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Weekly Review
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OVERVIEW OF THE TASHKENT STOCK EXCHANGE

Company	Ticker	Sectors	Trading volume (UZS)	Number of transactions	Close price (UZS)	Weekly %	Share in total turnover
Octobank	RBQB	Bank	1,374,275,812	7	5,500	-0.56%	33.20%
Urganchkormmash	URGK	Mechanical engineering	1,270,026,924	1	1,300	0.00%	30.68%
Elektroqishloqqurilish	EQQU	Consutruction materials	375,915,000	11	371,000	0.00%	9.08%
Uzbek Commodity Exchange	URTS	Service	262,034,521	232	17,700	-1.12%	6.33%
Biznes Finans	BFMT3V2	Bank	241,492,235	5	101,479.45	0.44%	5.83%
Hamkorbank	HMKB	Bank	110,518,638	525	74.99	13.59%	2.67%
Ohangaronsement	OHSM	Cement industry	94,078,320	2	391,993	0.00%	2.27%
O'zbekgeofizika	UZGF	Oil and gas industry	64,071,066	58	35,749	2.14%	1.55%
Uzmetkombinat	UZMK	Metallurgy	48,849,968	210	6,799	-0.01%	1.18%
Aloqabank	ALKB	Bank	30,826,367	211	90.5	0.57%	0.74%
	Others		266,934,513	8,945			6.45%
	Total		**4,139,023,365**	**10,207**			**100.00%**

During this week's trading period, the Tashkent Stock Exchange saw a trading volume of 4.1bln UZS, only a 7.2% decrease from the previous week. A total of 85 types of securities were traded, three more than in the previous period.

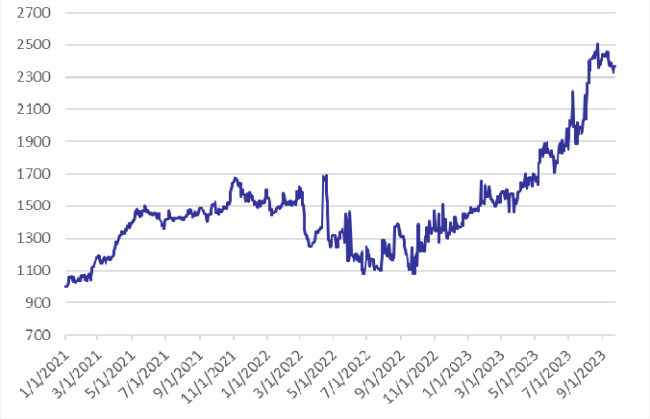
Among the traded securities, RBQB and URGK accounted for the majority of the trading volume. RBQB represented 33.2% of the volume, driven by a large deal worth 1.37bln UZS. URGK contributed 30.68% of the volume through a single deal worth 1.27bln UZS, with shares priced at 22,523 UZS per share as part of the company's privatization process.

Additionally, EQQU and URTS made up 9.08% and 6.33% of the trading volume, respectively.

HMKB's closing price went up by almost 14% presumably due to the positive results released for 9M2023. However, apart from HMKB, no significant price decreases or increases were observed among the top 10 securities.

AVEX decreased by 4% during the week.

AVEX Index



10/20/2023		Daily %	3M %	Yearly %
AWACRI	20.89%	0.00%	2.02%	-1.90%
AVEX	2,776.78	-0.43%	39.71%	112.74%
USD/UZS	12,231.0	0.20%	5.44%	9.71%
EUR/UZS	12,897.6	-0.03%	-0.99%	17.83%
RUB/UZS	125.7	0.13%	-0.83%	-30.60%

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Weekly News:

ECONOMICS

- GDP growth for 9M2023 reached 5.8% and forecasted growth for 2023 is 5.6%.
- Foreign reserves decreased by $1.7bln down to $31bln, including $23bln in gold (12.3mln ounces, +0.2mln ounces) in September.
- Germany included Uzbekistan in the list of countries with preferential regimes of investments - German companies will be able to attract subsidized funding for investments in Uzbekistan.
- Chinese government to grant $28mln for construction of 20MW wind power station in Tashkent region.
- China Energy Engineering Corporation to launch the cement plant in Samarkand and start construction of a hybrid power station in Navoi.
- Uzbekistan increased the export of uranium to EU by 2.7 times, substituting the part of Russian supply.
- Car sales in September increased by 18% y-o-y. EV cars sales decreased m-o-m for the first time in 2023.
- ADB to provide $170mln including $65mln of grant funds to popularize the EV vehicles usage.
- Amount of remittances from Kazakhstan for 8M2023 decreased by 11.4% down to $374.8mln.

BUSINESS

- China Southern Power Grid International and Uzbekhydroenergy JSC signed the contract for construction of hydropower station Yukori Pskem with 600MW capacity and $1bln project cost.
- Kusto Group plans to open 55 new Wendy's restaurants in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.
- China CAMC Engineering interested in hydro infrastructure projects in Uzbekistan.
- AKFA Group became the owner of 50% stake in Feed Up Eco fast-food chain.
- UzAuto Motors JSC (UZMT) increased prices for the main car models.
- Gazpromoil will help Uzbekneftegaz JSC (UZNG) to introduce new drilling technologies to faster the process by 20%.
- Two Uzbek venture capital funds co-invested $4.1mln into Kazakh MedTech start-up CerebraAI with pre-money valuation of $12mln.
- One of the largest Chinese private manufacturers Amer International to open a regional office in Tashkent.
- Russian Tehnonikol to invest $13.3mln into the construction of a thermal insulation materials production facility in Angren.

Overview:

- Hamkorbank JSCB (HMKB) attracted $35mln loan from JICA.
- Mssrs.Sharipov Tokhir Mirakhimovich and Parpiev Dilmuradjon Batyrovich increased their stakes in Trastbank JSCB (TRSB) by 9.64%) (up to 21.9%) and 10.84% respectively;

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