

## **Weekly Market Monitor**

June 18, 2019

## **Stock Market Update**

### Equity

Ukrainian equities listed in Kyiv extended their downward move last week, with the start of the slow summer trading season making local investors less active on the market. Among the main headlines for the week, the IMF officials confirmed that cooperation with Ukraine could be resumed after the completion of parliamentary elections in the country late next month. Meanwhile, the Finance Ministry used a window on the international market to raise EUR 1.0bn through a placement of 7-year Eurobonds at 6.75%. The final yield for the issue was lower than initial guidance of 7.125% due to solid demand of EUR 5.5bn for the bond from investors.

The PFTS index edged down by 0.4% to close at 552 points. UkrNafta (UNAF) took the most points from the gauge, falling 1.8% to UAH 161 per share despite an encouraging report that the company is satisfied with a new natural gas infrastructure project in cooperation with JKX Oil&Gas (JKX) in Poltava province. In the utility sector stocks, both CentrEnergo (CEEN) and DonbasEnergo (DOEN) were unchanged, with the former remaining at UAH 11.80. Raiffeisen Bank Aval (BAVL) added 0.7% to 30.20 kopecks, ending the stock's post-dividend correction that had been running since mid-May.

In London trading, Ferrexpo (FXPO) remained on a growth trajectory, advancing by 5.9% to GBp 261 per share as it continues to recover from a charity-related corporate scandal that knocked more that 20% off the share price in April. Poultry producer MHP (MHPC) climbed by 2.5% to USD 10.25 after the company posted mixed financial results for 1Q19.

Warsaw-listed Kernel (KER) was little changed at PLN 48.85, the PLN 50 line once again acting as a resistance level for the stock. Astarta (AST) edged up 0.4% to PLN 24.40.

On the currency front, the hryvnia nearly flat against the dollar, ending at  $26.47\ \text{UAH/USD}$ 

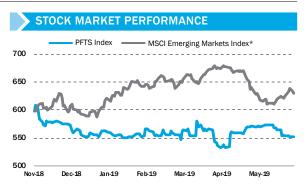
## **Highlights**

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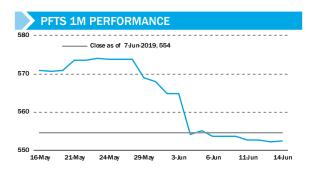
### STOCKS IN THE NEWS

MHP's 1Q Net Profit Down 63% YoY Despite 42% Increase in Revenue



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MARKET INDEXES									
	Last	1W ch	YTD						
PFTS	552	-0.4%	-1.3%						
RTS	1344	0.9%	25.8%						
WIG20	2283	-0.1%	-0.8%						
MSCI EM	1015	0.8%	5.1%						
S&P 500	2889	0.2%	15.2%						



FIXED INCO	ME		
	Last	1W ch	YTD
NBU Key Rate	17.5%	-0.0 p.p.	-0.5 p.p.
Ukraine-2024	7.8%	-1.4 p.p.	-2.7 p.p.
Ukraine-2032	8.6%	-0.3 p.p.	-1.5 p.p.

CURRE	CURRENCY								
	Last, UAH	1W ch	YTD						
USD	26.47	-0.1%	-4.4%						
EUR	29.69	-0.7%	-6.4%						



## **Politics and Economics**

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# William Taylor Returning as Top US Diplomat in Ukraine

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### **NEWS**

Former US Ambassador to Ukraine William Taylor will return to Kyiv as Washington's top diplomat in Ukraine, the US Embassy announced this morning (Jun 18). Taylor's official title at the embassy will be charge d'affaires, which is the highest post in the absence of a sitting ambassador. Previous ambassador Marie Yovanovitch was recalled from her appointment in May several months early, due to reported conflicts with the Trump administration. Confirming permanent US ambassadors is a lengthy process which can take half a year or longer. Taylor, who is now 72 years old, served in Kyiv from 2006 to 2009 during the presidency of Victor Yuschenko and has remained active in the US-Ukraine relationship over the past decade as a scholar and pundit.

