Daily Insight

NBU on 2010 BoP, current FX market; Bond auction preview; KGOKOR; MHP; sunflower seeds exports



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Economics

NBU reports its assessment of 2010 BoP

The central bank's monthly report, with its preliminary assessment of the balance of payments for December and the entire year 2010, contained the following findings. Firstly, Ukraine's economy, which grew at an estimated growth rate of 4.3% YoY in real terms, provided a faster pace of growth for merchandise imports than for exports growth, with the former increasing by 35.4%, to US\$60.5bn in the full-year 2010 from the previous year, and the latter rising by 29.0%, to US\$52.1bn. This resulted in a widening of the current account deficit, to US\$2.6bn, or 1.9% of GDP, according to the NBU's calculations. The capital and financial account saw an inflow of capital of US\$7.7bn, of which U\$5.7bn was in foreign direct investments (FDI).

Investment implications: The economic growth story of 2010 showed that not only did merchandise trade recover, but also, credibility was restored with private creditors and direct investors. The former provided a net inflow of credit to the country in the form of loans and Eurobond issuance. The latter were encouraged by, most likely, greater political stability, which opened up greater prospects for (other than banking) sectors: the NBU reported that non-banking FDI increased by 1.5x in 2010. In our view, in 2011, the same situation with regard to the BoP composition as in 2010 has a high likelihood of being repeated; with the C/A deficit poised to reach US\$2-3bn, however, inflow of funds in net terms from lenders and direct investors will cover the gap (the IMF alone is to provide US\$6bn this year under the condition that agreed-upon economic policymaking guidelines are met).

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NBU reports on FX market conditions

In its regular weekly review of the FX market conditions, the central bank said that during the last week, there was a prevailing trend of greater supply of hard currencies over demand. This allowed the NBU to stockpile its FX reserves, as the bank adheres to the policy of managing the UAH exchange rate in a narrow band. According to the NBU, the UAH has strengthened since the very beginning of January by 0.35%, to 7.9336/USD.

Investment implications: While the NBU and other monetary authorities hesitate to allow more flexibility of the FX market, there is a high chance that the NBU will withstand devaluation pressure on the currency if it were to appear. In this light, we believe that future path of the exchange rate, i.e., in 1Q11, will continue within the same narrow and unofficial band of 7.93-7.98/USD. Further on, there is a chance (40% probability) that the

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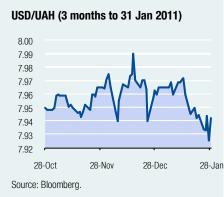


Key rates and indices (as of 28 Jan 2011)

	Last	Daily chg ¹ (%)	YTD chg ¹ (%)
Currencies			
USD/UAH (spot)	7.9420	0.21	-0.29
USD/UAH (1Y NDF)	8.6750	1.39	0.00
EUR/USD (spot)	1.3609	-0.90	1.71
Money market			
KievPRIME O/N (%)	1.25	15bp	-950bp
KievPRIME 1M (%)	3.94	9bp	-681bp
Bond markets			
Ukraine 5Y CDS	477bp	27bp	-36bp
Equity markets			
UX (Ukraine)	2,641.82	-0.77	8.11
PFTS (Ukraine)	1,057.64	0.18	8.47
RTS (Russia)	1,911.55	0.93	7.98
WIG (Poland)	47,223.01	-0.65	-0.56
S&P 500 (USA)	1,276.34	-1.79	1.49

Note: 1) percentage change if not otherwise stated. Sources: NBU, PFTS, Bloomberg, Cbonds, ICU.





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authorities will make a step towards greater flexibility of the UAH exchange rate, albeit still, the latter is to be managed via interventions by the NBU, which will be buying/selling on the each side of the band.

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Capital markets

Government bond auction preview

Tomorrow, a week after the previous auction, which turned out to be quite fruitful in terms of size of proceeds and successful in terms of yields, the MoF is preparing to offer to the market the following list of securities (see table below). This week, market conditions are also rather favourable for the government, which is likely to tap the market at a yield curve that is similar to the previous auction, as the banking sector's liquidity position has remained awash with spare funds. Thus, the central bank was draining spare liquidity last week via selling certificates of deposit, or CDs (taking in more than UAH2.4bn in proceeds on 27 January) at interest rates that did not vary from the previous sizable placement a week ago. The longest CD, with a tenor of 89 days, was sold at a 5% rate. This shows that the authorities (monetary and fiscal) will be pushing the interest rates down at this auction as well.

