

# KASE WEEKLY

January 29-  
February 2,  
2024

## KASE NEWS

- The [Procedure](#) for Certification of Traders, the [Regulations](#) on the Certification Commission and amendments to the [Regulations](#) on Membership have been put into effect.
- KASE has [compiled](#) lists of securities of the first, second and third classes of liquidity for February 2024.
- Bonds [KZ2P00010937](#) (MFRFb11) of Microfinance organization "R-Finance" LLP, three [bond](#) issues of Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC and bonds [KZ2P00010291](#) (MFRCb1) of MFO Robocash.kz LLP are included in KASE official list.
- Bonds [KZ2P00007941](#) (MFAFb2) of Microfinance Organization aFinance LLP, bonds [KZ2P00007222](#) (CLSGb1) of Capital Leasing Group LLP, bonds [KZ2C00003028](#) (CSBNb16) of Kaspi Bank JSC, bonds [KZ2C00007300](#) (KFUSb8) of Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC, international bonds [US91282CDV00](#) (US\_22\_2401) and [US9128285Z94](#) (US\_37\_2401) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury were excluded from KASE official list due to the expiration of their circulation period.
- Trading in bonds [KZ2C00010528](#) (KFUSb63) of Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC, bonds [KZ2C00010304](#) (BTRKb9) of NMH Baiterek JSC and [bonds](#) of Eurasian Development Bank of three issues opened on KASE.
- Trading in bonds [KZ2D00010857](#) (EABRb44) of Eurasian Development Bank has been suspended on KASE.
- Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan was assigned status of market maker on KASE for bonds [KZK100000316](#) (MKM012\_0156) of Ministry of Finance of Republic of Kazakhstan.

## RESULTS OF PLACEMENTS

- Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan placed 4.0 bn MEKKAM-9 of issue 19 ([KZK100000324](#), MKM009\_0019) on KASE.
- Eurasian Development Bank [raised](#) 4.4 bn tenge on KASE by placing bonds KZ2D00009438 (EABRb31).
- Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC [raised](#) 10.0 bn tenge on KASE by placing bonds KZ2C00010510 (KFUSb62).
- Altay Resources [sold](#) 20,976,136 common shares KZ1C00000983 (AMAN) on KASE in the amount of KZT16.2 bn.

## ISSUER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NC KazMunayGas JSC summed up the results of the activities of oil refineries for 2023 and outlined plans for 2024.
- REIF "RETAM" [paid](#) dividends on preferred shares for fourth quarter of 2023.
- Air Astana JSC [announced](#) the price range for the offer of shares KZ1C00004050 (AIRA) and GDRs.
- Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC and European Investment Bank will [consider](#) supporting transport projects in Kazakhstan.
- Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC [adopted](#) a development strategy for 2024–2033.
- Zhaikmunai LLP [reported](#) the operating results of NOSTRUM OIL & GAS PLC for 2023.
- NAC Kazatomprom [reports](#) Q4 2023 operating results.
- KEGOC [says](#) Fitch Ratings upgraded the company's ratings; outlook Stable.



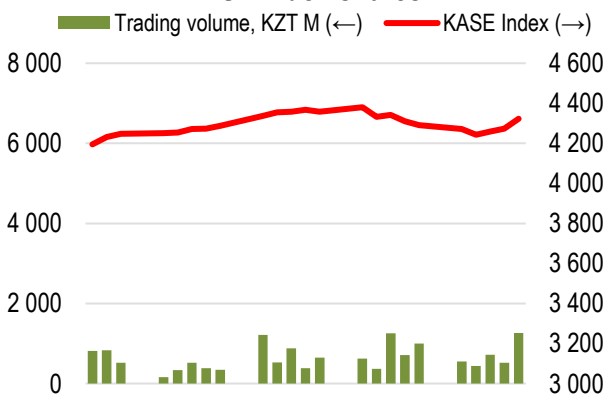
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KASE Index 4 322,84 Trends (%) 0,8 3,0

