

Stock Market Update

Ukrainian Stocks Listed Abroad Trade Mixed Amid Grain Forecast Downgrade

Shares of Ukrainian companies listed on foreign exchanges posted another week of mixed performance, as shifting agricultural forecasts and market speculation continued to shape investor sentiment.

Dairy producer Milkiland (MLK) rose 5.8% to PLN 2.0 on the Warsaw Stock Exchange, lifting its market capitalization to USD 17mn. Meanwhile, Astarta (AST), one of Ukraine's largest agricultural holdings, dropped 4.9% to PLN 50.3, trimming its valuation to USD 336mn.

The declines came as Ukraine's Ministry of Agrarian Policy cut its grain harvest forecast by nearly 10% YoY to 51mn tonnes, down from 56.7mn tonnes in 2024. Military risks remain a key drag on output, with farmers either unable or unwilling to plant and harvest due to ongoing conflict. Large swaths of farmland are also either occupied or land-mined, further hampering agricultural production. Despite the outlook, the agrarian sector continues to serve as a vital source of foreign currency inflows. Grain exports are expected to reach 41mn tonnes this season, including up to 16mn tonnes of wheat.

Shares of Kernel (KER), Ukraine's top agricultural exporter, rose 2.7% to PLN 18.0, valuing the company at USD 1.45bn. The stock has proven resilient, despite sector headwinds, though recent performance has been heavily influenced by investor speculation over whether the company will proceed with a forced buyout. Kernel's majority shareholder increased its stake to 95% earlier this year, fueling uncertainty over next steps.

Globally, equity markets continued to rally, with the MSCI Global Index gaining 0.7% on the week amid a wave of risk-on trading. Hopes are mounting that the U.S. Federal Reserve will begin a rate-cutting cycle that could extend into late 2026. Still, signs of reaccelerating inflation in the U.S. are emerging, driven in part by new import tariffs. That could dampen consumer sentiment and threaten the momentum of the world's largest economy.

Highlights

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

- Umerov Moves to RNBO in Ukraine Gov't Reshuffle
- EU Eyes EUR 100bn for Ukraine in 2028–2034 Budget Plan

The National Bank of Ukraine has opened a special fundraising account to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Please find more at the National Bank's official website under the link below:

www.bank.gov.ua/en/about/support-the-armed-forces

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www.bank.gov.ua/en/about/humanitarian-aid-to-ukraine

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MARKET INDEXES

	Last	1W ch	YTD
UX	1194	0.0%	0.0%
RTS	1120	4.8%	25.4%
WIG20	2964	3.6%	35.2%
MSCI EM	1249	1.6%	16.2%
MSCI Global	928	0.7%	10.3%
S&P 500	6297	0.6%	7.1%

FIXED INCOME

	Last	1W ch	YTD
NBU Key Rate	15.5%	0.0 p.p.	2.0 p.p.
UAH 1-year bond yield	16.4%	0.0 p.p.	0.0 p.p.
Ukraine-2029 yield	23.1%	0.4 p.p.	7.2 p.p.
Ukraine-2036 yield	16.8%	0.2 p.p.	2.4 p.p.

CASH EXCHANGE RATES

	Last, UAH	1W ch	YTD
USD/UAH	41.90	0.0%	-0.8%
EUR/UAH	48.90	-0.8%	10.4%

Source: Eavex Capital

Umerov Moves to RNBO in Ukraine Gov't Reshuffle

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NEWS

Former Defense Minister Rustem Umerov was named by President Zelenskiy last week as the head of the National Security & Defense Council (RNBO), one of the key moves in a reshuffling of top government posts in Kyiv.

Longtime Prime Minister Dennis Shmyhal replaced Umerov at the Defense Ministry, while previous Economics Minister Yulia Svyridenko became the country's first new prime minister in more than 5 years.

Another important job, that of Ukraine's ambassador to Washington, is expected to be filled by former European Integration Minister Olga Stefanyshina.

Domestic media reported that Zelenskiy instructed Umerov to open a new round of peace talks with Moscow as his initial task in the wake of US President Trump's 50-day deadline to Russia to reach a halt to fighting. If the deadline (which falls on Sept 3) is not met, Trump threatened tariffs and sanctions against the Russian economy.

Meanwhile, concerns grew last week about political repression under the Zelenskiy government, as one of the country's most respected anti-corruption activists, Vitaliy Shabunin, had his home raided by agents of the State Bureau of Investigations (DBR) on charges of evading military service.

COMMENTARY

In our view, the changes at the top of Ukraine's government are essentially a cosmetic reshuffling rather than an actual shake-up. All of the officials involved - and new PM Svyridenko in particular - are seen as loyalists of Zelenskiy and Andriy Yermak, with the latter continuing to hold the top post in Zelenskiy's administration.

It was rumored that Umerov had actually been Zelenskiy's preferred candidate to take over the ambassadorship to the US, but that the Trump administration objected to the appointment for unknown reasons.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to prejudge whether Trump is serious about his 50-day peace deadline, and whether it will be an effective tack to force the Putin regime into negotiations, or just another kick of the can down the road.