Table 1. List of bonds to be offered at tomorrow's government bond auction

ISIN	Placement type	Tenor (days)	Maturity
UA4000106165	Re-opening	84	27-Apr-11
UA4000105423	Re-opening	161	13-Jul-11
N/A	Primary	1,092	29-Jan-14

Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Investment Capital Ukraine LLC.

Investment implications: In our view, market conditions prove to be favourable for another successful placement of government bonds, as the MoF needs to pay back UAH1.8bn of local-currency debt. The fact that banks have bought central banks' CDs at a volume that is 2x higher than the previous sale of a full range of CDs (from 1 week to 89 days) shows that banks are demanding low-risk and short-term assets (like NBU CDs, and hence government bonds). In our view, the yield curve tomorrow is likely to have the same shape, and yield levels across the durations of bonds the same as at the previous auction.

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KGOKOR readies for privatisation by end-2011

The Ukrainian government has finally begun its programme for privatisating of Kriviy Rih Oxidized Iron Ore Mining and Processing Combine (KGOKOR) by the end of 2011, UGMK reported. According to a spokesperson for the government, it is about to approve a schedule for KGOKOR's privatisation process. Still, the final mechanism of KGOKOR's sale has not been worked out yet. Meanwhile, Interfax Ukraine reported that one of Russia's leading iron-ore-making groups, Metalloinvest, continues to show interest in participating in KGOKOR's construction. The Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine granted Metalloinvest permission to acquire a 25% stake in Ukrainian Ore-Metallurgical Company Ltd. (UOMC), which had been earlier assigned by the government to finalise construction of KGOKOR. The remaining stake in UOMC is reportedly controlled by Ukraine's Smart Group.



Investment implications: The Ukrainian government's statements imply that KGOKOR is unlikely to be privatised in 2011. The key obstacle to the privatisation is most likely to be conflicting interests of KGOKOR's potential buyers, as Evraz, Metalloinvest, Smart Group and ArcelorMittal have repeatedly expressed their interests in acquiring the plant. Furthermore, the government still has to solve the problem of paying a US\$0.5bn debt to countries which participated in KGOKOR's construction (Romania, Slovakia, Bulgaria, and Germany).

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One of MHP's hatcheries gains access to the Russian market

The Staryn poultry farm, one of MHP's farms, was given access to the Russian market for eggs hatcheries and one-day-old chicks. According to the company's press release, MHP has already signed a contract with one of the Russian poultry producers for delivery of some 10.5m eggs; the first part of this delivery has already been made.

Investment implications: Certainly, the egg hatchery supply is not an essential segment in the framework of MHP's business model; however, its ability to keep exporting to Russia is good for the company's positive track record. We should remind our readers that Russian sanitary officials temporary suspended broiler meat deliveries from MHP's Myronivska poultry farm into the country as of November, 2010. At the same time, the Snyatyn farm, another arm of MHP, may still export poultry meat to Russia. We do not know the exact parameters of the contract, but roughly estimated, the cost of one hatching egg may reach up to US\$0.5-1.00 per unit.

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Ukrainian traders increase sunflower seeds export

The Ukrainian association for edible oil producers, Ukroliaprom, increased its estimate on sunflower seeds outflow from Ukraine from 0.5mt to 0.8mt for the 2010-11 MY. In the last season, only a total of 0.35mt was exported. Since the beginning of the current season, some 1.3mt of 1.5mt produced rapeseed was exported.

Investment implications: Exports of activated sunflower seeds have already increased competition for feedstock among oil producers and caused new hikes in domestic prices for seeds (for the last two weeks, the EXW price added UAH300 per tonne, or 7%). Activated seeds export was one of consequences of imposed quotas for grain: to maintain at least some activity, traders had to turn from grain to oil crops. The market has been squeezed tighter for such names as Kernel Holding and Creative, as on one hand, feedstock appears to be more costly, while on the other hand, such measures like the Antimonopoly Committee's cases of preventing high wholesale prices for bottled oil are narrowing producers' margins.

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Foreign exchange market

Table 2. Spot exchange rates of USD/UAH and USD/EUR and offshore NDF market exchange rates of USD/UAH

	Last close (28-Jan-2011)	Previous (27-Jan-2011)	Daily change (%)	YoY change (%)	YTD change (%)
USD/UAH (spot)	7.9420	7.9250	0.21	-0.74	-0.29
USD/UAH NDF (3M)	8.1150	8.0775	0.46	-3.39	0.81
USD/UAH NDF (6M)	8.3000	8.2238	0.93	-4.05	0.00
USD/UAH NDF (1Y)	8.6750	8.5562	1.39	-5.71	0.00
EUR/USD (spot)	1.3609	1.3733	-0.90	-2.53	1.71

Source: Bloomberg.

