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# Bond Market Insight

## Lack of demand

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### Government bond auction results

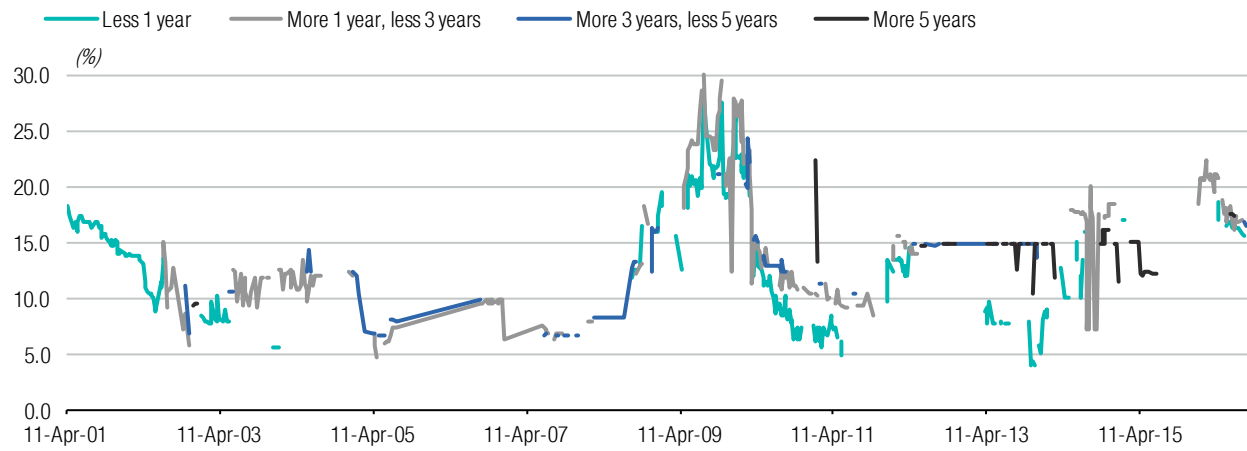
As banking sector liquidity has declined since mid-August, after a slight recovery at the beginning of September, it has begun to decline again. The main reasons in August were tax payments, the lack of VAT refunds, and fund accumulations at treasury accounts, in September we saw outflows to the NBU via FX auctions through the selling of US\$30-50m of FX per day. Yesterday, liquidity fell to UAH76.42bn, including UAH38.01bn in CDs.

This situation did not support new demand for local currency bonds. Any bids submitted could be at high interest rates in small amounts, which be rejected by the MoF. At the same time, demand will only increase if interest rates are higher and liquidity is up as well. So, the lack of demand at yesterday's auction was quite logical, and mostly stable quotes at the secondary market signal that any exchange rate and liquidity instability will be short-lived.

With liquidity recovering to about UAH90bn and the exchange rate stabilizing, demand for new bonds should recover. If so, real demand could be seen at next week's auction. At the same time, the market awaits the third auction in September when the MoF will offer FX-denominated bonds which should attract demand for any maturity. There could be volatility as well.

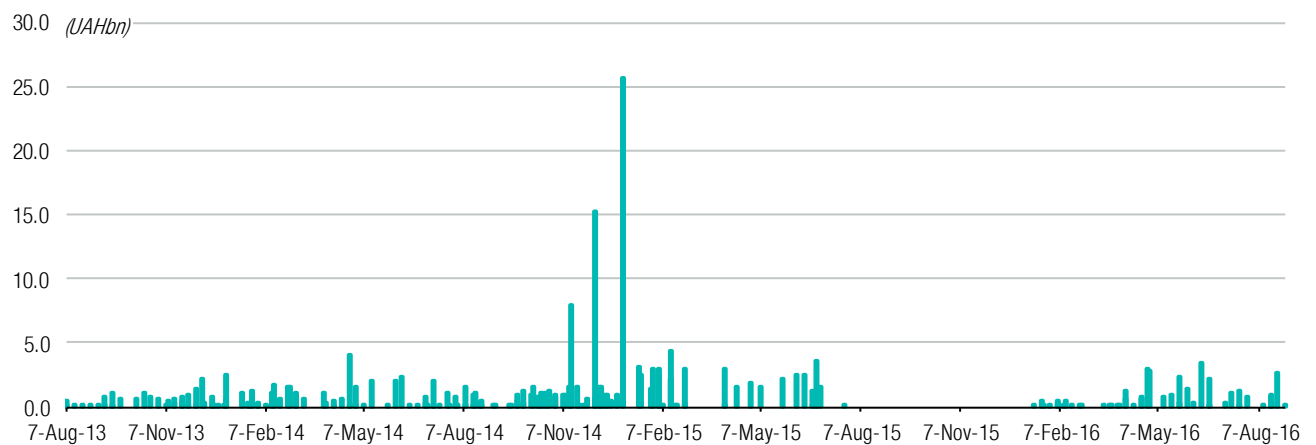
## Appendix: Auctions history and schedule for 2016