In the meantime, the US appears to willing to look the other way while the Putin regime steps up its drone and missile attacks against Ukrainian cities, with yet another widespread bombing of Kyiv occurring overnight on Sunday/Monday (Jul 20/21). The attack has resulted in the shutdown of a subway station and several major streets in the capital this morning.

EU Eyes EUR 100bn for Ukraine in 2028–2034 Budget Plan

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NEWS

The European Commission has proposed allocating EUR 100bn for Ukraine as part of the EU's 2028–2034 long-term budget, which is set at EUR 2 trillion. The draft, unveiled by the Commission, now awaits approval from both the European Parliament and the European Council.

For comparison, the current EU support package for Ukraine covering 2024–2027 totals EUR 50bn, comprising EUR 17bn in grants and EUR 33bn in loans.

COMMENTARY

While the proposed EUR 100bn for Ukraine is not yet finalized, its inclusion in the long-term budget framework marks a strong political signal of continued support.

With nearly all of Ukraine's domestic revenues now funneled into defense spending, external financing remains critical to keep the government operational. Since the onset of Russia's full-scale invasion, Kyiv has received USD 138bn in direct budget support from international partners, including USD 23bn so far in 2025.

It remains unclear how much of the proposed new EU funding will come as grants versus loans. Currently, a significant share of G7 aid is being recorded as contingent liabilities, with repayment expected to be sourced from frozen Russian assets.

Beyond fiscal aid, the European Commission continues to prioritize Ukraine's EU accession path, which is viewed as essential to the country's long-term economic resilience. Some European leaders believe full membership could be feasible by 2030 if reforms accelerate.

MARKET REACTION:

Ukraine's sovereign eurobonds due in 2029 were unmoved by the EU budget proposal. The notes continue to trade around 61 cents on the dollar, implying a yield to maturity of approximately 23%.

Following their restructuring in August 2024, the Ukraine-2029 bonds were quoted near 57 cents and peaked at 74 cents in February.

Market participants remain cautious amid persistent fiscal risks. Ukraine's 2026 budget shortfall is projected at USD 42bn, with current external pledges covering only a little more than half of that gap. As a result, the Finance Ministry faces mounting pressure to secure additional sources of international funding to plug the deficit.

QUOTES AND MULTIPLES FOR SELECTED UKRAINIAN LISTED COMPANIES

	Ticker	Last Price*	Absolute performance		MCap USD mn	EV USD mn	Free float	P/E		EV/EBITDA		EV/Sales 2025E
			1W	YtD				2024	2025E	2024	2025E	
UX Index	UX	1194	0.0%	0.0%								
Iron Ore Mining												
Ferrexpo	FXPO	46.9	0.1%	-58.5%	376	264	25.5%	3.1	2.2	1.6	1.1	0.2
Oil & Gas												
Enwell Energy (ex-Regal)	ENW	16.0	-8.6%	-27.3%	69	-25	21.6%	2.7	2.3	na	na	na
Power Utilities												
Centrenerg	CEEN	3.72	0.0%	0.0%	33	33	21.7%	neg	neg	neg	neg	n/a
Agro sector												
MHP	MHPC	5.46	4.2%	9.6%	584	1,763	33.7%	4.1	4.9	3.1	3.9	0.6
Kernel (FY23, FY24, FY25)	KER	18.02	2.7%	38.6%	1,449	1,655	5.4%	3.9	5.2	2.4	4.0	0.4
Astarta	AST	50.30	-4.9%	23.3%	336	495	37.0%	3.8	3.5	2.5	2.4	0.7
IMC	IMC	29.20	-2.0%	82.5%	284	298	18.3%	5.2	5.5	3.7	3.5	1.5
Banks										Price/Book		Price/Assets
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.33	0.0%	32.0%	484		1.8%	4.8	5.0	0.8	0.7	0.10

