

Weekly Market Monitor

September 23, 2019

Stock Market Update

Equity

Trading on the PFTS exchange was sluggish last week, with little movement in either direction. In major domestic news, local investors continue to focus on the promised farmland reform, with an announcement that the land market will open in October 2020. The absence of a land market has favored big agribusinesses and hurt small-scale farmers who are unable to use the land they own as collateral to borrow money. Ukraine has 43mn hectares of arable land, about 11 million hectares of which are state-owned. The World Bank estimated that the country could see additional GDP growth of 1.5 percentage points yearly if the land sale ban is lifted.

The PFTS rose by 1.4% to 522 points after being under pressure for the last three weeks. CentrEnergo (CEEN) recovered 1.9% to close at UAH 10.30 on information that the Honcharuk government has appointed a new head of the State Property Fund (SPF) who is expected to push large scale privatizations in the country, including a sale of the state's 78% stake in CentrEnergo. Raiffeisen Bank Aval (BAVL) was flat at 30.60 kopecks while the second-tier name Krukiv Wagon (KVBZ) surged by 8.6% to UAH 15.70.

London-listed Ukrainian stocks finished mixed, with MHP (MHPC) rebounding by 4.4% to USD 8.94 while Ferrexpo (FXPO) slid 8.8% to GBp 186 per share. Natural gas producer Regal Petroleum (RPT) gained 6.1% to GBp 35.00, but remains far below the stock's 2019 maximum of GBp 61.00 seen in March.

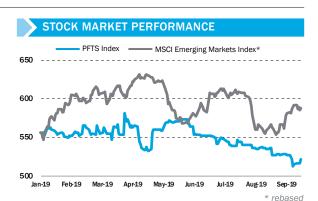
Warsaw-listed Kernel (KER) and Astarta (AST) were both lower, with the former losing 1.0% to close at PLN 43.20.

The hryvnia was impressive once again last week, gaining 1.5% against the dollar to 24.42 UAH/USD. Although the National Bank was purchasing foreign currencies on the interbank market, it did not do so in sufficient volume to prevent the hryvnia's appreciation.

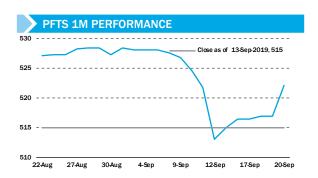
Highlights

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

- > Trump Claims Disgraced Ukraine Prosecutor Was Fighting Corruption
- > Ukraine's Draft 2020 Budget Envisages 3.3% GDP Growth and 28.20 UAH/USD Exchange Rate



MARKET INDEXES							
Last	1W ch	YTD					
522	1.4%	-6.7%					
1365	-1.4%	27.7%					
2143	-2.2%	-6.9%					
1021	-0.5%	5.7%					
2992	-0.5%	19.4%					
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FIXED INCO	ME		
	Last	1W ch	YTD
NBU Key Rate	16.5%	0.0 p.p.	-1.5 p.p.
Ukraine-2024	6.4%	0.1 p.p.	-4.1 p.p.
Ukraine-2028	7.6%	0.1 p.p.	-3.2 p.p.

CURRE	ENCY		
	Last, UAH	1W ch	YTD
USD	24.42	-1.5%	-11.8%
EUR	26.73	-2.6%	-15.7%



Politics and Economics

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Trump Claims Disgraced Ukraine Prosecutor Was Fighting Corruption

