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OVERVIEW OF THE TASHKENT STOCK EXCHANGE

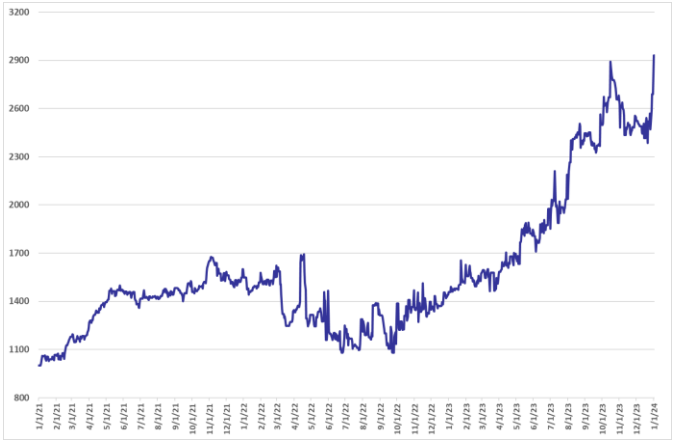
Company	Ticker	Sectors	Trading volume (UZS)	Number of transactions	Closing price (UZS)	Weekly %	Share in total turnover
Universal Bank	UNVB	Bank	40,005,606,517	28	11,996	34.79%	66.82%
Ipoteka-bank	IPTB	Bank	6,901,423,885	7,703	1.39	25.23%	11.53%
Ipoteka-bank pref	IPTBP	Bank	4,879,291,565	257	3.67	9.88%	8.15%
Muborak paxta tozalash	MKPT	Cotton	2,563,572,144	1	75,448	0.00%	4.28%
Uzbek Commodity Exchange	URTS	Service	958,816,054	436	14,792	4.02%	1.60%
Biznes Finans	BFMT3V2	Microfinance	913,023,866	232	100,592	-1.16%	1.52%
Urganch sharob	UGSR	Beverage Industry	600,009,396	1	4,298	0.00%	1.00%
Matbuot tarqatuvchi	MATA	Service	509,830,000	5	17,000	0.00%	0.85%
Uzmetkombinat	UZMK	Metallurgy	509,239,482	487	3,760	-8.25%	0.85%
UzAuto Motors	UZMT	Automotive Industry	460,232,424	204	66,400	2.15%	0.77%
	Others		1,572,550,846	6,508			2.63%
	Total		**59,873,596,179**	**15,862**			**100.00%**

During the given period, trading on the Tashkent Stock Exchange amounted to 59.9bln UZS, which is 20.3 times higher than the previous period. This difference in volumes is due to M&A transactions involving UNVB (for 40bln UZS at 11,996 UZS per share shares), MKPT (for 2.6bln UZS at 75,448 UZS per share) and UGSR (for 600mln UZS at 4,298 UZS per share) shares which accounted for 73% of this period's turnover. However, there were no M&A transactions during the previous period, leading to a substantial increase in overall trading volumes this time. Excluding the impact of M&As, the turnover still decreased by 5.1 times compared to the previous period. The number of securities traded totaled 67, ten less than the previous period.

BFMT3V2 and IFMT4 together accounted only for around 7% of the total volume (excluding the M&As). Among stocks, IPTB and IPTBP were the top contributors, accounting for 42.6% and 30.1% of the turnover, respectively.

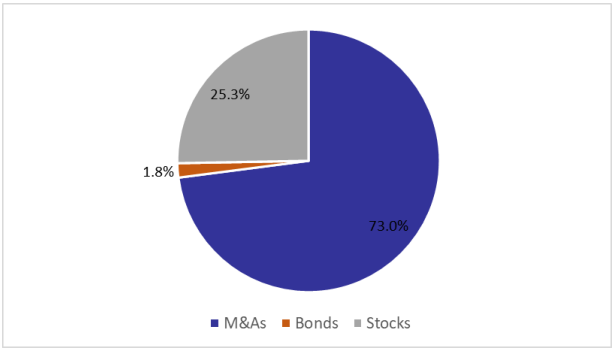
The closing price of UNVB, IPTB and IPTBP increased the most, by 34.8%, 25.2% and 9.9%, respectively. Conversely, UZMK experienced a price decline of 8.3%.
AVEX decreased by 0.1% during these two weeks.

AVEX Index



8/2/2024		Daily %	3M %	Yearly %
AWACRI	21.81%	0.84%	0.84%	6.51%
AVEX	2,549.64	1.03%	-17.65%	19.84%
USD/UZS	12,574.9	0.25%	-0.45%	8.10%
EUR/UZS	13,553.2	-0.20%	0.55%	6.16%
RUB/UZS	146.5	0.59%	9.04%	15.76%

Turnover breakdown (Jul 22 – Aug 02, 2024)



Weekly News:

ECONOMICS

- The Chinese company to invest $50mln to build a mining complex in the Tashkent region, which will produce 2.4mln tons of ore per year and create 450 new jobs;
- Foreign trade turnover in 1H2024 increased by only 8.5% and equaled $31.8bln, including a 5.5% increase in exports, up to $12.9bln and a 10.6% increase in imports, up to $18.8bln;
- In 1H2024, Uzbekistan's GDP grew by 6.4%. The budget revenue increased by 14% to 113tn UZS, yet the expenditures reached 149.8trln UZS with a budget deficit of 36.8trln UZS;
- Central Bank decreased the key rate by 0.5% down to 13.5% - the lowest level since June 2017;
- IFC placed another round of UZS-denominated bonds in London for 250bln UZS/$20mln equivalent with maturity date in April 2030;
- In 1H2024, the volume of remittances to Uzbekistan increased by 25% to $6.5bln. Particularly, Russia's share decreased from 81-82% in 2022 to 77% - $4.95bln;
- India's Jakson Green received a $35mln loan from First Abu Dhabi Bank(FAB) to build a solar power plant in Bukhara Region, which includes a 250 MW solar farm and a 126 MWh electricity storage complex;
- Asaka Motors International has entered into a long-term partnership agreement to start the production of 6 Hyundai car models in Uzbekistan;
- In 1H2024, Uzbekistan produced 72.9k tons of vegetable oil, an increase by 18.2%;
- Deflation in July reached 0.28% or an annualized inflation of 10.5%;
- BMB Holding started exporting saffron from Bakhmal district to China;

Overview:

- SQB JSCB (SQBN) placed bonds on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) in two tranches totaling nearly $579mln:
- - 5-year maturity USD-denominated bonds for $400mln at 8.95%;
- - 3-year maturity UZS-denominated bonds for 2.25trln UZS ($179mln) at 21%.
- Fitch ratings has assigned Uzbekistan-based “Xalq Banki” JSC (XKBK) a ‘B’ rating with a stable outlook;
- Uzbekistan Mortgage Refinancing Company JSC (UzMRC) attracted a $45mln loan from the IFC;
- Kvarts JSC (KVTS) attracted a $8mln loan from Asakabank JSCB.

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