

KASE WEEKLY

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2023

KASE NEWS

- KASE [launches](#) simulated trading under the educational project "Stock Exchange Simulator".
- KASE has [formed](#) lists of securities of the first, second and third liquidity classes for April 2023.
- Amendments to the [Regulations](#) on membership come into effect from April 5.
- Bonds [KZ2D00009651](#) (FNACpp3) of Finaccord Limited private company are included in KASE's official list.
- [KZ2P00007297](#) (MFAFb1) of Microfinance organization aFinance LLP were excluded from the official list of KASE due to the expiration of the circulation period.
- Trades in bonds [KZ2P00008766](#) (MFRFb4) of Microfinance organization "R-Finance" LLP, bonds [KZ2C00009462](#) (KFUSb54) of Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC and green bonds [KZ2C00007797](#) (KEGCb4) of KEGOC JSC have been opened at KASE.
- Trading in futures with execution in March 2024 [opened](#) on KASE.
- Trades in common shares [US00206R1023](#) (T_KZ) of AT&T Inc., international bonds [US91282CAP68](#) (US_19_2310) and [US91282CDD02](#) (US_21_2310) of the US Department of the Treasury were suspended on KASE.
- International bonds of 22 names are [included](#) in the List T+, the Collateral List T+ and the list of financial instruments accepted as part of the GCGGlobalSec GCC collateral pool.

ISSUER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan placed on KASE 60.5 mln MEUKAM-120 of issue 19 ([KZKD00001129](#), MUM120_0019), 21.2 mln MEUKAM-168 of issue 5 ([KZKD00001111](#), MUM168_0005) and 448.2 mln MEKKAM-12 of issue 155 ([KZK100000308](#), MKM012_0155).
- The Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan raised KZT33.0 bn on KASE by placing METIKAM-96 of the first issue ([KZKT00000057](#), MTM096_0001) with a yield to maturity of 17.71 % per annum.
- MFO OnlineKazFinance JSC [raised](#) \$3.5 mln on KASE via subscription by placing bonds KZ2C00009421 (MFOKb8).
- 371,637 common shares KZ1C00000256 (IFDR) of YURTA Finance & Investment House JSC were [purchased](#) in KASE's trading system during the special trading session at a price of KZT2,831.87 per share.
- Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund JSC [raised](#) KZT7.4 bn on KASE by placing bonds KZ2C00008944 (KFUSb48) with yield to maturity of 18.60 % APR.
- Home Credit Bank [says](#) Fitch Ratings assigned ratings to the bank; outlook "Stable".
- Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan [says](#) Fitch Ratings affirmed ratings of the bank; outlook "Stable".
- Halyk Finance [says](#) Fitch Ratings affirmed the company's rating; outlook stable.



07.04.2023

KASE Index	Price	Trends (%)	
		Δ 7D	Δ 1M
3 437,06		2,6	3,8
First class of liquidity			
AO "НК "КазМунайГаз"	20 345,00	11,0	6,6
AO "KM GOLD"	158,25	8,4	2,1
AltynGold plc	812,00	6,6	- 0,9
AO "Народный банк Казахстана"	144,00	5,2	14,4
AO "ForteBank"	4,19	5,0	2,4
AO "КазТрансОйл"	672,00	5,0	- 5,4
Ford Motor Company	14,14	4,7	7,9
Meta Platforms, Inc.	217,02	4,7	15,9
Intel Corporation	32,89	3,1	23,0
Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	92,80	3,1	13,9
Pfizer Inc.	41,33	1,8	- 0,0
AO "Кселл"	1 820,00	1,7	2,0
Apple Inc.	165,12	1,7	7,2
AO "Казакхтелеком"	29 290,00	0,9	0,7
AO "БАСТ"	8 159,00	0,6	- 10,3
NVIDIA Corp.	271,90	- 0,0	18,0
AO "KEGOC"	1 613,00	- 0,3	- 0,2
AO "Банк ЦентрКредит"	675,19	- 0,7	5,2
AO Kaspi.kz	34 389,60	- 0,9	1,0
Bank of America Corporation	28,17	- 1,1	- 17,8
AO "НАК "Казатомпром"	13 202,76	- 1,4	- 0,5
Tesla, Inc.	193,00	- 2,0	- 6,3
Freedom Holding Corp.	65,86	- 7,2	- 10,5

Note: Index stocks are highlighted in green

The value of KASE Index following the results of the first week of the month increased by 2.6 %, exceeding the level of 3,430 points for the first time in the last year. The main drivers of growth were common shares of KazMunayGas, which added 11 %, and its subsidiary KazTransOil, which rose in price by 5 %. Quotes of Halyk Bank rose by 5.2 % over the week, Kcell – by 1.7 %.

