

KASE WEEKLY

December 14–25,
2020

KASE NEWS

- ▲ Jan Willems [was elected](#) to KASE's Board of Directors' Committee on Budget and Strategic Planning.
- ▲ Amendments to the [Rules](#) for Market-Makers' Activities, [Formats](#) of Clearing Reports in the Foreign Exchange Market and a change to the [Specification](#) of the KASE Index Futures have been introduced.
- ▲ KASE [held](#) an award ceremony for participants in the educational project among students "Exchange simulator".
- ▲ The official list of KASE was supplemented with GDRs [US48581R2058](#) (KSPId) of Kaspi.kz JSC, bonds [KZX000000286](#) (GB_ALTNe1) Altyn PLC and 14 issues of [bonds](#) of local executive bodies.
- ▲ International bonds XS1734574137 (BRKZe8) of Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC [were excluded](#) from KASE's official list due to the expiration of the circulation period.
- ▲ Trades in units [US78463V1070](#) (US_GLD_) of SPDR Gold Shares, [bonds](#) KZ2C00007060 (BTRKb5) and KZ2C00007078 (BTRKb6) of National Managing Holding "Baiterek" JSC, [bonds](#) KZ2C00007110 (KFUSb5) and KZ2C00007128 (KFUSb6) Kazakhstan Stability Fund JSC were opened on KASE.
- ▲ NGDEM Finance JSC [has been assigned](#) the status of a market-maker for units US78463V1070 (US_GLD_) of SPDR Gold Shares.
- ▲ Centras Securities JSC [was assigned](#) the status of a market-maker for bonds KZ2C00002954 (INBNb4) of Bank RBK JSC.
- ▲ BCC Invest JSC [was assigned](#) the status of a market-maker for bonds KZ2C00007037 (KFUSb4) of Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC.

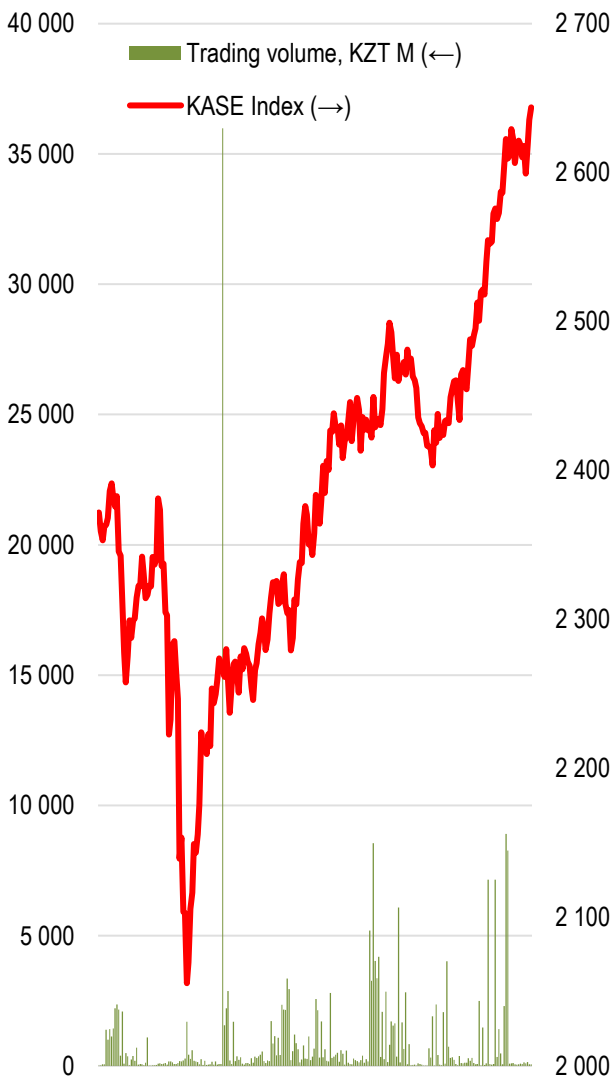
ISSUER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▲ KazAgro National Management Holding [says](#) Fitch Ratings affirmed ratings of the company, outlook "Stable".
- ▲ ForteBank [says](#) Moody's Investors Service upgraded the bank's long-term rating from "B1" to "Ba3", outlook "Stable".
- ▲ NC Kazakhstan temir zholy [says](#) S&P Global Ratings affirmed the company's rating at "kzAAA", outlook changed from "Stable" to "Positive".
- ▲ NC Kazakhstan temir zholy [says](#) Expert RA affirmed the company's rating at "kzAAA", outlook "Stable".
- ▲ Insurance company London-Almaty [says](#) S&P Global Ratings affirmed the company's ratings, outlook "Stable".
- ▲ Samruk-Energy [sums up](#) 11M 2020 operations.
- ▲ RG Brands [pays out](#) dividends on ordinary shares KZ1C00000496 (RGBR) for 2019.
- ▲ Kazburgas [pays](#) dividends on ordinary and preferred shares for 2019.
- ▲ Nurbank [pays out](#) dividends on preferred shares KZ000A1CTMV3 (NRBNp6) for 2019.



