

# Bond Market Insight

## Interest rates expected to decline

### Comment on government bond placement

After the NBU decreased its key monetary rate, interest rates are expected to decline. Yesterday, the interest rate for 6-month bonds slid 12bp.

At the auction, the MoF offered two bonds, with 6-month and 12-month maturities, but the 12-month received no bids while the 6-month received one bid at 12.00% and another at 14.00% for a total of UAH80m. The MoF decided to accept both bids, leaving the cut-off rate unchanged from last week at 14.00%. A weighted average rate was set at 13.88% at the 12% bid was very small at about UAH5m, having an insufficient impact. The interest rate fell 12bp, close to our anticipations, as demand was small and mostly at 14%.

Next week, the MoF should offer bonds similar to those offered yesterday as well as 2-year bonds which should attract the most demand. Yesterday's auction followed the yield curve movements which should decline by about 15-20bp for 1-year maturity and probably up to 30bp for 2-year bonds.

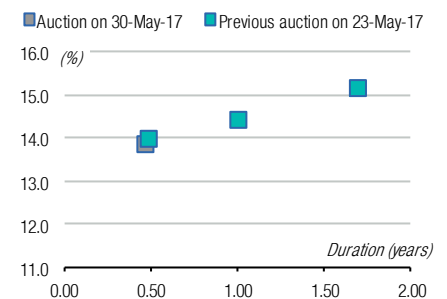
**Table 1. Details of domestic government bonds placed at the auction (UAHbn)**

ISIN	Coupon rate (%)	Payment frequency <sup>1</sup>	Maturity	Qty of bonds sold	Price (UAH)	Proceeds <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	Volume <sup>2</sup> (UAHm)	YTM <sup>3</sup> (%)	Outstanding (m) <sup>4</sup>
UA4000197388	0.00	Д	15-Nov-17	80,000	939.97	75.20	80.00	13.87	635.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>80,000</b>		<b>75.20</b>	<b>80.00</b>		<b>635.00</b>

Note: [1] payment frequency abbreviations: Q - quarterly, SA - semi-annually; [2] proceeds and volumes for the USD-denominated bonds are calculated based on the previous day last price of USD/UAH exchange rate; [3] yields on coupon-bearing bonds are effective yields to maturity. Sources: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, Bloomberg, ICU.

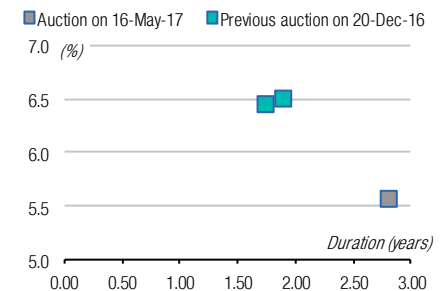
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### UAH-denominated domestic gov't bonds: yield curve in past two auctions



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

### USD-denominated domestic gov't bonds: yield curve in past two auctions

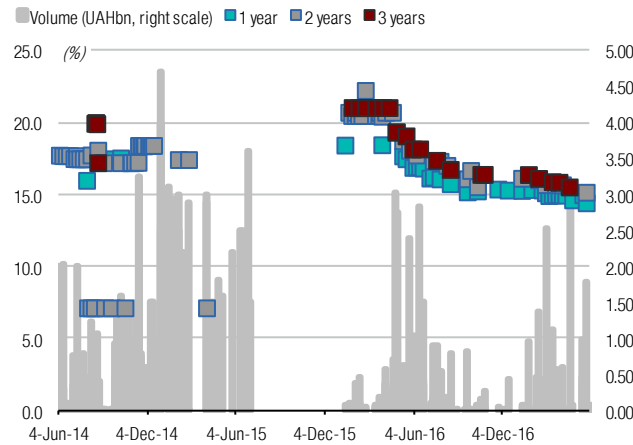


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# Appendix: Yields-to-maturity, repayments

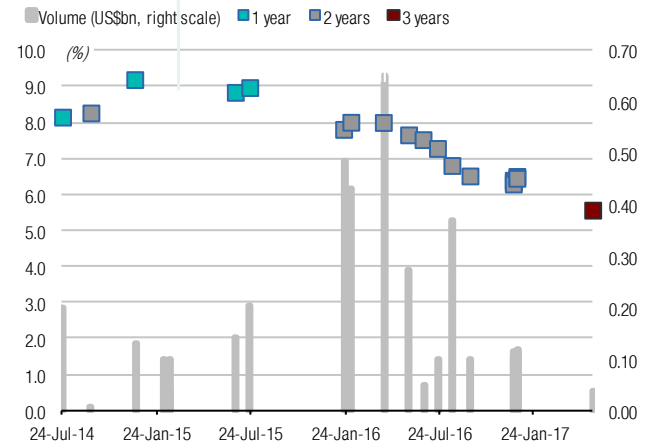
**Chart 1. Three-year history of domestic government bond placements at primary market: proceeds (in billions) and yields-to-maturity (%)**

