

Daily Comment

Bond Market

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Indicators						
MICEX	S&P 500	Brent	Gold			
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0,02%	0,01%	-0,27%	-0,02%			
Russia-30,	Russia-30,	UST-10,	Russia-30-			
price	yield	yield	UST-10			
119,03	3,84%	2,60%	123			
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-5 b.p.	1 b.p.	2 b.p.	-2 b.p.			
EUR/\$	\$/RUB	EUR/RUB	Bicurrency			
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1,3681	31,96	43,68	37,24			
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-0,04%	0,03%	-0,03%	-0,10%			
OFZ 25079	OFZ 26205	OFZ 26207	Russia-18- OFZ 26204			
101,45	103,64	105,80	-11,3			
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0,01%	-0,25%	-0,33%	0 b.p.			
Liquidity, bln rubles	NDF 1 year	MOSPrime o/n	MICEX repo			
898	6,16	6,32	6,13			
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-66	-4 b.p.	4 b.p.	-4 b.p.			

Key Statistics Today:

- Unemployment level and employment changes in U.S. economy sectors (4:30 p.m.);
- Net volume of acquisition of American securities by foreign investors (5:00 p.m.);
- Manufacturing PMI by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (6:00 p.m.).

<u>Trading Idea of the Day:</u>

- Novatek-22. We expect the price of the Eurobond to grow after a number of news positive for the company. Yield reduction potential is 15-20 bp. in mid-term.
- Nornickel-20. We expect the yield of new issue to continue to reduce to the fair, in our opinion, level of 5.3-5.4% per annum. Yield reduction potential is 7-10 bp. in mid-term.

Latest reviews and commentaries:

- <u>Norilsk Nickel offers 7-year Eurobonds: Participation Recommended</u>
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- <u>Primary Market Revival and Priced-In QE3 Tapering Will Support Russian</u>
 <u>Eurobonds in Autumn</u>

Global Markets and Macroeconomic News

- Global markets will come out of an apathetic state after the September employment report in the U.S. is released.
- USA: sales in the secondary housing market in September 5.29m houses, prev. 5.39m.
- The Federal Treasury will begin the purchase of currency on October 23 for the replenishment of sovereign funds. A total of 10bn rubles will be allocated in the next five business days.
- The head of MED Alexei Ulyukaev: in the first three quarters of this year foreign direct investment amounted to \$72bn.

Debt Market

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- At the end of last week the average expectations for QE-3 scrapping were pushed to the spring of 2014, and now some market participants are thinking whether they overestimated the adverse effect on the economy of the recent shutdown of U.S. government agencies.
- Yesterday benchmark Russian Eurobonds RUSSIA-30 and RUSSIA-42 increased in yield by 1-2 bp., moving together with US Treasuries, where the yield on 10-year securities completed the trading session on Monday with similar increase to a level of 2.60% per annum.

Comments

On Monday NOVATEK received a tax concession for the MET on natural gas extraction in the Gydan peninsula, a condition for which is the liquefaction of the extracted gas at the company's Yamal LNG facility. The appearance of the prospects for the plant expansion, in our view, can enhance the market's expectations regarding cash flow generated by NOVATEK.. However, due to the remoteness of the forecast horizon, the impact of this news on the company's Eurobonds, by our reckoning, will be restrained. Among the Eurobonds traded by NOVATEK we highlight the issue NVTKRM-22 (YTM – 5.12%, Z-spread - 259 bp.). We estimate the potential reduction of yield on the Eurobond at 15-20 bp.









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U.S. Department of Labor will present the assessment of the level of unemployment and the number of jobs outside the agricultural sector at 4:30 p.m. MSK. Released late due to a partial suspension of government activities, labor market data will be the starting point for the Fed in making a decision at the session in October.

According to the head of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Charles Evans, the Fed needs to see some good reports on employment and evidence of the continued GDP growth, which will persist for several months. In this case, the Open Market Committee may consider lowering the amount of the buyout of assets from the market. However, according to Evans, the decision in December will also depend on the nature of the negotiations of American politicians. Dragging out the budget negotiations and the approach to the new 'day X' of reaching the debt limit will cause the monetary authorities to postpone the easing of monetary support.

