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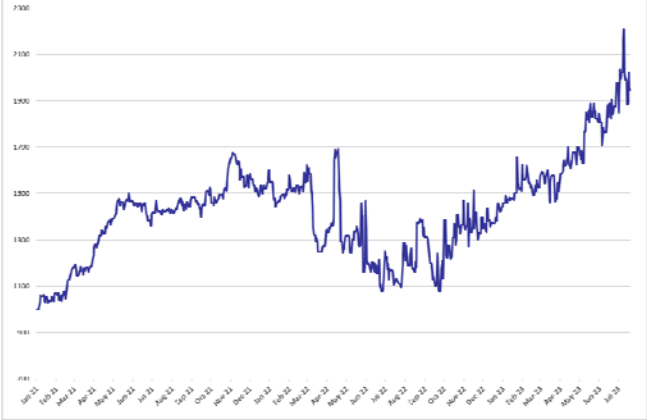
OVERVIEW OF THE TASHKENT STOCK EXCHANGE

Company name	Ticker	Sectors	Sum, UZS	Numb. of deals	Closing price, UZS	Change, %	% of turnover
Biznes finans mikromoliya tashkiloti LLC	BFMT3	Bank	1,070,164,356	15	1,009,616	0.74%	20.71%
O'zpartamponaj JSC	UZPN	Consutruction materials	881,894,747	15	120	-0.83%	17.06%
ELEKTRQISHLOQQURILISH JSC	EQQU	Consutruction materials	821,763,000	65	369,000	0.00%	15.90%
Uzmetkombinat JSC	UZMK	Mettalurgy	520,716,390	675	7,300	-10.43%	10.08%
Uzbek Commodity Exchange JSC	URTS	Service	392,458,706	305	18,500	2.74%	7.59%
O'zQEQ JSC	UQEQ	Consutruction materials	306,572,950	19	14,400	10.77%	5.93%
Toshkent yog'-moy kombinati JSC	TYMK	Fat and oil Industry	182,760,000	33	24,000	0.00%	3.54%
UzAuto Motors JSC	UZMT	Automotive Industry	157,434,033	98	71,000	1.43%	3.05%
IMKON FINANS MIKROMOLIYA TASHKILOTI JSC	IFMT3	Bank	141,999,999	9	1,000,000	0.00%	2.75%
Biokimyo JSC	BIOK	Chemical industry	74,978,900	17	34,000	-2.86%	1.45%
	Others		617,514,101	17,573			11.95%
	Total		**5,168,257,182**	**18,824**			**100.00%**

During the given period, the Tashkent Stock Exchange recorded one of the lowest trading volumes of nearly 5.17bln, which was 32 times lower than the trading volume of the previous period. The stock exchange witnessed active trading in a diverse range of 80 types of securities, but the turnover was minimal due to the lower M&A activity. Among the contributors to the overall result, BFMT3 stood out with only 15 transactions, accounting for slightly over 20% of the total growth. Following closely was UZPN, which contributed 17%. EQQU and UZMK also made significant contributions with 15.9% and 10% respectively.

The stock that experienced the highest increase in its closing price was UQEQ, with a notable rise of 10.77%, closing at 14,400. Recently Grid Solutions LLC became the owner of more than 51% of the equity stake and now will need to publish a buy offer to minorities. URTS and UZMT also exhibited slight increases in their closing prices, showing gains of 2.74% and 1.43% respectively.
On the other hand, UZMK experienced a significant decline of 10.43%, closing at 7,300, while BIOK saw a decrease of 2.86% and closed at 34,000.

AVEX Index



	8/25/2023	Change in 1D in %	Change in 3M in %	Change in 1Y in %
AWACRI	20.47%	0.00%	0.00%	7.80%
AVEX	2,398.24	1.79%	29.35%	74.40%
USD/UZS	12,049.0	-0.15%	5.53%	10.51%
EUR/UZS	13,070.8	0.20%	6.25%	20.50%
RUB/UZS	127.6	-0.20%	-10.64%	-29.75%

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Weekly News:

ECONOMICS

- The World Bank will provide $46.5mln to help decrease industrial carbon emissions in Uzbekistan.
- EBRD to provide a direct sovereign loan of $240mln to finance rehabilitations of roads in Uzbekistan.
- China Energy Engineering Corporation installed the largest wind turbine generator in Central Asia for ACWA Power in the Bash wind farm project.
- Cement output increased by 10.2% up to 5.7mln tones for 1H2023.
- Petrovietnam returning to Uzbekistan to participate in a geological survey for oil and gas deposits. The company participated in the same projects from 2010 to 2016.
- Gazli underground natural gas storage capacity might be increased from 3 bcm to 6bcm in the first stage, and later up to 10 bcm. Total project cost may reach $0.85-1bln.
- Export increased by 31% in the first 7 months of the year up to $14.95bln, including just 10% growth of non-gold exports and 2.1 times growth of gold exports. Import increased by 18.1% up to $20bln.
- Uzbekistan has signed a contract with Turkmenistan for the supply of Turkmen gas in the amount of up to 2 billion cubic meters per year.

BUSINESS

- AloqaVentures invested $200k into the business ERP project KPI.com.
- Global Textile company joined the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF).
- Uzbekhydroenergy JSC announced tenders for constructing 5 new hydro-power stations with a total project cost of $106.7mln.
- Uzbekneftegaz JSC (UZNG) signed the cooperation agreement with Azerbaijani SOCAR on geological survey services in Uzbekistan.
- Uzbekneftegaz JSC (UZNG), which operates more than half of natural gas deposits in Uzbekistan, decreased natural gas production forecast for 2023 by 1.8bcm to 32.3bcm.
- Tashkent is #509 in Numbeo cost of living index.
- KPMG predicts a sevenfold growth of the online trading market in Uzbekistan by 2027.
- OTP Bank may establish a $100mln investment fund for Uzbekistan, and direct flights to Budapest will be launched from Tashkent - some of the results of the Uzbekistan president's state visit to Hungary.
- Uzbekistan may use Hungarian dry cooling technology for a nuclear power station.

Overview:

- Mr.Shuhrat Tukhtashev announced the offer to minorities of My-Insurance JSC to purchase the shares at 1,000 UZS per share since he became the owner of more than 50% stake in the company;
- Mrs.Zumrat Ibrahimjanova and Mr.Azimhuja Qobilov replaced Mr.Akmal Jumanazarov and Mr.Davron Kalandarov in the Supervisory Board of Uzmetkombinat JSC (UZMK);
- Uzagroexportbank JSCB approved the change of the name to AVO Bank JSCB;
- Grid Solitions LLC became the owner of 51.28% of the equity of Elektrqishloqqurilish JSC (EQQU);
- Six months after the Agency for Strategic Reforms got control over the 31 leading SOEs, they were transferred back to the Ministry of Economy and Finance, following the recent reshuffle in the Presidential administration and ministries. The MoEF also obtained the voting rights for the state share in 9 banks and Uzmetkombinat JSC (UZMK), which are owned by UFRD.
- UzSAMA accepted three potential investors to the binding offer stage for the privatization of a 51% stake in Biokimyo JSC (BIOK) with the deadline of submission of BOs by September 22, 2023.

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