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KASE presents results of the exchange market's operation in 2023

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (KASE, or the Exchange) announces the main results of its activities for 2023.

- The total volume of trading on KASE in 2023 amounted to 410.7 trln tenge having increased by 57.0 %, or 149.1 trln tenge, relative to 2022.
- Based on results of 2023, the value of KASE Index increased by 28.8 % to 4,187.38 points.
- The equity market capitalization increased by 26.4 % to 26.7 trln tenge over the year.
- The volume of corporate debt traded on KASE decreased by 6.5 % to 13.5 trln tenge.
- In 2023, securities of 36 new issuers passed the listing procedure: two in the equities sector, five in the KASE Global sector, 28 in the corporate bonds sector and one in the securities of international financial organizations sector.
- As of January 1, 2024, KASE's trading lists included 656 names of corporate securities from 237 issuers.
- As of January 1, 2024, there were 693 thousand personal accounts of individuals and 1.7 mln brokerage accounts of holders accounted for through omnibus accounts in the Central Depository. Based on results of 2023, individuals registered 161 thousand new personal accounts.

PROJECTS OF THE EXCHANGE

In 2023, KASE continued to implement the Development Strategy for 2022–2024, which includes four key areas: increasing liquidity in exchange markets, developing the central counterparty, introducing innovations and increasing the value of KASE for stakeholders. As part of the implementation of the Development Strategy, in 2023 the Exchange implemented a number of projects in these areas.

KASE handed over clearing and settlement activities on the stock market to its subsidiary KASE Clearing Centre JSC (hereinafter – the Clearing Centre). The goal of this project is to reduce the risks of market participants, cut transaction costs of participants through cross-margining and netting.

Since September 25, clearing participants of the Clearing Centre are 42 financial organizations – members of KASE in the "stock" category. At the time of transfer of the functions of the central counterparty for the stock market to the Clearing Centre, more than 1,500 financial instruments, including 989 issues of securities of 253 issuers that are on KASE official list, were accepted for clearing service.

In order to increase liquidity in the exchange markets, from March 6, 2023 KASE opened trading in new instruments on the foreign exchange market – US dollars and euros with settlements in yuan with settlement terms T+0, T+1 and T+2.

From October 2, 2023, KASE began calculating and publishing indices of the government securities market of the Republic of Kazakhstan without segmentation by maturity (aggregated indices).

During 2023, the Exchange continued to work on attracting small and medium-sized businesses to the organized securities market. With the support of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, amendments were made to the National Entrepreneurship Development Project for 2021-2025, which provides for the provision of subsidies for the coupon rate and bond guarantees (optional). In 2023, the first three issues of bonds with a subsidized coupon rate passed the listing procedure – bonds of BRBAPK LLP, green bonds of KazWind Energy LLP and Black Biotechnology LLP.

KEY EVENTS

In 2023, as part of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of KASE, a number of events were held with the participation of the Exchange:

- together with the Akimdik of the city of Astana and the Earth Foundation "Sustainable Development" a ceremony was held to lay the foundation of the KASE alley in the Presidential Park of the capital of Kazakhstan and planted 100 sakura seedlings;
- the general annual meeting of members of the International Association of Exchanges of the CIS Countries (MAB CIS) and the Round Table of Currency and Stock Exchanges of the MAB CIS were held;
- The General Assembly of the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS), meetings of its Board and Audit Committee were held. Within the framework of the assembly, a Strategic Session and a Round Table on the capital market were held, during which participants discussed news and development prospects for exchanges – members of the federation;
- The International Exchange Forum "The Role of Exchanges in the Transformation of Financial Markets" was held in Almaty with the support of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Regulation and Development of the Financial Market and the ALE "Association of Financiers of Kazakhstan" within the framework of the XI Congress of Financiers of Kazakhstan. At the forum, international and Kazakh experts discussed global trends in the development of financial markets, regulatory changes and their impact on the business environment; challenges and opportunities for emerging markets in increasing liquidity, creating attractive conditions for local and foreign investors; the revolutionary impact of digital innovation on the landscape of the financial products and services market; the critical role of the financial market in implementing the global ESG agenda;
- As part of the International Exchange Forum, an award ceremony was held to celebrate partners, listed companies and members of KASE, as well as experts and leading specialists in the financial sector who made a significant contribution to the development of Kazakhstan's stock market.

Events for investors and businesses

In 2023, the Exchange continued to organize training programs for issuers and investors, students and representatives of the media. Using the experience of previous years, KASE effectively used both online and offline formats of events.

