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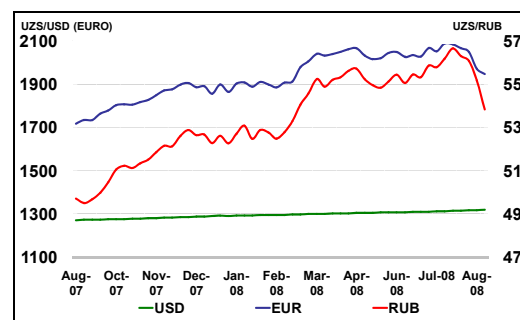
#### Official exchange rates of CB to the main international currencies (sum)

	19.08.2008	12.08.2008	Изм./%
1 USD	1319,31	1 317,63	0,13↑
1 EUR	1947,57	1 973,55	1,32↓
1 GBP	2467,24	2 530,24	2,49↓
10 JPY	119,80	119,85	0,04↓
1 RUR	53,84	55,18	2,43↓

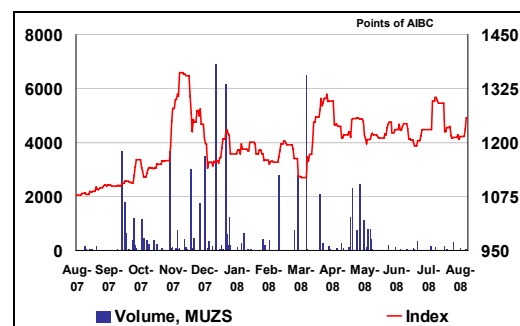
#### Main interest rates in national currency (in % annual)

	22.08.2008	3-months change
Rate of CB RU	14,00	0%
UZIBOR (12 months)	14,00	0%
AWACRI	17,61	-0,91%
AIBC	1261,661	+3,62%

#### Dynamics of the change in the exchange rate of international currencies to sum



#### Dynamics of AIBC index



#### Main macroeconomic figures of Uzbekistan for 2004-2007

Figures	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
GDP, trillion sum	7,45	9,8	12,2	15,2	20,8	28,2
Real GDP growth, %	4,0	4,4	7,7	7	7,3	9,5
Administration of the state budget, to GDP	-0,8	-0,4	-0,4	+0,1	-0,5	1,1
Foreign trade turnover, bill. USD	5,7	6,7	8,7	9,5	10,7	14,2
Inflation, %	-	3,8	3,7	7,8	6,8	6,8

Source: State Committee on Statistics of RU, Avesta Investment Group

## Event Calendar

- August 25:** General meeting of shareholders of SJSC MAP «Urta osiyo trans»
- August 25:** General meeting of shareholders of SJSC «Uzinterimpex»
- August 26:** Special meeting of shareholders of OJSC «Khorazmsuvkurilish»
- August 28** Special meeting of shareholders of OJSC «Suv mash»

## ICF has rated business environment of Uzbekistan

International finance corporation (IFC) from the Group of Worldwide bank has issued regular annual report «Doing business», containing rating of business environment for private sector in 178 countries. It is noted in the report that «in 2006-2007 Uzbekistan has reached a considerable progress in the sphere of business environment, reforms held have simplified the process of registering enterprises, organized the voluntary liquidation of a business, shortened the costs of transferring ownership rights, and lowered taxes on enterprises, which made Uzbekistan one of the leading countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia holding reforms, notes *«Uza.UZ»*.

It should be noted that, from January 2008 profit tax in Uzbekistan has been lowered by 10%. In 2006 it had made 12%, and in 2005 15%. The rate of common social payment was reduced from 33% in 2004 to 24% in 2007. The rate of common tax payment for micro firms and small enterprises was also reduced from 13% to 8%, for trading companies to 4%, for catering to 10%.

## Investments are developing pharmaceutical industry in Uzbekistan

According to the results of the first half year of 2008 the production volume of pharmaceutical industry in Uzbekistan has reached 48 billion sum, writes *«Uzbekistan Today»*.

Presidential Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan «On the program of modernization and technical and technological re-equipment of pharmaceutical enterprises for the period of till 2011» has served as new impulse for progress of pharmaceutical industry in the country. Within the limits of the program it is planned to further increase production capacities of the enterprises in given industry, to provide population with domestically produced high quality and low price drugs, and to export given production.

