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Uzbekistan Weekly

Weekly Review
June 03 – 14, 2024

OVERVIEW OF THE TASHKENT STOCK EXCHANGE

Company	Ticker	Sectors	Trading volume (UZS)	Number of transactions	Closing price (UZS)	Weekly %	Share in total turnover
Uzparavtotrans	UPAT	Transportation	3,757,875,726	1	85,137.31	0.00%	64.90%
Imkon Finans	IFMT4	Microfinance	629,000,000	18	1,000,000	0.00%	10.86%
Biznes Finans	BFMT3V2	Microfinance	485,212,647	86	101,405.48	0.51%	8.38%
UzAuto Motors	UZMT	Automotive Industry	248,765,564	64	67,000	6.18%	4.30%
Matbuot tarqatuvchi	MATA	Service	127,744,000	7	17,000	0.00%	2.21%
Ipoteka-bank	IPTB	Bank	79,344,152	10,790	1.12	0.00%	1.37%
Uzmetkombinat	UZMK	Metallurgy	76,415,183	81	4,800	2.13%	1.32%
Uzbek Commodity Exchange	URTS	Service	66,962,651	228	14,500	0.00%	1.16%
Uzbekinvest	UZINP	Insurance	46,081,552	51	1,500	0.00%	0.80%
Dori-Darmon	DORI	Pharmaceutical	45,635,702	68	9,500	-2.06%	0.79%
	Others		227,035,481	3,397			3.92%
	Total		**5,790,072,659**	**14,791**			**100.00%**

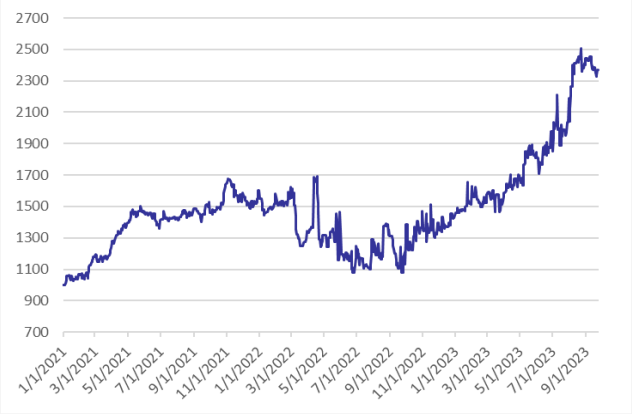
During the week, trading volume on the Tashkent Stock Exchange reached 5.8bln UZS, which is a 70.5% increase compared to the previous week's volume. The number of securities traded totaled 67, eight less than the previous week.

UPAT accounted for nearly 65% of the turnover with a single M&A transaction for 3.8bln UZS at 85,137.31 UZS per share. Bond transactions followed by, with BFMT3V2 and IFMT4 together contributing to 19.2% of the total trading volume. Another M&A-related transaction with MATA shares took place this week for 127.8mln UZS at 17,000 UZS per share which contributed only 2.2% to the turnover.

Despite the regular trading activity during the week, there was no significant price volatility among the top 10 by volume securities. UZMT and UZMK closing prices increased by 6.2% and 2.1%, respectively. Conversely, DORI's closing price declined by 2.1%.

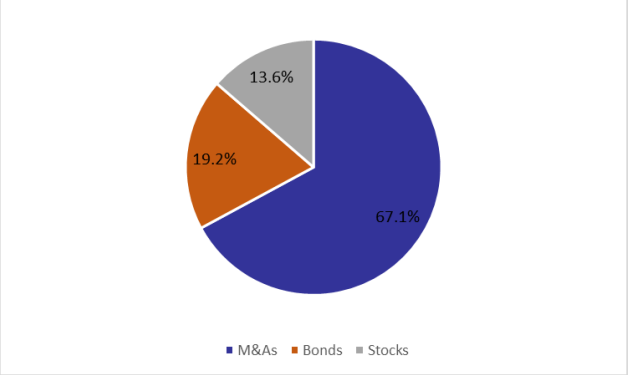
AVEX decreased by 2.5% during the week.

AVEX Index



6/14/2024		Daily %	3M %	Yearly %
AWACRI	21.82%	0.00%	0.92%	6.59%
AVEX	2,785.6	-0.60%	1.18%	49.98%
USD/UZS	12,614.8	0.02%	0.55%	10.03%
EUR/UZS	13,626.5	0.41%	-0.57%	9.99%
RUB/UZS	143.3	1.26%	4.61%	4.77%

Turnover breakdown (June 03-14, 2024)



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- Uzum ecosystem to abandon the merger with Click to focus on its own finech services;
- Afghan Zalal Mowafaq to construct a plant for $130mln for manufacturing non-alcoholic beverages;
- Average rent yield decreased by 10% in 5M2024;
- Car sales in May increased by 36.5% y-o-y and reached 90k units. EV car sales increased by 30% compared to the previous month;
- In 2023, Uzbekistan accounted for 10% of uranium supplies to the US;
- The Central Bank kept the key rate at 14%;
- WB updated the GDP growth forecast for Uzbekistan for 2024 from 5.5% to 5.3%;
- There are no free high-quality warehouses left in Uzbekistan, their number decreased from 4.5% to 0% in 1Q2024;
- Cargo flights from China to Uzbekistan started this week;
- Average local currency retail deposit rate reached 21.6% (+0.2%) in April;
- Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan signed an agreement for the preparation of the construction and operation of the Kambarata-1 hydropower plant in Kyrgyzstan;
- Foreign reserves reached a record $36.6bln (+4.3%);
- Fitch outlines the risks in the banking sector due to increased retail lending, stronger regulations might help reduce retail loan quality risks for banks. Asset-quality pressures are expected to rise in 2024-2025 as legacy loans become a concern. Retail loans grew by 39% CAGR from 2019-2023 and by 50% annually in 2022-2023. Cash unsecured loans alone increased by 58% in 1Q2024;
- The Central Bank of Uzbekistan invested in foreign government securities to diversify its reserves;

Overview:

- The supervisory board of the Biokimyo JSC (BIOK) recommended to pay 2,400 UZS per share dividends;
- Uzbekistan Airports JSC established Airports Training Center LLC;
- TBC Bank JSCB to provide 25bln UZS loan to TBC Fin Service LLC;
- Hamkorbank JSCB (HMKB) approved the decision not to pay dividends for 2023FY.
- Uzvtorcvetmet JSC (UIRM) approved the decision not to pay dividends for 2023FY;
- Akhangarancement JSC (ex.OHSM) approved the decision not to pay dividends for 2023FY;
- Fitch affirms BB- rating with Stable outlook for Almalyk Mining JSC (AGMK);
- Fitch assigned TBC Bank Uzbekistan BB- rating with Stable outlook.

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