

Stock Market Update

Ukrainian Stocks End Mixed

Ukrainian equities listed on foreign exchanges showed mixed performance over the week. Ferrexpo (FXPO) shares slumped 5.4% to GBP 56.2 after surging 20% the previous week.

Astarta (AST) gained 5.5% and IMC (IMC) rose 4.3%, supported by the broader positive momentum across global equity markets.

U.S. stocks continued to climb, with major indexes hitting fresh records on strong corporate earnings and growing expectations for rate cuts.

Key drivers:

- U.S. inflation came in below expectations, reinforcing investor confidence that the Federal Reserve may soon ease monetary policy.
- Financial stocks remained under pressure amid concerns about the quality of loan portfolios at regional banks.
- Optimism in the technology sector once again set the tone across equity markets.

This week, investor attention will turn to the upcoming meeting between U.S. and Chinese leaders. Both sides have reportedly reached a preliminary framework covering several key issues, including trade relations and disputes over rare earth materials.

The corporate earnings calendar will be the busiest of this earnings season, with Big Tech leaders Microsoft (MSFT), Amazon (AMZN), Apple (AAPL), Alphabet (GOOG), and Meta (META) all set to report quarterly results. Investors will be watching to see whether Big Tech has managed to keep delivering on the lofty expectations that have accompanied the AI boom.

Highlights

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

- Trump Toughens Line Against Moscow as Dmitriev Attempts Damage Control
- National Bank Holds Key Rate at 15.5% Signalling Cut in 2026

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

The National Bank also opened fundraising account for Humanitarian Assistance to Ukrainians. Please see details under the link below:

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	990	-6.5%	10.9%
WIG20	2981	3.8%	36.0%
MSCI EM	1389	2.0%	29.2%
MSCI Global	1001	1.7%	19.0%
S&P 500	6792	1.9%	15.5%

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	19.6%	0.5 p.p.	3.7 p.p.
Ukraine-2036 yield	15.3%	0.8 p.p.	0.9 p.p.

CASH EXCHANGE RATES

	Last, UAH	1W ch	YTD
USD/UAH	42.20	0.6%	-0.1%
EUR/UAH	49.40	0.4%	11.5%

Source: Eavex Capital

Trump Toughens Line Against Moscow as Dmitriev Attempts Damage Control

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NEWS

US President Trump toughened his position against Russia last week for its aggression in Ukraine, cancelling a proposed summit meeting with Russian President Putin and imposing sanctions on the two largest Russian oil companies.

Trump told reporters accompanying him on a trip to Malaysia on Saturday (Oct 25) that the summit would be “wasting my time” if Putin is not prepared to make a deal to end the war.

Trump also called on the European Union to end all purchases of Russian oil, while a member of his administration said that the ball is now in the EU’s court to make the next big move against Moscow.

After the announcement of sanctions against Russian oil majors LukOil and Rosneft last week, the Putin regime’s special envoy for investment Kirill Dmitriev arrived on a 3-day visit to Washington, where he met with several administration officials, though not with Trump himself. Dmitriev surprised observers by saying he believes that Ukraine, the US, and Russia “are actually quite close to a diplomatic solution” to end the war.

In comments made to US television network CNN, Dmitriev claimed that the new oil sanctions would not damage the Russian economy, but would instead force US consumers to pay higher gasoline prices.

COMMENTARY

It appears that the Putin regime has been rattled by Trump’s abrupt change in tack, which comes on the heels of an apparent Russian diplomatic victory only a week earlier, after Trump refused President Zelenskiy’s request to receive US-made Tomahawk medium-range missiles.

At this time, it is unclear to us how many barrels of Russian oil will actually be taken off line by the US sanctions, as this depends on the level of enforcement as well as on US cooperation with India, a major Russian customer.

We believe that Trump has finally come around to the view that Putin’s intention is to keep the war going in hopes of capturing additional Ukrainian territory, and that the only way to force Moscow to the negotiating table is with pressure tactics. Zelenskiy has repeatedly rejected Putin’s “peace offer” of a ceasefire if Ukraine agrees to surrender the remainder of Donetsk province - most notably, the cities of Slavyansk and Kramatorsk (Russia already occupies about 80% of the province’s territory).

Kyiv’s position is that the ceasefire should be established along the current lines of control, a view that Trump now appears to support.

In terms of Europe, we note that Hungary and Slovakia are currently being scapegoated as direct buyers of Russian energy; however, other EU countries are also buying substantial volumes of Russian oil via Indian resales, and the latter situation is the true impediment to effective European energy sanctions against the Putin regime, we believe.

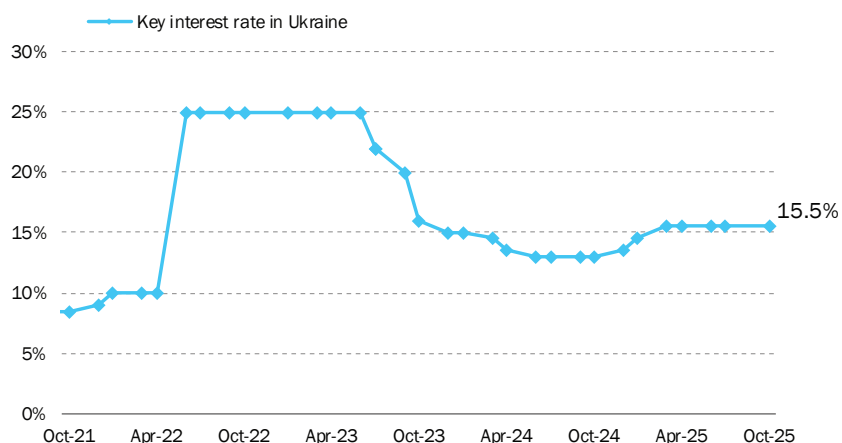
National Bank Holds Key Rate at 15.5% Signalling Cut in 2026

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NEWS

Ukraine's central bank kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 15.5% on Oct. 23, citing still-elevated inflation expectations despite a decline in headline inflation to 11.9%. The key rate has remained at the current level since March 7, 2025.