It is also planned to realize 45 investment projects at 39 pharmaceutical enterprises for the total of 26,5m USD, triple the production volume, and 2,2 times increase the export volume by 2011. 23 investment projects for the total of 7m USD at most are set to be implemented in 2008 at 22 enterprises, 12 of which are among SJSC «Uzfarm sanoat». During the first half year of 2008 investments of 2,19m USD have been assimilated, including 1,66m USD assimilated by SJSC «Uzfarm sanoat», and 528 thousand USD by other enterprises. Export volume has reached 8,2m USD, including 7,9m USD by enterprises of SJSC «Uzfarm sanoat».

The most significant projects among the finished ones could be technical re-equipment of tablets and injection medication production at FC «Nobel farmsanoat», technical re-equipment of polyethylene bottles production at PC «Nasa», production of medications in ampoules and production of antibiotics of penicillin line at JV Jurabek Laboratories and modernization of tablet workshop JV Remedy. Total sum of implementing technical re-equipment at the enterprises made about 1,5m USD.

Based on the plans on extending nomenclature of production, number of «Uzfarm sanoat» enterprises has increased to 26 units that provide production of 87 types of medical products substitute to the ones imported. The production volume at the enterprises of the concern during the first half year reached 31,8 billion sum, or 111,7% of forecasted figures. Production of 16 titles of medical products and 9 types of medical substances has been assimilated at the enterprises.

## Comments on the results of trades in RSE «Toshkent»

On August 22 of 2008 the turnover of the stock exchange made almost 1,307m sum. Shares of 6 companies, including the shares of «Ipak yuli bank» sold for hard currency, went through exchanges. Maximum volume of exchanges was observed at the preliminary exchanges on the shares of «Ipak yuli bank» - the sum of the exchanges made 1,3 billion sum.

### Results of the exchanges at RSE «Toshkent» for 22.08.2008

Issuer	Type	Region	Sector	Max. Price of the deals, UZS/\$	Qty of the shares, units	Volume, sum
Ipak yuli bank	Ord.	Tashkent city	Bank	100	13 000 000	1 300 000 000
Galla-alteg	Ord.	Tashkent city	Other	600	10 298	6 178 800
Uzbekistan pochatasi	Ord.	Tashkent city	Postal services	1 125	368	414 000
Sovplastital	Ord.	Tashkent city	Light industry	1 000	170	170 000
Guncha	Ord.	Tashkent city	Light industry	850	191	162 350
Mubarekneftegazmontaj	Ord.	Tashkent city	Construction	6 050	20	121 000
<b>Total:</b>						<b>1 307 046 150</b>

Source: RSE «Toshkent», Calculations: Avesta Investment Group

**Top -10 according to the turnover volume at the RSE «Toshkent» since the beginning of 2008**

Company	Turnover volume, m sum		Last price, sum	Average price, sum	% of the charter capital	% of the volume for the year	Dividends in 2007, sum	
	Year	Month					sum	% of the nom.
Pakhta bank	14 562	537,1	1 070	1 090	29,1%	18,9%	160	16,0%
Ipotekabank	6 580	6,0	1 605	1 050	9,8%	8,5%	120	12,0%
Kizilkumcement	6 442	0,0	\$95	116 352	4,0%	8,3%	5 950	7,4%
Alokabank	3 966	0,0	120	120	11,7%	5,1%	11	11,0%
Kapital sugurta	3 924	0,0	250	235	98,1%	5,1%	0	0,0%
Suv mash	2 976	0,0	\$42,47	\$42,47	262,7%	3,9%	2 534	25,3%
Kredit-standard	2 404	0,0	\$282,78	\$282,78	21,4%	3,1%	0	0,0%
Khamkorbank	2 294	343,1	100	102	21,8%	3,0%	400	400,0%
UzKKhMLizing	2 136	5,5	2 200	2 098	22,8%	2,8%	-	-
Asaka don makhsulotlari	1 769	0,0	54 000	44 666	335,3%	2,3%	-	-

Source: RSE «Toshkent», Calculations: Avesta Investment Group

**Main indicators for the year 2008, billion sum**

	Last figures	A month ago	2007
Cumulative turnover of RSE	78,796	72,82	110,21
Cumulative turnover of ESNET	5,65	4,68	12,94
AWACRI, %	17,91	17,51	18,52
Refinancing rate of CB RUz, %	14,00	14,00	14,00
AIBC, units	1 261,66	1 290,88	1 079,94
Total assets of the banks	11 097,00	11 097,00	9 106,70
Total capital of the banks	1 657,00	1 657,00	1 349,60
Average price of property, \$/sq.m	738,00	785,00	727,00
Lease of offices, \$/sq.m		11,40	9,90
Trade volumes at the SEN	1,16	49,40	78,70
Exchanges amount at the SEN, thn.	0,31	3,20	9,70

Source: RSE «Toshkent», Calculations: Avesta Investment Group

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