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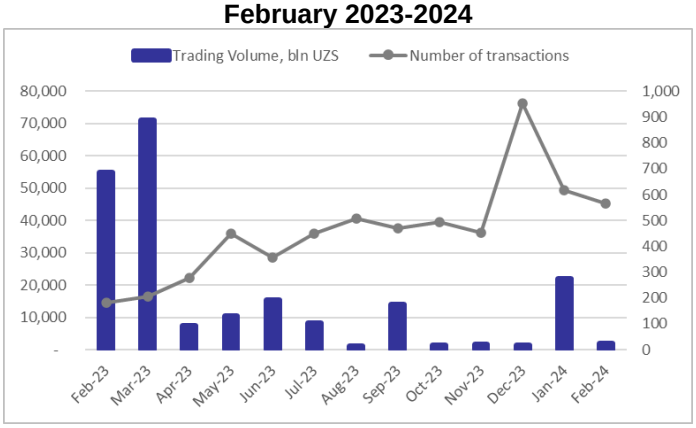
Tashkent Stock Exchange results: February 2024

In February, the total trading volume in the Tashkent Stock Exchange reached 86.3bln UZS, which is 3.6 times more than the last month. However, this volume was 10.3 times lower compared to February 2022, since last year there were a number of significant transactions with Qoqonspirt JSC (ex. KSPR) and other deals related with transfer of equity stake in the ORFI, total deal volume was 580.98bln. Transactions with these two securities alone comprised 96.5% of the total trading volume in February 2022. A total of 45,353 transactions were completed, which is 8.4% less than previous month but 3.1 times more than the same period last year indicators. AVEX increased by 7.1% in February, with the peak at 2,985 points.

Total volume of trades and number of transactions for February 2023-2024



Source: RSE Toshkent, Calculations: Avesta Investment Group

AVEX Index for February 2023-2024



Top 10 issuers with the highest trading volume for February 2024

Ticker	Sector	Trading Volume	Num. of transactions	Avg. price, UZS	Share in total turnover	% of equity	Mcap (bln. UZS)	Closing price February, %
DORI	Pharmacy	60,370,077,151	471	8,602	69.96%	34.97%	194.7	-7.73%
METQ	Telecommunications	5,030,858,322	1	7,121	5.83%	14.47%	4.1	-45.44%
BNGA	Oil and gas industry	3,277,116,628	166	11,094	3.80%	42.82%	8.2	-5.66%
TBMZ	Construction materials	3,000,400,000	1	5,200	3.48%	14.95%	20.1	-8.45%
UNVB	Bank	2,820,673,936	286	8,012	3.27%	0.03%	800.0	-26.00%
MKPT	Cotton	2,563,572,144	1	75,448	2.97%	40.83%	65.1	0.00%
BFMT3V2	Bank	2,085,528,959	139	101,092	2.42%	10.32%	20	-0.07%
QAPI	Construction	1,254,118,982	270	1,378	1.45%	0.76%	15.7	21.95%
UZMK	Metallurgy	997,311,962	1,122	8,366	1.16%	0.00%	4,125	-7.48%
URTS	Service	901,022,865	922	17,131	1.04%	1.21%	1,402	7.47%
Others		3,995,860,326	41,974		4.63%			
Total		**86,296,541,274**	**45,353**		**100.00%**			

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Almost 70% of the total volume was attributed to DORI, which likely took place as part of the ongoing privatization process. A 34.9% equity stake in the company was sold for 60.24bln UZS at 8,600 UZS per share. Previously, this package was represented as treasury shares, suggesting that UzSAMA may have taken it back as a state share, as no privatization announcements were made. Another transaction involved the sale of shares of METQ for 5.03bln UZS at 7,121 UZS per share constituted nearly 15% of the turnover. Similarly, BNGA shares were sold for 2.74bln UZS at 11,110 UZS per share and TBMZ shares were sold for 3bln UZS at 5,200 UZS per share.

Additionally, Mr. Anvar Irchaev, the Chairman of the Board of Universal Bank JSCB (UNVB), increased his equity stake from 4.99% to 5.11% by acquiring UNVB shares at a rate of 8,000 UZS per share, totaling 2.5 billion UZS. As usual, the list of largest transactions by volume mainly consists of M&A deals and deals related to restructuring processes. The top 10 stocks accounted for nearly 95.4% of the total turnover on the Tashkent Stock Exchange.

