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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
Hamkor Invest Lizing	HKIL3	Leasing	5,000,000,000	1	1,000,000	0.00%	57.72%
Elektroqishloqqurilish	EQQU	Consutruction materials	971,324,000	30	369,000	0.00%	11.21%
Ohangaroncement	OHSM	Cement	378,273,245	4	391,993	0.00%	4.37%
Uzbektelecom	UZTLP	Telecommunications	334,346,599	1,273	3,750	-46.43%	3.86%
Hamkorbank	HMKB	Bank	333,556,586	1,043	59	1.74%	3.85%
Uzmetkombinat	UZMK	Metallurgy	273,955,844	490	6,200	3.33%	3.16%
Uzbek Commodity Exchange	URTS	Service	270,568,316	433	17,150	-0.57%	3.12%
Biznes Finans	BFMT3V2	Bank	116,320,180	11	100,665.75	-1.02%	1.34%
Qizilqumcement	QZSM	Cement	99,393,530	352	2,940	4.06%	1.15%
UzAuto Motors	UZMT	Automotive industry	87,668,189	85	69,985	-0.01%	1.01%
	Others		797,198,968	16,142			9.20%
	Total		**8,662,605,455**	**19,864**			**100.00%**

During the trading period, the Tashkent Stock Exchange saw a trading volume of 8.62bln UZS, indicating an increase of 41.4% compared to the previous two weeks. The total number of traded securities was 88, two less than the previous period.

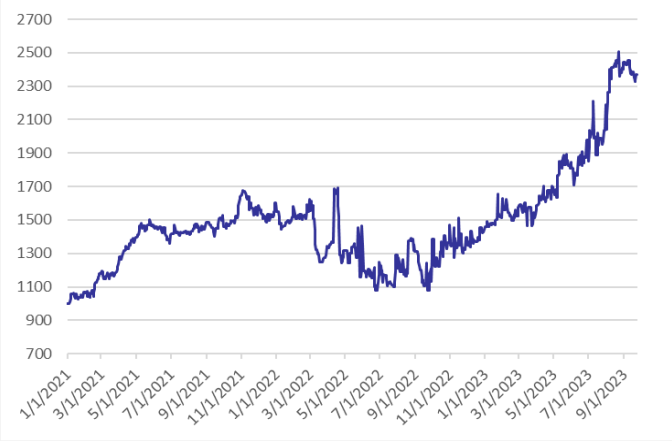
More than half of the turnover was generated by a single bond transaction of HKIL3, contributing 57.7% to the overall volume. EQQU accounted for 11.2% of the turnover, while OHSM contributed 4.4%. Interestingly, the prices of these top three securities remained unchanged throughout the period.

UZTLP entered the top ranking, securing the fourth position; however, it experienced a decline of 46.43% in its closing price.

Among the liquid stocks, HMKB, UZMK, and QZSM saw a slight increase in their closing prices. On the other hand, URTS, BFMT3V2, and UZMT experienced a moderate decline in their closing prices.

AVEX increased by 0.2% during these two weeks.

AVEX Index



12/8/2023		Daily %	3M %	Yearly %
AWACRI	20.89%	0.00%	1.55%	-2.36%
AVEX	2,490.74	-0.50%	1.69%	73.69%
USD/UZS	12,305.2	0.13%	1.34%	9.04%
EUR/UZS	13,278.5	-0.25%	1.89%	12.13%
RUB/UZS	132.0	-1.63%	6.38%	-26.36%

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Weekly News:

ECONOMICS

- In October, Uzbekistan sold 11 tons of gold, which makes it the largest seller of gold in the world;
- Uzbekistan's venture capital attracted $4mln in 1H2023, marking a six times y-o-y growth;
- ADB to provide $100mln to support small and medium-sized businesses;
- Germany to provide 9mln EUR for the development of the "green" industry of Uzbekistan;
- EBRD to provide $45mln to Ipak Yuli Bank JSCB (IPKY), including a $20mln UZS-denominated loan from GEFF Uzbekistan II facility to improve access to green and climate technologies, and $25mln under trade finance program;
- $50mln will be allocated for the construction of two tourist zones in the Kashkadarya region;
- Inflation in November reached 1.1% or 8.8% y-o-y;
- WB to provide $50mln for the "Digital inclusion" initiative aimed at developing the digital economy and IT skills of young people in rural and remote areas until 2029;
- Uzbekistan Textile Association (UzTextile) delegation will visit the UK to promote Uzbekistan's growing textile sector;

BUSINESS

- Kazakhstan's online temporary hiring service EasyTap plans to launch in Uzbekistan in 2024;
- Swiss company Rieter opened its first service center in Uzbekistan;
- DataVolt to develop green data centers in Uzbekistan;
- Russian sports goods retailer "Sportmaster" opened its first store in Uzbekistan;
- Papa John's pizza chain to open 6 locations in Uzbekistan;
- Local companies Art Soft Holding and Sassa Group to build a large textile factory in Kyrgyzstan for $31mln by the end of 2024;
- Japanese ITOCHU to invest in the automotive industry in Uzbekistan;
- Dutch retailer SPAR to enter the Uzbek market in 2024 and partner with Korzinka;
- Korzinka retail chain announced the attraction of a $25mln loan from IFC to finance the construction of a new distribution center;
- Nüma Tourism to represent Uzbekistan in German-speaking markets;

Overview:

- S&P stopped monitoring the rating of UCG (controlling shareholder of three cement plants in Uzbekistan) at the B+ level due to insufficient disclosure of information;
- S&P affirmed the B+ rating of Almalyk Mining JSC (AGMK) with a Stable forecast;
- S&P first downgraded the rating of Uzbekneftegaz JSC (UZNG) from BB- to B+ then revised the outlook from Stable to Negative;
- S&P affirmed Uzbekistan's BB-/B foreign and local currency sovereign credit ratings; The outlook remains Stable;
- Uzkabel JSC (ex;UZKB) announced the date of an EGM to approve the decision to purchase the stake in Hayat Power Cable Systems JV LLC;
- Toshkent Mexanika Zavodi JSC (former TAPOiCh) approved the decision to sell the stake in Steel Property Construction LLC, which is one of the leading producers of sandwich panels in Uzbekistan; The company also approved the decision to increase state share by accepting 3.71he land plot from UzSAMA;
- UzRTSB JSC (URTS) approved the decision to increase the limit for sponsorship expenses from 15 to 20bln UZS.

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