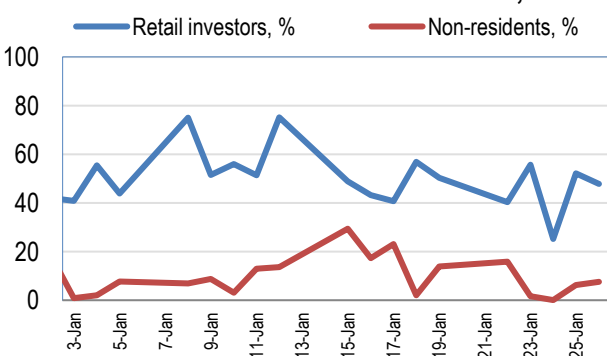
| First class of liquidity                | Price     | Δ 7D  | Δ 1M   |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|
| АО "НАК "Казатомпром""                  | 19 748,00 | 8,0   | 7,0    |
| AT&T Inc.                               | 17,99     | 5,9   | 7,0    |
| PayPal Holdings Inc.                    | 62,00     | 2,7   | - 0,8  |
| The Coca-Cola Company                   | 63,44     | 2,4   | - 0,4  |
| Freedom Holding Corp.                   | 80,15     | 2,0   | 0,2    |
| АО "Народный Банк Казахстана"           | 164,00    | 0,2   | 0,2    |
| АО "ForteBank"                          | 3,71      | -     | - 1,9  |
| АО "Кселл"                              | 2 239,99  | - 0,0 | 14,6   |
| АО "Банк ЦентрКредит"                   | 1 061,00  | - 0,1 | 8,6    |
| АО Kaspi.kz                             | 43 982,00 | - 0,1 | - 3,5  |
| Bank of America Corporation             | 33,32     | - 0,2 | - 1,8  |
| АО "KEGOC"                              | 1 370,00  | - 0,4 | - 7,6  |
| АО "Национальная компания "КазМунайГаз" | 12 150,00 | - 0,4 | 5,3    |
| АО "БАСТ"                               | 6 600,00  | - 0,6 | - 2,3  |
| Tesla, Inc.                             | 203,00    | - 1,0 | - 20,4 |
| AltynGold plc                           | 734,99    | - 1,6 | 0,5    |
| АО "KM GOLD"                            | 113,99    | - 1,7 | - 3,4  |
| Pfizer Inc.                             | 27,25     | - 2,2 | - 6,2  |
| АО "Казхателеком"                       | 33 399,00 | - 2,5 | - 3,2  |
| Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.            | 173,62    | - 2,6 | 15,8   |
| АО "КазТрансОйл"                        | 823,03    | - 3,6 | - 4,9  |
| Apple Inc.                              | 185,46    | - 3,7 | - 4,8  |
| Intel Corporation                       | 42,00     | - 4,3 | - 16,8 |

Note: Index stocks are highlighted in green

KASE Index shares



Retail investors & non-residents, %



Last week, KASE Index slightly recovered its positions, increasing to 4,322.84 points. KASE Index was supported by shares of Kazatomprom, which shot up 8 % last week. The growth driver was uranium prices, which resumed their rally after the previous decline, pulling up the shares of uranium companies. In the KASE Global sector, the uranium The Global X Uranium ETF soared by 9 %.

At the same time, according to Kazatomprom, in 2024 the company expects production volume to increase to 21,000 – 22,500 tons. At the same time, in 2023, the sales volume of the company and its subsidiaries increased by 10 % – to 18 thousand tons. The company explains this increase by an increase in annual supply volumes under existing contracts, as well as due to new long-term contracts.

Rating agencies continue to increase the ratings of Kazakh issuers. Thus, Fitch Ratings upgraded KEGOC's long-term rating from "BBB-" to "BBB" with a "stable" outlook. According to the agency, the company's strong financial profile and improved regulatory framework following the market reform were the main factors behind the company's rating upgrade. At the same time, for the next four years, Fitch increased its EBITDA forecast to 120 bn tenge per year. Despite this positive news, KEGOC shares lost 0.4 % over the week.

Similar dynamics were shown by shares of KazMunayGas, which fell slightly following the fall in price of Brent oil futures. At the same time, the management of KazMunayGas and the Chinese petrochemical corporation Sinopec discussed the status of the large-scale Polyethylene project, within the framework of which it is planned to build a polyethylene production plant with a capacity of 1.25 mln tons per year in the Atyrau region. It is planned that the contribution to the country's GDP from the implementation of this project is estimated at 1.2 %.