Training events

In order to improve financial literacy, KASE carried out the following activities:

- introductory seminars for students of the Kazakh-German University, KIMEP University, Almaty Economic College (AEC) and M. Narikbaev KAZGUU University, which were aimed at providing information about the basics of the stock market, the use of the KASE Mobile app for the "Stock Exchange Simulator" project;
- online webinars "Futures on KASE", which covers the basic principles of futures' operation, the procedure and access to futures trading on the Exchange;
- online webinar "Introduction to PRI: developing the practice of responsible investment and increasing the level of knowledge in the field of ESG in the global investment sector", where representatives of the PRI Academy spoke about the principles of responsible investment and PRI's activities with the global investment sector and promoting ESG, as well as opportunities for expanding competencies in this direction;
- a comprehensive training program "My Portfolio on KASE", aimed at improving the financial literacy of retail investors;
- fairs of Kazakh brokers "KASE FEST" at the premises of leading universities in five cities of Kazakhstan in support of the annual program World Investor Week 2023 of the World Federation of Stock Exchanges (WFE), the ceremony "Ring the Bell for Financial Literacy" and SPO of shares of KEGOC JSC;
- a competition among retail investors in the stock market aimed at promoting the stock exchange trading in the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- simulated trading within the framework of the 15th educational project "Stock Exchange Simulator" to improve the financial literacy of university students in Kazakhstan;

- broadcasts of the program "KASE Exchange News" on the radio "Business FM" continued, which cover information about the dynamics of KASE exchange markets, the Exchange's projects and trends in international markets.

Business events

In 2023, the Exchange held a number of events for business:

- As part of the "Issuer Day" project, online meetings with executives of MFO "Credit Time" LLP, KazTransOil JSC, Kazakhtelecom JSC, Kcell JSC, Forpost LLP, Home Credit Bank JSC, KEGOC JSC, NC KazMunayGas JSC and MFO "TAS FINANCE GROUP" LLP were held with investors, professional participants of the securities market and the media, within which company representatives shared information about financial results, main areas of business, ongoing projects and forecast expectations;
- webinars to improve the financial literacy of entrepreneurs "Tools for raising capital on the stock market and their advantages" and "Managing a company's capital and ways to raise capital" as part of the training program "Raising capital on KASE";
- round table with representatives of the Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs "El Tiregi", the Association of Confectioners, the Union of Grain Processors of Kazakhstan and the Union of Mechanical Engineers of Kazakhstan on the topic "Raising capital on KASE".

International cooperation

- KASE became a member of the Association CCP12, which includes more than 40 members organizing the activities of more than 60 central counterparties (CCPs) around the world.
- KASE and Green Investment Group (GIG) entered into a Memorandum of Mutual Cooperation, the purpose of which is the development and implementation of the principles of sustainable development in the stock market of Kazakhstan.
- KASE and the Central Asian Stock Exchange entered into a memorandum of mutual cooperation, the purpose of which is to exchange experience in the development of capital markets and stock exchanges of the two republics.
- KASE held "KASE Day in Tashkent" in the Republic of Uzbekistan with the assistance of Uzbek Republican Currency Exchange JSC and Republican Stock Exchange "Toshkent" JSC. The event was aimed at providing information about the possibilities of obtaining membership, conditions for raising capital on the Kazakh stock market for Uzbek companies and investing temporarily free funds in KASE markets.
- KASE hosted a meeting with representatives of the participating countries of the Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) of the Asian Development Bank. The meeting participants got acquainted with the exhibition of the Exchange Museum, learned about the process of launching and conducting trading on KASE, as well as about the role of KASE in the country's financial system, the infrastructure and financial instruments of the Exchange, trends in the exchange market, implemented projects and KASE's plans within the framework of the Development Strategy for 2022-2024.

EQUITY MARKET

Since the beginning of the year, the equity market capitalization has increased by 26.4 %, or 5.6 trln tenge, and totaled 26.7 trln tenge (59.0 bn USD).

Based on results of 2023, the Exchange's trading lists included shares of 99 names from 84 issuers.

In 2023, shares of three names of two issuers (ALTYN SAMRUK QAZAQSTAN JSC, FINANCIAL HOLDING REPUBLIC JSC) were included in the official list of the Exchange.

In 2023, shares of 18 names were excluded from the trading list of the Exchange, of which, in the fourth quarter, shares of three names were excluded from the official list of the Exchange: common shares of Insurance Company "Amanat" JSC, First Heartland Securities JSC at the initiative of their issuer and CHINATOWN JSC – due to liquidation as a legal entity.

The volume of trading in shares in 2023 relative to 2022 increased by 8.5 %, or 26.3 bn tenge, to 333.6 bn tenge. The average daily trading volume amounted to 1,356.0 mln tenge (on the secondary market – 1,224.0 mln tenge), the average daily number of transactions – 3,261 (on the secondary market – 3,109 transactions),

the average volume of one transaction – 415.8 thousand tenge (on the secondary market – 393.7 thousand tenge).

The volume of the primary market is estimated at 32.5 bn tenge, having decreased by 76.5 %, or 106.0 bn tenge, compared to 2022. In 2023, the following placements took place in the equity sector:

In January 2023, AMF Group JSC issued 561,678 shares in the amount of 144.9 mln tenge.

In October 2023, during a subscription, Phystech II JSC issued 13,650,000 shares in the amount of 13.7 bn tenge.

In October-November, an SPO of KEGOC JSC took place, within the framework of which the company raised 18.7 bn tenge in KASE's trading system, which made up 82.4 % of the total offering volume.