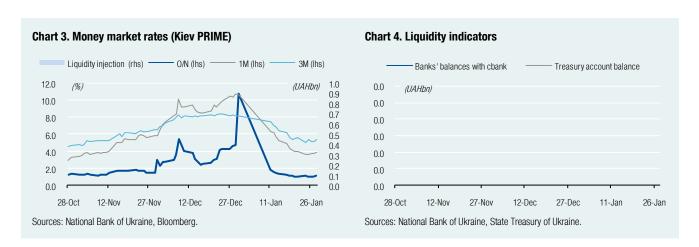


Money market

Table 3. Money market rates KievPRIME (% per year)

	Last close (28-Jan-2011)	Previous (27-Jan-2011)	Daily change (bp)	MoM change (bp)	YTD change (bp)
Overnight	1.25	1.10	15	-339	-950
1 week	2.34	1.76	58	-817	-829
1 month	3.94	3.85	9	-651	-681
2 months	4.71	4.56	15	-329	-342
3 months	5.36	5.19	17	-293	-289

Source: Bloomberg.





Bonds

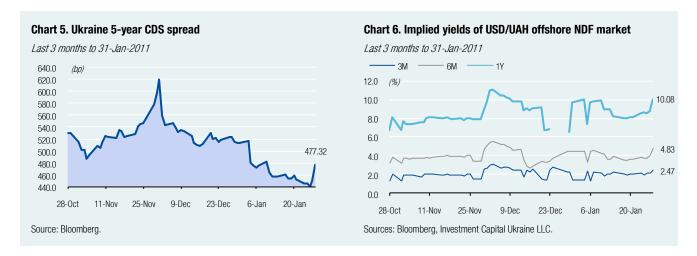


Table 4. Domestic bond market quotations: government bonds (closing prices as of 28-Jan-2011)

Ticker	Issuer	Coupon rate (%)	Maturity	Bid (% of par)	Ask (% of par)	Last price (% of par)	Bid YTM (%)	Ask YTM (%)	Last YTM (%)	Trade volume (UAH)
74173	Ministry of Finance	0.00	2-Feb-11	99.940			4.48			0.00
65965	Ministry of Finance	0.00	16-Feb-11	99.785			4.22			0.00
85393	Ministry of Finance	0.00	16-Mar-11	99.336			5.31			0.00
65411	Ministry of Finance	0.00	30-Mar-11	99.111			5.49			0.00
64794	Ministry of Finance	11.00	13-Apr-11	97.735			23.61			0.00
75501	Ministry of Finance	0.00	20-Apr-11	98.705			5.97			0.00
54456	Ministry of Finance	20.00	27-Apr-11	98.154			29.29			0.00
66526	Ministry of Finance	0.00	18-May-11	98.187			6.26			0.00
86300	Ministry of Finance	0.00	22-Jun-11	97.549			6.45			0.00
76780	Ministry of Finance	0.00	27-Jul-11	96.678			7.09			0.00
83075	Ministry of Finance	0.00	31-Aug-11	95.784			7.59			0.00
64802	Ministry of Finance	11.00	14-Sep-11	98.175			14.52			0.00
22509	Ministry of Finance	9.50	28-Sep-11	100.708	100.888		8.67	8.37		0.00
62012	Ministry of Finance	20.00	23-Nov-11	105.464			13.08			0.00
48219	Ministry of Finance	15.60	22-Feb-12	98.440			17.92			0.00
64893	Ministry of Finance	13.00	21-Mar-12	99.427			13.96			0.00
53912	Ministry of Finance	15.70	11-Apr-12	102.065			14.19			0.00
63564	Ministry of Finance	20.00	12-Sep-12	107.628			15.04			0.00
60883	Ministry of Finance	20.00	26-Sep-12	112.578			11.77			0.00
61451	Ministry of Finance	20.00	31-0ct-12	111.222			13.06			0.00
64018	Ministry of Finance	20.00	20-Feb-13	107.733			16.06			0.00
65221	Ministry of Finance	15.00	20-Mar-13	106.825			11.66			0.00
65429	Ministry of Finance	14.50	27-Mar-13	102.645			13.47			0.00

Note: Bid, Ask and Last price are clean prices that are indicated as a percentage of face value. Source: PFTS, ICU.