Against this background it is not surprising that the majority of experts surveyed by Bloomberg are not expecting the QE-3 to be scaled back until the spring of 2014, with its complete cessation only after a year. The first serious conclusions about how much the economy was damaged due to the shutdown the Fed will be able to make only in November - November 7 will see the 3rd quarter GDP data published, while on October 29 a report on retail sales in September will be released.

On Monday the data on sales in the secondary homes market was released. In annual terms the sales in September fell by 1.9% to 5.29 million homes, meeting market expectations. The decline in activity was the result of growth in mortgage rates. It will be known later how the housing market, which is important for assessing trends in the economy, came through the temporary shutdown of the government.

Released quarterly reports from Halliburton and McDonalds were disappointing, which has brought down the positive attitude in the U.S. stock market (S&P 500 +0.01%). After the closing of the market Texas Instruments was also a letdown - futures on the S&P 500 is not growing (-0.04%).

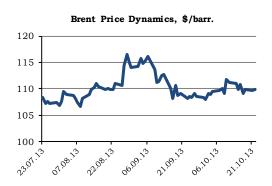
In the U.S. debt market changes are minimal as well (UST 10 2.60%, +1 bp.). The U.S. dollar has strengthened slightly (DXY 79.75). Oil prices continue to stagnate just below 110/bbl. for Brent. Gold prices are gravitating towards the mark of 1,315/oz.

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Russian Economy

The money market interest rates experienced moderate pressure due to tax payments. The benchmark rate Mosprime increased by 4 bp. to 6.32%. At the inter-dealer repo market the one-day rate on bonds has also added 4 bp., reaching 6.17%.

Against the backdrop of VAT payment for the 3rd quarter, the Bank of Russia raised the limit on the one-day repo auction from 190.0 to 290.0bn rubles, thus avoiding a serious deterioration in borrowing conditions. The demand increased by almost the same 100.0bn rubles to nearly 334.0bn; as a result, the size of deficit in the auction has not fundamentally changed. On the background of three-month auctions secured by non-marketable assets at a floating rate, the three-month repo auction has not aroused the interest of credit institutions, and has been declared invalid.

The next test for banks will be on Friday, October 25, when MET and excise duties payments to the budget are made. At this point, money market rates can rewrite local highs. However, much will be determined by today's weekly repo auction. Also, the Federal Treasury will help the banks by offering about 440.0bn rubles on deposit auctions this week.

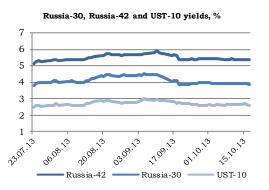
The Federal Treasury will begin the purchase of currency (EUR, USD and GBP in the proportion of 45/45/410) on October 23 for the replenishment of sovereign funds. For these purposes a total of 10 billion rubles will be allocated in the next five business days. The claimed amount should not seriously affect the market pricing. On Monday, the ruble continued to 'free float' in a neutral operational corridor without the intervention of the Central Bank, showing а slight strengthening of quotes. Further disposition will depend on the sentiment in the financial markets after the report from the U.S. Department of Labor.

According to the Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation Alexei Ulyukaev, in the first three quarters of this year foreign direct investment amounted to \$72bn, exceeding the amount of capital outflow (\$48bn). As for the rest, according to Ulyukaev, the situation has not become better and we are still in stagnation. You can keep track of recent trends in the economy with our <u>special reports</u>. The September review will be published soon.

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Debt Market

Eurobonds

Russian Eurobonds will show neutral dynamics on Tuesday after a slight correction on Monday in anticipation of the statistics on the U.S. labor market, which will have an impact on market expectations about the prospects for scaling back quantitative easing in the U.S.

Today at 4:30 p.m. MSK the long-awaited data on the number of new jobs in non-agricultural sectors for September will be released. The market, on average, is expecting values around 180,000 compared to 169,000 in August, with the unemployment rate unchanged at 7.3%. These will have an impact on investors' perception of the prospects for the Fed scaling back the program of quantitative easing.

