

PRESS RELEASE

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KASE presents results of the exchange market operation for April of 2021

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (KASE, the Exchange) informs you about the main results of its operations in April of 2021:

- The total volume of trades on KASE in April 2021 amounted to KZT11.3 trln and increased slightly relative to March – by 0.02% or KZT2.1 trln.
- By the end of April, the value of KASE Index increased by 4.2% and amounted to 3,242.81 points.
- Equity market capitalization increased by 0.5% to KZT21.5 trln.
- The volume of tradable corporate debt increased by 0.5% to KZT14.6 trln.
- One new issuer has passed the listing procedure.
- As of May 1, 2021, there were 463 corporate securities of 183 issuers in KASE's trading lists.
- As of May 1, 2021, the Central Securities Depository maintained 162,443 personal accounts opened for individuals, which is by 12,263 accounts more than a month earlier and by 29,582 accounts more than at the beginning of 2021.

KEY PROJECTS AND EVENTS

On April 28, 2021, to inform the business community and the interested public, together with the Entrepreneurship Development Fund "Damu", akimdiks of Kostanay and North Kazakhstan regions, KASE held an online round table on raising capital in the stock market.

In April, KASE held meetings of the management of KEGOC JSC and Kazakhtelecom JSC with investors, professional participants of the securities market and media representatives within the framework of the Issuer Day project.

EQUITY MARKET

Based on results of April, the capitalization of the equity market amounted to KZT21.5 trln (USD50.2 bn), which is by 0.5 % higher than the value recorded a month earlier.

As of the end of April, there were 137 stocks of 121 issuers in the KASE's trade lists, of which four stocks were admitted to circulation in the "Non-listing securities" sector.

In the reporting month, common shares of First Heartland Securities JSC were included in KASE official list, common shares of Investment House "Astana-Invest" JSC were admitted to circulation in the sector "Unlisted securities". Common shares of AZIA AVTO JSC, Mining and Metallurgical Concern "KAZAKHALTYN" JSC and Irtysh-Polymetal JSC were excluded from the Exchange's official list on the initiative of their issuers.

The volume of trades in shares in April relative to March decreased by 43.6 %, or KZT5.5 bn, to KZT7.1 bn. The average daily volume of trades amounted to KZT324.1 mln, the average daily number of deals – 1,786, the average volume of one deal – KZT181.4 th.

Among the main categories of investors, individuals accounted for 50.3 % of the total volume of deals with shares. The share of brokers and dealers was 10.8 %. Other institutional investors accounted for 5.2 %, other legal entities – for 32.2 %. The participation of non-residents is estimated at 0.7 %.

KASE INDEX

According to the results of April, KASE Index grew by 4.2 %, or 130.49 points to 3,242.81 points. The volume of deals in index shares in April amounted to KZT5.1 bn. The largest trading volume fell on common shares of Bank CenterCredit JSC – KZT1.2 bn (23% of the total trading volume in index shares).

Change in prices of shares included in KASE index universe

Issuer	Ticker	Price, tenge per share			Volume, mln tenge		
		as of 01.04.21	as of 01.05.21	Δ, %	March	April	Δ
Kazatomprom JSC	KZAP	10,599.91	12,097.99	+14.1	69	138	69
Kazakhtelecom JSC	KZTK	27,040.00	30,000.00	+10.9	100	733	633
Kcell JSC	KCEL	2,398.00	2,541.00	+6.0	1,505	997	-508
KEGOC JSC	KEGC	1,677.11	1,739.10	+3.7	95	158	63
Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	HSBK	150.24	153.00	+1.8	1,580	977	-603
KazTransOil JSC	KZTO	1,117.00	1,129.99	+1.2	295	690	395
Bank CenterCredit JSC	CCBN	235.60	232.20	-1.4	649	1,171	522
KAZ Minerals PLC	GB_KZMS	4,940.00	4,500.00	-8.9	756	535	-221

According to the results of the reporting month, shares of NAC Kazatomprom JSC increased in price by 14.1% and rose to KZT12,097.99 per share against the background of an updating of the company's credit rating by Fitch, recommendations to distribute KZT150.1 bn on payment of dividends for 2020, as well as the overall positive situation around nuclear energy.

The international rating agency Fitch has affirmed the rating of the nuclear company at "BBB-" with a "Positive" outlook. The agency said the affirmation of the rating reflected the continued strong financial position of NAC Kazatomprom JSC due to higher spot prices and demand for uranium.

