

# KAZAKHSTAN STOCK EXCHANGE JSC

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### **KASE launches KASE Talks open lecture series in 2018**

Kazakhstan Stock Exchange JSC (hereinafter, the Exchange or KASE) plans to conduct KASE open lecture series ("KASE Talks") on the financial market of Kazakhstan in the city of Almaty on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Prominent Kazakh financiers, who have made significant contribution to the making of the financial system and the financial market of the Republic of Kazakhstan, will participate in KASE open lecture series.

The purpose of KASE open lecture series is to raise awareness of the broad public audience on the conditions in which the financial market of the Republic has emerged and main factors that affected its development. The objective of this event is to promote the financial market of Kazakhstan further and to provide information on the Exchange's activities and the stock market as a whole.

Open lecture series is a rewarding experience of the past, unbiased view at the present and prospects for the future. The following topical issues such as the making and development of monetary and currency systems of Kazakhstan, reforms in the banking sector, the making of the country's stock market, the making of pension and insurance systems, development of brokerage activities will be featured during lectures.

KASE open lecture series are intended for a wide audience: the financial market professionals, students, journalists and others.

KASE lectures will be free to attend. Preliminary schedule of events will be available on the website of the Exchange [www.kase.kz](http://www.kase.kz).

KASE has been contributing to the development of the stock market and facilitating sustainable development of Kazakhstan's economy since its foundation in 1993 and until now.

In 2017, trading volume on KASE grew to a record KZT 151.5 trillion, equity market capitalization reached KZT 17 trillion and volume of corporate debt traded on the Exchange made up KZT 9.2 trillion. At present, there are securities of 174 issuers on KASE lists and the total number of financial instruments available for trading has reached 804. KASE Index was up by 58 per cent in 2016 having renewed its nine-year maximum and rose by 59 per cent in 2017 thus making it to the world's top 3 fastest growing stock indices.

#### **For reference**

**Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE)** is the leading stock exchange in the Central Asian region and the only exchange in Kazakhstan carrying out its activities in the financial market. It is a universal trading platform for repo market instruments, foreign currencies, government and corporate securities, bonds of international financial institutions as well as derivatives.

KASE is the member of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE), the Federation of Euro-Asian Stock Exchanges (FEAS) and other international and local professional associations.

In 2015, KASE joined the UN Sustainable Stock Exchanges initiative. KASE ranks second among the CIS exchanges on the volume of trading in securities, and it also ranks sixth on equity market capitalization among FEAS stock exchanges.

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