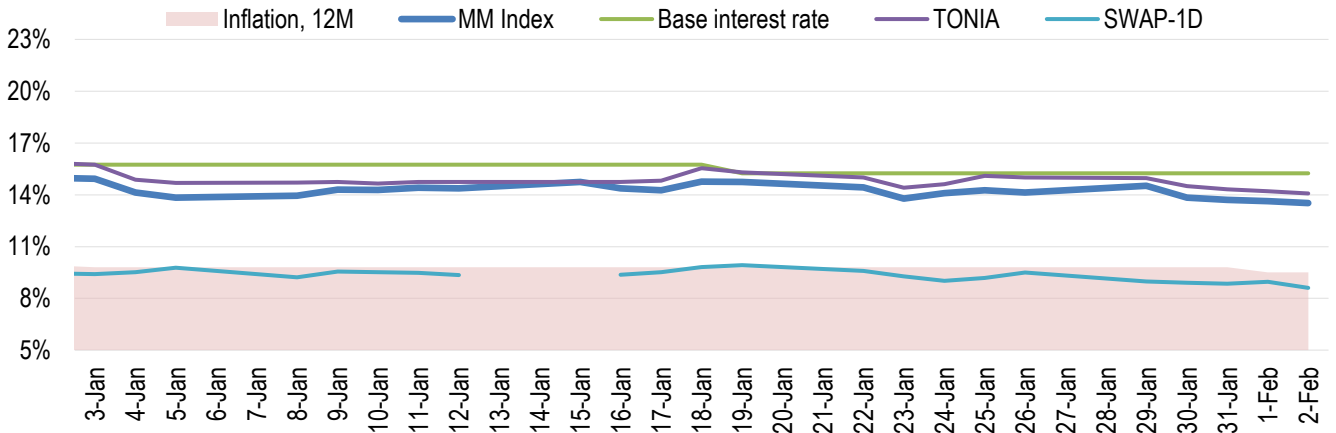
Despite the decline in oil prices, the tenge's exchange rate against the US dollar remains stable and, following Friday's trading results, formed at the level of 451.28 tenge. At the same time, the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announced the planned sale of currency from the National Fund in February in the amount of 600 to 700 mln US dollars. Also this month, the purchase of foreign currency for the UAPF in the amount of 400 to 500 mln US dollars is expected.

In the red zone were the shares of KazTransOil and Kazakhtelecom, which fell by 4 % and 3 %, respectively. It should be noted that in accordance with the draft Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, amendments are being made to the privatization list for 2021-2025, according to which in 2024 Kazakhtelecom will put up for sale the mobile operator Mobile Telecom-Service.

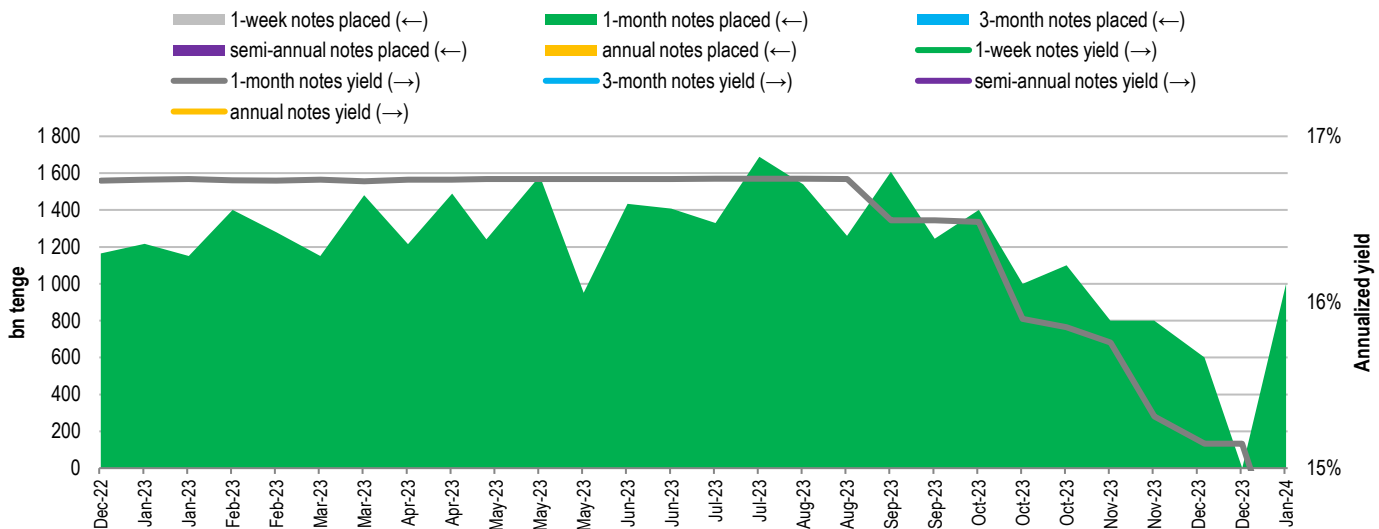
Against the backdrop of optimistic macroeconomic data, yield rates on the money market continue to decline. Thus, the TONIA indicator fell by almost 100 basis points to 14.07 %, and the rate on the currency swap instrument for the dollar/tenge pair decreased by almost 90 basis points to 8.61 %. At the same time, annual inflation for the month of January decreased from the previous 9.8 % to 9.5 %. The market's attention will be focused on the next revision of the National Bank's base rate, which is scheduled for February 23, 2024.

