

The Association of Eurasian
Central Securities Depositories

AECSD PROFILE



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2014

- The total value of securities held at AECSD members reached over USD 0.6 trillion as of end 2014 (48% is equities, 41% is government, municipal and corporate bonds, 6% is securities of foreign issuers, and 4% other type of securities).
- AECSD members collectively processed over 3.1 million delivery instructions valued almost USD 5 trillion.
- CSDs accept a wide variety of financial instruments for settlement. All Eurasian CSDs settle equities and corporate bonds. A vast majority of CSDs also settle government securities (government bonds and Treasury bills). In those markets where government securities are not settled by the CSD, it is usually because there is a dedicated securities settlement system for such securities operated by the central bank.
- The great majority of Eurasian CSDs (6 out of 10) act as national numbering agencies (NNAs), which means that they are responsible for allocating ISIN codes to new securities.
- In a half of Eurasian CSDs, end investor accounts are maintained at the level of the CSD. Not all these CSDs operate a pure "direct holding" model, and many also offer the possibility to use omnibus accounts.
- There is a variety of ownership models, with 30% of Eurasian CSDs being State-owned, 30% exchange-owned, and 20% user-owned. The remaining 20% CSDs present a hybrid ownership structure.
- As of December 2014, Eurasian CSDs collectively employed close to 850 people across Eurasia.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CIS POST-TRADE INDUSTRY IN 2014

AZERBAIJAN

- Cooperation memorandum with Merkezi Kayit Kuruluşu, Turkey's CSD, was signed.
- Agreement for using new electronic services with one of the leading brokerages was concluded.
- The CSD switched to the new method of settlements on securities in the formal market.
- Resolution on using SWIFT for message exchange between infrastructural organizations was taken.
- The CSD began providing clearing operations and settlements on derivatives.

ARMENIA

- Contribution pension system was launched.
- Cooperation memorandum with NSD, Russia's CSD, was signed. A foreign nominee account was opened with NSD.
- A foreign nominee account was opened with Clearstream.
- The CSD received a status of a full member of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA).

BELARUS

- The draft law "On Securities Market" was adopted by the Chamber of Representatives of the National Assembly of Belarus and approved by the Council of the Republic of Belarus.
- The CSD's proposals to simplify the procedure of Belarusian securities transfer to foreign depositories' depository accounts were accepted by the regulator, approved and will be included in the current legislation in H1 2015.
- The CSD was connected to NSD's LUCH software.

GEORGIA

- Trading sessions at GSE now are held daily instead of three times per week. The length of sessions increased, GSE added trading sessions for securities denominated in foreign currency, in particular, in US dollars.
- The process of integration of registrars continues (two major registrar remained).
- An EDI system for interactions between the CSD and registrars, broker firms and EDI system's members was implemented.
- Terms of transmitting instructions to the depository in the course of a trading session were simplified.

- The CSD began providing central clearing and settlement services the same day when transactions concluded at the exchange.

KAZAKHSTAN

- All pension funds were merged into a sole governmental pension fund.
- The CSD conducted a self-assessment of observance of CPSS-IOSCO principles for FMI in accordance with Kazakhstan's National Bank's initiative.
- The Financial Sector Assessment Program was held by the World Bank and IMF.
- The CSD began providing trade repository services.
- Thomas Murray upgraded the CSD's rating from A to A+.
- The CSD began assigning IDRs to rights of claim to issuers' liabilities on equity securities with an expired circulation term which were not repaid by the issuer.

KYRGYZSTAN

- The agreement for opening a foreign nominee account with Russia's CSD (NSD) was concluded. The bilateral interaction channel was launched.
- The CSD was connected to the EDI system of Russian CSD (NSD).
- The software for interactions and information exchange between information systems of the CSD and the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic as a part of the project aimed at transfer and placement of governmental securities to the Kyrgyz Stock Exchange.
- The CSD purchased equipment and developed software for the arrangement of the EDI system for the Kyrgyz stock market participants.

MOLDOVA

- An opportunity to switch to T+0 on one type of transactions held at Moldova's Sock Exchange was provided
- Government of the Republic of Moldova amended the Law "On Capital Market"; according to the amendments, the National Bank and the Ministry of Justice of Moldova received a status of central securities depository
- Restrictions related to local professional participants in the shareholder structure were lifted. An opportunity to discuss correspondent relations with international CSDs emerged.