During the subscription to common shares KZ1C00000959 (KEGC) of KEGOC JSC on KASE, 37,445 orders for a total amount of 28.8 bn tenge were received from investors. Demand to supply on KASE amounted to 127 %. At KASE, 37,444 orders in a total volume of 18.7 bn tenge were executed. Thus, 64.9 % of the total demand on KASE was satisfied. At the same time, all active orders submitted by individuals were executed in full, orders from legal entities were partially executed, and one order from an institutional investor was not executed. As a result of the offering, securities totaling 12.6 bn tenge (67.6 % of the offering volume on KASE) were received into accounts of the individuals; the volume of executed orders submitted by institutional investors amounted to 4.4 bn tenge (23.4 %), by legal persons – 1.7 bn tenge (9.0 %).

As part of the pre-emptive purchase right for existing shareholders of KEGOC JSC, which took place on KASE from September 28 to October 27, 2023, a sale of shares in the amount of 3.9 mln tenge was carried out.

In terms of the main categories of investors in the primary market, the share of individuals was 39.3 %, the share of banks – 4.3 %, the share of broker-dealer organizations – 3.0 %, that of other institutional investors – 6.1 %, that of other legal entities – 47.2 %. Non-resident participation is estimated at 0.4 %.

The volume of trading on the secondary stock market increased by 78.3 %, or 132.2 bn tenge, totaling 301.1 bn tenge. In terms of the main categories of investors in the secondary market, the most active are individuals, whose share accounted for 42.9 % of the gross turnover of stock trading. The participation of banks is estimated at 4.3 %, that of broker-dealer organizations – at 9.8 %, that of other institutional investors – at 6.5 %, other legal entities accounted for 36.4 %. The participation of non-residents is estimated at 29.8 % of the gross turnover of share trading.

KASE INDEX

Since the beginning of 2023, KASE Index has grown by 28.8 % to 4,187.38 points. On December 5, 2023, KASE Index again updated its historical maximum totaling 4,251.24. The minimum value was recorded on March 16 – 3,243.13 points. In the first quarter of 2023, KASE Index was stable in the range of 3,243.13 - 3,382.79 points. Since the second quarter, there has been a steady growth of the Kazakhstan market.

Based on results of the year, all shares of KASE Index Representative List showed positive dynamics, with the exception of KEGOC shares. The greatest growth was shown by shares of the fintech sector and the energy sector, namely Bank CenterCredit JSC, National Atomic Company "Kazatomprom" JSC and Kaspi.kz JSC. The main factors for the growth of shares of KASE Index are the publication of financial reports, dividend payments, as well as an increase in the value of raw materials on world markets.

The total trading volume of index shares Based on results of 2023 amounted to 229.0 bn tenge, taking into account the inclusion of shares of NC KazMunayGas JSC in the representative list of KASE Index on February 3, 2023. This indicator increased by 2.9 times YoY.

Changes in stock prices for recent transactions included in the representative list of KASE Index

Issuer	Trade code	Price, tenge per share			Trading volume*, mln tenge		
		as of 01.01.24	as of 01.01.23	Δ, %	2023	2022	Δ
Bank CenterCredit JSC	CCBN	977.06	640.00	+52.7 %	6,387.0	12,350.8	-5,963.8
National Atomic Company Kazatomprom JSC	KZAP	18,460.00	12,874.00	+43.4 %	9,393.9	4,428.7	+4,965.2
Kaspi.kz JSC	KSPI	45,600.00	33,196.50	+37.4 %	4,259.2	3,646.3	+612.9
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	HSBK	163.60	126.47	+29.4 %	14,082.3	11,810.7	+2,271.6

NC "KazMunayGas" JSC	KMGZ	11,541.00	9,430.00	+22.4 %	156,544.2	23,172.1	+133,372.1
Kazakhtelecom JSC	KZTK	34,500.00	28,362.32	+21.6 %	8,173.7	2,547.3	+5,626.3
KazTransOil JSC	KZTO	865.00	734.00	+17.8 %	11,038.5	3,567.3	+7,471.3
Kcell JSC	KCEL	1,954.98	1,725.00	+13.3 %	13,880.8	17,199.5	-3,318.7
KEGOC JSC	KEGC	1,482.00	1,620.02	-8.5 %	5,247.3	1,118.0	+4,129.3

**excluding large transactions and irregular transactions*

Shares of **Bank CenterCredit JSC** increased in price by 52.7 % over the year. Based on results of nine months of 2023, net profit amounted to 103.6 bn tenge. At the same time, the Bank's annual net profit for the 2022 financial year increased more than seven times: from 20.6 to 145.1 bn tenge. The Bank's equity capital over nine months of 2023 increased from 273.9 bn tenge to 381.8 bn tenge due to an increase in retained earnings by 44.7 %. In July, S&P Global Ratings upgraded the Bank's long-term credit rating from B+ to BB - with a "Stable" outlook; Moody's Investors Service upgraded the Bank's rating from Ba2 to Ba3 and kept the "Positive" outlook. The bank did not use net profit to pay dividends.