#### COMMENTARY

We see this move to bring back Taylor, a former Navy special forces officer who is arguably the strongest ambassador that the US has sent to Ukraine in nearly 30 years of diplomatic relations, as a positive signal from the Trump administration that it is serious about remaining engaged with Kyiv at the highest level. Taylor is well-respected by the Western diplomatic and business communities and he will be expected to help guide US-Ukraine relations through the upcoming transition period of parliamentary elections and a new Cabinet of Ministers. We think that a key point in Taylor's second stint in Kyiv - which could last into 2020 - will be his interaction with US Special Envoy Kurt Volker, who answers directly to President Trump and is responsible for US role in the peace process in Eastern Ukraine. Volker had often overshadowed Yovanovitch during the past two years despite the ambassador's official status as the highest US diplomatic representative.





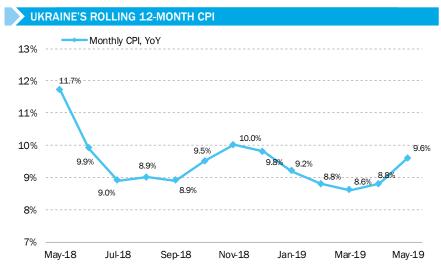


# Ukraine's Headline Inflation Jumps 0.8p.p. to 9.6% YoY in May

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### **NEWS**

Ukraine's State Statistics Committee (UkrStat) reported that rolling 12-month consumer inflation rose to 9.6% YoY in May from 8.8% in April and from 8.6% in March, according to official data released on June 10. UkrStat said that CPI inflation during the month of May alone was 0.7% MoM after 1.0% MoM for April. For 5M19 (a slightly different measurement of full-year inflation than the 12-month rolling figure) the CPI index growth was at 9.0% YoY.



Source: State Statistics Committee

### **COMMENTARY**

This notable acceleration of consumer inflation in the country is a surprise, as the summer season historically brings lower food prices. However, we assume that one of the main reasons behind the CPI growth of 0.7% MoM in May was fuel pricing, which have a time lag in Ukraine compared to global prices. The global oil price declined in the second half of May, when Brent crude fell from USD 72/bbl to the current price of USD 61/bbl, but this decline appeared too late to appear in the data. Fuel prices in Ukraine's statistics rose by a considerable 4.1% MoM in May, with the aggregate transportation price index increasing by 1.5% during the month. A separate case was for the alcohol and tobacco product prices, which grew by 1.3% MoM due to increased excises duties. Meanwhile, the health care price category in the CPI index rose by a moderate 0.3% MoM, bringing its 12-month period growth to 7.1% YoY. The utility category demonstrated an overall decline of 0.7% MoM in May after natural gas prices decreased by 4.2% MoM amid lower spot prices on major European energy hubs.

Although a pace of consumer inflation remains higher in Ukraine than anticipated, we still believe in a single digit CPI figure for the full year.







# MHP's 1Q Net Profit Down 63% YoY Despite 42% Increase in Revenue

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### MHP (MHPC LI)

Price: USD 10.25 Market Cap: USD 1,083mn

	P/B	EV/S	P/E	EV/EBITDA	Div. Yield
2018	1.1	1.7	8.5	5.8	7.3%
2019E	0.9	1.3	6.4	5.5	7.3%

### **NEWS**

London-listed poultry producer MHP reported that its net profit slumped 63% YoY to USD 33mn in 1Q19 despite revenue growth of 42% YoY to USD 436mn in the period, in financials released on Jun 12. The company's export sales rose by 65% YoY to USD 268mn, accounting for 61% of total sales. The EBITDA saw a moderate decline of 7% YoY to USD 83mn, as the EBITDA margin declined from 29% in 1Q18 to 19% this year, mainly due to higher labor costs. In the segment breakdown, poultry and vegetable oil sales accounted for 78% of revenue in 1Q19 while the remainder came from grain and other agro segment revenue.

On the balance sheet side, MHP reported that its total debt was USD 1.52bn as of Mar 31, with an 83% share of long-term liabilities in this figure and a weighted-average interest rate of 7.0%. The debt-to-EBITDA ratio was 2.6x, up from 2.3x a year earlier. MHP has a non-binding Eurobond covenant limit of 3.0x.

MHP FIN	NANCIALS		
USD mn	<b>1Q1</b> 9	1Q18	chg.
Net revenue	436	306	+42%
EBITDA	83	89	-7%
margin	19%	29%	-10 p.p.
Net Income	33	90	-63%
net margin	8%	29%	-22 p.p.

Source: Company data.