RUSSIA

- Corporate action reform was launched.
- E-proxy voting was launched.
- Euroclear and Clearstream entered the corporate and municipal debt market, and then – the equity market.
- Technical preparation of the project of repo transactions with the Federal Treasury with NSD's collateral management services was completed.
- The project of e-matching for OTC transactions was launched.
- The NSD correspondent network was expanded, the company established correspondent relations with HSBC and ICBC.
- NSD opened foreign nominee accounts for CSDs of Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.
- MoU with Turkey's CSD was signed.
- NSD as a Substitute Numbering Agency began assigning ISINs and CFIs to securities of Uzbekistan's issuers.
- NSD was registered with the US IRS in compliance with the FATCA requirements.
- NSD acted as a withholding agent for payment of income on equity securities.

UZBEKISTAN

- A new version of the Law "On Joint Stock Companies and Shareholder Rights Protection" came into effect.
- Par value of shares changed. The par value cannot exceed UZS5,000 (the previous law established the minimal par value at not less than UZS100).
- Public subscription for shares should be held only in on-exchange and formal OTC securities markets.
- Acts regulating the activities in securities market were amended.
- A norm establishing the order of concluding and registering transactions with securities in on-exchange and OTC securities markets in the electronic form without using paper documents was adopted.
- Quotas and a procedure of admitting to placing and circulating securities issued by non-residents in the territory of Uzbekistan and by residents - beyond the territory of Uzbekistan were established.
- A section of corporate securities with special

placement terms was opened in the Tashkent stock exchange.

- The CSD began interactions with NSD, Russia's CSD, Substitute Numbering Agency in the CIS countries, to assign international codes to securities issued by Uzbekistan's issuers.

UKRAINE

- Final provisions of the Law "On Depository System of Ukraine" came into effect.
- Work on amending the Law "On Joint Stock Companies" with regard to decreasing the quorum of general shareholder meetings from 60 to 50% was done.
- The regulator made a decision on a procedure of issuing and circulating bonds by international financial organizations, on a competitive selection by the regulator of a list of stock exchanges for placing and circulating these financial instruments.
- An Order of protecting the interests of owners of inscribed securities in case of absence of documents of the system of register of owners of inscribed securities of a certain issue was approved.
- Approaches to the financial monitoring systems were brought into conformance with international norms.

- Procedures of paying income/redemption sums in cash via the CSD and Settlement Center were improved.
- The process of dividend payment via the National Depository of Ukraine was changed.
- Regulations on establishing the characteristics of a fictitious nature of securities issuers and on including these issuers in the list of issuers with fictitious characteristics was put into effect.
- Thomas Murray assigned the private rating to the National Depository of Ukraine for the first time.
- The CSD switched to new versions of information processing system software
- The process of limitation of rights of shareholders, which did not conclude contracts with depositories was automated.
- Issuers received a right to receive shareholder register via an EDI system of a depository authorized to receive registers on behalf of issuers.
- Principles of servicing foreign issuers' securities were enhanced.
- A service of safe storage of backup copies of depository databases was provided.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Association of Eurasian Central Securities Depositories (AECSD) unites the central depositories of the CIS countries. The Association's mission is to develop and enhance CSDs operations, to create a common depository environment, and to integrate the central depositories of the CIS countries into a global securities settlement system.

Discussion of the issues of interactions between central depositories of the CIS countries began in 2001 in Tashkent at the international seminar "Integration of Depository Systems as the Basis for Efficient Interaction on International Securities Markets." At the event the professional participants of securities market were able for the first time to get acquainted with the level of development of the settlement systems and stock markets of the neighbor countries and to find ways of future cooperation. At that time many participants of the seminar pointed out the long felt need in establishing the partner relations between organizations, in integrating efforts aimed at improvement and harmonization of securities market legislation and in building efficient interactions between stock markets in general.

Later on, such seminars were held on an annual basis. In 2002 the meetings were held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, in 2003 the seminar was carried out in Baku, Azerbaijan. At the meetings the representatives of the CIS

countries' central depositories were exchanging opinions on key issues. Year by year the scale of the event became larger. The international conference focused on interaction of the CIS countries' central depositories held in Moscow in 2004 represented a new stage in the history of the meetings. The conference revealed that despite difference in levels of development of the stock markets in various CIS countries an issue of market integration was very important, that there was a real interest in harmonization of the countries' legal acts and in establishing of inter-depository relations. The participants of the conference made decision on formation of the Association of Eurasian Central Securities Depositories (AECSD).