The KASE index for the period from December 11 to 25 increased by 1.0 % to 2,643.80 points. The largest number of deals among index shares was made with common shares of Halyk Bank – 1,377 deals. The largest volume of deals fell on securities of KazTransOil - KZT227.0 m. (28.0% of the total volume).

KASE Index shares



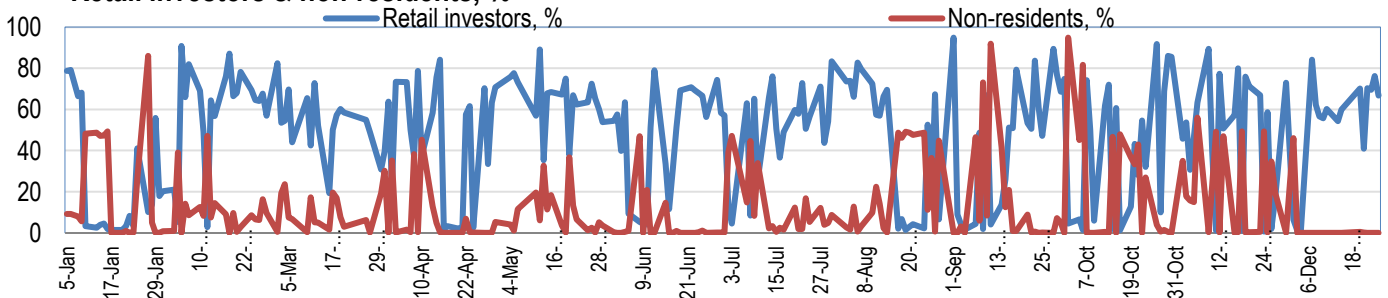
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Индекс KASE	2 643,80	Тренды (%)	
		1,0	2,9
Первый класс ликвидности	Цена	Δ 14д	Δ 1м
Bank of America Corporation	12 800,0	6,1	9,4
КазТрансОйл	950,0	4,4	9,2
НАК Казатомпром	6 875,0	2,9	9,2
Газпром	1 150,0	1,5	13,0
Kcell	2 749,9	0,7	1,1
KAZ Minerals	3 520,0	0,5	0,4
KEGOC	1 694,4	0,0	-0,4
Банк ВТБ	0,2	0,0	5,0
Казхтелелеком	26 437,0	-0,2	1,5
Банк ЦентрКредит	214,5	-0,6	-0,2
Сбербанк	1 465,0	-0,9	12,6
Народный банк	122,0	-1,1	0,0
Казхтелелеком, прив. акции	12 850,0	-1,2	1,4
Freedom Holding Corp.	21 948,0	-3,1	42,1
Аэрофлот	396,0	-4,9	0,0

Note: Index stocks are highlighted in green

The local stock market indicator is closing in the green zone due to the growth of most of the shares in the index basket. Two out of eight shares appreciated more than 4% in price: common shares of Kazatomprom and KazTransOil. The growth leaders were securities of Kazatomprom, which went up in price by 4.8 % – to KZT6,875.00. The nuclear company's quotes rose on the news of the suspension of work at the largest uranium mine Cigar Lake (Canada). The Canadian mining company Cameco announced that operations at Cigar Lake have been suspended since December 14 due to a coronavirus outbreak in the region. Recall that in March of this year, work at the mine was already suspended for a similar reason, and production was restored only six months later. Against this background, the quotes of Kazatomprom have once again renewed the historical peak of the price on KASE. The second best result was shown by ordinary shares of KazTransOil, which increased in price by 4.5 % – up to KZT950.01. KTO shares are likely to continue to win back the positive caused by the approval of the tariff and the tariff estimate for the regulated service for pumping oil to Kazakhstan's domestic market. The approved tariff comes into effect from January 1, 2021, for a period of 5 years, and exceeds the current temporary tariff by 6%. Uncertainty on this issue was one of the key reasons for the decline in the company's shares since last year. Investors, in turn, expect that the approval of the tariff will have a positive impact on the future financial performance of the company.

