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Daily review of economic news of Uzbekistan

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Equity Indexes

25-Jan-10	Value	Δ	% Δ
DJIA	10,173	-216.9	-2.1%
S&P 500	1,092	-24.7	-2.2%
NASDAQ	2,205	-60.4	-2.7%
FTSE 100	5,306	3.3	0.1%
NIKKEI 225	10,513	-77.9	-0.7%
Rus. MICEX	1,417	6.3	0.4%
Rus. RTS	1,493	3.6	0.2%
Ukr. Eq. Index	1,601	1.2	0.1%
Kazak. KASE	1,868	8.3	0.5%
Uzbek. TASIX	75	0.0	0%

Source: Bloomberg (17.30 Tashkent time)

Commodity Futures

25-Jan-10	Value	Δ	% Δ
Oil Brent Crude Futr (USD/bbl)	73.24	0.41	0.56%
Oil WTI Crude Futr (USD/bbl)	74.66	0.12	0.16%
Gas Natural Futr (USD/MMBtu)	5.77	-0.05	-0.84%
Cotton No.2 Futr (USD/lb)	71.15	0.08	0.11%
Gold 100 oz Futr (USD/t oz.)	1,098.90	6.90	0.63%
Silver Futr (USD/t oz.)	17.14	0.21	1.23%
Copper Futr (USD/lb)	337.45	2.75	0.82%

Source: Bloomberg (17.30 Tashkent time)

Exchange rate

25 Jan 2010	UZS
USD	1524.03
EUR	2232.7
GBP	2484.32
JPY	1691.5
RUR	51.24

Source: CB UZ

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Uzbekistan's GDP will increase by 7.8% in 2010 – EBRD

EBRD estimates a 7.8% GDP growth in 2010 in Uzbekistan. In October 2009, EBRD forecasted that the economy of Uzbekistan rise by 7% in 2010.

In line with EBRD estimates, Uzbekistan's GDP will grow by 7% in 2011, which is the fourth highest GDP growth rate among the EBRD member states. EBRD assumes that Turkmenistan will record 13% GDP growth in 2011 and Azerbaijan – 8%.

As earlier reported, the Government of Uzbekistan expected that the country's economy will increase by 8.3% in 2010.

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) forecasted that economy of Uzbekistan will grow by 8.1% in 2010, which will be one of the highest growths in the world.

At the same time, the World Bank's forecast Uzbekistan's GDP will rise by 6.5% in 2010 and 2011.

Source: UzDaily.com

Uzbekistan prolongs tender on sale of Fergana Chemical Factory of Furan Compounds

Uzbekistan prolonged a tender on sale of Fergana Chemical Factory of Furan Compounds to foreign investors.

The announcement of the State Property Committee of Uzbekistan said that 100% of Fergana Chemical Factory of Furan Compounds is offered for sale and investors should keep profile of activity of the enterprise. The starting price is US\$ 37 million. The investor also should undertake investment obligation for US\$ 2.6 million.

Interested parties can submit tender applications till 2 March 2010.

Source: www.gki.uz

Macro Data Uzbekistan	2008	2009	2010*
Real GDP (current bln USD)	27.9	29.9	35,8
GDP growth rate	9%	7%	7%
CPI (year average)	12.7	12.5	9,5
Current account (bln USD)	3.56	2.20	2.30
Current account (% of GDP)	12.8	7.4	6.41
Exchange rate (year average)	1,323	1,469	1,544
CBUz refinancing rate	0.14	0.14	0.14
Population, mln	28	28	29
Unemployment, %	0.3	0.3	0.3

*Source: Uz. State Committee, IMF, *OCM Estimates*

Ferghana Chemical Factory of Furan Compounds is located in Ferghana city of Ferghana region. Enterprise started its operation in 1946. Company produces cotton cellulose, funitol-107, furfural alcohol, ethyl technical, furfural-1st sort, bore reagent FXL-1, cotton wool.

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Uzbek gov't prolongs tender on sale of two hotels

The Government of Uzbekistan prolonged tender on sale of 39% shares in Ipak Yo'li - Turizm Invest, an Uzbek-Turkish joint venture, which runs Dedeman Silk Road Tashkent Hotel.

Starting price of 39% share is US\$ 11.3 million. Investors also should undertake investment obligation of US\$ 5 million. Investors should submit bids till 2 March 2010.

Uzbek government prolonged tender on sale of 35% shares in Grand Mir, an Uzbek-Turkish joint venture.

Starting price of 35% of share is US\$ 7,808,500. Investors also should undertake investment obligation of US\$ 2.8 million. Interested investors should submit bids till 2 March 2010.

Source: www.gki.uz

Insurance premiums of 142.7 bln soums collected in Uzbekistan in 2009

Insurance companies of Uzbekistan collected insurance premiums of 142.7 billion soums in 2009, which is 62.2% bigger than in 2008.

Share of voluntary insurance in total volume of collected premiums totalled 74.2% and mandatory insurance – 25.8%.

Payouts volume rose by 28.4% to 14.4 billion soums in 2009.