On 22 December, 2004 the first (foundation) conference of the AECSD was carried out. It was organized by the Not-for-Profit Partnership "The National Depository Center" (Russia) and Closed Joint Stock Company "Depository Clearing Company". The conference's goals included signing the resolution on the AECSD establishment, formation of its governing bodies and development of its working programs.

The members of the Association include its founders and other participants joining the Association in compliance with the procedure provided by the Clause 5 of the Resolution.

AECSD OBJECTIVES

In accordance with the Resolution the main objective of the Association of Eurasian Central Securities Depositories is establishment of a common "depository environment", including:

- harmonization of the regulatory framework;
- development of an optimal model for the recordkeeping system to be used in the securities market of the member countries;
- establishment of depository links among the members to support cross-border securities transactions;
- standardization of the technologies for the depository operation, procedures for depository

transaction processing, and rules and regulations governing the depositories' activities;

- adoption of international messaging standards for depository transactions and their use in the national practice;
- development of Electronic Document Interchange (EDI);
- development of harmonized standards for depository recordkeeping and reporting;
- supporting a coordinated process to enable the Association members to integrate into the global post-trade infrastructure.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS

	Armenia	Central Depository of Armenia Open Joint-Stock Company
	Azerbaijan	ZAO "The National Depository Center of the Azerbaijan Republic"
	Belarus	Republican unitary entity "Republican Central Securities Depository"
	Georgia	Georgian Central Securities Depository
	India	Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)
	Kazakhstan	Joint-Stock Company "Central Securities Depository"
	Kyrgyzstan	Closed Joint-Stock Company "Central Depository" Kyrgyz Republic
	Moldova	National Securities Depository of Republic of Moldova
	Russia	National Settlement Depository (NSD)
	Turkey	Merkezi Kayit Kurulusu A.S. (MKK)
	Ukraine	Public Joint-Stock Company "Settlement Center" PJSC "The National Depository of Ukraine" (NDU)
	Uzbekistan	State enterprise "Central Securities Depository" (UzCSD)

National Depository of the Republic of Uzbekistan "VAQT" joined the Association as an observer at the 5th AECSD conference held in Almaty in October 2008. ROSBANK (OJSC JSCB) joined the Association at the annual general meeting of AECSD members held in Minsk in September 2010 as an observer. In September 2015 two new companies – Clearstream Banking (Luxemburg) and specialized depository INFINITUM (Russia) – joined the Association at the annual general meeting in Almaty as observers.

AECSD'S GOVERNING BODIES

- General Meeting
- Chairman

GENERAL MEETING OF AECSD MEMBERS

The General Meeting of the Association's Members is a primary AECSD's governing body; it is called annually. A Participant of the AECSD acting in the country where the General Meeting is held is the Organizer of the General Meeting. The General Meeting's decisions are made by majority vote of the meeting's Participants. Each Participant has one vote.

GENERAL MEETING'S FUNCTIONS

1. Making decisions obligatory for the AECSD Participants
2. Approval of the AECSD annual activities report
3. Amending of the Resolution
4. Selection of the Organization-AECSD Participant acting as the AECSD Secretariat
5. Formation of the AECSD Working Groups and appointment of the chiefs of the Working Groups
6. Setting of tasks for the AECSD Working Groups
7. Acceptance of the AECSD Working Group's reports and approval/disapproval of the reports
8. Stopping of the AECSD Working Group's activities
9. Discussion of the issuers of the Participants' common interest
10. Setting the venue and date of the AECSD's next AGM
11. Implementation of other appropriate functions corresponding with the AECSD's goals.

In 2015 the 12th Annual General Meeting of AECSD members took place in Almaty (Kazakhstan). In 2016 the 13th Annual General Meeting of AECSD members will take place in Georgia.

More information about previous and upcoming general meetings is available in "The Materials of the General Meetings" Section on the web-site.

The Chairman of the Association is an executive body

of the Association performing ongoing management of the Association in the period between the General Meetings of the Participants of the Association and providing implementation of the Association's goals, Resolution and decisions by the General Meetings.