The price of shares of the oil and gas company KazMunayGas increased on the back of oil prices rising more than 6 % in a week after the decision of the OPEC+ countries to reduce oil production by an additional 1.7 mln barrels per day from May to the end of this year. The current price of KazMunayGas shares is 23.1 % higher than the offering price in December last year.

The international rating agency Fitch Ratings affirmed Halyk Bank's rating at "BBB-" with a stable outlook. The financial strength rating is underpinned by the Bank's dominant market shares in Kazakhstan's banking sector and record high profitability, as well as strong capitalization and liquidity. Fitch Ratings also affirmed Halyk Finance's subsidiary Halyk Finance at "BBB-" with a stable outlook. According to the audited consolidated financial statements, Kcell's net profit for 2022 increased by 24.1 % to 40.4 bn tenge compared to 32.5 bn tenge in 2021.

The volume of trades in shares in the "KASE Global" sector for March amounted to 1.7 bn tenge or 3.9 mln dollars. Apple, Bank of America and iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF accounted for the largest trading volume during the period. At the same time, shares of Intel Corporation, Advanced Micro Devices, Salesforce.com and Meta Platforms have risen in price by more than 20 % in a month.

Among the main categories of investors in the "KASE Global" sector the largest share, as usual, fell on individuals – almost 59 %, brokerage and dealer organizations accounted for 27 % of the total volume of transactions. At present, 56 foreign securities are included in the "KASE Global" sector, namely 44 shares and 12 ETFs of foreign issuers.

OnlineKazFinance raised \$3.5m via subscription on KASE's debt capital market last week by placing annual bonds with a yield to maturity of 10 % per annum.

Kazakhstan Sustainability Fund placed one issue of bonds in the amount of 7.4 bn tenge with a yield to maturity of 18.6 % per annum and a maturity of 7 years.

Home Credit Bank, whose bonds are officially listed on Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE), announced that it was assigned a "BB-" rating with a stable outlook by Fitch Ratings.

Last week, NC Kazakhstan temir zholy, Bank CenterCredit, Jusan Bank and other issuers paid coupon interest on their bonds.

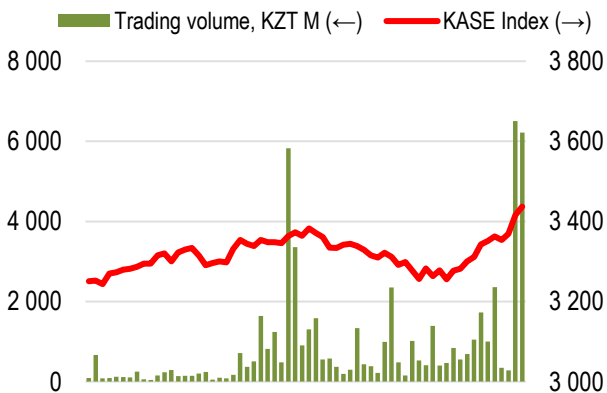
On the government securities market since the beginning of April, the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan has placed on KASE four issues of treasury bills for a total of 141.6 bn tenge with a maturity of 1 to 12 years and a yield to maturity of 12-17.7 % per annum.

On April 7, the National Bank decided to keep the key rate at 16.75 % per annum against the background of the beginning of a decline in inflation. In March 2023, annual inflation expectedly decreased to 18.1 % as a result of the withdrawal from the calculations of the high base of last year.

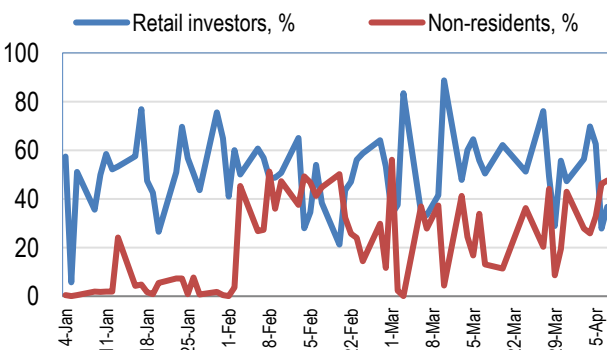
Last week, due to the release of neutral news, world indices showed low volatility and were in a sideways trend: the US S&P 500 index remained at 4,105 points, the European EURO STOXX 50 – at 4,310 points.

