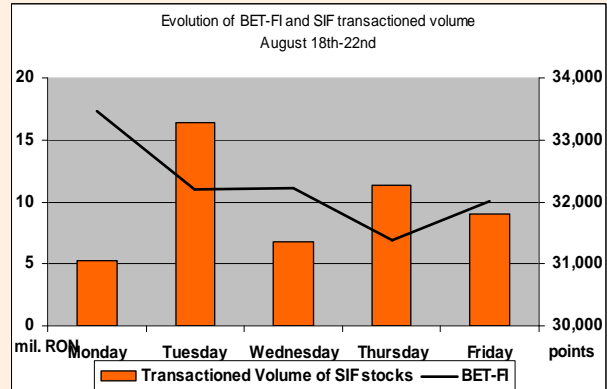
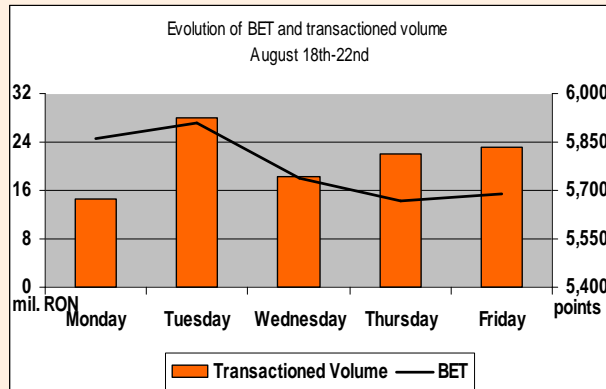




# Bucharest Stock Exchange – Market Report

## 1. BUCHAREST STOCK MARKET EVOLUTION



During the transacting week that just ended the Stock Market's evolution followed a descending trend outlined by a decrease of the BET index of 3.81%, the BET-FI index fell harder, losing 6.64%. The transacted volumes registered a 11.16% decrease (this week's average is 22.24 million RON compared to 23.91 million last week). On the DEAL market a single transaction took place on Monday, it consisted of 50.000 BRD shares valuing 900.000 RON.

The exchange rates had the following evolution, the euro lost 0.24% versus the RON from 3.5302 to 3.5216, while the dollar went down by 0.96% from 2.3967 to 2.3738.

## 2. MOST IMPORTANT STOCKS

Ticker	Liquidity* (mil. RON)	Prices (RON)		Variation	Top 5 price gains	
		15.08.08	22.08.08		Name	Variation
SIF5	17.13	1.8900	1.6500	-12.70%	Foraj Sonde Ploiești S.A. (FSP)	36,67%
BRD	16.11	18.0000	16.9000	-6.11%	Cercon Arieșul S.A. (CER)	33,33%
SIF1	11.71	1.6600	1.5500	-6.63%	Teraplast S.A. (TRP)	17,76%
SIF3	7.97	0.9000	0.8750	-2.78%	Stratusmob S.A. (STR)	16,67%
SIF2	7.91	1.6200	1.5200	-6.17%	EMA Piatra Neamț S.A. (EPN)	12,31%
EBS	6.85	149.0000	140.3000	-5.84%	Top 5 price drops	
TLV	6.63	0.3090	0.3010	-2.59%	Name	Variation
SIF4	6.61	1.0600	1.0200	-3.77%	Dorobanțul S.A. (DOR)	-46,67%
SNP	5.31	0.4450	0.4420	-0.67%	Rafo S.A. (RAF)	-32,61%
AZO	3.05	0.7800	0.7400	-5.13%	Someșul S.A. (SMS)	-26,12%
					Albapam S.A. (ALB)	-24,49%
					SSIF Broker Cluj S.A. (BRK)	-19,90%

\*weekly total of transactions

## 2. IMPORTANT LOCAL NEWS

- Romania's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has registered an 8,6% increase in the first semester of the year, as the economy grew by 8.9% in the second trimester, both values are record highs for the last two decades, according to Romanian Economy and Finance minister, Varujan Vosganian. The budget's deficit was 0.64% of the GDP, at the half of the year, the outlook for the end of the year being at 1.2%.



- Romania could record this year direct foreign investments valueing over ten billion eurps, said Romanian Economy and Finances minister, Varujan Vosganian. „ We can hope for this year to overcome the psychological ceiling of 10 billion euros, given that after six months the value of direct foreign investments was 4.8 billion euors, and the annual series of data pont towards an increase in the second half of the year”, said Vosganian. The Romanian Agency for Foreign Investements (ARIS) revised on Friday its predictions regarding the value of direct foreign investments for this year, from 7 billion euros to 8 billion, these being below the estimates of the minister.
- The Romanian Securities Exchange Commission (CNVM) has approved in July the creation of the alternative transacting system adminitered by the Romanian Stock Exchange (BVB) and decided that all companies listed on the RASDAQ market be transfered to this system. The capital market law states that investment funds and the SIFs (Financial Investment Companies) are allowed an exposure of maximum 10% in stocks that are not being transacted on a regular market or transacted on an alternative transacting system. According to this project, the SIFs will have three year to sell the shares they own on the RASDAQ market, the value of the shares is over 717 million RON (200 million euros). The project is subject to public debate until Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, and in the coming weeks the Commision will validate the new regulations in their final form.

### 3. IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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- Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Friday said the stronger dollar and lower oil prices, along with the weak economy, should curb inflation, in a hint that interest rates would stay on hold, though he warned the inflation outlook is "highly uncertain."Bernanke called a recent decline in commodity prices and stabilization of the U.S. dollar "encouraging."If not reversed, these developments, together with a pace of growth that is likely to fall short of potential for a time, should lead inflation to moderate later this year and next," he told the annual Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank conference on monetary policy in Jackson Hole, Wyoming..

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