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Daily review of economic news of Uzbekistan

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Equity Indexes

09-Feb-10	Value	Δ	% Δ
DJIA	9,908	-103.8	-1.0%
S&P 500	1,057	-9.5	-0.9%
NASDAQ	2,126	-15.1	-0.7%
FTSE 100	5,103	10.7	0.2%
NIKKEI 225	9,933	-18.9	-0.2%
Rus. MICEX	1,324	2.3	0.2%
Rus. RTS	1,378	2.5	0.2%
Ukr. Eq. Index	1,655	2.6	0.2%
Kazak. KASE	1,816	-10.2	-0.6%
Uzbek. TASIX	58	-	0.0%

Source: Bloomberg (17.30 Tashkent time)

Commodity Futures

09-Feb-10	Value	Δ	% Δ
Oil Brent Crude Futr (USD/bbl)	70.64	0.53	0.76%
Oil WTI Crude Futr (USD/bbl)	72.34	0.45	0.63%
Gas Natural Futr (USD/MMBtu)	5.45	0.05	0.93%
Cotton No.2 Futr (USD/lb)	69.53	0.37	0.53%
Gold 100 oz Futr (USD/t oz.)	1,068.70	2.50	0.23%
Silver Futr (USD/t oz.)	15.21	0.13	0.83%
Copper Futr (USD/lb)	293.30	2.00	0.69%

Source: Bloomberg (17.30 Tashkent time)

Exchange rate

09-Feb-10	UZS
USD	1530.74
EUR	2122.91
GBP	2387.19
JPY	1714.7
RUR	50.24

Source: CB UZ

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Business Activity Index: Industry sector shows growth, service falls

Center on improvement of antimonopoly policy under the State Demonopolization Committee prepared Business Activity Index for January 2010 – APIC 50.

Business Activity Index is prepared by the results of survey of 50 large and medium organizations of industry and service sector, representing fast growing directions of economy and sensible to changes in global and local markets.

Business Activity Index developed on PMI methodology. If PMI index is higher than 50, the business activity growth is observed, otherwise - recession.

Business Activity Index in industry sector for January made up 59.8 points, or grew by 1.9 points to December. In December, index made up 57.9. Such industries as machinery and energy displayed insignificant growth compared to other industries. In service sector, the index fell by 1.9 points to 59.1.

Final results of Business Activity Index are fully based on answers of the respondents. The Center receives answers directly from responders. The selection of the companies is regular.

Source: UzDaily.com

BAT Uzbekistan increases cigarette output by 21.9% in 2009

British American Tobacco Uzbekistan (BAT Uzbekistan) increased cigarette production by 21.9% year-on-year to 12.747 billion in 2009.

The venture’s exports rose by 21.6% year-on-year to 723 million cigarettes. Sales of cigarettes in internal market grew by 22.3% year-on-year to 11.896 billion.

Source: UzDaily.com

<i>Macro Data Uzbekistan</i>	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*

British American Tobacco acquired 51% shares at Uztabak in 1994 and created UzBAT A.O JV (now BAT Uzbekistan). The charter capital of the venture is US\$ 247.4 million. BAT holds 97.35% shares in the venture, State Property Committee of Uzbekistan - 2.25% and labour - 0.4%.

Total investment programme of BAT Uzbekistan made up US\$292 million, of which US\$100 million is the cost of cigarette plant in Samarkand, which was built in 1997. The capacity of the plant is 12 billion cigarettes a year.

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Uzbekistan's power output totals 49.954bn kilowatt per hour

Uzbekistan has reduced the power production by 0.3% year-on-year to 49.954 billion kilowatt per hour in 2009.

During this period, the Uzbek power stations have delivered about 18.71 million gigacalories of heat energy (down 6.8%) to the population and enterprises.

Uzbekistan has increase the power production by 2.3% year-on-year in 2008 and produced 50.1 billion kilowatt per hour.

Source: UzDaily.com

Production of raw ethyl alcohol in Uzbekistan grows by 9.4% in 2009

Production of raw ethyl alcohol in Uzbekistan grew by 9.4% year-on-year in 2009 to 5.124 million deciliters

Uzbekistan increased output of edible alcohol by 9% to 4.936 million deciliters and technical alcohol by 4.2% to 27,200 deciliters. Rectified alcohol production aggregated to 992,200 deciliters, which is up 2.5% year-on-year.

The production of vodka and alcoholic beverage products also grew by 11.8% to 9.435 million deciliters. Cognac's production rose by 35.8% to 35,500 deciliters and grape wine fell by 3.1% to 2.107 million deciliters.

In the reporting period, Uzbekistan produced 129,900 deciliters of champagne (unchanged) and 18.112 million deciliters of beer (up 11.9%).