Common shares of **National Atomic Company "Kazatomprom" JSC** grew by 43.4 % in 2023, second only to shares of Bank CenterCredit JSC. The main growth factor were the prices of raw materials on world commodity markets, which showed significant growth during 2023 amid logistics and supply chain disruptions due to the political crisis in Niger, which accounts for 4.7 % of global uranium fuel production. Kazatomprom's annual net profit more than doubled to 473.0 bn tenge in 2022 from 220 bn tenge 2021. Based on results of nine months of 2023, the Company's net profit decreased from 138.9 bn tenge to 78.6 bn tenge due to a decrease in revenue from 134.2 bn tenge to 93.6 bn tenge. On May 25 the annual general meeting of shareholders decided to pay dividends in the amount of 200.9 bn tenge, or 774.88 tenge per share. Moody's Investors Service affirmed the Company's rating at Baa2 and changed the outlook from "Stable" to "Positive".

In 2023, common shares of **Kaspi.kz JSC** increased by 37.4 %. The Group's net profit increased in 2022 by 35.3 %: from 435.2 bn tenge to 588.8 bn tenge. Net profit for nine months of 2023 also increased by 50 % from 400.6 bn tenge to 600.8 bn tenge. On April 10, 2023, shareholders approved the payment of dividends on the Company's common shares for 2022 in the amount of 600 tenge per share. On May 24, 2023, shareholders decided to pay dividends on common shares for the first quarter of 2023 in the amount of 750 tenge per share. On August 23, an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders decided to pay dividends on common shares for the second quarter of 2023 in the amount of 750 tenge per share. On November 20, the Company's shareholders decided to pay dividends for the third quarter of 2023 in the amount of 850 tenge per share.

Based on results of the year, common shares of **Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC** increased in price by 29.4 %. The Bank's net profit increased from 462.4 bn tenge in 2021 to 553.8 bn tenge in 2022. Earnings per share increased from 30.16 tenge to 50.84 tenge. On May 25, 2023, Based on results of activities for 2022, the Bank decided to allocate 276.9 bn tenge, or 25.38 tenge per share, to pay dividends. Based on results of nine months of 2023, the Bank's net profit increased from 410.9 bn tenge to 537.3 bn tenge.

Shares of **NC KazMunayGas JSC** showed stable growth throughout 2023. Since the beginning of 2023, shares have shown an increase of 22.4 % to 11,541.00 tenge, while the increase from the IPO price was 37.3 %. The Company's net profit for 2022 increased to 1,317.3 bn tenge from 1,286.5 bn tenge in 2021. For nine months of 2023, net profit decreased to 949.0 bn tenge from 1,161.3 bn tenge a year earlier. The decrease was due to a decrease in revenue under contracts with customers by more than 10 % to 6,087.4 bn tenge, a decrease in the share of profit in joint ventures by 27.4 % to 565.2 bn tenge. On May 19, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Company recommended spending 300 bn tenge on payment dividends for 2022 in the amount of 491.71 tenge per common share. On June 22, 2023, Fitch Ratings upgraded the Company's rating to BBB, with a "stable" outlook. On December 13, 2023, Moody's affirmed the Company's long-term rating at Baa2, revising the outlook from "stable" to "positive". S&P Global Ratings also confirmed the Company's rating at BB+, revising the outlook to stable.

Common shares of **Kazakhtelecom JSC** increased in price by 21.6 %. The Group's consolidated net profit for 2022 increased by 32 % from 97.4 to 128.8 bn tenge. Over nine months of 2023, net profit increased to 89.3 bn tenge compared to 88.7 bn tenge for the same period last year. On October 27, the general meeting of shareholders decided to allocate 33.4 bn tenge, or 3,038.36 tenge per common share, to pay dividends for 2022.

In 2023, the share price of **KazTransOil JSC** increased by 17.8 %. Consolidated annual net profit for 2022 decreased from 50.6 to 19.8 bn tenge. Based on results of nine months of 2023, net profit increased from 25.2 to 33.3 bn tenge due to an increase in production costs from 173.2 bn tenge to 219.4 bn tenge, as well as an increase in expenses from disposal and depreciation of fixed assets from 0.3 bn tenge to 12.9 bn tenge. On

May 24, 2023, the general meeting of shareholders decided to allocate 15.0 bn tenge, or 39.00 tenge per common share, for the payment of dividends. Fitch Ratings upgraded the Company's rating from "BBB-" to "BBB" with a "Stable" outlook.

Shares of **Kcell JSC** rose by 13.3 % to 1,954.98 tenge. Based on results of 2022, the company's net profit increased by 24.1 % to 40.4 bn tenge. At the same time, Based on results of nine months of 2023, net profit decreased to 23.6 bn tenge compared to 32.5 bn tenge for the same period in 2022. The company has decided not to distribute the company's net income for 2022 and not pay dividends on common shares.