Table 5. Domestic bond market quotations: corporate bonds (closing prices as of 28-Jan-2011)

Sector	Ticker	Issuer and bond's series	Coupon rate (%)	Put/ Maturity	Bid (% of par)	Ask Last price (% of par) (% of par)	Bid YTM (%)	Ask YTM (%)	Last YTM (%)	Trade volume (UAH 000)
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	OUGZBD	Ukrgazbank (D)	16.00	20-Sep-11	96.334		24.15			0.00
Savings I	oanks									
	OSCHDB	Oshchadbank (B)	14.00	7-Feb-13	97.009		16.68			0.00

Note: 1) bonds with total outstanding higher than or equal to UAH100m are listed; 2) Bid, Ask and Last price are clean prices that are indicated as a percentage of face value. Sources: PFTS, ICU.

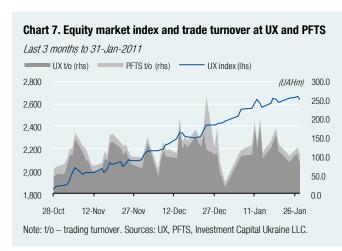


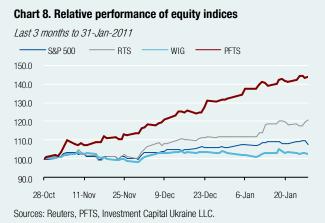
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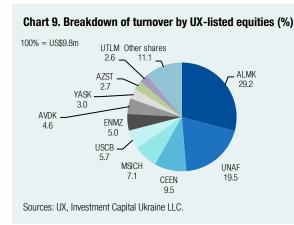
Table 6. Key equity market indicators

	Close (28-Jan-2011)	Daily change (%)	MoM change (%)	YoY change (%)	YTD change (%)
UX Index	2,641.82	-0.77	9.05	57.15	8.11
Trade turnover (UAHm)	78.12				
PFTS Index	1,057.64	0.18	9.40	65.90	8.47
Trade volume (UAHm)	20.64				

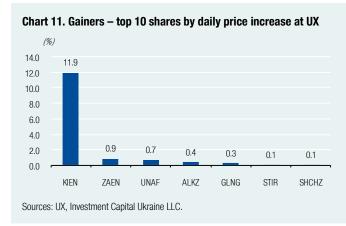
Note: trade volume is US dollar equivalent of reported total share turnover in Ukrainian hryvnia. Sources: UX, PFTS, Investment Capital Ukraine LLC.











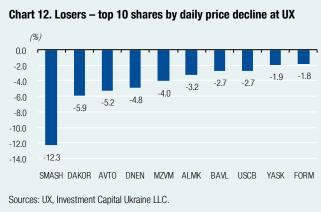




Table 7. UX shares (closing prices as of 28-Jan-2011)