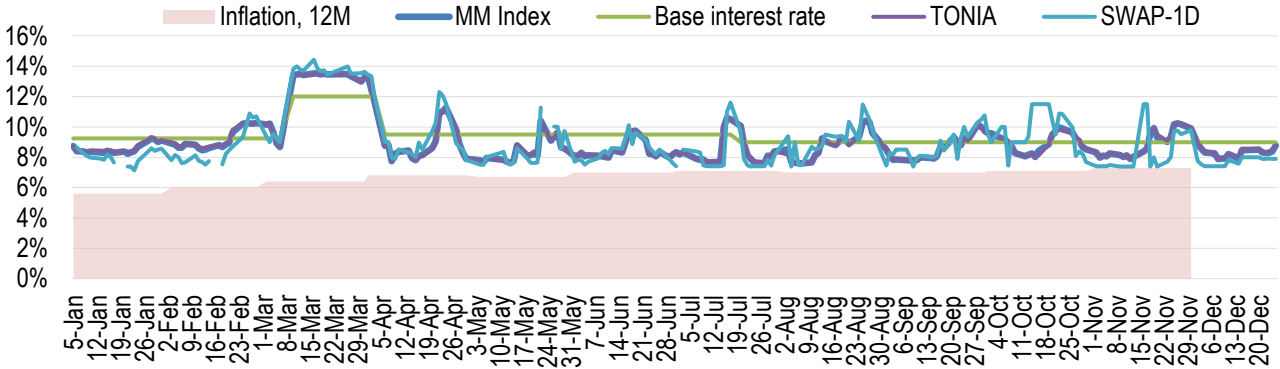
Retail investors & non-residents, %



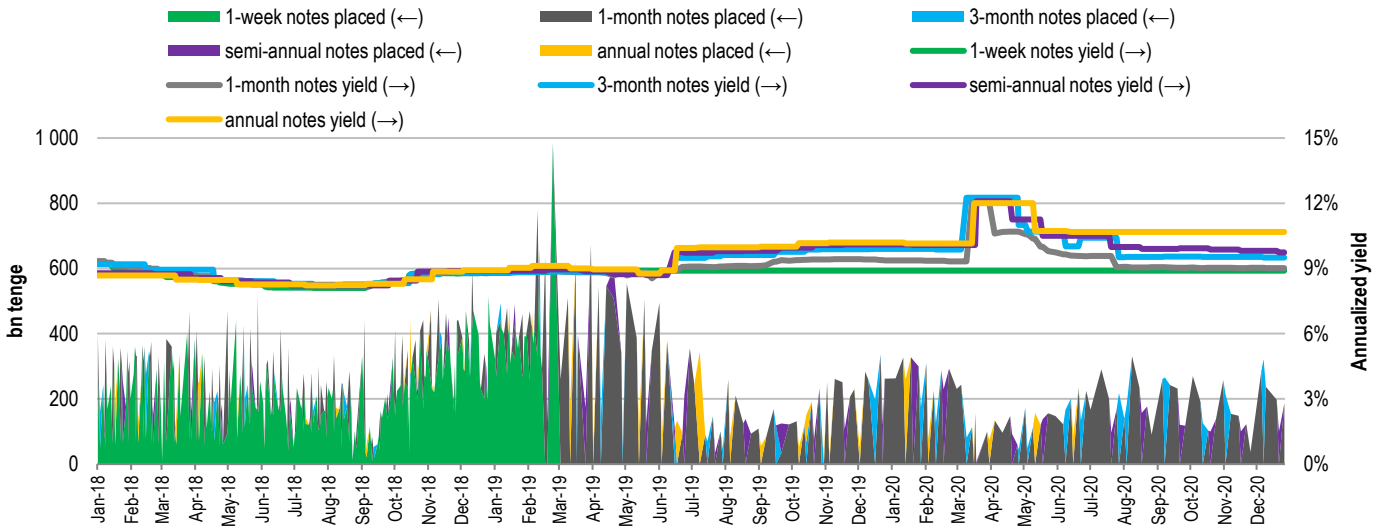


The yield on one-day repo transactions with government securities increased by 53 b.p. to the level of 8.79% per annum. The rate of borrowing the tenge secured by US dollars increased by 8 b.p. to the level of 7.90% per annum. The average volume of borrowing the tenge liquidity for one day amounted to KZT329.1 bn.

