

# 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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