TOP-10 issuers with the highest number of deals for February 2024

Ticker	Sector	Trading Volume	Num. of transactions	Avg.price, UZS	% of deals	% of equity	Mcap (bln. UZS)	Closing price February, %
SQBN	Bank	163,801,853	14,612	10.2	32.22%	0.01%	2,516.7	2.80%
UZTL	Telecommunications	487,322,655	2,287	5,094	5.04%	0.03%	1,389	-1.90%
HMKB	Bank	190,533,865	2,033	34.2	4.48%	0.00%	4,254	6.62%
HKMBP	Bank	31,380,252	1,840	31.5	4.06%	0.00%	3,828.1	3.46%
IPTB	Bank	48,625,602	1,808	1.1	3.99%	0.00%	3,426.3	-0.87%
CBSK	Service	27,951,089	1,232	2.6	2.72%	0.02%	109.8	-3.47%
IPKY	Bank	28,232,253	1,152	107.2	2.54%	0.01%	9,638.4	44.14%
UZMK	Metallurgy	997,311,962	1,122	6,254	2.47%	0.02%	4,117	-7.48%
KFLT	Insurance	11,533,006	1,042	250.3	2.30%	0.00%	9,889	3.51%
QZSM	Cement	210,341,234	1,014	2,560	2.24%	0.02%	1,207.8	-5.30%
Others		84,099,507,503	17,211		37.95%			
Total		**86,296,541,274**	**45,353**		**100.00%**			

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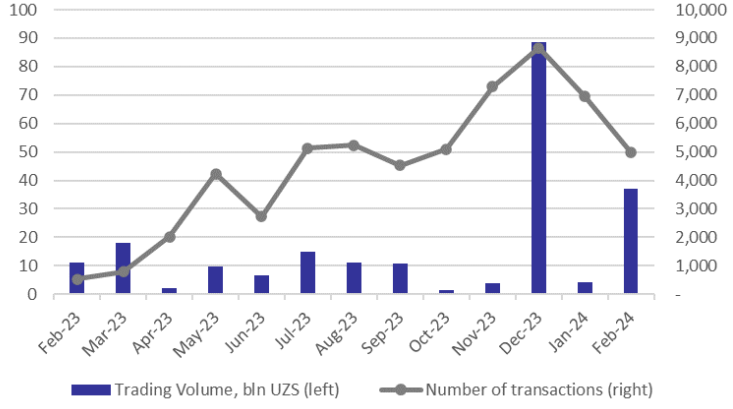
SQBN has consistently been a major contributor to the total number of transactions on the Tashkent Stock Exchange, representing 32.2% of the deals this month. Despite being listed only at the end of December, UZTL once again emerged as a second leading contributor to the number of transactions in February representing 5% of trades, however, the stock price declined by 1.9%.

The closing prices of HMKB and HMKBP increased by 6.6% and 3.5%, respectively. This increase can be attributed to the bonus share issuance on February 14th when investors received one additional share per one existing share they held. Among the listed stocks, IPTB had the highest increase in the closing price, rising by 44.14%. Conversely, UZMK's closing price declined the most this month by 7.5%.

OTC platform of the Tashkent Stock Exchange

The total trade volume on the OTC platform for February reached 37.2bln UZS, which is 3.3 times more than the corresponding period of last year. The number of transactions on the platform reached 4,978. This represents a significant rise compared to the mere 543 transactions in February of 2023.