Of the important events, the US Department of Labor reported a decrease in open vacancies in the labor market for February to 9.9 mln, which is significantly lower than the previous value and forecast. For the first time in the past two years, the value of the indicator fell below 10 mln. A decrease in the number of vacancies against the background of current layoffs will negatively affect unemployment rates.

KASE Index shares



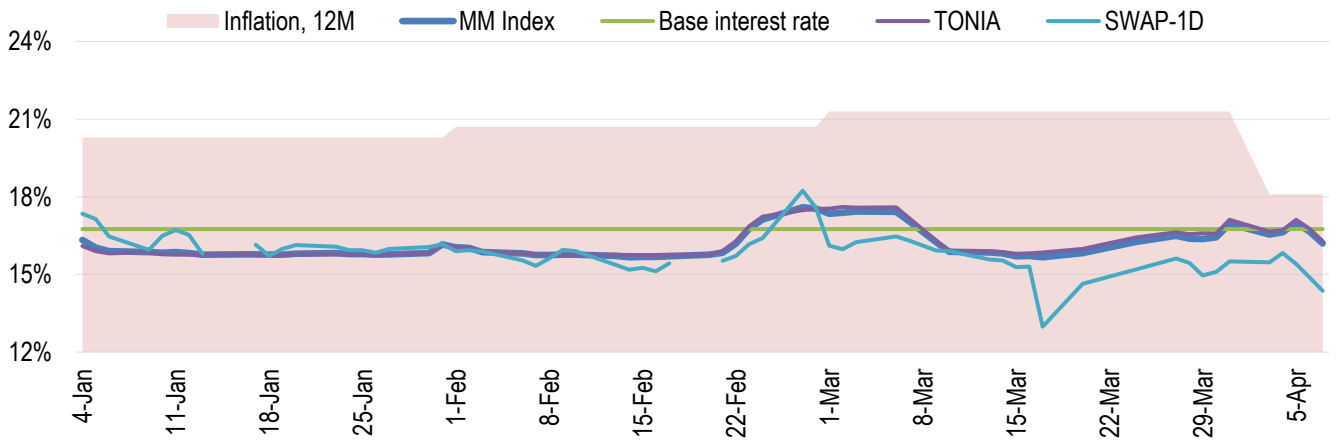
Retail investors & non-residents, %



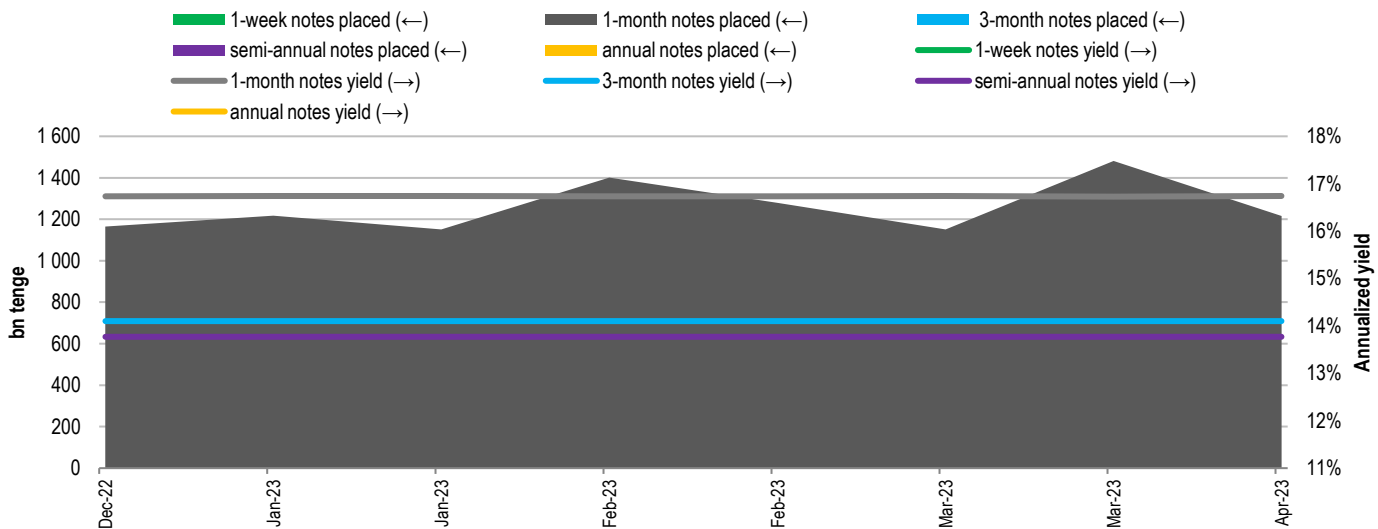


Last week, the overnight repo interest rate TONIA decreased from 17.1 % to 16.28 % per annum. The yield of the one-day currency swap operations in US dollars decreased over the week from 15.5 % to 14.36 % per annum against the background of recovery of short-term tenge liquidity after the "tax week".