A decrease in 2023 of 8.5 % was demonstrated by common shares of **KEGOC JSC**. At the same time, the main price reduction occurred before the SPO. As part of the SPO, the placement price of securities was 1,482 tenge per share. After the SPO, shares traded in the range of 1,475-1,560 tenge per share. The published consolidated financial statements for 2022 showed a decrease in the Company's net profit from 52.6 bn tenge in 2021 to 26.7 bn tenge. Financial statements for the nine months of 2023 showed an increase in net profit by 39 % to 28.6 bn tenge from 20.6 bn tenge a year earlier. KEGOC JSC paid dividends on common shares for the second half of 2022 in the amount of 50.59 tenge per share. At the same time, taking into account dividend payments for the first half of 2022 per share in the amount of 50.59 tenge, the total amount of dividends paid for 2022 amounted to 30.2 bn tenge, or 65.44 tenge per common share. On September 26, 2023, shareholders decided to pay dividends for the first half of 2023 in the amount of 77.74 tenge per share.

SECTOR "KASE GLOBAL"

As of the end of December 2023, the KASE Global sector featured 45 shares and 11 ETFs of foreign issuers. In 2023, ProShares Bitcoin Strategy ETF and Global X Robotics & Artificial Intelligence ETF were included in the KASE Global sector.

Based on results of 2023, the volume of trading in the KASE Global sector amounted to 36.5 bn tenge, increasing by 41.7 %, or 10.8 bn tenge, compared to 2022. The average daily trading volume was 148.6 mln tenge, the average daily number of transactions was 246, the average volume of one transaction was 603.3 thousand tenge.

The largest number of transactions in the KASE Global sector for 2023 was concluded with the following shares:

- Tesla (TSLA_KZ) – 6,714 transactions for a total amount of 1,610.4 mln tenge;
- Ford Motor Company (F_KZ) – 6,017 transactions for a total amount of 220.7 mln tenge;
- Intel Corporation (INTC_KZ) – 5,135 transactions for a total amount of 1,108.9 mln tenge.

Among the main categories of investors, broker-dealer organizations accounted for 36.0 %, other institutional investors – for less than 0.1 %, other legal entities – for 26.2 %, individuals – for 37.8 % Share of non-residents is 0.6 %.

CORPORATE BONDS

The volume of corporate debt in circulation in 2023 decreased by 6.5 %, or 944.2 bn tenge, to 13.5 trln tenge (29.7 bn USD).

Based on results of December 2023, KASE official list included corporate bonds of 412 issues of 106 issuers. During 2023, bonds of 126 issues of 59 issuers (29 new issuers) were included in KASE official list, of which in the fourth quarter – bonds of 54 issues of 37 issuers (20 new issuers). In 2023, 58 issues of corporate bonds of 35 issuers were removed from KASE official list, of which 18 issues of 17 issuers were excluded in the fourth quarter.

The value of the KASE_BMY corporate bond yield index in 2023 increased by 180 basis points to 14.46 % per annum.

The volume of trading in corporate bonds on KASE decreased relative to 2022 by 12.1 %, or 301.5 bn tenge, to 2.2 trln tenge. The average daily trading volume amounted to 8.9 bn tenge (in the secondary market – 2.7 bn tenge), the average daily number of transactions – 180 transactions (in the secondary market - 166 transactions), the average volume of one transaction – 49.4 mln tenge (in the secondary market – 16.2 mln tenge).

In 2023, bonds of 79 issues of 40 issuers were placed on the primary corporate bond market for a total amount of 1,522.4 bn tenge, which is higher than the 2022 figure by 2.0 %, or 30.2 bn tenge. In the fourth quarter of 2023, corporate bonds of 24 issues of 22 issuers were placed for a total amount of 213.6 bn tenge, decreasing by 62.3 % compared to the third quarter:

- Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC raised 60.2 bn tenge by placing two issues of bonds with a weighted average yield to maturity of 13.86–14.79 % per annum and a maturity of 0.8 to two years;
- RG Brands Kazakhstan LLP raised 9.3 bn tenge by placing bonds with a yield to maturity of 29.80 % per annum and a maturity of 9.8 years;
- MFO "TAS FINANCE GROUP" LLP raised 8.4 bn tenge by placing two-year bonds with a yield to maturity of 22.00 % per annum;
- Altyn Sapa ALM LLP raised 4.6 bn tenge by placing bonds with a yield to maturity of 25.00 % per annum and a maturity of 1.9 years;
- MFO OnlineKazFinance JSC raised 4.5 bn tenge by placing two-year bonds with a weighted average yield to maturity of 21.00 % per annum;
- EI Orda Arnau LLP raised 3.2 bn tenge by placing bonds with a yield to maturity of 25.00 % per annum and a maturity of 1.9 years;
- Capital Leasing Group LLP raised 3.0 bn tenge by placing three-year bonds at 21.50 % per annum;
- KazWind Energy LLP raised 3.0 bn tenge by placing five-year "green" bonds with a yield to maturity of 21.75 % per annum;
- Black Biotechnology LLP raised 1.5 bn tenge by placing three-year "green" bonds with a weighted average yield to maturity of 21.50 % per annum;
- Birinshi Lombard LLP raised 1.4 bn tenge by placing two-year bonds with a yield to maturity of 24.00 % per annum;
- Leasing Group JSC raised \$1.0 mln (459.7 mln tenge) by placing bonds at 9.90 % per annum and a maturity of 0.8 years;
- Microfinance organization "R-Finance" LLP raised 366.5 mln tenge by placing three-year bonds at 25.00 % per annum;
- Orbis Leasing LLP raised 230.1 mln tenge by placing bonds at 20.00 % per annum;
- TSSP Group LLP raised 51.2 mln tenge by placing bonds at 20.00 % per annum;
- ALTYN SAMRUK QAZAQSTAN JSC raised \$80.0 thousand (36.6 mln tenge) by placing three-year bonds at 9.00 % per annum.