by Will Ritter

NEWS

US President Trump claimed on Saturday (Sept 21) that his leading competitor in the 2020 US presidential race, Joseph Biden, improperly forced the firing of Ukraine's then-General Prosecutor Victor Shokin when Biden was US Vice President in 2016. Trump, in a posting on the Twitter media platform. said Biden wanted to prevent Shokin from investigating criminal activity at a natural gas extraction company where Biden's son was employed. Trump's allegation was echoed by one of his top surrogates, lawyer Rudolph Giuliani, on US television. However, Bloomberg News reported in May of this year that Shokin, despite having responsibility for the investigation into the Burisma Holdings gas company, had in fact never pursued it; Bloomberg cited then-Deputy General Prosecutor Vitaliy Kasko as its source. Shokin had been under constant fire from Ukrainian anti-corruption groups and Western donors throughout 2015 for his office's failure to prosecute any high-profile corruption cases. The story came into sharp focus last week after it was alleged that Trump pressured President Zelenskiy to open a criminal investigation into Biden during a July phone conversation, and threatened Zelenskiy with the cancellation of USD 250mn in military assistance to Ukraine if no action was taken. The US administration indeed held up the disbursement of the military aid in August, but released it last week after heavy criticism from members of Congress from both major US political parties.

COMMENTARY

Shokin's office had an ugly reputation for continuing the corrupt prosecutorial practices of post-Soviet, pre-EuroMaidan Ukraine, i.e. extorting payments from businesses using the threat of criminal investigations, as well as accepting large bribes in return for ignoring criminal activity. Shokin was, in our opinion, rightly viewed as one of the most odious government officials in post-EuroMaidan Ukraine, and his firing in February 2016 was greeted with jubilation by Ukrainian anti-corruption organizations and nearly the entire Western diplomatic community. Therefore, the Trump/Giuliani claim that Shokin was actually a dedicated corruption-fighter, and that then-Vice President Biden was motivated by personal interest in advocating for Shokin's removal, looks like an amateurish piece of disinformation that is embarrassingly easy to disprove. President Zelenskiy has thus far been tightlipped on what is clearly a delicate situation for Kyiv; Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko denied in a Saturday press briefing that Trump had pressured Zelenskiy on the issue. We expect Zelenskiy to try to play both sides without offending either, especially as he has a meeting with Trump coming up on Wednesday (Sept 25) at the United Nations. A Ukrainian investigation into Biden (or any prominent foreign citizen, for that matter) is likely to turn into a circus given the well-known shortcomings of the Ukrainian justice system. If anything, we suppose that rather than investigating Biden, Zelenskiy would better serve the nation by ordering an investigation into whether Ukrainian prosecutors may have been receiving bribes from Burisma in return for slow-walking the criminal embezzlement cases against the company. The failure of the Ukrainian side to provide evidence resulted in the un-freezing of USD 24mn in Burisma's assets that had been tied up by a court in London on suspicions of large-scale embezzlement.



Politics and Economics

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Ukraine's Draft 2020 Budget Envisages 3.3% GDP Growth and 28.20 UAH/USD Exchange Rate

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NEWS

Ukraine's Finance Ministry (MinFin) has prepared a draft of the national budget for 2020 which envisages 3.3% GDP growth and an average exchange rate of 28.20 UAH/USD for the year, according to a document presented last week.

The budget deficit is expected to be reduced from 2.3% GDP for 2019 to 2.1% of GDP for 2020. In absolute figures, the deficit is targeted at UAH 91bn (USD 3.2bn). The Finance Ministry forecasts Ukraine's 2020 nominal GDP at UAH 4.552 trillion (USD 160bn).

The main parameters of the draft budget are the following:

- forecasted GDP growth of 3.3% YoY;
- nominal GDP of UAH 4.55tn (USD 160bn);
- total budget income of UAH 1.08tn;
- total budget expenses of UAH 1.17tn;
- forecasted consumer inflation (full year) of 6.0%;
- a public + guaranteed debt ceiling at 54% of GDP.

COMMENTARY

In our view, the proposed draft budget seems quite conservative, especially taking into consideration that new Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk promised economic growth of at least 5% next year. Some amendments to the budget are expected in November, and we suspect that they may turn out to be quite substantial.

On the debt side, the government aims to reduce the state debt from 52% of GDP to 47% of GDP in relative terms and also decrease the state-guaranteed debt to 7.4% of GDP by the end of 2020. The country's peak debt-to-GDP ratio was 82% back in 2016, when the hryvnia devaluation squeezed Ukraine's nominal GDP in USD terms. The government has to pay a total of UAH 438bn for servicing and redemption of outstanding debt next year. The figure represents a moderate 5% YoY increase the hryvnia terms and includes USD 9.2bn of redemptions in foreign currency.