On KASE's money market, the interest rate of the one-day repo TONIA decreased from 15.31 % to 14.07 % per annum, trading in the lower corridor of the base rate. The yield on one-day currency swap transactions in US dollars decreased over the period from 9.49 % to 8.61 % per annum, trading below the base rate corridor.

### Inflation and interest rates

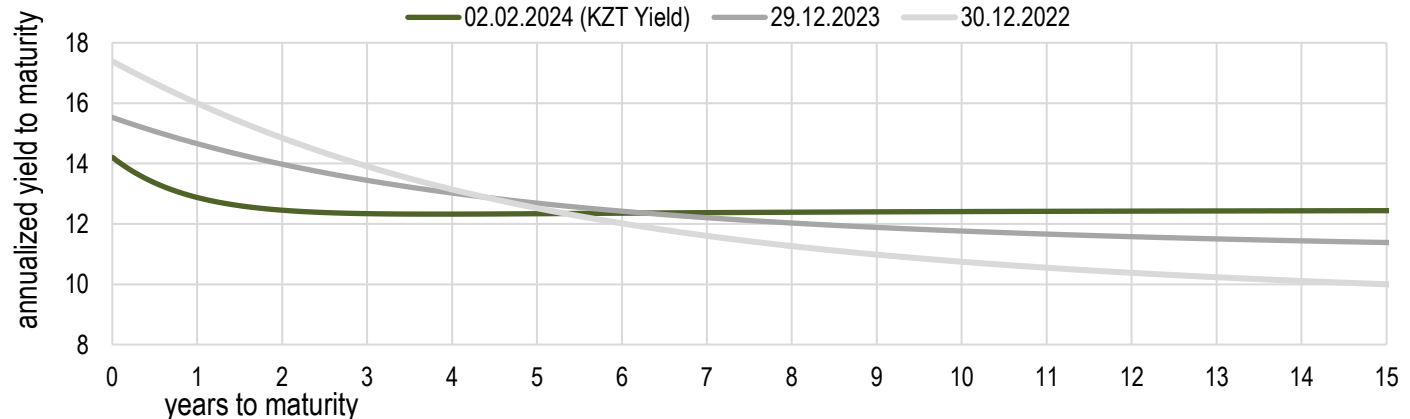


### Main Features of National Bank Notes Placements



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

### Risk-free yield curve (non-indexed GS)





At the end of January, the tenge's exchange rate strengthened by 1.4 % to 448.17 tenge per US dollar. The average daily trading volume on Kazakhstan Stock Exchange for the month decreased from 176 to 172 mln US dollars. The total trading volume was USD 3.6 bn.

Sales of foreign currency from the National Fund to ensure transfers to the republican budget in January amounted to 1.05 bn US dollars. The share of sales from the National Fund amounted to 29 % of the total trading volume and no more than 50 mln US dollars per day.

In order to maintain the foreign exchange share of UAPF pension assets at the level of 30 %, the National Bank in January continued to purchase foreign currency at exchange trading, the total amount of which amounted to \$200 mln or about 6 % of the total market volume. As part of increasing the foreign currency share of the assets of Kazakhstan Deposit Guarantee Fund JSC (KDGF), the National Bank also made foreign currency purchases in the amount of \$20 mln in January.

