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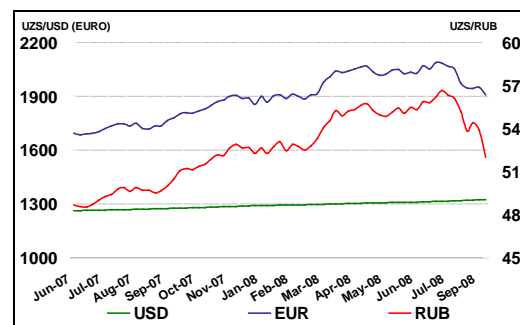
#### Official exchange rates of CB to the main international currencies (sum)

	16.09.2008	09.09.2008	Изм./%
1 USD	1 326,38	1 324,60	0,13↑
1 EUR	1 911,58	1 908,75	0,15↑
1 GBP	2 390,80	2 376,86	0,59↑
10 JPY	125,64	121,75	3,20↑
1 RUR	51,61	52,04	-0,83↓

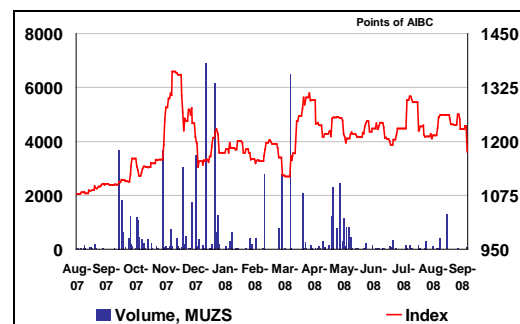
#### Main interest rates in national currency (in % annual)

	16.09.2008	3-months change
Rate of CB RU	14,00	0%
UZIBOR (12 months)	14,00	0%
AWACRI	17,61	-0,91%
AIBC	1176,406	-4,38%

#### 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

## Events Calendar

**September 26:** Special meeting of shareholders of OJSC «Uzpakhtamash»

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**September 27:** Special meeting of shareholders of OJSC «Chirchik invest»

**Profit of the state budget in the first half year made 1,9% of GDP**

The Senate of Oliy Majlis has approved administration of state budget in the first half year 2008 with profit of 257 billion sum, or in other words 1,9% of gross domestic product (GDP). Receipts of the budget in January-June made 3,791 trillion sum (53,3% of the projected yearly amount), spending made 3,534 trillion sum (47,4%), reports *«vesti.uz»*.

In particular, the share of direct taxes in that amount made 1,053 trillion sum (27,8%), of indirect taxes 1,789 trillion sum (47,2%), of resort payments and property tax 561,8 billion sum (14,8%).

In the structure of spending, 1,902 trillion sum (53,8% of spending) fell on the share of social sector and social support of population, 346,14 billion sum (9,8%) was directed to the economy, and 330,3 billion sum (9,3%) were spent for centralized investment..

In November of 2007 the parliament of Uzbekistan had approved state budget for 2008 with deficit of 345 billion sum, in other words with 1% of projected GDP, receipt of 7,108 trillion sum have been approved (20,6% of projected GDP), receipt made 7,453 trillion sum (21,6%).

**JV Jurabek Laboratories had obtained the credit of EBRD**

European bank of reconstruction and development (EBRD) has granted an Uzbek pharmaceutical JV Jurabek Laboratories a credit of 3,65m USD, informs *«vesti.uz»*.

Funds received will be used for realization of the program on expansion of production that will cost 5,4m USD. Within the limits of the program it is planned to create additional production capacities on output of 100m disposable syringes, 20m bottles of infusion solutions, and 500m tablets a year.

At the present time the JV produces 225 types of medicines and owns 15% of the country's pharmaceutical market.

JV Jurabek Laboratories was created in 1996. Founders of the JV are the private drugstore «Журабек» (67%), and Ace Laboratories (India) Ltd and Bravo Medical Equipment Trading. Est. (UAE), whose joint share makes 33%.

The program on modernization and technological re-equipment of pharmaceutical sector till 2011 at the cost of 26,5m USD has been approved in Uzbekistan. The amount includes 12,4m USD that is planned to be spent on the projects of modernization injection, tablets and liquid medicines, 5,9m USD for expanding production of infusion solution, and 5,4m USD for increasing production of medical products.

The project is planned to be financed due to the means of foreign investments that are being attracted, own means of enterprises, credits of local and foreign banks, and by the means of SJSC «Urfarmprom».