Inflation and interest rates

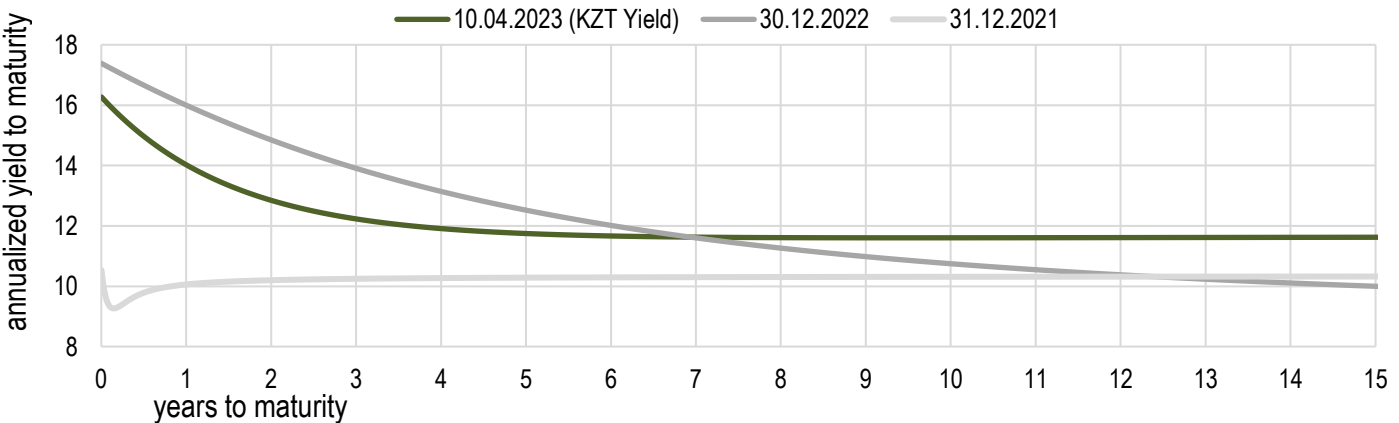


Main Features of National Bank Notes Placements



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

Risk-free yield curve (non-indexed GS)



As a result of trades on April 7, the market rate of the tenge settled at the level of 445.01 tenge per US dollar, having strengthened by 1.5 % over the week (from 451.71). A number of significant events took place on the foreign exchange market from March 31 to April 7, 2023. The number of jobs in the US economy in March increased by 236 thousand, unemployment fell by 3.5 %, the growth rate of hourly wages amounted to 0.3 % m/m. The US core consumer inflation, PCE Price Core, slowed the pace from 4.7 % to 4.6 % in February.

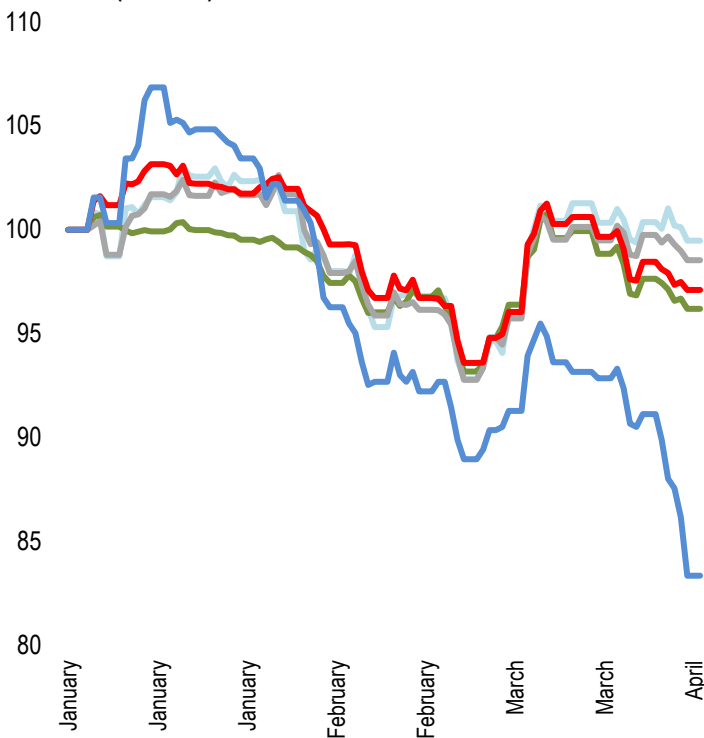
These factors led to multidirectional dynamics of currencies in emerging markets.