On April 2, a message was published that the Board of Directors of the company recommended to distribute KZT150.1 bn on payment of dividends on ordinary shares for 2020, while KZT99 bn were distributed as dividends in 2019. Net income of NAC Kazatomprom JSC at the end of 2020 amounted to KZT221.4 bn. Thus, 68% of net income will be spent on payment of dividends, if the proposal is approved by shareholders. KZT578.67 falls on one common share. Decision on the approval of the company's dividend policy in the new edition and the payment of dividends is subject to approval by the shareholders at the meeting on May 19, 2021.

Shares of Kazakhtelecom JSC increased during the reporting period by 10.9 % to KZT30,000 per share. The telecom stock began an active rally in early April following the release of an audit report on the company's 2020 consolidated financial statements. Strong financial performance in the form of an 8.3 % increase in net income for 2020, 23.2 % increase in revenue, as well as plans to pay dividends by the end of 2020 by 2.2 times more than at the end of 2019 served as serious drivers for growth of the company's market value.

The company's shares on April 23 closed at their highest level since April 2019, reaching a price of KZT30,797 per share, after the publication of the news about the recommendation of the Board of Directors to the annual general meeting of shareholders to pay dividends based on the results of 2020 in the amount of 30 % of the consolidated net income of KZT63.5 bn, or KZT1,730.88 per ordinary share.

Significant growth was also demonstrated by the shares of Kcell JSC, which added 6 % in price and rose to KZT2,541 per share. The shares of the mobile operator played back the positive news on the increase in the company's credit limit from VTB Bank (Kazakhstan), a twofold increase in the proposed dividend size for 2020 and strong financial performance for the first quarter of 2021.

On April 13, Kcell's Board of Directors recommended the annual general meeting of shareholders to approve the annual payment of dividends for 2020 in the amount of KZT17.6 bn, which is 100% of the consolidated net income. KZT87.89 fall on one common share or global depository receipt (GDR). For 2019, the company paid dividends in the amount of KZT9 bn. Thus, in 2020, the payment can almost double. As previously reported, on April 9, 2021, the operator's shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting approved the delisting of GDRs from the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and the Astana International Financial Center (AIX).

CORPORATE BOND MARKET

The volume of corporate debt in circulation in April increased by 0.5 %, or KZT69.8 bn, to KZT14.6 trln (USD34.1 bn.).

As of the end of April, there were 269 corporate bond issues of 67 issuers in KASE's official list. In the reporting month, bonds of two issues of two issuers were included in the official list: Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC and Kazakhstan Housing Company JSC.

In the reporting month, corporate bonds of four issues were excluded from the official list due to the expiration of the circulation period: three issues of First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC and an issue of AgroFinance LLP.

The value of the yield index of corporate bonds KASE_BMY in April decreased by 2 basis points to 10.64 % per annum.

The volume of trades in corporate bonds on KASE decreased relative to March by 57.9 %, or KZT104.1 bn, to KZT75.8 bn, due to a decrease in the primary market. The average daily trading volume amounted to KZT3.4 bn (in the secondary market – KZT1.9 bn), the average daily number of deals – 26 (in the secondary market – 21 deals), the average volume of one deal – KZT133 mln (in the secondary market – KZT92.3 mln).

On the primary corporate bond market, six bond issues of five issuers were placed for a total of KZT34.2 bn, which is 78.6 %, or KZT125.4 bn, less than in March:

- Kazakhstan Housing Company JSC raised KZT1.3 bn by placing bonds with a yield to maturity of 0.1% per annum and a maturity period of 30 years;
- "Otbasy bank" house construction savings bank JSC raised KZT14.1 bn by placing bonds with a yield of 10.80 % per annum and maturity of 5.2 years;
- Leasing Group JSC raised KZT1.4 bn, by placing bonds with a yield of 13.50 % per annum and maturity of 250 days;
- Fincraft Group LLP raised KZT15.0 bn, by placing bonds with a yield of 13.50 % per annum and a maturity of 8.4 years;
- TechnoLeasing LLP raised KZT2.4 bn by placing two bond issues with a yield to maturity of 17.00 % per annum and a maturity period of 4 years.

In terms of the main categories of investors in the primary corporate bond market, the share of STBs was 29.3 %, that of brokers and dealers – 1.4 %, that of other institutional investors – 23 %, that of other legal entities – 34.9 %, that of individuals – 11.5 %. The share of participation of non-residents was 29.2 %.

The volume of trades in the secondary bond market has doubled relative to March, or by KZT21.3 bn, to KZT41.6 bn.