Source: UzDaily.com

Dedeman Silk Road Tashkent Hotel is a four star hotel in Uzbekistan. It has 206 rooms, including one presidential room and two luxes. The hotel also has a night club. The hotel includes four conference rooms, including one for 750 persons.

Grand Mir renders hotel and tourism services. Grand Mir Hotel is located in Tashkent city and it is a five star hotel. The hotel has 126 rooms, including six lux rooms, 11 semi-lux and 109 standard rooms. It also has two conference rooms for 150 seats.

At the end of 2009, 32 insurance companies operated in Uzbekistan, of which 29 worked as general insurance companies and two as life insurance firms. One company operated in re-insurance market.

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Universal sug'urta to place securities among shareholders

Universal sug'urta closed joint stock company will place ordinary shares with total volume of 32.187 million soums among its shareholders.

The company will issue 44 ordinary shares with par value of 731,533.57 soums each.

Turonbank open joint stock commercial bank and Orient Capital Management LLC will acquire 22 ordinary shares each.

Source: UzDaily.com

Uzmetkombinat increases production of steel by 6.2% in 2009

Bekabad-based Uzmetkombinat plant by results of 2009 increased production of steel by 6.2% to 716,400 tons. Production of rolled steel grew by 5.7% to 687,100 tons including long products by 8.3% to 545,600 tons.

Increase of production is explained by modernization of equipment. During 2009 company invested around \$13 million into fixed assets including \$8 million for modernization of rolling capacities for long products. The suppliers of equipment were Swiss ENCE GmbH and Russian ASK.

Ukrainian Agbor Engineering Ltd reconstructed pump-accumulator station of electric arc furnace DSP 100 UMK with replacement of regulator of power and arc. A \$5 million investment enabled to increase production capacity of the furnace by 60,000 tons annually.

Source: uzreport.com

Universal Sug'urta founded in 1994. Previously, the company worked under Metro name and it was renamed into Universal Sug'urta in 2007. Charter capital of Universal Sug'urta is 1.5 million euros.

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Omninvest gets green light for \$100 million vaccine plant in Uzbekistan

An investment by Hungary's Omninvest in a \$100 million vaccine plant in Uzbekistan has been given the go-ahead, business daily Vilaggazdasag reported, citing state-owned drug maker Uzfarmprom.

Uzbekistan's President has approved the partnership agreement on the plant signed between the government and Omninvest at the end of 2009.

The vaccine plant will be built between 2010 and 2013, but production is expected to start in the summer of 2012. About 70% of the vaccines made at the plant will be exported. The rest will meet domestic demand.

The project company for the plant, Omninvest Asia, has been granted a five-year tax and customs holiday.

Source: uzreport.com

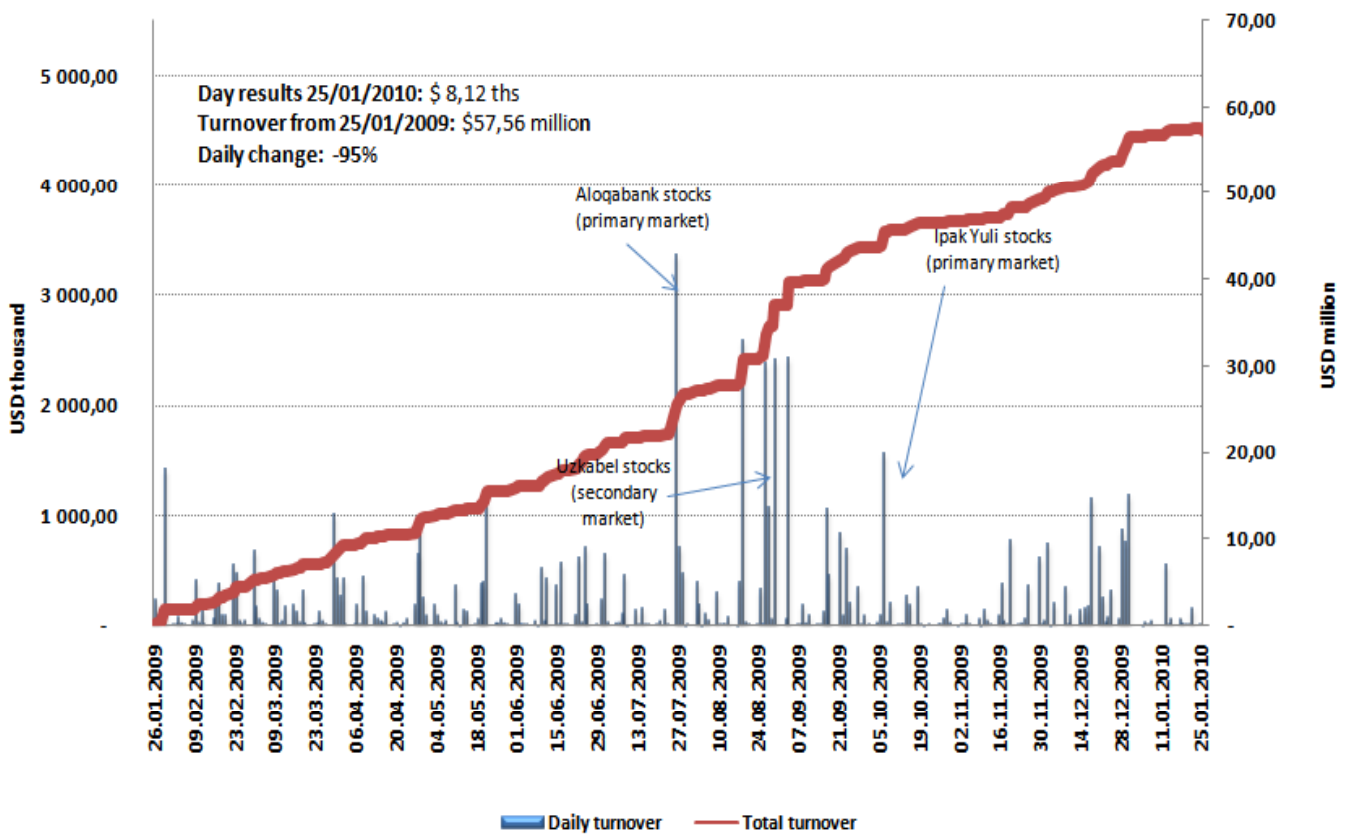
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RSE "Toshkent" review