Recommendations

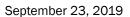
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	ENDATIONS

Name	Ticker	Price, per share	Target price, per share	Upside, %	Rating	Commentary
Agriculture						
Kernel	KER PW	43.3	82.0	89%	BUY	With on-demand borrowing access, Kernel is well placed to further consolidate its position in the oilsee crushing industry. The company's sunflower oil sales grew by solid 40% Yo' to 389,600 tonnes despit oilseeds processing increased by moderate 7.0% YoY in January-March 2019. Kernel's sunflower of 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	8.9	16.5	85%	BUY	London-listed agro group MHP increased its net profit by 38% YoY to USD 138mn in 2Q19, which implie earnings per share of USD 1.31 in the period. For for the first half (1H19), the company posted not revenue of USD 946mn (+36% YoY), EBITDA of USD 247mn (-6% YoY), and net profit of USD 171m (-10% YoY). The company's export sales rose 43% YoY to USD 552mn in 1H19, accounting for 58 of total revenue. MHP's reported USD 1.31 net profit per share for 2Q19 beat our forecast of US 1.10 for the period, and we are raising our full-year projection for MHP's net profit from USD 170mn tust USD 220mn, which would imply earnings per share of USD 2.08.
Astarta	AST PW	22.4	42.0	88%	BUY	With the appearance of the 1H19 financial results, we are raising our forecast for Astarta's full-year 2019 net profit from EUR 30mn to EUR 45mn. Astarta's revenue rose by 30% YoY to EUR 228mn in 1H19 and EBITDA increased by 5.9% YoY to EUR 64mn. Meanwhile, the company's net profit declined by 19% YoY to EUR 30.3mn in 1H19, implying PLN 5.39 earnings per share.
Agroton	AGT PW	2.85	12.0	321%	BUY	Agroton unveiled a strategy to increase its land bank from 119,000 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. Agroton reported that its net profit was USD 3.3mn (PLN 0.51 per share) in 1H19. In our view, Agroton currently has a fairly healthy financial position, with an estimated Net Debt/EBITDA ratio of 1.0x. The company continues to invest in growth, spending USD 2.2mn on CapEx in 1H19.
Iron Ore						
Ferrexpo	FXPO LN	186	250	34%	HOLD	Iron ore market has seen a major shift over the past two years as China's anti-pollution drive spur- 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
Oil & Gas						Security Service (SBU) regarding change in the controlling shareholder of the company.
UkrNafta	UNAF	146	270	85%	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	35.0	-	-	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	29.8	-	-	U/R	The company's balance sheet looks healthy after it successfully restructured its Eurobonds. An overa demand for natural gas in Ukraine remains strong.
Power Utilities						
DonbasEnergo	DOEN	25.9	-	-	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	10.30	25.60	149%	BUY	The CEEN stock has been in a downward trend since October 2018, falling from a level of UAH 18 to the current level of UAH 11 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. This year Kyiv court closed the 15-year old case related to the company's possible bankruptcy. The court decision was long-awaited and should help to make CentrEnergo more attractive for privatization.
Banks						
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.305	0.47	54%	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% YoY higher compared FY17. We forecast that the bank will earn UAH 6.2bn in the profit in FY19, which would imply earnings per share of 10 kopecks. Raiffeisen Aval has been the most dividen 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,	Absolute performance		МСар	EV		P/E		,	EV/EBITDA	
		UAH*	1W	YtD	USD mn	USD mn	Free float	2018 2	019E	2018 2	019E	2019E
PFTS Index	UX	522	1.4%	-6.7%								
Iron Ore Mining												
Ferrexpo	FXPO	186	-8.8%	-4.4%	1,341	1,623	24.0%	4.0	3.2	3.2	2.6	1.0
Railcar Manufacturing												
Kryukiv Wagon	KVBZ	15.8	8.6%	50.0%	72	40	5.0%	4.0	14.7	2.0	3.8	0.2
Specialized Machinery												
Turboatom	TATM	11.7	0.0%	-15.0%	196	187	3.8%	7.0	7.1	4.6	4.6	2.0
Motor Sich	MSICH	5,390	0.0%	0.0%	447	458	24.0%	9.7	8.5	4.8	4.6	1.2
Oil & Gas												
UkrNafta	UNAF	146	0.0%	8.7%	316	309	3.0%	1.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.1
Regal Petroleum	RPT	35.0	6.1%	-44.4%	137	97	21.6%	3.3	13.7	1.8	4.4	1.9
JKX Oil	JKX	29.8	0.3%	-24.6%	63	171	50.4%	4.1	3.4	5.5	5.0	1.5
Power Utilities												
Centrenergo	CEEN	10.30	1.9%	-23.7%	152	132	21.7%	8.3	neg	3.5	54	0.2
Donbasenergo	DOEN	25.93	5.6%	-18.8%	24	27	14.2%	6.4	neg	1.2	3.9	0.1
Consumer												
МНР	MHPC	8.94	4.4%	-17.2%	945	2,272	34.1%	7.4	4.3	5.0	4.8	1.2
Kernel	KER	43.30	-1.0%	-13.7%	880	1,660	61.8%	16.9	3.7	7.5	5.4	0.4
Astarta	AST	22.40	-2.2%	-4.7%	143	400	37.0%	neg	2.8	6.2	3.0	0.7
Avangardco	AVGR	0.25	0.0%	-10.7%	16	347	22.5%	neg	8.0	23	20	2.6
Agroton	AGT	2.85	-7.2%	-28.8%	16	25	25.0%	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.9	0.4
Banks										Price/Boo	k	Price/Assets
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.305	-0.3%	-10.3%	748		1.8%	4.0	3.4	1.8	1.5	0.31