### **COMMENTARY**

MHP's bottom line for 1Q19 was below our expectations, with the company's impressive sales growth failing to translate into higher profit. Although the company said that part of the cost increase was related to larger depreciation charges after commissioning of the so-called "Phase 2" of the company's Vinnytsia poultry complex, we believe that this explanation did not fully reflect why MHP faced a considerable 10 p.p. decline in EBITDA margin in the period. Nevertheless, the company's long-term prospects remains positive, as the resent acquisition of Perutnina Ptuj in Slovenia is expected to add around 80,000 tonnes to poultry sales volume this year.

After disappointing financial results for 1Q19, we have to revise our overly optimistic forecast for MHP's net profit for FY19 from USD 250mn downward to USD 170mn. Meanwhile, we upgrade our projection for the company's revenue growth from 15% YoY to 25%, which should bring in USD 1.9bn in sales this year.

Eavex Capital has a BUY rating for MHPC with a target price of USD 16.50 per share, implying an upside of 61%.



## Recommendations

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Name	Ticker	Price, per share	Target price, per share	Upside, %	Rating	Commentary
Agriculture						
Kernel	KER PW	49.0	82.0	68%	BUY	With on-demand borrowing access, Kernel is well placed to further consolidate its position in the oilseed crushing industry. The company's sunflower oil sales grew by solid 40% YoY to 389,600 tonnes despite oilseeds processing increased by moderate 7.0% YoY in January-March 2019. Kernel's sunflower oil sales volume rose by 17.8% YoY to roughly 1.17mn tonnes for the 9 months ending Mar 31 (the company has a July-to-June reporting calendar). The company's grain trading volumes increased by 2.6x YoY to 7.97mn tonnes in the 9 months ending Mar 31 and export terminal throughput rose by 5.8% YoY to 4.71mn. The company aims to achieve EBITDA of USD 500mn by 2021.
МНР	MHPC LI	10.3	16.5	61%	BUY	MHP could start process of deleveraging which in turn would boost the company's MCap. Also the company has a declared strategy to expand its presence on the MENA and EU markets. MHP continued to increase its export sales. MHP also reported that its poultry exports rose 47% YoY to near 93,000 tonnes in 1Q19, accounting for 56% of total sales volume, up from a share of 47% a year before.
Astarta	AST PW	24.2		-	U/R	The company's net debt to EBITDA ratio surged from $1.1x$ at the end of FY17 to $5.2x$ as of end-2018. We assume that the elevated debt burden now represents a major risk for the company.
Agroton	AGT PW	3.60	12.0	233%	BUY	Agroton unveiled a strategy to increase its land bank from 122,000 ha to 200,000 ha by mid-2020 securing additional lease rights and by acquiring companies that control land plots in Luhansk and Kharkiv region.
AvangardCo	AVGR LI	0.3	0.3	20%	SELL	Avangardoo's revenue fell by 33% YoY in FY17 despite an increase in egg sales volume by 23% YoY. We attribute this negative development to weak results in the value-added egg powder segment. Avangardoo said that its egg product sales volume had plunged by 64% YoY to some 3300 tonnes, with the average pricing dropping by 23% YoY to USD 4.30/kg.
Iron Ore						
Ferrexpo	FXPO LN	264	250	-5%	HOLD	Iron ore market has seen a major shift over the past two years as China's anti-pollution drive spurs demand for cleaner ore, exploding the spreads between top-quality material and lower-grade cargoes which benefits Ferrexpo as top-quality pellets producer.
Specialized Machinery						
Motor Sich	MSICH	5390	6750	25%	BUY	Motor Sich is closing in on a solid contract with Chinese company Avicopter (AVIC) to supply helicopter engines for a Russian-Chinese project.  The shares of Motor Sich remained frozen due to an ongoing investigation conducted the Ukrainian
						Security Service (SBU) regarding change in the controlling shareholder of the company.
Oil & Gas UkrNafta	UNAF	161	270	68%	BUY	UkrNafta's fundamental value should see an immediate jump after the company reaches a deal with the government on restructuring its huge UAH 12bn tax debt. We believe that with the state owning a 50% stake in UkrNafta, the resolution of the tax debt issue is only a matter of time.
Concern Galnaftogaz	GLNG	0.27	0.33	22%	BUY	Galnaftogaz is pursuing a plan to aggressively expand its filling station network.
Regal Petroleum	RPT LN	41.0	-	_	U/R	Natgas extractor Regal Petroleum (RPT) got hammered, plunging 30% to GBp 38.00 per share after news that the Ukrainian State Geological Service issued an order to suspend production on one or Regal's licenses. The company said that it is seeking to obtain further information on the basis for the order, and is taking measures to protect its rights.
JKX Oil & Gas	JKX LN	40.4	-	-	U/R	The company's balance sheet looks healthy after it successfully restructured its Eurobonds. An overal demand for natural gas in Ukraine remains strong.
Power Utilities						
DonbasEnergo	DOEN	28.8	-	-	U/R	DonbasEnergo set the ex-rights date for its UAH 1.32 dividend payout on May 28. The actual dividend payment will be made during 3 months starting in late June.  The company confirmed its strategic plan to modernize one of its power units at the Slavyansk plant by 2022
CenterEnergo	CEEN	11.80	25.60	117%	BUY	by 2022.  The CEEN stock has been in a downward trend since October, falling from a level of UAH 18 to the current level of UAH 12 per share after yet another failed attempt to privatize the company in early December. Persisting uncertainty about whether CentrEnergo can really be privatized at a fair price has made the company a hostage of Ukrainian behind-the-scenes politics.  We forecast that CentrEnergo will earn UAH 725mn this year, representing EPS of UAH 1.96. The company has recently switched another one of its power units from expensive anthracite coal to cheaper steam coal, which should improve its electricity production profitability.
Banks						
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.302	0.47	56%	BUY	Raiffeisen Bank Aval, the Ukrainian subsidiary of Vienna-based Raiffeisen International, approved UAH 3.56bn in dividends from its full-year 2018 profit (5.79 kopecks per share). Raiffeisen Aval posted a net profit of UAH 5.09bn for FY18 (USD 187mn at the average UAH/USD rate for the period), which was 14% Y0Y higher compared FY17. We forecast that the bank will earn UAH 6.2bn in net profit in FY19, which would imply earnings per share of 10 kopecks. Raiffeisen Aval has been the most dividend rich stock in the Ukrainian equity universe since 2016. The stock's dividend yield in 2017 was 20% and in 2018 it was around 22%.