The Chairman is re-elected annually in accordance with the AECSD Charter. Gaioz Sanadzee Gaioz Sanadze, General Director of the Georgian Central Securities Depository, currently occupies the position.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S FUNCTIONS

- Management of the Association's activities, coordination of the actions of the Association's Participants
- Provision of organization of coordinating events necessary for preparation of the General Meeting of the Association's Participants, development of the Meeting's agenda
- Chairing the General Meeting
- Signing of the protocol of the General Meeting of the Association's Participants jointly with the Association's Secretary
- Calling of Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association's Participants
- Provision of the observation of the Resolution
- Coordinating the Working Groups' activities
- Official representation of the Association, building the cooperation and partner relations with international and foreign associations on behalf of the Association
- Representation of the Association's interests in its interactions with third parties
- Implementation of other necessary functions in the period between the General Meetings of the Participants of the Association

Recordkeeping is being held by the Association's Secretariat (NSD, the Russian Federation), a New Participant of the Association selected and approved by the General Meeting of the Participants of the Association.

THE ASSOCIATION COMPRISES 3 WORKING GROUPS

1. CSD Legal Issues Working Group
2. Depository Services Working Group
3. Administration of the Association's Web-site

AECSD members' correspondent relations are represented in the Table.

THE ROLE OF CSDS AS MARKET INFRASTRUCTURES

A Central Securities Depository (CSD) is an entity which provides a central point for depositing financial instruments (securities) such as bonds and shares. CSDs' clients are financial institutions (custodian banks and brokers), rather than individual investors.

CSDs typically perform three main functions:

ISSUANCE

CSDs constitute the first entry point for newly issued securities. Following the creation of new securities by issuers, they record the initial deposit. They typically also act as guardians of the integrity of the issue, making sure that at any point in time the number of securities initially created equals the total number of securities in circulation.

AECSD takes a proactive part in the regular meetings of the World Forum of CSDs, where representatives of all central depositories' associations discuss post-trading environment and its development, in international conferences such as SIBOS and NeMa, in order to share experience and exchange opinions, to coordinate industry initiatives, and to form its position in a dialog with the regulators and other organizations coordinating the development of the financial market and its infrastructure all over the world.

SETTLEMENT

CSDs operate technical platforms allowing for the settlement of securities transactions. In practice they reduce risk for the buyer and the seller of securities by offering simultaneous "delivery versus payment" (DVP), so that the cash is only paid to the seller once the securities are delivered to the buyer.

SAFEKEEPING

CSDs also provide securities accounts to their participants and manage the rights and obligations linked to securities holdings. For example, they process dividend and interest payments based on the information received from the issuer.

TABLE. AECSD MEMBERS' CORRESPONDENT RELATIONS

Cross-border links:
Outbound: 15
Inbound: 15
Bilateral: 12

		INBOUND										15
COUNTRY		ARM	AZE	BLR	GEO	KAZ	KGS	MDA	RUS	UKR	UZB	
OUTBOUND	Armenia		-	-	-	✓	-	-	✓	-	-	2
	Azerbaijan	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	Belarus	-	-		-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	1
	Georgia	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	0
	Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-		✓	-	✓	-	-	2
	Kyrgyzstan	-	-	-	-	✓		-	✓	-	-	2
	Moldova	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	0
	Russia	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	-		✓	-	6
	Ukraine	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓		-	2
	Uzbekistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		0
		1	1	2	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	



BASIC INFORMATION

13 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license

+ NNA

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BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

Model 1

+ Model 2 (OTC: corp. securities)

+ Model 3 (On-exchange: corp. securities)

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: 103,016

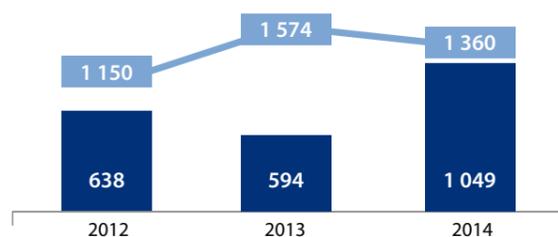
Legal entities: 1,841

Individuals: 101,175

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

■ Value of deliveries, USD mln

— Number of deliveries, pcs



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD mln: 169.2
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD mln: 56.16
- Listed Companies: 15
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds, Units of Pension Funds

* as of 31.12.2014

- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 3.0
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 1.4
- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 1.0
- Country's Ratings:
 - Moody's: Ba3
 - Fitch: B+
- Depository Rating:
 - Thomas Murray: BB-

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: Central bank of Armenia, www.cba.am
- Self-regulated organizations: None
- Stock Exchange: "NASDAQ OMX Armenia" OJSC, www.nasdaqomx.am
- The functions of a centralized custodian, centralized registry and settlement system operator of securities performs Central Depository: "Central Depository of Armenia" OJSC, www.nasdaqomx.am

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT + 4h
- Local currencies:
 - Armenian Dram (AMD)
- Number system:
 - ISIN; local registration number; registration number for government securities

All Armenian equity and debt securities are issued in dematerialized form and are held by "Central Depository of Armenia" OJSC if there is an appropriate custodial service contract between Depository and the client.