In terms of the main categories of investors in the secondary corporate bond market, the share of STBs was 18.5 %, that of brokerage and dealer organizations – 15.5 %, that of other institutional investors – 30.2 %, that of other legal entities – 34.3 %, the share of individuals – 1.4 %. The share of non-residents was 21.8 %.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (GS) MARKET

According to the results of April, the face value of the state debt traded on KASE decreased by 0.6 %, or by KZT100.2 bn to KZT17.8 trln (USD41.5 bn.).

In April, the volume of trades in the government securities market decreased by 6.3 %, or KZT17.8 bn, to KZT265.6 bn. The average daily trading volume amounted to KZT12.1 bn (in the secondary market – KZT7.3 bn), the average daily number of deals – 8 (in the secondary market – 5 deals), the average volume of one deal – KZT1.47 bn (in the secondary market – KZT1.55 bn).

On the primary government securities market, the trading volume amounted to KZT106.1 bn, which is lower than the March indicator by 50.1 %, or KZT106.4 bn. 92.4 %, or KZT98 bn, fell on the placement of six issues of treasury obligations of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan with a yield to maturity of 9.4-10.6 % per annum (the weighted average yield on issues is 9.62-10.58 % per annum). The remaining KZT8.1 bn (7.6%) were raised by the akimdiks of the city of Shymkent (KZT4.4 bn at 10.8 % per annum) and Almaty region (KZT3.7 bn at 4.25 % per annum).

In the structure of investors in the primary government securities market, STBs accounted for 52.6 %, brokerage and dealer organizations – for 1.5 %, other institutional investors – for 17.7 %, the share of other legal entities was 27.2 %. The participation of non-residents is estimated at 8.5 %.

The volume of trades in the secondary market has doubled or KZT88.6 bn, to KZT159.5 bn. The share of the volume of deals with MEKAM amounted to 71.5 %, or KZT114 bn of the total turnover of trades in the secondary market. 27.5 %, or KZT43.8 bn, fell on deals with notes of the National Bank. The rest of the volume, amounting to 1% (KZT1.7 bn), fell on deals with Eurobonds of the Republic of Kazakhstan and government securities of foreign states.

In the structure of investors in the secondary market, STBs accounted for 81.2 %, brokerage and dealer organizations – for 2 %, other institutional investors – for 6 %, the share of other legal entities was 10.5 %, the share of individuals – 0.3 %. The participation of non-residents is estimated at 0.5 %.

BONDS OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

At the end of the reporting period, KASE's trading lists included 35 bond issues of four international financial organizations: Eurasian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank.

In the reporting month, no new MFO securities were included.

In April, two deals were made with securities of the Eurasian Development Bank in the secondary market for KZT15.6 thousand.

UNITS OF INVESTMENT FUNDS

As of May 1, there were 13 investment funds managed by six asset managers and four ETFs in the sector "Securities of investment funds".

In the reporting month, the volume of trades amounted to KZT2.6 bn, decreasing by 59.6 % on March.

Instrument	Volume, mln tenge		Number of deals, pieces	
	March	April	March	April
CSECfe	101.1	187.8	14	18
CSECgm	31.3	135.5	7	16
FFIN_or	40.1	70.2	35	75
FHJlag	6.8	12.3	7	11
FHJlds	0.7	2.3	32	66
FHJlhm	0.3	44.0	18	71
FHJlq	6.4	4.5	4	2
FHJlpc	53.0	42.1	7	5
IE_FXBF	19.7	19.7	225	430

RU_UKFFipo	3,948.3	1,935.3	1,379	833
US_BIL_	75.0	67.8	12	4
US_SPY_	16.4	40.3	78	130
Total	4,299.1	2,561.8	1818	1661

In terms of the main categories of investors, 47.7 % are individuals, 38.2 % are brokers and dealers and 14.1 % are other legal entities.

ACCOUNTS OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE SECURITIES MARKET

As of May 1, 2021, the Central Securities Depository maintained 162,443 personal accounts opened for individuals, which is by 12,263 accounts more than in the previous month and by 29,582 accounts more than at the beginning of 2021.

FOREIGN CURRENCY MAFRKET

In April 2021, 27 members of KASE took part in the trades on the foreign currency market on KASE.

The volume of trades in the foreign currency market reached KZT1.3 trln, which is by 14.9 %, or KZT167.3 bn, more than in March. The average daily trading volume in April 2021 amounted to KZT58.5 bn, the average daily number of deals made up 384, the average volume of one deal – KZT152.4 mln.

The following table shows the main characteristics of the currency pairs traded on KASE (the change in the indicator against the previous month is indicated in brackets, the change in the rate reflects the nominal change in the weighted average exchange rate of the foreign currency against the tenge).