The dynamics of the exchange rates of developing countries against the US dollar was as follows:

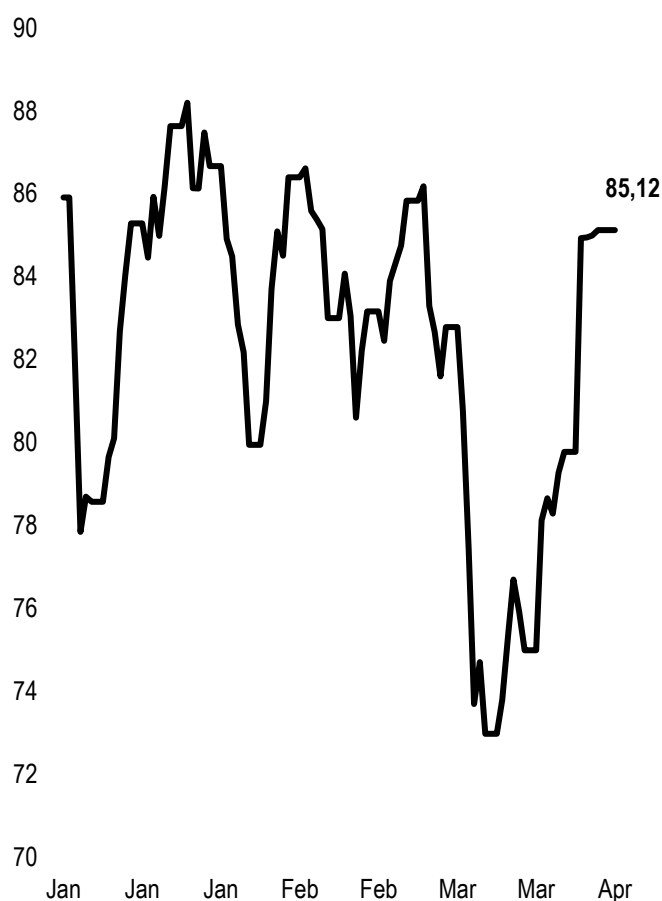
- the Indonesian rupiah appreciated by 0.6 % (from 14,996 to 14,913) on the back of an influx of non-residents into the local debt market (worth \$178 mln from April 3 to 5, according to the latest available data);
- the Indian rupee appreciated by 0.3 % (from 82.18 to 81.9) amid the announcement by the Bank of India of steps to expand the opportunities of the foreign exchange market by allowing onshore NDF transactions in local currency with local participants (previously, commercial banks entered into NDF transactions only with foreign legal entities and among themselves). The Central Bank kept the rate at 6.5 %;
- the Brazilian real remained unchanged for the week, remaining at the level of 5.06;
- the Turkish lira weakened by 0.4 % (from 19.18 to 19.25), despite the Central Bank's measures to tighten reserve requirements for deposits in foreign currency;
- the Mexican peso weakened by 0.5 % (from 18.05 to 18.14) amid growing expectations that the rate hike cycle will soon end due to the release of data on inflation slowing to 6.85 % y/y in March;
- the South African rand weakened by 2.2 % (from 17.8 to 18.19) amid lower risk appetite due to increased fears of a US recession;
- The Russian ruble weakened by 4.5 % (from 77.6 to 81.13) amid growing demand for foreign currency from the banking sector after the end of the tax period and a decrease in the trade surplus.