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







Name	Ticker	N	et Sales			EBITDA		EBI	TDA ma	rgin	Net Profit			Net Profit mar		
		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	26.8%	10.2%	13.69
Oil & Gas																
Ukrnafta	UNAF	1,011	1,328	2,690	67	350	949	6.6%	26.4%	35.3%	4	237	599	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	2	25.2%	7.1%	0.4%	71	18	-18	17.3%	3.4%	-3.2%
Donbasenergo	DOEN	147	224	225	8	23	7	5.8%	10.2%	3.1%	2	4	-3	1.4%	1.7%	-1.2%
Consumer																
МНР	MHPC	1,289	1,556	1,945	459	450	475	35.6%	28.9%	24.4%	230	128	220	17.8%	8.2%	11.39
Kernel	KER	2,169	2,403	3,965	319	223	310	14.7%	9.3%	7.8%	176	52	240	8.1%	2.2%	6.19
Astarta	AST	514	424	551	134	65	133	26.1%	15.3%	24.2%	69	-24	51	13.5%	-5.7%	9.3%
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%	15.19
Banks			Total Ass	sets		Total Equ	uity	Total Income			Net Profit			Return on Equity		
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	2,455	2,491	2,415	404	420	485	234	239	253	169	187	218	41.8%	44.6%	44.8

Source: Eavex Research



UKRAINIAN	UKRAINIAN DOMESTIC BONDS												
Issue	Price (Bid)	Price (Ask)	YTM (Bid)	YTM (Ask)	Modified Duration	Coupon	Coupon Period	Maturity Date	Volume UAH mn				
UAH denominated	Bonds												
UA4000197040			17.20%	15.65%	n/a	n/a	S/A	04 Mar 2020	n/a				
UA4000198006			17.40%	15.85%	n/a	n/a	S/A	10 Jun 2020	n/a				
UA4000200174			17.30%	15.80%	n/a	n/a	S/A	20 Jan 2021	n/a				
UAH denominated	Bonds												
UA4000201743			6.25%	4.25%	n/a	5.65%	S/A	22 Jul 2021	USD 83mn				

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