Since 1992 EBRD has provided Uzbekistan with about 475m euros within 37 projects in such spheres as energy, entrepreneurship, transportation, construction, mineral resources processing and municipal economy.

**A new law on compulsory insurance has been approved by the Senate**

The Senate of Oliy Majlis (upper Chamber of parliament) of Uzbekistan has approved the legislation «On compulsory state social insurance against accidents at the production and occupational diseases», reports *«forinsurer.com»*.

The main aim of the legal document is legislative settlement of rights and guarantees for employed citizens who have suffered from accidents at the production and occupational diseases, and settlement of problems and regulation of relations in this sphere.

The law «On protection of labor» passed in 1993 that, specifies that employees of enterprises have to have compulsory insurance against accidents at the production and occupational diseases is in force nowadays in Uzbekistan. However, no legal texts that define the order and conditions of insuring have been processed up to now.

**Mobile operator «Ucell» starts the cellular network of the third generation**

FE «Coscom» LLC (provides cellular communication services under «UCell» brand name) is putting the cellular network of the third generation into test mode, notes *«vesti.uz»*.

«UCell» is putting 3G into test mode for identifying technological details that will have to be considered in further development of the network. Nowadays the experimental network of the third generation is functioning in Tashkent and Samarkand. It is planned to expand the coverage and connect Bukhara and other cities of the country to the network soon.

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

On September 16 of 2008 the turnover of the stock exchange made almost 1,517 billion sum. Shares of 7 companies including the shares of «Kishlokkhujalikkimyo» sold for hard currency for the total amount of 7,5 thousand USD went through exchanges at RSE «Toshkent». The largest number of exchanges was registered for the shares of «Uzbekkimyomash». The volume of the exchanges made 1,2 billion sum. Total turnover at RSE «Toshkent» since the beginning of 2008 has reached 93,899 billion sum, which exceeds the figure for the corresponding period of the last year by 57%.

**Results of the exchanges at RSE «Toshkent» for 16.09.2008**

Issuer	Type	Region	Sector	Max. Price of the deals, UZS/\$	Qty of the shares, units	Volume, sum
Uzbekkimyomash	Ord.	Tashkent region	Chemistry	114 430	10 487	1 200 027 410
Samarkand don mahsulotlari	Ord.	Samarkand	Food	4 230	70 910	299 949 300
Kishlokkujalikkimyo	Ord.	Kashkadarya	Chemistry	\$2	3 760	9 973 776
Zamon plyus sarmoya	Ord.	Tashkent city	Finance	100	61 321	6 132 100
Delta qurmah	Ord.	Tashkent city	Construction	4 176	135	563 760
Samarkand liftsozlik zavodi	Ord.	Samarkand	Engineering	4 450	61	271 450
TashOR	Ord.	Tashkent city	Engineering	18 477	2	36 954
<b>Total:</b>						<b>1 516 954 750</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	14 568	0,0	1 000	1 090	29,1%	15,9%	160	16,0%
Kvartz	9 249	9 169,0	\$90,05	101 018	2 760,9%	10,1%	0	0,0%
Kizilkumcement	6 729	0,0	\$95	116 352	4,0%	7,3%	5 950	7,4%
Ipotekabank	6 618	37,4	1 000	1 050	9,8%	7,2%	120	12,0%
Alokabank	3 966	0,0	120	120	11,7%	4,3%	11	11,0%
Kapital sugurta	3 924	0,0	250	235	98,1%	4,3%	0	0,0%
Suvmash	2 976	0,0	\$42,47	\$42,47	262,7%	3,3%	2 534	25,3%
Kredit-standard	2 404	0,0	\$282,78	\$282,78	21,4%	2,6%	0	0,0%
Khamkorbank	2 297	3,5	131	102	21,8%	2,5%	400	400,0%
UzKKhMLizing	2 142	0,0	\$2	2 098	22,9%	2,3%	-	-

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

	Last figures	A month ago	2007
Cumulative turnover of RSE	92,83	77,02	110,21
Cumulative turnover of ESNET	5,78	5,45	12,94
AWACRI, %	17,91	17,51	18,52
Refinancing rate of CB RUZ, %	14,00	14,00	14,00
AIBC, units	1 176,41	1 214,05	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	814,00	785,00	727,00
Lease of offices, \$/sq.m	9,40	11,40	9,90
Trade volumes at the SEN	2,15	49,40	78,70
Exchanges amount at the SEN, thn.	0,25	3,20	9,70

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