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OVERVIEW OF THE TASHKENT STOCK EXCHANGE

Company	Ticker	Sectors	Trading volume (UZS)	Number of transactions	Closing price (UZS)	Weekly %	Share in total turnover
Imkon Finans	IMKF3	Bank	1,109,784,141	24	1,000,000	0.09%	18.12%
Hamkor Invest Lizing	HKIL3	Leasing	1,035,000,000	2	1,000,000	0.00%	16.90%
Elektroqishloqqurilish	EQQU	Consutruction materials	954,560,000	38	369,000	0.00%	15.58%
Hamkorbank	HMKB	Bank	633,347,449	1,029	57.99	11.52%	10.34%
Biznes Finans	BFMT3V2	Bank	403,147,076	21	101,701.37	0.81%	6.58%
Uzmetkombinat	UZMK	Metallurgy	355,707,986	594	6,000	-5.51%	5.81%
UzAuto Motors	UZMT	Automotive industry	332,880,746	134	69,990	0.15%	5.43%
Octobank	OCBK	Bank	313,465,867	38	3,840	-23.20%	5.12%
Uzbek Commodity Exchange	URTS	Service	301,207,954	421	17,249	-0.29%	4.92%
Ohangaroncement	OHSM	Cement	76,047,649	3	391,993	0.00%	1.24%
	Others		610,487,448	11,738			9.97%
	Total		**6,125,636,316**	**14,042**			**100.00%**

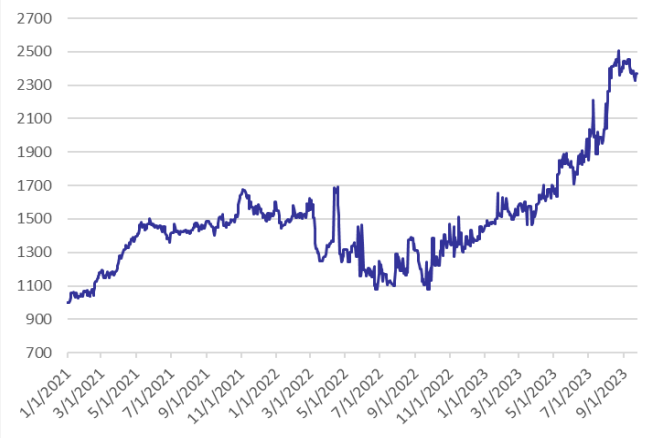
During the trading period, the Tashkent Stock Exchange saw a trading volume of 6.13bln UZS, marking a 48.6% decrease from the previous two weeks. The total number of traded securities increased by five, reaching a total of 88.

The majority of the trading volume came from transactions involving IMKF3 and HKIL3 bonds, contributing 18.12% and 16.9%, respectively. Another bond issuance by Biznes Finans is also in TOP-5, so in general corporate bonds covered more than 2.5bln UZS turnover, which is relatively high compared to previous periods. Next in the table were EQQU and HMKB, representing 15.58% and 10.34% of the total volume.

HMKB's closing price rebounded with an 11.52% increase, recovering from a drop to 52 UZS, returning to 57.99 UZS. OCBK's (ex. RBQB) price fell by 23.2% and UZMK's price declined to 6,000 UZS, down by 5.51%, despite the relatively good financial reporting and positive process of new workshop.

AVEX increased by 2% during these two weeks.

AVEX Index



11/24/2023		Daily %	3M %	Yearly %
AWACRI	20.89%	0.00%	2.02%	-1.90%
AVEX	2,485.55	0.96%	5.49%	86.86%
USD/UZS	12,305.0	0.13%	1.97%	9.64%
EUR/UZS	13,440.7	0.32%	3.03%	15.99%
RUB/UZS	139.6	0.23%	9.17%	-24.70%

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Weekly News:

ECONOMICS

- The European Union has extended the validity of the GSP+ General System of Preferences for Uzbekistan until December 31, 2027;
- Banking NPL reached 3.6% as of November 1st, 2023, including an average of 4% for state-owned banks and 2.8% for private;
- The 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference will be held in Samarkand in 2025;
- In October, the number of real estate transactions decreased by 10% compared to the previous month and by 6.7% y-o-y;
- Export increased by 29.1% up to $20.47bln, including 2.3 times growth in gold export up to $6.87bln, while the non-gold export increased by just 5.6% in 10M2023. Import increased by 22.7% up to $30.5bln with almost 1.5 times growth in equipment import up to $11.7bln;
- The production of coal in the Surkhandarya region may be increased four times up to 2mln tonnes;
- Uzbekistan is in 23rd place in the World for the cheapest internet connection;
- Namangan region administration discussed the possibility of attraction of $1bln funding from Deutsche Bank and Euler Hermes;

BUSINESS

- Italian Eurotecnica Contractors and Engineers S.p.A plan to launch the melamine production in Uzbekistan;
- ACWA Power won another tender for 200MW wind power station in Karakalpakstan with $0.0409/kW/h tariff;
- Turkish payment service Turan plans to enter the Uzbek market;
- Chinese Hichain Supply Chain plans to construct logistics centers in Andijan, Navoi and Karakalpakstan;
- Russian coffee shop chain, Stars Coffee (successor of Starbucks operations) plans to enter Uzbekistan and other Central Asian countries next year;
- Alif Capital Holdings to raise $50mln through Sukuk (Islamic bonds) issuance for expansion of its Uzbekistan subsidiary, Alif Moliya;
- Surhan Gas Chemical Operating Company plans to launch a $2.9bln plant in May 2024;
- InDrive launches ventures and M&A arm to invest $100M in startups across emerging markets including Central Asia;

Overview:

- UzRTSB JSC (RTS) to deposit 100 bln UZS inTrastbank JSCB (TRSB) under 18% interest rate;
- Uzbekistan Currency Exchange as a shareholder approved the first issuance of the shares of the National Clearing Center JSC;
- Mr.Tursunov Iskandar Baxtinurovich increased his share in Octobank JSCB (OCBK) up to 93.46%;
- Tashkent Stock Exchange announced the change of the tickers due to the change in the name of the "Qishloq Qurilish Bank" to the "Biznesni Rivojlantirish Banki"- BRBN (ex.KKBN); Correspondingly, preferred shares of the company renamed to BRBNP (ex. KKBNP);
- Fitch affirms BB- rating with Stable outlook for UzAuto Motors JSC (UZMT);
- WB published the Country Climate and Development Report 2023 for Uzbekistan. Green exports could bring an additional $2bln, while the full cancellation of energy subsidies could add up to 5% GDP growth in the transition process.

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