At the end of last week the average expectations for QE-3 scrapping were pushed to the spring of 2014, and now some market participants are thinking whether they overestimated the adverse effect on the economy of the recent shutdown of U.S. government agencies for 16 days.

Yesterday benchmark Russian Eurobonds RUSSIA-30 and RUSSIA-42 increased in yield by 1-2 bp., moving together with US Treasuries, where the yield on 10-year securities completed the trading session on Monday with similar increase to a level of 2.60% per annum. On Tuesday morning UST-10 yield is at levels of about 2.59%.

We expect neutral dynamics in the Russian Eurobond market during the first half of trading on Tuesday, while shortly before the start of trading in the U.S. investors' attention will turn to the statistics on the labor market.

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Corporate Comments

NOVATEK

On Monday NOVATEK received a concession for the MET on natural gas extraction in the Gydan peninsula, a condition for which is the liquefaction of the extracted gas at the company's Yamal LNG facility.

On the Gydan Peninsula, which is close to Yamal, the majority of resources, or 2.1 trillion cubic meters, belongs to the NOVATEK. Due to the proximity of Gydan fields to the main source of gas for the Yamal LNG (South Tambey field), issues with delivery of gas from Gydan to the complex look quite solvable.

We view the news as positive for the long-term prospects for the credit profile of NOVATEK due to the emerging opportunities for mining tax savings. In the light of the benefits received by the company we cannot rule out the emergence of plans to expand the Yamal LNG plant from the current design capacity of 16.5 million tons of LNG per year.

The appearance of the prospects for the plant expansion, in our view, can enhance the market's expectations regarding cash flow generated by NOVATEK for the period after 2020. However, due to the remoteness of the forecast horizon, the impact of this news on the company's Eurobonds, by our reckoning, will be quite restrained.

Among the Eurobonds traded by NOVATEK we highlight the issue NVTKRM-22 (YTM – 5.12%, Z-spread - 259 bp.) posted last summer. We estimate the potential reduction of yield on the Eurobond at 15-20 bp., with the price increasing to 96% of nominal value from the current levels of about 94.9%.

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Trading Ideas in Eurobond Market

Issue	ISIN	Rating S&P/Moody's/Fitch	Yield, %	Closing Price, %	Comment
Novatek-22 (NEW)	XS0864383723	BBB-/Baa3/BBB-	5,13	94,89	We expect the price of the Eurobond to grow after a number of news positive for the company. Yield reduction potential is 15-20 bp. in mid-term.
Nornickel-20	XS0982861287	BBB-/Baa2/-	5,42	100,75	We expect the yield of new issue to continue to reduce to the fair, in our opinion, level of 5.3-5.4% per annum. Yield reduction potential is 7-10 bp. in mid-term.
Russia-30	XS0114288789	BBB/Baa1/BBB	3,83	119,03	The issue showed a neutral dynamics on Monday, after last week's growth. We expect additional 7-12 bp. yield reduction in the coming weeks.
Russia-42	XS0767473852	BBB/Baa1/BBB	5,34	104,21	The Eurobond showed a slight decline on Monday. We expect the ascending motion to continue, with additional 7-12 bp. yield reduction in mid-term.
Alrosa-20	XS0555493203	BB-/Ba3/BB-	5,48	113,08	The Eurobond's yield declined by 34 bp. in the last 8 trading sessions. The Eurobond has reached our target of 103% of nominal value. We recommend to lock in profits.
TCS-18 subord	XS0808636913	-/B3/B	10,33	113,18	We expect the price to increase as the IPO of the bank is implemented. Yield reduction potential is 10-15 bp. in mid- term.





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Financial sector	Metallurgy	Strategic reviews	
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Moscow Credit Bank	NLMK	Oil&Gas Sector: 2011 Results	
Nomos-Bank	Norilsk Nickel	Banking Sector Of Kazakhstan: 2011 Results	
Probusinessbank	Polyus Gold	Trading Ideas (Spread Analysis)	
Promsvyazbank	Raspadskaya	Investments in perpetual bond market:	
Renaissance Credit	Severstal	opportunities and risks	
RSHB	ТМК	Russian Eurobonds Denominated in Currencies	
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