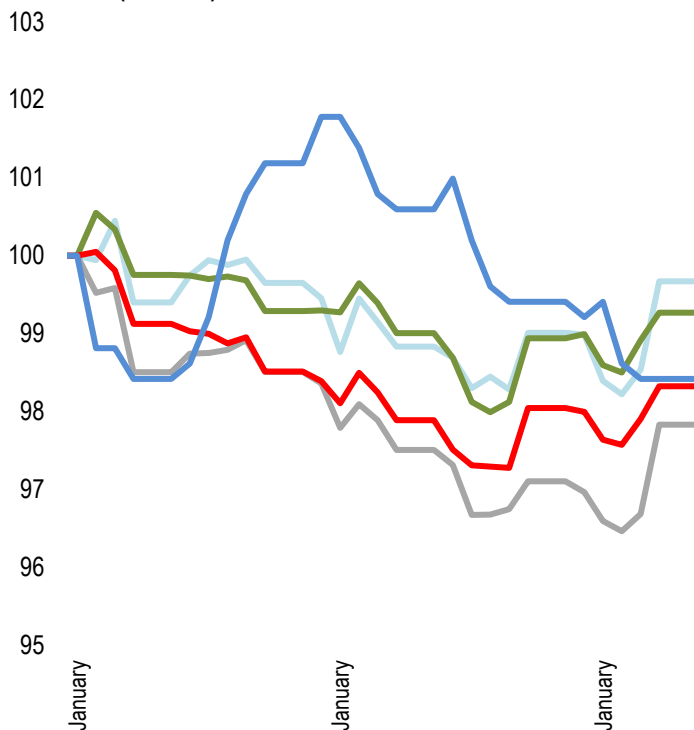
The National Bank did not conduct foreign exchange interventions in January.

According to preliminary forecast requests from the Government for the allocation of transfers to the republican budget in February 2024, the National Bank expects the sale of currency from the National Fund in the amount of 600 to 700 mln US dollars.

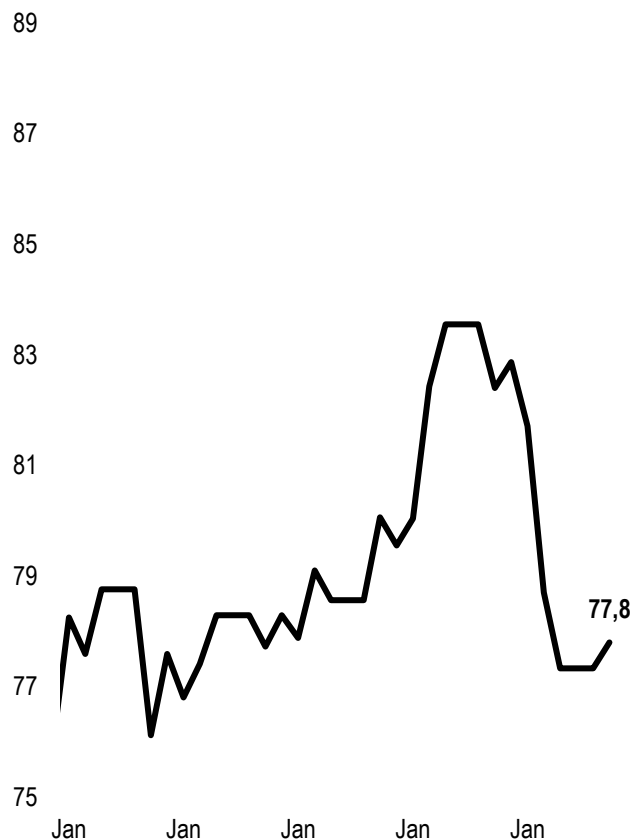
The purchase of foreign currency to maintain the foreign currency share of UAPF pension assets in February 2024 is expected to amount to from 400 to 500 mln US dollars.