In terms of the main categories of investors in the primary corporate bond market, the share of banks is 17.6 %, that of broker-dealer organizations – 1.3 %, that of other institutional investors – 22.1 %, that of other legal entities – 54.7 %, that of individuals – 4.3 %. The share of participation of non-residents was 8.3 %.

The volume of trading on the secondary bond market compared to 2022 decreased by 33.3 %, or 331.8 bn tenge, to 664.9 bn tenge.

In terms of the main categories of investors in the secondary corporate bond market, the share of banks was 12.9 %, that of broker-dealer organizations – 6.1 %, that of other institutional investors – 13.1 %, that of other legal entities – 57.0 %, the share of individuals – 10.9 %. The share of non-residents was 21.5 %.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (GS)

The amount of government debt at par traded on KASE amounted to 23.9 trln tenge (52.6 bn USD), having increased by 10.7 %, or 2.3 trln tenge, in 2023.

The total volume of trading in government securities on KASE amounted to 8.0 trln tenge and increased by 33.5 %, or 2.0 trln tenge, relative to 2022. The average daily trading volume amounted to 32.6 bn tenge (on the secondary market – 11.3 bn tenge), the average daily number of transactions – 22 (on the secondary market – 16), the average volume of one transaction – 1.5 bn tenge (average volume of one transaction on secondary market – 0.7 bn tenge).

The volume of trading on the primary government securities market increased by 26.3 %, or 1,090.2 bn tenge, to 5,235.8 bn tenge. Of these, 139.6 bn tenge were raised by akimdiqs of 15 regions, cities of Almaty, Astana and Shymkent. The Ministry of Finance raised 5,096.3 bn tenge with a weighted average yield of 11.50-17.78 % per annum, placing 36 issues (10 new issues and 26 issues were enlarged) with a maturity of 0.5-16.0 years.

At the same time, in the fourth quarter of 2023, the volume of placements amounted to 339.9 bn tenge, of which 54.0 bn tenge were raised by akimdiqs of 11 regions, the Ministry of Finance raised 286.0 bn tenge. Rates at placement auctions of the Ministry of Finance were in the range of 11.70–14.00 % per annum within the framework of placements of 15 issues with a maturity of 1.3–12.7 years.

In 2023, in terms of the main categories of investors in the primary market, banks accounted for 48.8 %, broker-dealers – for 1.6 %, other institutional investors – for 40.7 %, other legal entities – for 8.9 %, individuals – for less than 0.1 %. The share of non-residents in the primary government securities market was less than 0.1 %.

Trading volume on the secondary market increased by 49.4 %, or by 918.5 bn tenge, having reached 2,777.2 bn tenge. The share of trading in National Bank notes on the secondary market amounted to 48.8 %, or 1,354.8 bn tenge of the total trading volume, the share of MEKAM was 46.9 %, or 1,303.8 bn tenge, the share of Eurobonds of the Republic of Kazakhstan was 0.3 %, or 8.5 bn tenge, the remaining 4.0 %, or 110.1 bn tenge, fall on transactions with government securities of foreign countries.

In the fourth quarter, the volume of trading in government securities on the secondary market amounted to 713.9 bn tenge, while the share of trading in notes of the National Bank on the secondary market was 66.0 %, or 471.4 bn tenge, of the total trading volume, the share of MEKAM was 31.5 %, or 224.7 bn tenge, the share of Eurobonds – 0.5 %, or 3.3 bn tenge, the remaining 2.0 %, or 14.5 bn tenge, came from transactions with government securities of foreign countries.

In 2023, in terms of the main categories of investors in the secondary market, banks accounted for 42.4 %, broker-dealers – for 4.0 %, other institutional investors – for 7.3 %, other legal entities – for 45.2 %, for individuals – 1.1 %. Non-resident participation is estimated at 8.6 %.

BONDS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS (IFOs)

As the end of 2023, there were 60 bond issues of five international financial organizations on KASE's trading lists: 11 issues of the Asian Development Bank, 27 issues of the Eurasian Development Bank, 16 issues of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, four issues of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and one issue of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector.

In 2023, the official list was supplemented with 25 bond issues: 15 issues of the Eurasian Development Bank, 4 issues of the European Bank for Reconstruction, 3 issues of the Asian Development Bank, two issues of the IFC and one issue of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector.

In 2023, 5 bond issues were excluded from the official list: one issue of the Asian Development Bank and four issues of the Eurasian Development Bank due to the expiration of the circulation period.

In 2023, the trading volume amounted to 337.1 bn tenge, which is 2.7 times, or by 210.1 bn tenge, higher than last year's result. The number of transactions increased by 31.0 % compared to last year, reaching 473 transactions.