Source: Eavex Research







QUOTES AND	MULTIPLES											
Name	Ticker	Today, UAH*	Absolute 1W	performance YtD	MCap USD mn	EV USD mn	Free float	P/E 2018 201	L9E	EV/EBI 2018 2		EV/Sales 2019E
PFTS Index	UX	552	-0.4%	-1.3%								
Iron Ore Mining												
Ferrexpo	FXPO	264	5.9%	35.5%	1,962	2,301	24.0%	5.9	1.7	4.6	3.7	1.4
Railcar Manufacturing												
Kryukiv Wagon	KVBZ	13.0	0.0%	23.8%	56	24	5.0%	3.1 1:	1.5	1.2	2.3	0.1
Specialized Machinery												
Turboatom	TATM	11.8	0.0%	-14.2%	188	179	3.8%	6.7	6.8	4.4	4.3	1.9
Motor Sich	MSICH	5,390	0.0%	0.0%	423	434	24.0%	9.2	3.0	4.5	4.4	1.1
Oil & Gas												
UkrNafta	UNAF	161	-1.8%	19.7%	330	323	3.0%	1.4 (	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.1
Regal Petroleum	RPT	41.0	-2.4%	-34.9%	166	126	21.6%	4.0 10	6.6	2.3	5.7	2.5
JKX Oil	JKX	40.4	-1.7%	2.3%	88	196	50.4%	5.7	4.8	6.4	5.8	1.8
Power Utilities												
Centrenergo	CEEN	11.80	0.0%	-12.6%	165	154	21.7%	9.0	6.5	4.0	3.9	0.3
Donbasenergo	DOEN	28.75	0.0%	-9.9%	26	32	14.2%	6.7 10	0.0	1.4	1.7	0.1
Consumer												
MHP	MHPC	10.25	2.5%	-5.1%	1,083	2,604	34.1%	8.5	5.4	5.8	5.5	1.3
Kernel	KER	48.95	0.3%	-2.5%	1,032	1,654	61.8%	19.8	1.9	7.4	5.3	0.5
Astarta	AST	24.20	0.4%	3.0%	160	456	37.0%	-6.7	4.7	7.0	5.3	0.8
Avangardco	AVGR	0.25	0.0%	-10.7%	16	347	22.5%	-3.2	3.0	23.2	20.4	2.6
Agroton	AGT	3.60	-5.3%	-10.0%	21	4	25.0%	1.5	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
Banks										Price/Boo	ok	Price/Assets
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.302	0.7%	-11.2%	702		1.8%	3.8	3.2	1.7	1.6	0.29

