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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
JSC "Elektrqishloqqurilish"	EQQU	Construction	908,523,008	71	369,000.00	-41.98%	33.73%
JSC "O'zQEQ"	UQEQ	Construction	399,302,520	23	14,600.00	27.62%	14.82%
JSC "Ohangaronsement"	OHSM	Cement	186,588,668	5	391,993.00	0.00%	6.93%
JSC "UzAuto Motors"	UZMT	Automobile	162,004,199	84	70,999.99	1.57%	6.01%
JSC "O"zmetkombinat"	UZMK	Metallurgy	149,651,365	402	7,301.00	-8.74%	5.56%
JSC "O"zRTXB"	URTS	Service	133,962,897	264	18,450.00	1.82%	4.97%
JSC "Hamkorbank"	HMKB	Bank	83,281,927	1,006	50.00	-5.66%	3.09%
JSC "O'zmetkombinat"	UZM1	Metallurgy	73,592,258	162	2,300.00	-1.71%	2.73%
JSC "Quvasoycement"	KSCM	Cement	60,963,946	8	226,666.00	-16.05%	2.26%
JSC "Kapital sug"urta"	KASU	Insurance	52,337,083	1,351	0.02	0.00%	1.94%
	Others		483,654,770	14,867			17.95%
	Total		**2,693,862,640**	**18,243**			**100.00%**

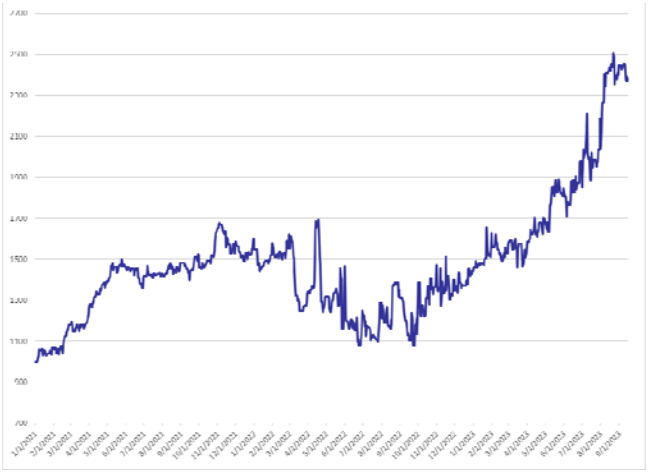
During the reporting period, the Tashkent Stock Exchange recorded one of the lowest trading volumes - almost 2.7bln UZS, which is 3.3 times lower than the trading volume of the previous period. 81 types of securities were actively traded on the exchange, but turnover was minimal due to low M&A activity. Among the participants in the overall result, EQQU stood out with just 71 transactions, accounting for more than 33.7% of the total volume. It is followed by UQEQ, whose share was 14.8%. OHSM and UZMT also made significant contributions - 6.9% and 6% respectively.

The stock whose closing price rose the most was UQEQ with a notable 27.6% gain to close at 14,600.

URTS and UZMT also showed a slight increase in closing prices, showing an increase of 1.8% and 1.5%, respectively.

On the other hand, KSCM experienced a significant decline of 16% to close at 226,666, while UZMK and HMKB posted declines of 8.7% and 5.7% respectively.

AVEX Index



	9/15/2023	Change in 1D in %	Change in 3M in %	Change in 1Y in %
AWACRI	20.47%	0.00%	0.00%	7.80%
AVEX	2,383.25	0.54%	30.30%	111.22%
USD/UZS	12,154.0	-0.07%	5.89%	11.25%
EUR/UZS	13,037.6	-0.09%	5.13%	19.19%
RUB/UZS	126.5	-0.24%	-7.32%	-30.86%

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Weekly News:

ECONOMICS

- Government investing into Agrobank JSCB (AGBA) additional 350bln UZS at 1,168 UZS per share. Notable, that market price is 580 UZS per share.
- Tariffs for electricity and natural gas for industrial consumers increases 2-2.7 times.
- Minimal consumption limits for electricity and updated tariffs for population will be introduced in 2024.
- Uzbekistan-2030 strategy approved by the President.
- Foreign reserves decreased by almost $1bln down to $32.7bln. Physical gold reserves increased by 0.3mln ounces up to 12.1mln ounces.
- Construction of residential, administrative and commercial satellite district to Tashkent - New Tashkent - approved according to the design of UK-based Cross Works studio.
- Central Bank kept the key rate at 14%.
- Central Bank limited the share of auto car loans for banks to 25% of the total portfolio. Banks have to comply with this criterion within a year. This can negatively affect profitability of top retail banks, which were active in this segment and derived large portion of their profits from it.
- Number of real estate deals in August broke the record since 2020 and increased by 6% y-o-y.

BUSINESS

- Mortgage Refinancing Company JSC approved (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74485/) decision to place corporate bonds under the private placement procedure.
- Ravnaqbank JSCB (RQBN) approved (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74427/) the decision to change the name into Octobank and to increase the capital by 300bln UZS.
- Uzbekistan agreed on restructuring of $1bln debt to UzKorGas - a 50/50 joint venture between Uzbekneftegaz JSC (UZNG) and Korean companies for natural gas.
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- Biznes Centr Samarqand JSC (BCSK) is included into official listing of the Tashkent Stock Exchange.
- Uzbek company purchased equipment to turn waste tyre into oil.
- Powerchina starting the construction of solar power station in Andijan. First phase should be commissioned by May 2024.

Overview:

- Uzbektelecom JSC (UZTL) increased (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74584/) it stake in Aloqabank JSCB (ALKB) up to 22.03%.
- Supervisory Board of Trastbank JSCB (TRSB) recommende (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74562/)d to pay 1,462 UZS divs for 1H2023.
- Mr.Alexander Veksler consolidated (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74507/) 100% of Seal Mag JSC.
- Mr.Iskandar Tursunov announced (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74260/) the offer to minorities of Ravnaq Bank JSCB (RBQB) at 1,000 UZS per share to consolidate their shares.
- Asia Alliance Group JV LLC became (https://openinfo.uz/ru/facts/74232/) the owner of 77.3% of equity of Asia Alliance Bank JSCB
- 75% stake in Uzcard transferred to IMC-Capital. Recently company was privatized and owned by 4 individuals.

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