In the primary market of the bond sector of international financial organizations in 2023, 13 issues of five international financial organizations were placed for a total amount of 280.2 bn tenge, which is 3.2 times, or by 193.7 bn tenge, higher than in 2022. At the same time, in the fourth quarter, six issues of three international financial organizations were placed for a total amount of 117.8 bn tenge, which is 4.7 times higher than in the third quarter:

- Eurasian Development Bank raised:
 - 9.9 bn tenge by placing discount bonds with a yield of 16.20 % per annum and a maturity of 28 days;
 - \$10.1 mln (4.7 bn tenge), placing three-year bonds at 5.72 % per annum;
 - 50.0 bn tenge, placing bonds at 14.20 % per annum and a maturity of 3.5 years;
- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development raised 40.0 bn tenge by placing two-year bonds at 13.60 % per annum;
- The International Finance Corporation raised 13.2 bn tenge by placing two bond issues at 13.65 % per annum and 13.90 % per annum and maturities of 4.9 and 2.6 years.

In terms of the main categories of investors in 2023, the share of banks in the primary market was 56.2 %, that of broker-dealer organizations – 4.8 %, that of other institutional investors – 20.8 %, that of other legal entities – 18.0 % and that of individuals – 0.2 %. The share of non-residents was less than 0.1 %.

On the secondary market, the trading volume amounted to 56.9 bn tenge, which is by 40.5 %, or 16.4 bn tenge, higher than in 2022.

In terms of the main categories of investors in the secondary market for 2023, banks accounted for 2.6 %, broker-dealer organizations – for 8.8 %, other institutional investors – for 22.5 %, other legal entities – for 62.4 %, individuals – for 3.6 %. The participation of non-residents is estimated at 21.7 %.

UNITS OF INVESTMENT FUNDS

As of January 1, 2024, the Investment Fund Securities sector included 18 mutual fund instruments managed by five management companies and six ETFs.

In 2023, the trading volume amounted to 14.3 bn tenge and increased by 61.3 %, or 5.4 bn tenge, relative to 2022. In terms of the main categories of investors, 41.0 % are individuals, 15.6 % are broker-dealer organizations, 7.3 % are other institutional investors, 36.1 % are other legal entities. The share of non-residents was 8.3 %.

DERIVATIVE SECURITIES

As of January 1, 2024, KASE official list featured global depositary receipts (GDRs) of five issues, the underlying assets of which are common shares of National Atomic Company "Kazatomprom" JSC, Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC, Kaspi.kz JSC, Kazakhtelecom and ForteBank JSC.

Trading volume in 2023 amounted to 1.8 bn tenge having decreased by 90.0 %, or 16.6 bn tenge, relative to 2022. In terms of the main categories of investors, 33.8 % fell on broker-dealer organizations, 10.3 % – on other institutional investors, 15.7 % – on other legal entities, and 40.3 % – on individuals. The share of non-residents was 0.1 %.

ACCOUNTS OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE SECURITIES MARKET

As of January 1, 2024, the Central Depository operated 693 thousand personal accounts of individuals and 1.7 mln brokerage accounts of holders accounted for through omnibus accounts. Based on results of 2023, individuals registered 161 thousand new personal accounts.

FOREIGN CURRENCY MARKET

In 2023, 35 KASE members took part in trading on the foreign currency market on KASE. The trading volume amounted to 29.7 trln tenge, which is 42.9 %, or 8.9 trln tenge, higher than the same indicator in 2022. The average daily trading volume was 120.8 bn tenge, the average daily number of transactions was 605, the average volume of one transaction was 199.5 mln tenge.

On March 6, 2023, trading in the US dollar-Chinese yuan and Euro-Chinese yuan pairs was launched on the foreign exchange market. 828 transactions with a volume of 2.9 bn US dollars (1.3 trln tenge) were concluded with the US dollar-Chinese yuan currency pair with settlements in the Chinese currency in March-December 2023. At the end of 2023, the share of trading in the US dollar-Chinese yuan pair in the total volume of foreign currency trading was 4.4 %.

In 2023, the share of trading in the US dollar-Kazakh tenge currency pair in the total volume of foreign currency trading decreased to 62.7 %; in 2022, the share of trading in this currency pair was 75.7 %. At the same time, the share of trading in the Euro-US dollar currency pair increased and based on results of the year amounted to 23.1 %.

The table below shows the main characteristics of currency pairs traded on KASE (the change in the indicator compared to the same period of last year is indicated in parentheses, the change in the rate reflects the nominal change in the weighted average exchange rate of foreign currency to KZT).