	Issuer	Number of transactions	Turnover(\$)	% of total	Industry
1	"FOYKON"	1	5,5	68,0%	Finance
2	"Хамкорбанк"	1	1,9	23,5%	Banks
3	"Urganch markaziy dehqon bozori"	10	0,7	8,5%	Retail
	Total	12	8,12	100,0%	

On January 25, 2010, 3 companies were traded, with total turnover of 8.12 thousand USD on RSE Tashkent. We could observe a 95% decrease in total turnover, compared with the previous day

52 weeks turnover



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1	Urganch markaziy dehqon bozori	10	0,7	8,5%	Retail

Only one company was traded during a week on stock exchange "Tashkent"

TOP10 issuers by turnover in 2010

	Issuer	Stock Turnover (\$)
1	Turon bank	341,49
2	O TEL SAYOHAT	176,40
3	Kapital sugurta	115,60
4	O'ZOG''IRSANOATLOYIHA	57,00
5	Qishliq qurilish bank	39,55
6	ALLIANCE-LEASING	31,56
7	Qizilkumcement	30,38
8	O'ZBEKKO'MIR	29,82
9	Quvasoycement	28,08
10	Ipak Yuli	18,23

Investment calendar

Date	Event	Comment
27.01.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Mehnatobod MTP»	
30.01.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Bogot-don»	
30.01.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Shovotdonmahsulotlari»	
04.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Peshky pahta tozalash»	
05.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Hatirchi MTP»	
06.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Sarvat-Invest»	
10.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Chorsu dehton bozori»	
10.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Uzbek Republican Currency Exchange»	
10.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of CJSC «Stroygorod»	
12.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Ravnak-bank»	
12.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Kichintoy»	
13.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Gala Osiyo MTP»	
15.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Uzagrosygyrta»	
15.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of OJSPB «Alp Jamol» Bank	Changes in organization charter
17.02.2010	Annual general shareholders meeting of JSC «Quqonmash»	Annual Financial Results
19.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «UzRTSB»	Changes in charter capital
19.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Uktambank»	Changes in organization charter
24.02.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSC «Santehyigish»	Reorganization into LLC.

Dividends

Company	Share	Dividends (UZS)	Face value	Ex-dividend date
JSC «Invest Finance Bank»	Common	125	1000	10.12.2009
JSC «Asaka»	Common	4065,69	50000	11.12.2009
JSC «Andijon nashiyot-matbaa»	Common	50	1000	12.11.2009
	Preferred	1000	1000	12.11.2009
JSC «Qzneftgazdobicha»	Common	7	1000	14.11.2009
	Preferred	250	1000	14.11.2009
JSC «Matbuot tarkatuvchi»	Common	325,5	288	16.12.2009
JSC «Qurilishtrans»	Common	500	835	17.11.2009
JSC «Trastbank»	Common	650	1000	17.12.2009
JSC «Yuktrans»	Common	4330,0	5000	20.11.2009
JSC «Kapitalbank»	Common	10000	10000	21.11.2009
JSC «Kapitalbank»	Common	10000	10000	21.11.2009
JSC «O'zavtotexxizmat»	Common	216000	135000	23.11.2009
JSC «Kvarc»	Common	41316,0	2310	24.11.2009
JSC «Qishlokhujalikime»	Common	196	1000	26.11.2009
JSC «Ozodlik»	Preferred	40	200	26.12.2009
JSC «Avtotexxizmat»	Common	10000	11000	27.11.2009
JSC «Sergeli-avtotexservis»	Common	20000	25000	28.11.2009
JSC «Ygazstroy»	Common	3250	5000	30.11.2009
JSC «Buxoroavtotexxizmat»	Common	6000	6000	30.11.2009
	Preferred	6000	6000	30.11.2009
JSC «Alokabank»	Preferred	20	100	30.11.2009
JSC «Buxoroneftgazsuvqurilish»	Common	20500	95000	30.11.2009

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