand for 14-month bills doubled to UAH3.1bn (par value), 3/4 of the cap. Interest rates were mostly at the cut-off level of the last auction, 14.65%.

The increase in demand for two-year paper was significant. Yesterday's demand was UAH2.2bn vs UAH63m a week before. However, bidders wanted higher rates, mostly 15.5% or 10bp above last week. So, the cut-off and weighted average rates are now 15.5%.

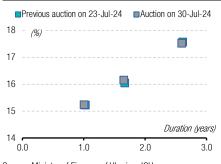
Only the demand for 3.6-year notes has mostly stayed the same. The total volume of bids amounted to UAH29.9m against UAH29.1m last week. In contrast to the twoyear instrument, demand for a 3.6-year paper was more diverse, and rates in the bids resulted in a 4bp drop in the weighted average rate to 16.76%, while the cut-off rate did not change, remaining at 16.8%.

In addition, the Ministry offered USD-denominated bills. The Ministry offered US\$200m USD-denominated bills, but received only US\$95m of demand, mostly at 4.66%.

The Ministry of Finance raised almost US5.6bn and US\$96.6m, and after two relatively weak placements, at least replenished UAH and FX accounts. Despite the absence of repayments, the budget needs large funds to finance defence and other needs that international aid cannot cover.

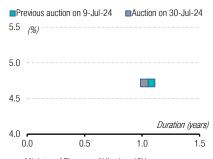
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#### UAH-denominated domestic gov't bonds: yield curve in past two auctions



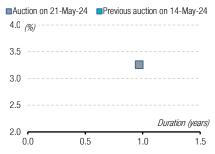
Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

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



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

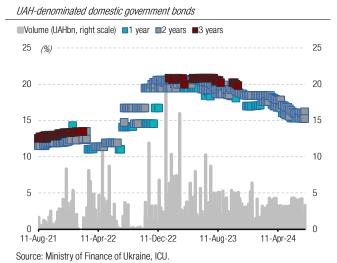


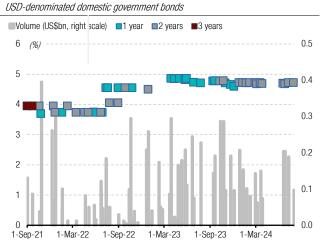
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### **Appendix: Yields-to-maturity, repayments**

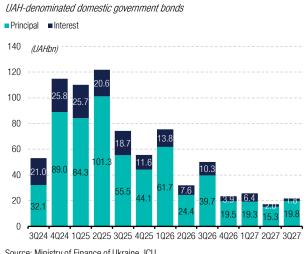
Chart 1. Three-year history of domestic government bond placements at primary market: proceeds (in billions) and yields-to-maturity (%)

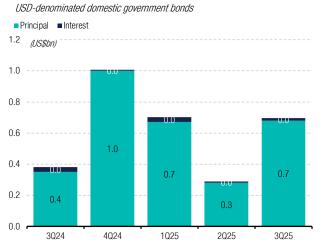




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#### Chart 2. Future repayments on domestic government bonds (in billions of currency)

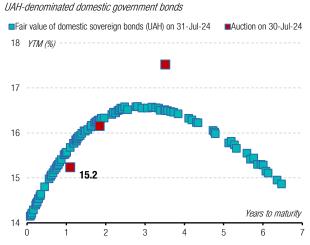




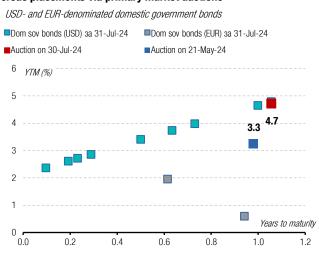
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#### Chart 3. YTMs of domestic government bonds as calculated by NBU versus placements via primary market auctions



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