Pair	Volume, mln currency units	Share in trading volume, %	Number of transactions	Min. and max. rates, quantity of quoted currency per unit of base currency	Exchange rate as of the period end (chg. %)
USD/KZT	40,812.9 (+26.3 %)	62.7 % (-9.1 %)	106,919 (+34,057)	426.85-486.00	454.69 (-1.7 %)
RUB/KZT	403,342.6 (+36.0 %)	7.1 % (-3.2 %)	30,872 (+22,498)	4.4256-6.8900	5.0644 (-20.2 %)

CNY/KZT	4,444.9 (-47.9 %)	1.0 % (-1.9 %)	1,869 (-306)	61.0800-68.9800	63.9540 (-3.1 %)
EUR/KZT	999.5 (x2.5)	1.7 % (+0.8 %)	4,354 (+3,079)	456.51-513.54	504.00 (+2.3 %)
EUR/USD	13,887.7 (x2.2)	23.1 % (+8.9 %)	4,078 (+3,027)	1.0454-1.1255	1.1120 (+4.7 %)
USD/CNY	2,872.5 (-)	4.4 % (-)	828 (-)	6.8510-7.3580	7.1124 (+2.8 %)
EUR/CNY	0.1 (-)	<0.1 % (-)	1 (-)	7.8265	7.8265 (-)

MONEY MARKET

The total trading volume on the money market amounted to 370.1 trln tenge, increasing by 59.6 %, or 138.2 trln tenge, compared to last year.

Following the decrease in the base rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan and money market rates, the composite indicator of the money market MM_Index, which is the average value of the yield on USD/KZT currency swap transactions and automatic repo transactions with GS opened for one business day, weighted through the volume of transactions, decreased by 266 b.p.: from 17.85 % per annum to 15.19 % per annum.

Repo transactions market

The total volume of repo transactions in 2023 amounted to 306.6 trln tenge, which is up 103.9 trln tenge, or 51.3 %, YoY. The average daily volume of transactions amounted to 1,246.3 bn tenge, the average daily number of transactions concluded was 1,185, the average volume of one transaction was 1,051.6 mln tenge. In the structure of repo transactions, 78.9 % were auto repo with government securities, auto repo with government securities – 21.1 %, nego repo with government securities – 0.02 %, nego repo with government securities – 0.002 %. 21 auto repo transactions were concluded with GCC for 1.5 bn tenge, exceeding last year's figure of 5.1 mln tenge.

Based on results of 2023, the TONIA indicator decreased by 144 b.p. from 17.63 % to 15.19 % per annum, the value of the TRION indicator – by 137 b.p. from 17.56 % to 16.19 % per annum, the value of the TWINA indicator – by 154 b.p. from 17.04 % to 15.50 % per annum.

Currency swap transactions

The total volume of currency swap transactions increased 2.2 times, or by 34.3 trln tenge, to 63.5 trln tenge from 29.2 trln tenge in 2022. The average daily volume of transactions in 2022 amounted to 258.1 bn tenge, the average daily number of transactions was 28, the average volume of one transaction was 9.2 bn tenge.

In the structure of the currency swap, USDKZT swaps accounted for 62,831.9 bn tenge, or 99.0 % of the swap trading volume; 658.5 bn tenge, or 1.0 %, fell on RUBKZT; 2.3 bn tenge, or less than 0.1 % – on EURKZT.

Currency pair	Instrument	Volume, bn tenge	Volume, mln currency units	Portion in the trading volume, %
USD/KZT	USDKZT_0_001	25,144.7	54,682.2	39.6 %
	USDKZT_0_002	37,234.2	81,509.7	58.6 %
	USDKZT_0_01W	226.5	497.0	0.4 %
	USDKZT_0_01M	101.0	220.2	0.2 %
	USDKZT_0_03M	124.2	275.0	0.2 %
	USDKZT_1_001	1.3	2.7	<0.1 %
EUR/KZT	EURKZT_0_001	0.2	0.5	<0.1 %
	EURKZT_1_001	2.0	4.1	<0.1 %
RUB/KZT	RUBKZT_0_001	43.6	8,589.5	0.1 %
	RUBKZT_0_002	615.0	113,800.0	1.0 %

The yield on the one-day dollar swap SWAP-1D (USD) fell significantly during 2023 by 901 b.p. from 18.62 % per annum to 9.60 % per annum. The yield on the two-day currency swap SWAP-2D (USD) decreased by 670 b.p. from 18.68 % per annum to 11.98 % per annum.

DERIVATIVES MARKET

Currently, in this sector of the exchange market, non-deliverable futures on the US dollar to tenge exchange rate, the Russian ruble to tenge exchange rate, KASE Index, common shares of Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC and NAC Kazatomprom JSC are available for trading.

For futures on KASE Index, the duties of a market maker on KASE are performed by NGDEM Finance JSC; for futures on common shares of Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC – by Halyk Finance JSC.

In 2023, 15 transactions were concluded with futures on the Russian ruble/tenge exchange rate in the amount of 29.4 bn tenge. The volume of derivatives trading in 2023 exceeded the same figure for 2022 by 3.7 times. The number of transactions for 2023 has tripled compared to last year. No transactions were concluded for other underlying assets (US dollar, KASE Index, common shares of Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC and NAC Kazatomprom JSC).

For reference

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It is a universal trading platform for corporate and government securities, bonds of international financial organizations, foreign currencies, transactions of the money market – repo and swap, as well as derivatives. KASE is a member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and local professional associations, as well as a participant of the UN's "Sustainable Stock Exchanges" initiative.

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