Source: PFTS. LSE. WSE. Eavex Research \* companies listed abroad are in traded currency







MAIN FINANCIA	L FORECA	STS, USI	) mn													
Name	Ticker	Net Sales		1	EBITDA		EBI	TDA ma	rgin	Ne	et Profit		Net	Profit m	argin	
		2017	2018	2019E	2017	2018	2019E	2017	2018	2019E	2017	2018	2019E	2017	2018	2019E
Iron Ore Mining																
Ferrexpo	FXPO	1,197	1,274	1,593	551	503	629	46.0%	39.5%	39.5%	394	335	419	32.9%	26.3%	26.3%
Railcar Manufacturing																
Kryukiv Wagon	KVBZ	141	200	220	14	20	11	9.9%	10.2%	4.9%	12	18	5	8.6%	9.0%	2.29
Specialized Machinery																
Turboatom	TATM	87	94	94	37	40	41	42.6%	43.1%	43.6%	26	28	28	29.9%	29.9%	29.29
Motor Sich	MSICH	436	450	387	156	96	100	35.8%	21.2%	25.8%	117	46	53	26.7%	10.2%	13.6%
Oil & Gas																
Ukrnafta	UNAF	1,011	1,328	2,534	67	350	894	6.6%	26.4%	35.3%	4	237	565	0.4%	17.8%	22.3%
Regal Petroleum	RPT	35	60	50	17	54	22	49.8%	90.0%	44.0%	2	42	10	na	70.0%	20.0%
JKX Oil	JKX	82	93	111	9	31	34	11.5%	33.2%	30.5%	-12	15	18	-14.6%	16.5%	16.5%
Electric Utilities																
Centrenergo	CEEN	412	533	570	104	38	39	25.2%	7.1%	6.9%	71	18	25	17.3%	3.4%	4.5%
Donbasenergo	DOEN	147	224	225	8	23	19	5.8%	10.2%	8.4%	2	4	3	1.4%	1.7%	1.19
Consumer																
MHP	MHPC	1,289	1,556	1,945	459	450	475	35.6%	28.9%	24.4%	230	128	170	17.8%	8.2%	8.7%
Kernel	KER	2,169	2,403	3,364	319	223	310	14.7%	9.3%	9.2%	176	52	210	8.1%	2.2%	6.29
Astarta	AST	514	424	551	134	65	86	26.1%	15.3%	15.5%	69	-24	34	13.5%	-5.7%	6.2%
Avangardco	AVGR	130	127	135	12	15	17	9.1%	11.8%	12.6%	-8	-5	2	-5.8%	-3.9%	1.5%
Agroton	AGT	52	57	63	11	14	13	20.3%	24.7%	20.6%	8	14	9	16.1%	23.7%	15.1%
Banks			Total Ass	sets		Total Eq	uity	Т	otal Inco	me		Net Prof	it	Retu	rn on Equ	ıity
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	2,455	2,491	2,415	404	420	433	234	239	253	169	187	218	41.8%	44.6%	50.29

Source: Eavex Research



UKRAINIAN D	UKRAINIAN DOMESTIC BONDS											
Issue	Price (Bid)	Price (Ask)	YTM (Bid)	YTM (Ask)	Modified Duration	Coupon	Coupon Period	Maturity Date	Volume UAH mn			
UAH denominated E	Bonds											
UA4000195580			19.50%	18.00%	n/a	n/a	S/A	04 Sept 2019	n/a			
UA4000196620			19.50%	18.00%	n/a	n/a	S/A	15 Jan 2020	n/a			
UA4000200174			19.50%	18.30%	n/a	n/a	S/A	20 Jan 2021	n/a			
UAH denominated E	Bonds											
UA4000201743			7.50%	5.15%	n/a	5.65%	S/A	22 Jul 2021	USD 83mn			

Source: TR Data, Eavex Research



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