FX rates

Δ %, base (01.01.23)



Brent oil USD/barrel



	Price	Δ 7d, %	Δ 30d, %	Δ 2023, %
— GBPKZT	553,59	-0,90	5,79	0,12
— USDKZT	445,01	-1,48	1,99	-3,32
— EURKZT	485,59	-1,23	4,39	-1,02
— CNYKZT	64,79	-1,39	2,85	-2,52
— RUBKZT	5,36	-8,53	-4,65	-13,84

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	4 105,02	-0,1	2,8	-8,8	-0,1
Dow Jones	33 485,29	0,6	2,1	-3,2	0,6
RTS	974,52	-2,2	2,4	-10,8	-1,0
MICEX	2 285,53	0,0	0,0	0,0	-1,0
Hang Seng	20 331,20	-0,3	1,4	-6,8	-0,8
SS CSI 300	4 123,28	1,8	2,2	-2,0	1,7
Euro Stoxx 50	4 309,45	-0,1	0,5	13,3	-0,1
FTSEuroFirst	4 880,00	0,6	-0,3	7,0	0,7
FTSE 100	7 741,56	1,4	-2,4	2,5	1,3
KASE	3 437,06	2,6	3,8	7,2	

Commodities market

April 7, 2023

Name	Price	Trend %		
		7D	1M	1Y
Oil (Brent)	85,12	6,7	3,0	-15,4
Oil (WTI)	80,70	6,6	5,3	-16,0
Natural gas	2,01	-9,3	-21,2	-68,4
Copper	401,55	-1,9	-0,6	-14,6
Iron	928,00	-3,1	-1,5	-0,2
Gold	2 007,91	2,0	10,7	3,9
Silver	25,09	3,9	25,4	1,4
Wheat	675,50	-2,4	0,1	-33,8

Calendar of economic events

Currency

Forecast

Previous

12.04	<u>Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) (MoM) (Mar)</u>	USD	0.4 %	0.5 %
12.04	<u>Index (CPI) (YoY) (Mar)</u>	USD	5.2 %	6.0 %
12.04	<u>Publication of FOMC minutes</u>	USD		
13.04	<u>German Consumer Price Index (CPI) (MoM) (Mar)</u>	EUR	0.8 %	0.8 %
13.04	<u>Number of Initial Claims for Unemployment Benefits</u>	USD	231K	228K
13.04	<u>Producer Price Index (PPI) (MoM) (Mar)</u>	USD	0.1 %	-0.1 %
14.04	<u>Retail Sales (MoM) (Mar)</u>	USD	-0.4 %	-0.4 %

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	18,1%	01.04.23	21,3%
Gross international reserves of NBK, USD bn	34,5	01.03.23	36,7
Reserve money, KZT bn	10 047,2	01.03.23	10 678,8
Money supply, KZT bn	32 983,0	01.03.23	33 834,4

Kazakhstan credit ratings

Rating

Date

Previous

S&P Global

BBB-/A-3 stable

03.03.23

BBB-/A-3 negative

MOODY'S

Baa2/stable

11.08.21

Baa3/positive

FitchRatings

BBB/stable

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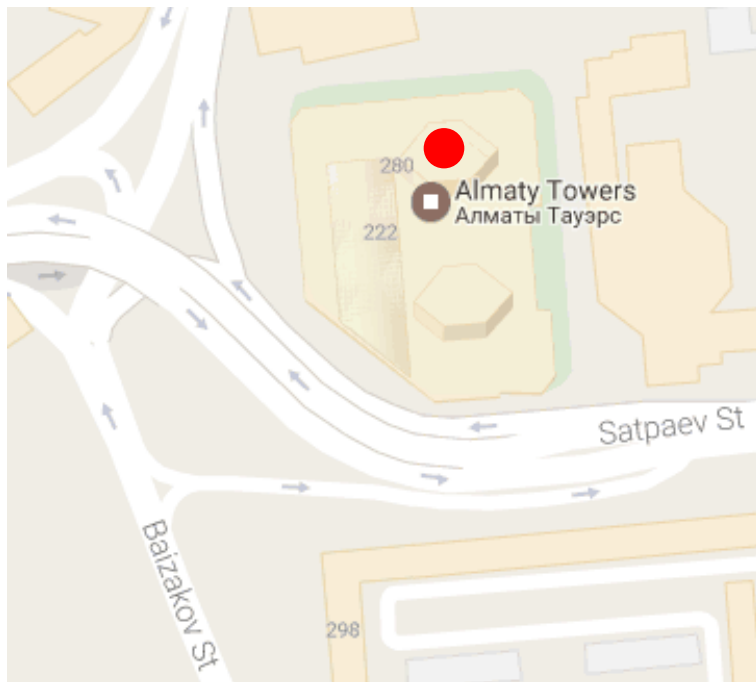
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Corporate Events Calendar of KASE listed Companies

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