Source: UX. PFTS. LSE. WSE. Eavex Research
* prices are in traded currency

QUOTES AND MULTIPLES FOR SELECTED U.S. COMPANIES

	Ticker	Price USD	Absolute performance		MCap USD bn	EV USD bn	P/E		EV/EBITDA		EV/Sales 2025E
			1W	YtD			2024	2025E	2024	2025E	
Индекс S&P 500	S&P 500	6297	0.6%	7.1%							
Technology sector											
Apple	AAPL	211	0.0%	-17.6%	3,291	3,331	35	37	25	24	8
Microsoft	MSFT	510	1.4%	18.6%	3,789	3,779	43	39	28	26	14
NVIDIA	NVDA	172	4.2%	28.4%	4,212	4,182	65	51	56	44	29
Palantir Technologies	PLTR	153.5	8.0%	94.1%	335	331	669	418	551	367	81
Electric Utilities											
American Electric Power	AEP	107.4	2.0%	16.1%	57	101	21.2	18.4	13.1	12.6	4.9
Dominion Energy	D	58.1	1.2%	7.7%	49	91	20.3	19.5	13.6	12.9	6.1
Oil & Gas											
Exxon Mobil	XOM	108	-6.1%	1.4%	475	490	14.0	13.6	6.8	6.5	1.4
Devon Energy	DVN	32.9	-3.2%	5.4%	22	30	6.4	6.0	4.0	3.8	1.9
PBF Energy	PBF	24.4	-15.0%	-3.9%	3.7	4.8	18.3	7.3	11.9	5.9	0.1
Iron Ore Mining											
VALE	VALE	9.77	-3.6%	10.1%	42	54	4.5	4.2	3.5	3.2	1.2
Pharmaceutical											
Pfizer	PFE	24.5	-4.7%	-8.0%	139	196	32.3	28.4	14.2	13.5	3.2
Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMJ	47.4	1.1%	-17.8%	96	139	neg	14.8	27.3	11.2	2.9

Source: Bloomberg

MAIN FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR UKRAINIAN COMPANIES, USD mn

		Net Sales			EBITDA			EBITDA margin			Net Profit			Net Profit margin		
		2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E
Iron Ore Mining																
Ferrexpo	FXPO	750	950	1,100	140	170	230	18.7%	17.9%	20.9%	80	120	170	10.7%	12.6%	15.5%
Oil & Gas																
Regal Petroleum	RPT	80	55	65	49	52	57	61.3%	94.5%	87.7%	28	25	30	35.0%	45.5%	46.2%
Electric Utilities																
Centrenerg	CEEN	427	na	na	-18	na	na	-4.1%	na	na	-25	na	na	-5.8%	na	na
Agro sector																
MHP	MHPC	3,021	3,046	3,137	445	566	570	14.7%	18.6%	18.2%	142	144	148	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
Kernel (FY23, FY24, FY25E)	KER	3,455	3,800	4,200	544	680	710	15.7%	17.9%	16.9%	299	370	470	8.7%	9.7%	11.2%
Astarta	AST	628	645	685	199	202	204	31.7%	31.3%	29.7%	85	89	95	13.5%	13.8%	13.9%
IMC	IMC	139	180	200	3	80	85	2.4%	44.4%	42.5%	-21	55	52	-15.1%	30.6%	26.0%
Banks		Total Assets			Total Equity			Total Income			Net Profit			Return on Equity		
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	4,977	4,643	4,886	575	615	683	594	488	453	126	100	98	21.9%	16.3%	14.3%

Source: Eavex Research

FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR SELECTED U.S. COMPANIES, USD bn

		Net Sales			EBITDA			EBITDA margin			Net Profit			Net Profit margin		
		2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E	2023	2024	2025E
Technology sector																
Apple	AAPL	383	391	395	126	135	137	32.8%	34.5%	34.7%	97	94	90	25.3%	24.0%	22.8%
Microsoft	MSFT	212	245	265	105	133	147	49.5%	54.3%	55.5%	72	88	96	34.0%	35.9%	36.2%
NVIDIA	NVDA	61	118	145	36	75	95	59.0%	63.6%	65.5%	30	65	83	49.2%	55.1%	57.2%
Palantir Technologies	PLTR	2.2	2.9	4.1	0.3	0.6	0.9	13.6%	20.7%	22.0%	0.2	0.5	0.8	9.1%	17.2%	19.5%
Electric Utilities																
American Electric Power	AEP	19.0	19.8	20.7	7.2	7.7	8.0	37.9%	38.9%	38.6%	2.2	2.7	3.1	11.6%	13.6%	15.0%
Dominion Energy	D	14.4	14.7	15.1	6.8	6.7	7.1	47.2%	45.6%	47.0%	1.9	2.4	2.5	13.2%	16.3%	16.6%
Oil & Gas																
Exxon Mobil	XOM	335	344	352	74	72	76	22.1%	20.9%	21.6%	36	34	35	10.7%	9.9%	9.9%
Devon Energy	DVN	15.3	15.8	16.2	7.5	7.6	7.9	49.0%	48.1%	48.8%	3.7	3.4	3.6	24.2%	21.5%	22.2%
PBF Energy	PBF	38.3	34.9	35.3	3.5	0.4	0.8	9.1%	1.1%	2.3%	2.1	0.2	0.5	5.5%	0.6%	1.4%
Iron Ore Mining																
VALE	VALE	41.8	41.0	44.0	15.6	15.2	17.0	37.3%	37.1%	38.6%	7.9	9.3	10.0	18.9%	22.7%	22.7%
Pharmaceutical																
Pfizer	PFE	58.5	59.4	62.0	9.6	13.8	14.5	16.4%	23.2%	23.4%	2.1	4.3	4.9	3.6%	7.2%	7.9%
Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMJ	45.0	47.4	48.8	19.4	5.1	12.4	43.1%	10.8%	25.4%	8.0	-7.3	6.5	17.8%	-15.4%	13.3%

Source: Bloomberg

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