**FX rates**

Δ %, base (01.01.23)










**Brent oil**  
USD/barrel



|          | Price  | Δ 7d, % | Δ 30d, % | Δ 2023, % |
|----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|
| — GBPKZT | 575,56 | 0,67    | -1,46    | 2,24      |
| — USDKZT | 451,24 | 0,33    | -1,08    | -2,81     |
| — EURKZT | 491,36 | 0,75    | -3,31    | -1,47     |
| — CNYKZT | 62,87  | 0,29    | -2,10    | -6,19     |
| — RUBKZT | 4,98   | -0,99   | -1,58    | -22,55    |

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

| Name   | Value     | Trend % |      |       | Futures |
|--|-----------|---------|------|-------|---------|
|  |           | 7D      | 1M   | 1Y    | 7D      |
|  S&P 500      | 4 958,61  | 1,4     | 5,4  | 18,6  | 1,3     |
| Dow Jones  | 38 654,42 | 1,4     | 3,3  | 13,5  | 1,3     |
|  RTS          | 1 117,31  | 0,7     | 4,1  | 11,3  | 0,8     |
|  MICEX        | 2 285,53  | 0,0     | 0,0  | 0,0   | 0,8     |
|  Hang Seng    | 15 533,56 | -2,6    | -6,7 | -29,3 | -2,5    |
|  SS CSI 300   | 3 179,63  | -4,6    | -5,9 | -24,0 | -5,6    |
| Euro Stoxx 50  | 4 654,55  | 0,4     | 4,6  | 9,7   | 0,3     |
|  FTSEuroFirst | 5 176,00  | 0,4     | 2,5  | 6,7   | 0,3     |
|  FTSE 100     | 7 615,54  | -0,3    | -0,9 | -2,6  | -0,5    |
| KASE   | 4 322,84  | 0,8     | 3,0  | 29,8  |         |

## Commodities market

February 2, 2024

| Name        | Price    | Trend % |       |       |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
|             |          | 7D      | 1M    | 1Y    |
| Oil (Brent) | 77,33    | -7,4    | -1,2  | -5,9  |
| Oil (WTI)   | 72,28    | -7,3    | -0,6  | -4,7  |
| Natural gas | 2,08     | -23,3   | -22,1 | -15,4 |
| Copper      | 382,15   | -0,8    | -1,0  | -6,6  |
| Iron        | 1 030,00 | -2,8    | -3,6  | 15,9  |
| Gold        | 2 039,76 | 1,1     | 0,3   | 6,7   |
| Silver      | 22,80    | -0,3    | -1,6  | -3,5  |
| Wheat       | 599,75   | -0,1    | -0,1  | -21,2 |

## Calendar of economic events

|  | Currency | Forecast | Previous |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| 05.02 <u>Speech by Fed Chairman Mr. Powell</u>                         | USD      |          |          |
| 05.02 <u>Services Business Activity Index (PMI) (Jan)</u>              | USD      | 52.9     | 51.4     |
| 05.02 <u>ISM US Non-Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (Jan)</u> | USD      | 52.0     | 50.6     |
| 06.02 <u>Interest rate decision (Feb)</u>                              | AUD      | 4.35 %   | 4.36 %   |
| 07.02 <u>Crude oil reserves</u>  | USD      |          | 1.234M   |
| 01.02 <u>GDP (monthly) (y/y)</u>                                       | RUB      | 3.8 %    | 4.4 %    |
| 08.02 <u>Number of initial applications for unemployment benefits</u>  | USD      | 219K     | 224K     |

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    | Previous month |
|---|----------|----------|----------------|
| Annual inflation                            | 9,5%     | 01.02.24 | 9,8%           |
| Gross international reserves of NBK, USD bn | 36,0     | 01.01.24 | 34,2           |
| Reserve money, KZT bn                       | 11 540,0 | 01.01.24 | 10 126,5       |
| Money supply, KZT bn                        | 38 302,2 | 01.01.24 | 35 674,6       |

## Kazakhstan credit ratings

|                       | Rating              | Date     | Previous            |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>S&amp;P Global</b> | BBB-/A-3 стабильный | 04.09.23 | BBB-/A-3 стабильный |
| <b>MOODY'S</b>        | Вaa2/позитивный     | 27.10.23 | Вaa3/стабильный     |
| <b>FitchRatings</b>   | BBB/стабильный      | 17.11.23 | BBB/стабильный      |

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**Corporate Events Calendar of KASE listed Companies**

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