

Georgian Weekly Market Watch (July 21 - July 25)

Market comment

Last week, London traded Bank of Georgia Holdings (BGEO LN) closed at GBP 25.16 (-0.36% w/w). During the week, more than 300 000 shares were traded in the range of GBP 24.95 – 25.85. TBC Bank closed the week at US14.25 (+1.8% w/w), more than 124 000 GDRs changed hands in the range of US13.97 – 14.40.

In the debt world, Bank of Georgia (GEBGG 07/17, +0.2% to 107.8), Georgian Railway (GRAIL 07/22, +0.2% to 113.9), Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation (GEOROG, +0.1% to 107.6) and Georgian Sovereign (GEORG 04/21, +0.2% to 113.8) Eurobond prices all went up.

On the Georgian stock exchange, only Liberty Bank shares were traded at GEL 0.0155 (unchanged w/w). As a result, BG Index remained at the same level 911.7 (unchanged w/w).

Money market

Last week, the National Bank of Georgia (NBG) issued 7-day refinancing loans in the amount of GEL 550mn with an average yield amounting 4.01% (+0.25% w/w). NBG also sold 182-day, GEL 20mn certificates of deposits. The average yield was 4.22% (down by 5bps).

As for treasury debt, the nearest treasury securities auction is scheduled for July 30, 2014, where GEL 30mn nominal value 1-year T-Bills will be sold.

Economy

Georgia's external merchandise trade, 1H14

Last week, GeoStat reported external merchandise trade (excluding non-organized trade) turnover at US\$ 5,448mn (+16% y/y) in 1H14. The value of export grew by 15% y/y reaching US\$ 1,419mn, while the import grew by 16% y/y and amounted to US\$ 4,028mn. The trade deficit stood at US\$ 2,609mn, which accounted for 48% share in total trade turnover.

Exchange rate

Georgian national currency appreciates against USD and EUR

According to the official exchange rate of the NBG, during the week Georgian Lari has appreciated against USD and EUR. 1 US Dollar equalled GEL1.7526 (-0.1% w/w) and 1 EUR reached to GEL 2.3571 (-0.06% w/w).

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