Source: UzDaily.com

Over 98% of the electricity produced in Uzbekistan falls to share of enterprises of Uzbekenergo state joint-stock company. Uzbekenergo has 7 thermal power plants, 6 companies producing hydroelectric power and 3 combined heat and power.

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NBU consolidates balance reach 5.897 trln. soums

Consolidate balance of the National Bank for Foreign Economic Activity of Uzbekistan (NBU) (in equivalent to national currency) made up 5.897 trillion soums in 2009, the bank's press service said.

Loan portfolio (in equivalent to national currency) comprised 2.335 trillion soums (in equivalent to national currency) or US\$1.55 billion.

Targeted work of the bank allowed to increase number of customers to 2.077 million and accounts' number to 2.891 million.

NBU issued loans in hard currency for over US\$498.5 million and national currency for over 681.6 billion soums to realize measures of Ant-crisis programme, further increasing capitalization level and improving financial sustainability of enterprises of real sector.

In the reporting period, NBU serves 142 foreign loans on 106 investment projects for total sum of US\$3.13 billion in equivalent.

As of 1 January 2010, NBU invested over 17.65 billion soums to bankrupt enterprises through its subsidiaries. The bank created NBU Invest Group and NBU Investments to manage bankrupt enterprises, which were transferred to its balance. Currently, they manage 23 enterprises.

The bank said as of 1 January 2010, these enterprises produced goods for 34.98 billion soums and create new jobs for 4,329 people.

Within the framework of financing projects due to foreign credit lines, NBU selected 237 projects with the cost of US\$507.9 million, of which US\$305.2 million is loan sum.

The volume of issued loans in national currency to small businesses due to own resources made up 304 billion soums in 2009. The small businesses received 2.6 billion soums due to off-budget funds in the reporting period. NBU allotted 4,200 microloans for 30.8 billion soums in 2009.

NBU carried out work on attraction of free funds of population to deposits, which allowed to increase the volume of population deposits to 308.7 billion soums.

In 2009, NBU issued winning saving certificates for 8 billion soums. It also placed deposit certificates for legal entities for 94.3 billion soums and saving certificates for individuals for 7 billion soums.

NBU issued 454,400 banking cards in 2009 and their total number reached 1.773 million, the press service underlined.

Within so-called salary projects, the bank issued 541,900 banking cards, which makes up 30% of total emission volume. The transactions with banking cards through POS-terminals made up 446 billion soums.

The bank installed 7,262 POS-terminals at the enterprises throughout Uzbekistan. Total number of POS-terminals at trade-service points and banking establishments made up 7,382.

Source: UzDaily.com

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Hamkorbank assets grow by 26% in 2009

Hamkorbank open joint stock commercial bank increased its assets by 26% year-on-year to 292 billion soums in 2009.

The bank's loan portfolio made up 153 billion soums, or rose by 18% in the reporting period. Own capital of the bank grew by 36% to 39 billion soums. The charter capital made up 17.4 billion soums, which is up 32%.

According to the bank, net income in 2009 comprised 11.2 billion soums and grew by 32% year-on-year.

Number of clients, who have deposits in national and foreign currency, made up 46,000 people as of 1 January 2010. The bank accepted 12 billion soums of communal payments from population in 2009.

Source: UzDaily.com

Aggregate capital of commercial banks in Uzbekistan reaches 3 trln. Soums

Aggregate capital of commercial banks rose twice in last two years and exceeded 3 trillion soums, the Board of the Central Bank said at its session dedicated to 2009 results and important priorities.

In 2009, total assets of the commercial banks in Uzbekistan grew by 30% to 15.7 trillion soums.

Total volume of loan resources directed to real sector of economy made up over 8.5 trillion soums at the beginning of 2010. At the same time, share of banking credits, allocated in investment purpose, reached 70% in aggregate credit portfolio.

The volume of loans directed to small and private businesses comprised 1.85 trillion soums in 2009, which is up 48% year-on-year.

The volume of population deposits in commercial banks rose by 1.7 times in 2009.

Source: UzDaily.com

Hamkorbank was founded in 1991. The bank's headquarters is located in Andijan city of Andijan region. The bank focuses on serving private and corporate clients.