Sector	Ticker	Company	Last price (UAH)	Last price ¹ (US\$)	Daily Chg (%)	3mth Chg (%)	YTD Chg (%)	Volume (US\$ 000)	3mth avg daily t/o ² (US\$ 000)	Market Cap³ (US\$m)
ENERGY	•									
Fossil fu	el electric	power generation								
	DNEN	Dniproenergo	1,225.00	154.24	-4.84	18.71	-6.57	6.19	18.56	920.44
	DOEN	Donbasenergo	76.25	9.60	-1.06	37.58	6.21	185.05	170.59	227.01
	KIEN	Kyivenergo	17.95	2.26	11.95			5.47	3.64	244.92
	ZAEN	Zakhidenergo	445.89	56.14	0.88	-17.34	-2.79	37.99	67.86	718.10
	CEEN	Centrenergo	17.70	2.23	-1.68	39.79	20.87	932.39	1,195.41	823.28
Oil and g	gas									
	UNAF	Ukrnafta	625.55	78.76	0.68	118.95	5.35	1,921.82	2,959.84	4,271.30
Coal min	ning									
	SHCHZ	Chervonoarmiyska-Zakhidna No.1	5.07	0.639	0.06	19.51		27.46	62.75	542.11
	SHKD	Komsomolets Donbas Coal Mine	5.14	0.647	-1.06		3.87	2.03	19.32	216.52
METALL	URGY									
Iron ore	mining									
	SGOK	Northern Iron Ore	14.90	1.88	-1.51	44.13	13.22	131.40	143.26	4,323.26
	PGOK	Poltavsky Iron Ore	45.90	5.78	-0.43	20.85	5.94	28.54	46.54	1,103.87
Iron and	steel mills	S								
	ALMK	Alchevsky Metallurgical Plant	0.24	0.031	-3.20	76.70	9.78	2,868.71	1,550.28	788.32
	AZST	Azovstal	3.24	0.408	-1.73	34.21	13.53	270.19	548.47	1,716.11
	MMKI	Mariupol Iron and Steel Works	0.88	0.111	-1.22	-8.24	-6.51	1.39	32.61	1,370.78
	ENMZ	Yenakievo Steel	190.70	24.01	-1.78	19.46	9.76	487.13	649.77	253.34
Pipe and	I tube mar	nufacturing								
	HRTR	Khartsyzk Pipe Plant	1.19	0.150	-0.99	0.13	-0.47	0.15	9.91	389.55
	NVTR	Novomoskovsky Pipe Plant	2.40	0.302		-3.86	-2.87	0.33	4.87	60.44
Foundry	coke man	ufacturing								
	ALKZ	Alchevsky Coke Plant	0.64	0.081	0.41		21.86	0.49	7.88	244.23
	AVDK	Avdiyivsky Coke Plant	16.69	2.10	-0.73	12.17	12.33	455.78	769.98	409.90
	YASK	Yasynivsky Coke Plant	5.12	0.645	-1.94	58.15	14.42	298.10	430.36	176.35
CHEMIC	ALS									
Nitrogen		er manufacturing								
	STIR	Concern Stirol	85.90	10.82	0.08	18.93	8.43	181.30	364.55	293.38
MACHIN										
Railroad		ock manufacturing								
	KVBZ	Kryukovsky Rail Car Plant	38.05	4.79	-0.87	15.45	7.04	18.28	66.78	549.43
	LTPL	Luganskteplovoz	4.14	0.521	-1.64	42.41	-2.19	67.82	126.57	114.26
	MZVM	Mariupol Heavy Machinary Plant	10.00	1.26	-4.04	-43.92	-8.79	4.25	33.91	19.37
	SVGZ	Stakhanov carriage-building plant	11.25	1.42	-0.66	50.94	22.39	70.03	319.11	320.66
Oil and g	gas machir	nery manufacturing								
	SMASH	Sumy NVO Frunze	12.95	1.63	-12.28	-53.96	-10.45	49.04	25.54	115.90
Motor ve	hicle man	ufacturing								
	KRAZ	AutoKraz	0.21	0.026	-1.16	23.27		2.60	11.63	59.27
Automob	ile manuf	acturing								
	LUAZ	Bogdan Motors (LuAZ)	0.23	0.029	-0.82	35.03	10.63	83.65	49.88	125.31
	AVT0	Ukrainian automobile corporation	152.00	19.14	-5.20	24.72	-12.39	3.83	7.18	121.16
Aircraft p	oroduct an	nd parts manufacturing								
	MSICH	Motor Sich	3,021.05	380.39	-0.34	62.14	1.75	696.66	1,312.70	790.44

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Wired telecommunications



Sector Ticker	Company	•	Last price ¹	Daily	3mth	YTD	Volume	3mth avg	Market
		(UAH)	(US\$)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	Chg (%)	(US\$ 000)	daily t/o² (US\$ 000)	Cap³ (US\$m)
UTLM	Ukrtelecom	0.56	0.071	-0.99	9.87	3.24	256.12	880.07	1,320.41
CONSTRUCTION Civil construction									
MTBD	Mostobud	297.00	37.40			-6.85	3.11	10.33	21.69
TRADE									
Gasoline stations									
GLNG	Concern Galnaftogaz	0.15	0.019	0.26	4.67		7.56	1.94	366.34
FINANCIAL SERV	/ICES								
Commercial banki	ng								
FORM	Forum Bank	5.85	0.737	-1.81	-4.45	-3.31	6.14	49.86	326.76
BAVL	Raiffeisen Bank Aval	0.42	0.053	-2.68	3.78	7.13	80.00	344.97	1,596.65
USCB	Ukrsotsbank	0.62	0.077	-2.67	44.63	11.00	559.73	801.29	983.85

Note: 1) USD share price is calculated from UAH share price by dividing the latter by the closing bid of the USD/UAH exchange rate as of the date of the report; 2) average daily turnover in the stock during the last 3- month period; 3) market capitalisation. Sources: UX, Investment Capital Ukraine LLC.



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