Inflation and interest rates

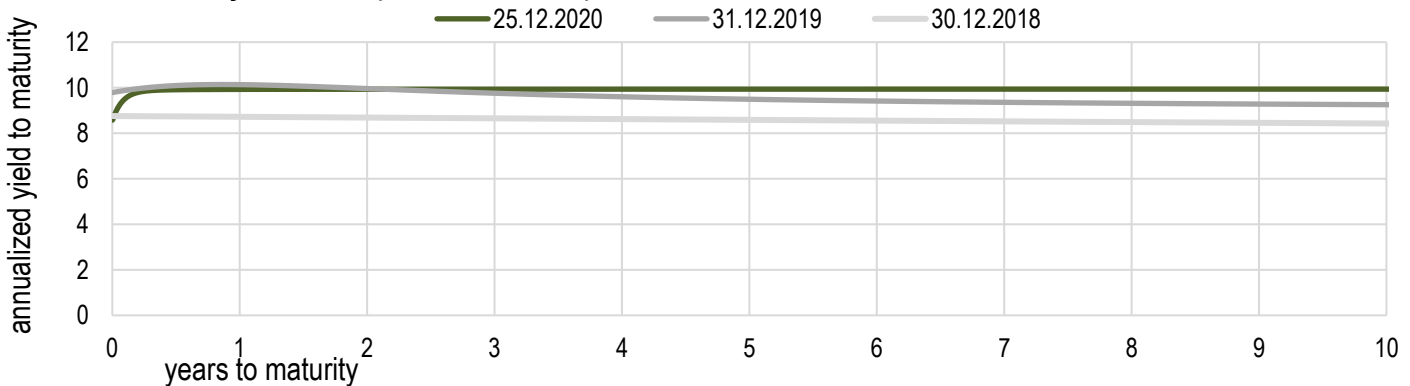


Main Features of National Bank Notes Placements



* weighted average yield on all currency swap transactions with the US dollar.

Risk-free yield curve (non-indexed GS)





The exchange rate of the US dollar against the tenge increased by KZT0.41 (+ 0.1%) to KZT419.50. The total trading volume amounted to \$1,089.2 mln. The total number of deals on purchase and sale of the US dollar was 2,611. The maximum price was KZT421.89 per US dollar, the minimum – KZT416.80.

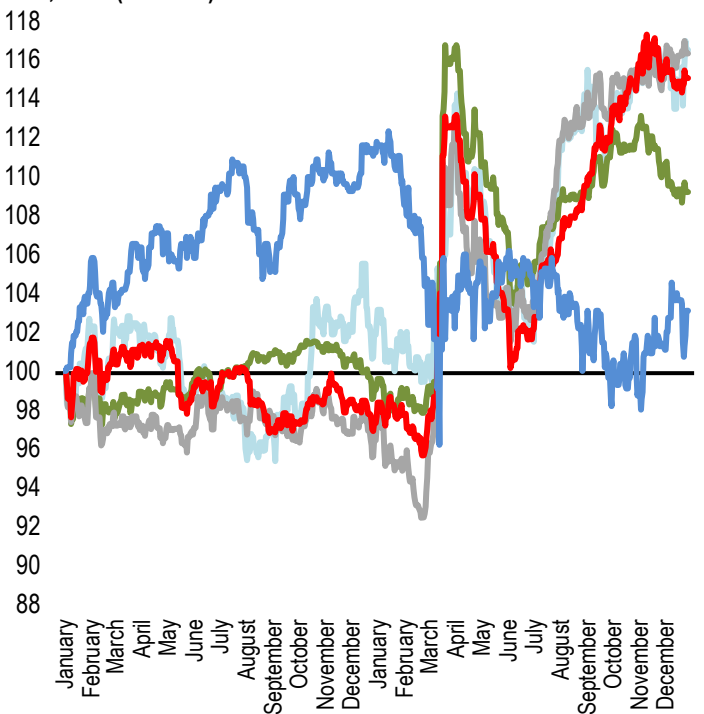
The tenge depreciates slightly against the US dollar amid a decrease in investors' risk appetite. Worries in the markets were caused by the identification of a new strain of coronavirus in the UK and other countries of the world, which led to the introduction of new restrictive measures. In addition, OPEC and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have downgraded their forecasts for oil demand in 2021. According to the updated OPEC forecast, in 2021, global oil demand will grow by 5.9 million bpd, which is 0.4 million bpd worse than last month's forecast. The IEA downgraded the estimate of the fall in oil demand in 2020 to 8.8 million bpd. However, the pressure on oil prices is constrained by the latest data from the US Department of Energy on energy reserves in the country. According to a weekly report from the United States Department of Energy, commercial oil reserves in the country for the week ended December 20 decreased by 562 thousand barrels. Inventory stocks of gasoline fell by 1.1 million barrels, distillates – by 2.3 million barrels.