Pair	Amount, mln currency units	Weight in the trading amount, %	Number of deals	Min. and max. rates, qty. of the quoted currency per base currency unit	Rate at the end of month (chg.%)
USD/KZT	2,920.09 (+13.0 %)	57.3% (+12.8 %)	8,011 (+968)	426.84 – 433.58	429.02 (+0.5 %)
RUB/KZT	1,945.50 (-36.5 %)	38.2% (-14.7 %)	292 (+66)	5.5743 – 5.7500	5.7400 (+1.9%)
CNY/KZT	218.18 (+57.5 %)	4.3% (+1.9 %)	128 (+2)	64.9025 – 66.6750	66.3329 (+2.2 %)
EUR/KZT	11.78 (-10.9 %)	0.2 % (0.0 %)	20 (+1)	515.14 – 518.76	518.76 (+0.5 %)

MONEY MARKET

The total volume of trades in the money market amounted to KZT9.7 trln, having increased compared with the last month by 0.05 %, or by KZT4.8 bn.

The MM_Index composite money market indicator, which is the average yield weighted through the volume of deals, on USD/KZT currency swaps and automatic repo transactions with government securities, opened for one business day, decreased by 91 b.p. to 8.37 % per annum.

REPO transactions market

The trading volume in this segment in April 2021 amounted to KZT8,930.5 bn, which is less than the volume of the previous month by KZT39.4 bn, or 0.4 %. The average daily volume of transactions amounted to KZT405.9 bn, the average daily number of daily concluded deals – 484, the average volume of one deal – KZT0.8 bn.

The volume of autorepo transactions with government securities amounted to KZT5,799.5 bn, or 64.9 %, of the total volume of repo transactions, CS autorepo– KZT3,120.25 bn, or 34.9 %, CS nego

repo – KZT10.8 bn, or 0.1 %. There were no nego repo transactions with government securities in April 2021.

By the end of April, the value of the TONIA indicator (the weighted average interest rate on repo opening deals for one business day, concluded on the Exchange in the automatic repo sector with securities of the GS Basket) decreased by 92 b.p. from 9.3 % to 8.38 % per annum.

The indicator TRION (the weighted average interest rate on repo opening deals for one business day, concluded on the Exchange during the day in the automatic repo sector with securities of the GS Basket, for which the Exchange carries out clearing activities using the services of the Central Counterparty) decreased by 97 b.p. from 9.34 % to 8.37 % per annum.

The indicator TWINA (the weighted average interest rate on repo opening deals for seven business days, concluded on the Exchange in the automatic repo sector with securities of the GS Basket, for which the Exchange carries out clearing activities using the services of the Central Counterparty) decreased by 16 b.p. from 8.9 % to 8.74 % per annum in April 2021.

The volatility of the indicators of repo transactions TONIA, TRION and TWINA in April dynamically fluctuated within the corridor of the NBRK base rate, having increased since the beginning of the tax week with a transition to a negative trend by the end of the month.

Currency swap transactions market

The trading volume in April 2021 in the currency swap transaction market amounted to KZT737.1 bn, which is by KZT44.12 bn, or 6.4 %, more than the volume in March. The average daily volume of transactions in April amounted to KZT33.5 bn, the average daily number of deals – 10, the average volume of one deal – KZT3.4 bn.

The volumes of currency swap transactions in April were carried out in the tenge – US dollar pair. In the instrumental structure, 39.9 % of the total volume in the currency swap market fell on transactions with the one-day currency swap (USDKZT_0_001), 53.1 % of the total trading volume in the currency swap market fell on transactions with the two-day currency swap (USDKZT_0_002), 7 % – on the one-month currency swap (USDKZT_01M).

The one-day dollar swap indicator SWAP-1D (USD) decreased by 44 b.p. by the end of April: from 8.52 % to 8.08 % per annum. The yield on the two-day currency swap SWAP-2D (USD) decreased by 19 b.p. from 8.39 % to 8.2 % per annum.

Derivatives market

In this sector of the exchange market, futures are available, the underlying assets of which are the US dollar, KASE index and particular titles of shares. By the beginning of May, there were no open positions of trading participants on the derivatives market, and no transactions were made in April.

For reference

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE) is a leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region. KASE occupies the second place among the CIS exchanges in terms of securities trading volume, and the sixth rank in terms of the equity market capitalization among the FEAS exchanges.

It is a universal trading platform for corporate and government securities, bonds of international financial institutions, 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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