**Chart 1. History of yields at government bond auctions: breakdown by tenor of bonds sold (last 3-year period)**



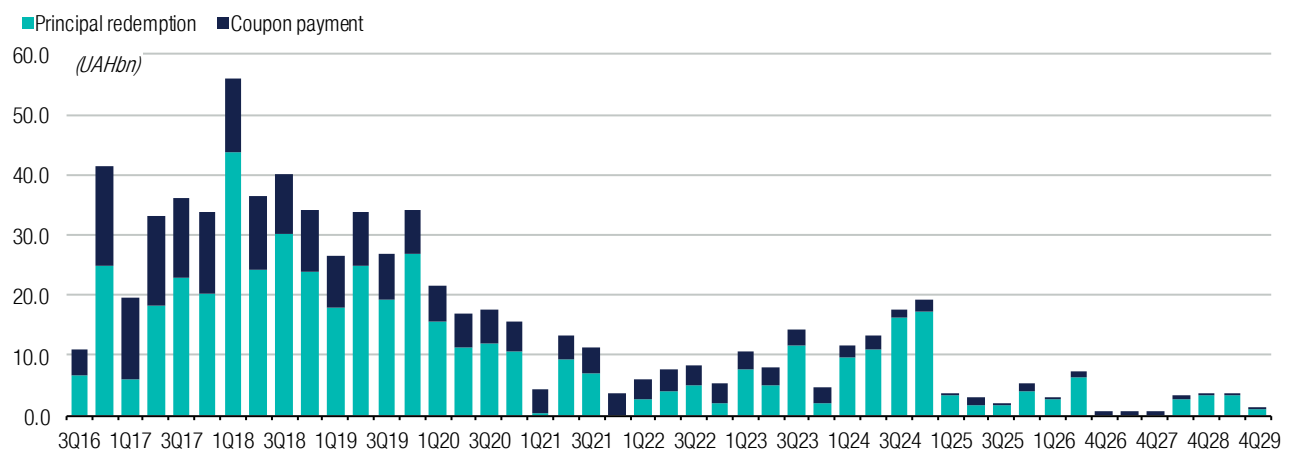
Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

**Chart 2. History of proceeds at government bond auctions: breakdown by tenor of bonds sold (last 3-year period)**



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**Chart 3. Schedule of redemptions of the local-currency government bonds\***



Note: the chart depicts data on bonds, which were placed via the auctions, i.e. it does not contain data on recapitalisation bonds.

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**Table 1. Schedule of government bond auctions in 2016**

Action dates, tenors of bonds to be offered and volume (in hryvnia) of government's refinancing needs for the next 7-day period as of auction date

Month	Auction details	1st Tuesday	2nd Tuesday	3rd Tuesday	4th Tuesday	5th Tuesday
<b>January</b>	Auction date	5 January 2016	12 January 2016	19 January 2016	26 January 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>February</b>	Auction date	2 February 2016	9 February 2016	16 February 2016	23 February 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>March</b>	Auction date	1 March 2016	8 March 2016	15 March 2016	22 March 2016	29 March 2016
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>April</b>	Auction date	5 April 2016	12 April 2016	19 April 2016	26 April 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>May</b>	Auction date	3 May 2016	10 May 2016	17 May 2016	24 May 2016	31 May 2016
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>June</b>	Auction date	7 June 2016	14 June 2016	21 June 2016	28 June 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>July</b>	Auction date	5 July 2016	12 July 2016	19 July 2016	26 July 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>August</b>	Auction date	2 August 2016	9 August 2016	16 August 2016	23 August 2016	30 August 2016
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>September</b>	Auction date	6 September 2016	13 September 2016	20 September 2016	27 September 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	482,444,239.50	<b>4,984,637,452.50</b>	<b>981,104,479.00</b>	<b>3,338,933,251.19</b>	
<b>October</b>	Auction date	4 October 2016	11 October 2016	18 October 2016	25 October 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	<b>1,234,578,150.00</b>	<b>1,239,031,858.50</b>	<b>3,681,932,317.00</b>	<b>9,305,970,269.25</b>	
<b>November</b>	Auction date	1 November 2016	8 November 2016	15 November 2016	22 November 2016	29 November 2016
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	<b>1,969,036,389.15</b>	<b>3,470,520,636.00</b>	<b>3,271,526,958.50</b>	<b>2,490,661,147.18</b>	<b>4,142,678,165.13</b>
<b>December</b>	Auction date	6 December 2016	13 December 2016	20 December 2016	27 December 2016	
	Short-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Medium-term bonds	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Next 7 days refinancing needs	<b>4,421,367,312.50</b>	<b>3,713,063,860.00</b>	<b>1,673,041,476.25</b>	<b>660,717,890.00</b>	

Notes: 1) highlighted data in the rows of "Next 7 days refinancing needs" indicates critical volume of refinancing needs (i.e. above UAH0.5bn) for the government in the next 7-day period; 2) the volume of refinancing needs include principal redemptions and coupon payments.

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