*UAH-denominated domestic government bonds*



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

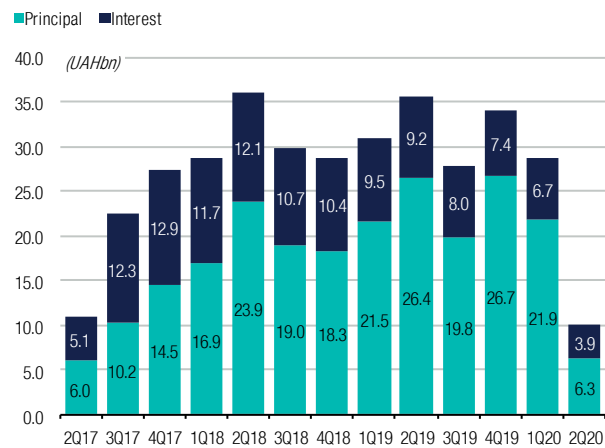
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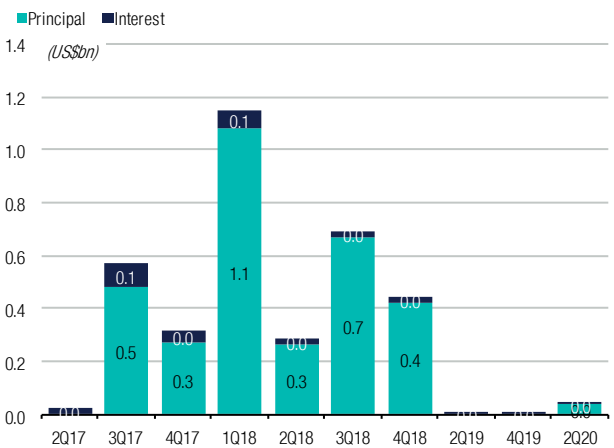
**Chart 2. Future repayments on domestic government bonds (in billions of currency)**

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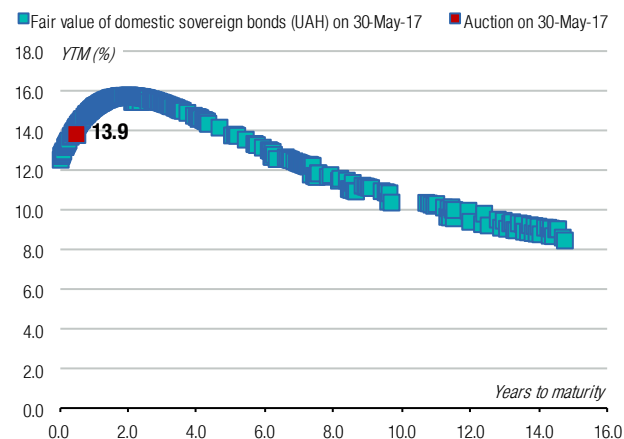
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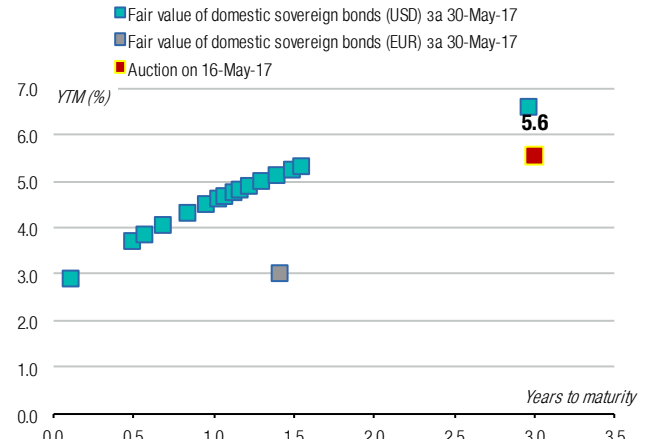
**Chart 3. Fair value of domestic government bonds as calculated by NBU versus placements via primary market auctions**

*UAH-denominated domestic government bonds*



Source: Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, ICU.

*USD- and EUR-denominated domestic government bonds*



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