The price of March Brent oil futures on the London ICE Futures exchange rose 2.6% to \$51.29 per barrel. The exchange rate of the US dollar against the Russian ruble on the Moscow Exchange increased by 1.7% to 74.1956 rubles.

The value of the Russian ruble decreased by KZT0.0562 (-0.1%) to KZT5.6830. The euro rose in price by KZT4.55 (+ 0.9%) to KZT512.50. The Chinese yuan increased in price by KZT0.1663 (+ 0.3%) to KZT64.4262.

FX rates

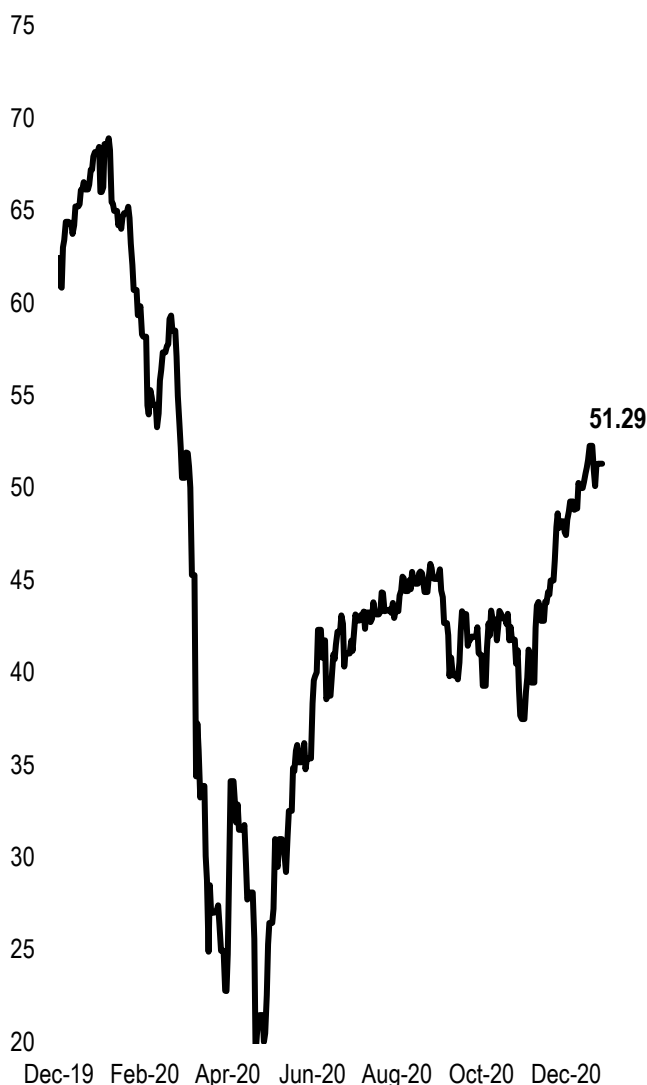
Δ %, base (01.01.20)



	Price	Δ 14d, %	Δ 30d, %	Δ 2020, %
— GBPKZT	570.92	2.1	0.7	14.2
— USDKZT	419.89	0.0	-1.1	10.2
— EURKZT	511.85	0.3	1.5	19.9
— CNYKZT	64.30	0.2	-0.4	17.9
— RUBKZT	5.62	-1.7	0.5	-8.9

Brent oil

USD/barrel









Note: The chart and the table are based on the official market rates of the NBK. NBK rates may differ from KASE rates.