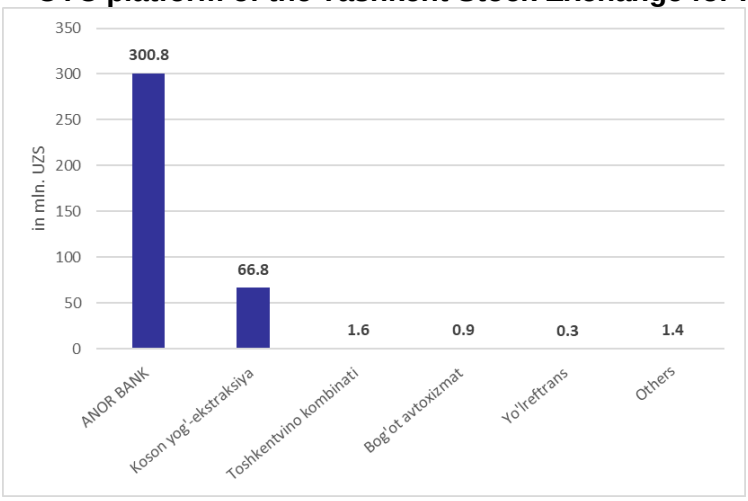
The total volume of trades and number of transactions on the OTC platform of Tashkent Stock Exchange for February 2023-2024



Source: OTC platform "Elsis-Savdo", Calculations: Avesta Investment Group

In February 2024, ANOR BANK dominated the OTC market of the Tashkent Stock Exchange representing 80.9% of the total trade volume on the platform. Koson yog'-ekstraksiya contributed 18%. Toshkentvino kombinati, Bog'ot avtoxizmat and Yo'lreftrans contributed 0.4%, 0.3% and 0.1%, respectively. The remaining volume was represented by other securities, comprising only 0.4% of the turnover on OTC.

Top 5 entities by volume of transactions at the OTC platform of the Tashkent Stock Exchange for February



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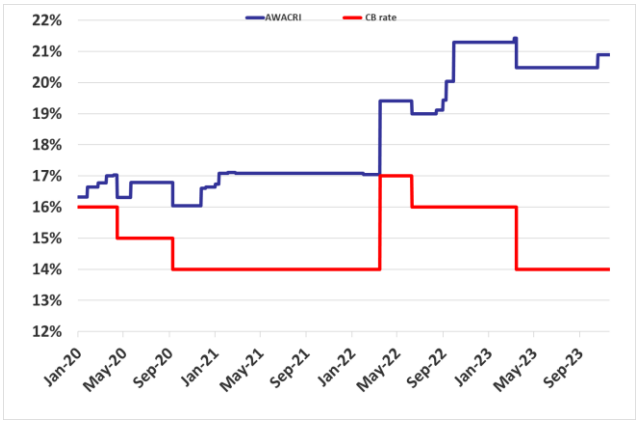
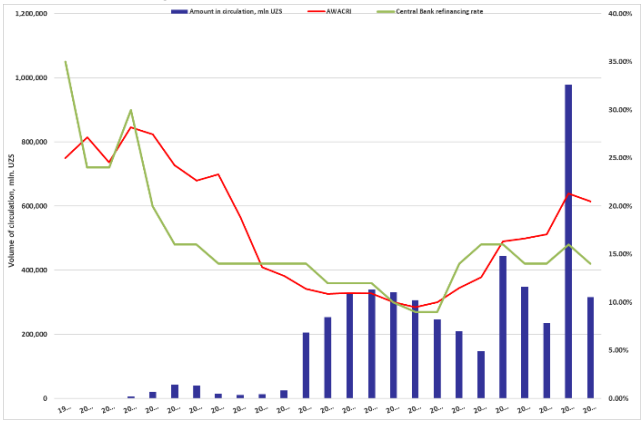
AWACRI and CB rate in 2020-2024



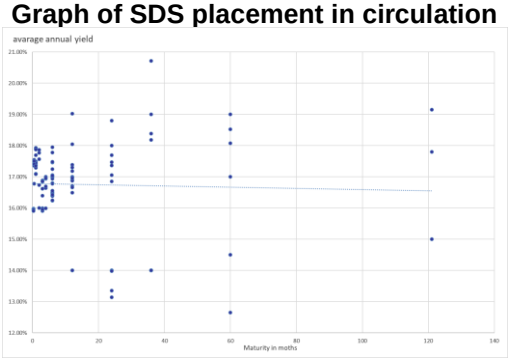
AWACRI, CB rate and volume in circulation



Source: Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Avesta Investment Group

At the moment AWACRI exceeds the CB rate by 6.67%.

Graph of SDS placement in circulation



The total amount of placed SDS (State Debt Securities) that are in regulation (not repaid) in February 2024 reached 8trln UZS in 5 placements with a 17.1% average annual yield.

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