NATIONAL BANK KEY POLICY RATE



Source: National Bank of Ukraine

COMMENTARY

The NBU's decision to hold the policy rate at 15.5%, defied market expectations for a cut to 15.0%.

The National Bank maintained an optimistic outlook that inflation will slow to 9.2% in 2025, 6.6% in 2026, and reach its 5% target by end-2027. At the same time, it downgraded its economic growth forecast to 1.9% from 2.1% for this year and to 2.0% from 2.3% for 2026. The revision reflects the prolonged intensity of Russia's aggression, renewed large-scale attacks on energy infrastructure, and the government's need to ramp up military spending.

The central bank also highlighted growing external imbalances, projecting a widening current-account deficit to USD 35.3bn in 2026 and USD 38.4bn in 2027. This persistent deficit will continue to exert pressure on the hryvnia, leaving its medium-term trajectory largely dependent on NBU interventions. Since the start of the year, the regulator has sold USD 27.8bn in the interbank market to balance supply and demand for foreign currency.

With foreign-exchange reserves at a record USD 46.6bn, boosted by external financial aid, the NBU retains sufficient capacity to stabilize the currency. Still, the base case scenario assumes a 10% depreciation, which could bring the exchange rate close to 46 hryvnias per dollar over the next year.

The updated forecast assumes continued and sufficient international financing, including expected inflows of about USD 15bn by year-end from reparation-based loans secured by frozen Russian assets.

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	56.2	-5.4%	-50.3%	450	338	25.5%	3.8	2.6	2.0	1.5	0.3
Oil & Gas												
Enwell Energy	ENW	17.5	-5.4%	-20.5%	75	-19	21.6%	3.0	2.5	na	na	na
Telecom												
Kyivstar	KYIV	13.33	2.2%	8.1%	3,077	3,517	10.0%	10.9	10.4	5.9	5.8	3.6
Agro sector												
MHP	MHPC	5.72	0.4%	14.9%	612	1,854	33.7%	4.3	5.1	3.3	4.1	0.6
Kernel (FY24, FY25, FY26E)	KER	19.00	0.0%	46.2%	1,540	1,683	5.4%	6.5	6.2	3.6	4.2	0.4
Astarta	AST	46.40	5.5%	13.7%	313	491	37.0%	3.5	3.3	2.4	2.7	1.0
IMC	IMC	24.40	4.3%	52.5%	239	253	18.3%	4.4	4.6	3.2	3.0	1.3
Banks										Price/Book		Price/Assets
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.33	0.0%	32.0%	489		1.8%	4.9	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	6792	1.9%	15.5%							
Technology sector											
Apple	AAPL	263	4.4%	2.7%	4,103	4,143	44	46	31	30	10
Microsoft	MSFT	524	1.9%	21.9%	3,893	3,883	44	41	29	26	15
NVIDIA	NVDA	186	1.6%	38.8%	4,555	4,525	70	55	60	48	31
Palantir Technologies	PLTR	184.6	3.6%	133.4%	402	398	805	503	664	443	97
Electric Utilities											
American Electric Power	AEP	116	-1.3%	25.4%	62	106	22.9	19.9	13.7	13.2	5.1
Dominion Energy	D	61.1	0.8%	13.3%	51	94	21.4	20.5	14.0	13.2	6.2
Oil & Gas											
Exxon Mobil	XOM	115	2.7%	8.0%	506	521	14.9	14.5	7.2	6.9	1.5
Devon Energy	DVN	33	4.1%	5.8%	22	30	6.4	6.0	4.0	3.8	1.9
PBF Energy	PBF	33.8	17.8%	33.1%	5.1	6.2	25.4	10.1	15.4	7.7	0.2
Iron Ore Mining											
VALE	VALE	11.41	2.8%	28.6%	49	61	5.2	4.9	4.0	3.6	1.4
Pharmaceutical											
Pfizer	PFE	24.8	1.2%	-6.8%	141	198	32.7	28.7	14.3	13.6	3.2
Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMJ	43.8	0.5%	-24.1%	89	132	neg	13.7	25.9	10.6	2.7

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																
Enwell Energy	ENW	80	55	65	49	52	57	61.3%	94.5%	87.7%	28	25	30	35.0%	45.5%	46.2%
Telecom																
Kyivstar	KYIV	915	919	990	604	592	610	66.0%	64.4%	61.6%	281	283	295	30.7%	30.8%	29.8%
Agro sector																
MHP	MHPC	3,021	3,046	3,150	445	566	450	14.7%	18.6%	14.3%	142	144	120	4.7%	4.7%	3.8%
Kernel (FY24, FY25, FY26E)	KER	3,800	4,115	4,300	680	466	400	17.9%	11.3%	9.3%	370	238	250	9.7%	5.8%	5.8%
Astarta	AST	628	645	482	199	202	181	31.7%	31.3%	37.7%	85	89	94	13.5%	13.8%	19.4%
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%

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