Global indices

Commodities market

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Name	Value	Trend %			Futures 7d	Name	Price	Trend %		
		14d	1m	1y				14d	1m	1y
 S&P 500	3 703,06	1,1	2,0	14,3	-0,3	Oil (Brent)	51,29	2,6	5,5	-24,5
Dow Jones	30 199,87	0,5	1,1	5,5	0,0	Oil (WTI)	48,23	3,6	5,5	-21,8
 RTS	1 378,36	-2,4	5,9	-10,2	-1,4	Natural gas	2,52	-2,8	-13,1	9,8
MICEX	2 285,53	0,0	0,0	0,0	-1,4	Copper	356,00	1,0	7,6	24,3
 Hang Seng	26 386,56	-0,5	-1,1	-5,3	-0,3	Iron	1 100,00	7,4	19,3	63,2
SS CSI 300	5 042,01	3,1	2,7	25,2	1,1	Gold	1 883,46	2,4	4,2	24,8
 Euro Stoxx 50	3 543,28	1,6	0,9	-6,1	0,0	Silver	25,81	7,4	10,5	44,2
FTSEuroFirst	3 908,00	0,7	0,3	-12,5	-0,1	Wheat	627,00	3,1	6,6	14,2
 FTSE 100	6 502,11	-0,7	1,7	-14,8	-0,3					
 KASE	2 643,80	1,0	2,9	12,7						

Economic calendar

Currency

Forecast

Previous

12/29	US: Consumer confidence index CB (Dec)	USD	97.0	96.1
12/30	US: Real estate pending sales index (m/m) (Nov)	USD	0.2%	-1.1%
12/30	US: crude oil reserves	USD		-0.562M
12/31	PRC: Manufacturing PMI (Dec)	CNY	52.2	52.1
12/31	US: number of initial application for employment benefits	USD	835K	803K

Note: the calendar contains the most significant economic events of the current week according to KASE analysts opinion

B – billions
M – millions
K – thousands

Kazakhstan statistics

Value

As of

Beginning 2019

Annual inflation	7.1%	08/01/20	5.3%
Gross international reserves of NBK, USD bn	31,561	06/01/20	30,927
Reserve money, KZT bn	8,428.3	06/01/20	5,995.7
Money supply, KZT bn	22,438.2	06/01/20	20,813.4

Kazakhstan credit ratings

Rating

Date

Previous

S&P Global

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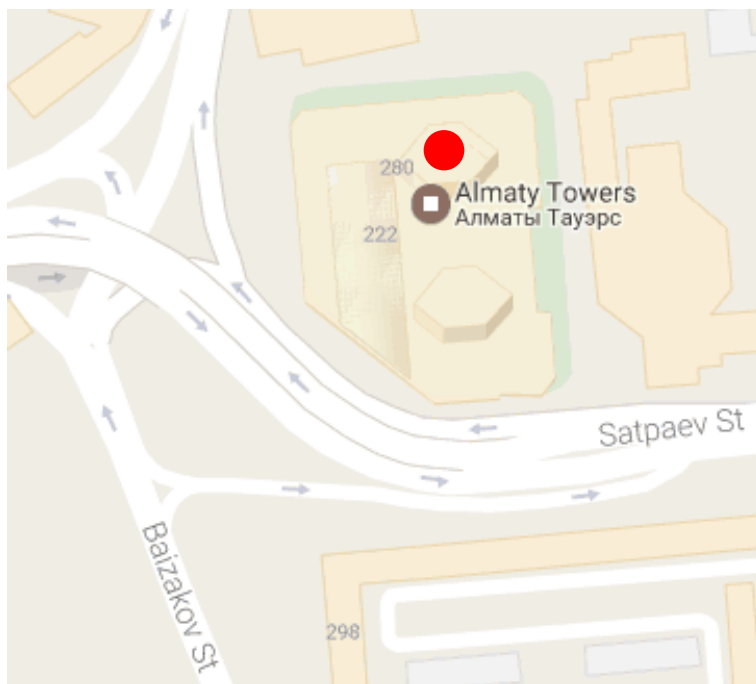
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Corporate Events Calendar of KASE listed Companies

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