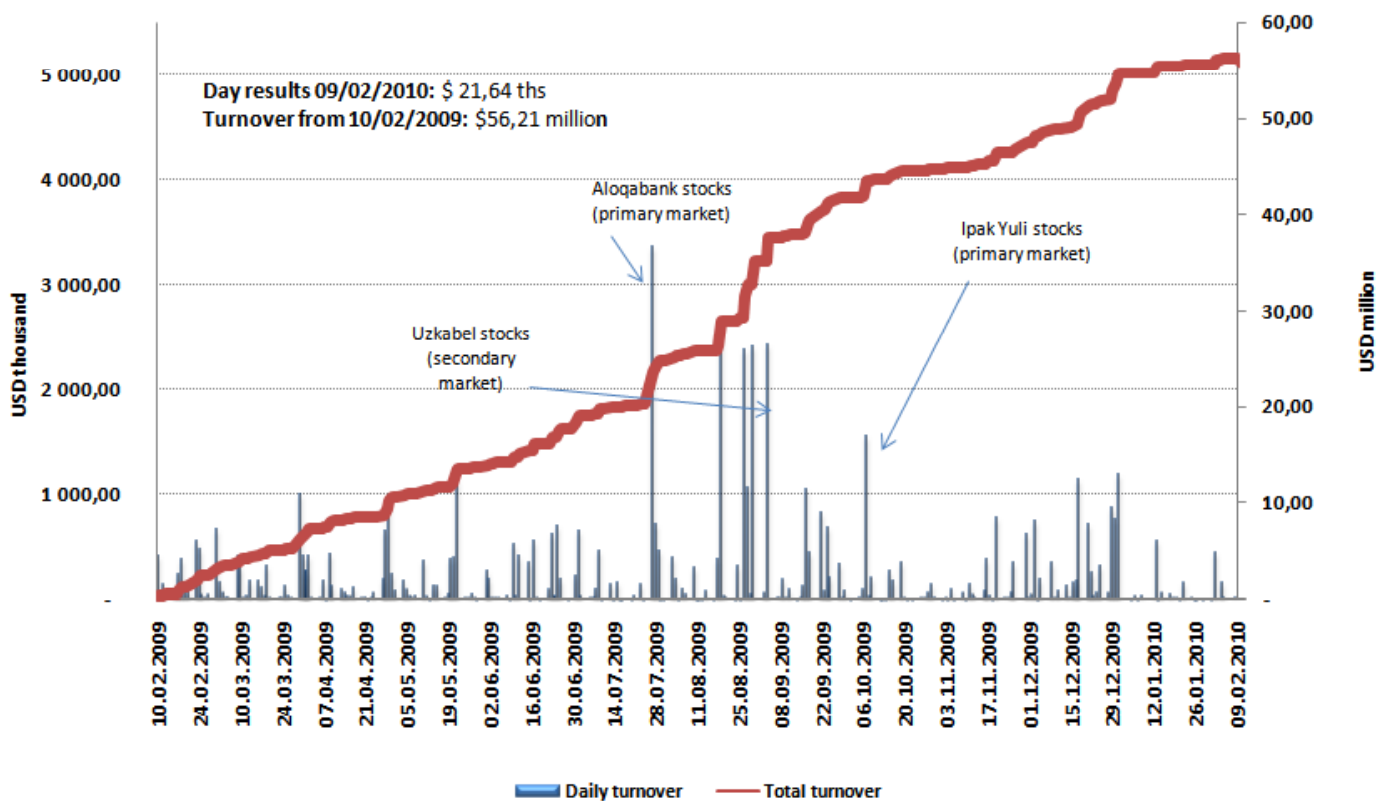
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RSE "Toshkent" review

	Issuer	Number of transactions	Turnover (\$)	% of total turnover	Industry
1	"Aloqabank"	7	8,56	39,56%	Banks
2	"Hamkorbank»	2	7,20	33,29%	Banks
3	"MAXSUSENERGO GAZ"	16	4,61	21,31%	Power industry
4	"O"ZNEFTMAHSUL OT"	1	1,09	5,05%	Oil and gas
5	"BUXORO EKSTRAKT YOG"	1	0,17	0,80%	Food industry
	Total	27	21.64	100%	

On February 05, 2010, 5 companies were traded, with total turnover of 21.64 thousand USD on RSE Tashkent. We could observe a 7% increase in total turnover, compared with February 05. All stocks were traded on the secondary market

52 weeks turnover



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TOP10 issuers by turnover in 2010

	Issuer	Stock Turnover (\$)
1	KAFOLAT	432,32
2	Turon bank	341,49
3	OTEL SAYOHAT	176,40
4	O"ZSUVLOYIHA	154,65
5	O'ZOG"IRSANOATLOYIHA	115,60
6	Kapital sugurta	57,00
7	Qishliq qurilish bank	39,55
8	ALLIANCE-LEASING	31,56
9	Qizilkumcement	30,38
10	O'ZBEKKO'MIR	29,82

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Investment calendar

Date	Event	Comment
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 dehkun 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 «Kichkintoy»	
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.
01.03.2010	Special general shareholders meeting of JSSIB «IpakYuliBank»	Changes in organization charter

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 «Qznetgazdobicha»	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
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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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