CDA is a centralized custodian and a registrar, clients are serviced via Account Managers that carry out all operations, except for clearing and netting, in a single CDA system.

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks:
 - On-exchange: T+0
 - OTC: T+n

- Bonds:
 - On-exchange: T+0
 - OTC: T+n

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

Government bonds, corporate securities:

- Pre-open session: 10.50 – 10.59
- Auction: 11.00 – 15.00
- Post-trade (closing session): 15.00 – 15.05

Credit market (7 days):

- Trading session: 11.00-13.00
- Post-trade (closing session): 13.00 – 13.10

REPO, currency swaps:

- Trading session: 11.00 – 15.00

FX market:

- Trading session: 11.00 – 15.00
- Post-trade (closing session): 15.00 – 15.05

Overnight

- Trading session: 11.00-15.00
- Post-trade (closing session): 15.00 – 15.05

OTC trades:

- FoP: 09.00 – 17.00
- DvP: 09.30 – 15.30

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

- Shares traded on stock exchange: 5%, 10%, 20%, 50%, 75% and more.
- Shares of financial institutions: 10% and more.
- All companies: 100%

NOMINEE CONCEPT

The custodian system of corporate securities in the RA is two-level. The Central Depository acts as the first level (centralized custodian), while the custodians act as the second level. Nominee accounts in the Central Depository can be opened both for resident and non-resident custodians.

The custodian system of government bonds slightly differs from corporate bonds custodian system. Central Bank of Armenia acts as first level custodian for government bonds in this system. The Armenian law prohibits non-resident institutions to act as sub-custodians for government bonds.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

- All corporate actions entitlements are based on the settled position as of the record date.
- There is no ex-date concept.
- Information on corporate events can be made mass available by the CSD on demand of company, but for the listed companies publication of corporate events is obligated.
- For corporate event with a record date the issuer acquires the register of shareholders for such a date via its registrar. The registrar then requests nominee holders to disclose final beneficial owners to determine the full list of shareholders.

PROXY VOTING

The shareholders can exercise their voting right by proxy voting except the AGM and other meetings settled by the law.

TAXATION

INCOME TAX:

- Withholding tax on interest income is 10% both for resident and foreign individual investors.
- There is no withholding tax on dividend income and interest income on government bonds both for resident and foreign individual investors.
- There is no capital gains tax both for resident and foreign individual investors.

PROFIT TAX:

- There is no withholding tax on dividend income for residents (legal entities).
- Withholding tax for foreign investors (legal entities) on dividend income is 10%.
- Government bonds and corporate bonds are taxed at 20% for residents (legal entities) and 10% for foreign investors (legal entities).
- There is no capital gains tax for residents (legal entities).
- Realized capital gains tax is 10% for foreign investors (legal entities).

In order to benefit from tax rates as provided by the DTT, foreign investors have to provide a tax certificate (certificate of residence) confirming their tax residency to the Armenian tax agent for the current year.



BASIC INFORMATION

56 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license

+ NNA

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BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

Model 1

+ Model 2

Model 3

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: 104,837

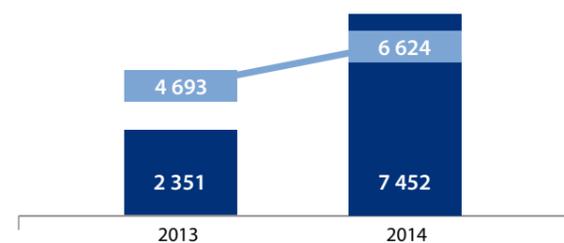
Legal entities: 736

Individuals: 104,101

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

■ Value of deliveries, USD mln

— Number of deliveries, pcs



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD mln: 26.8
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD mln: 36
- Listed Companies: 1
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds, Notes, Housing certificates
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 20.0

* as of 31.12.2014

- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 6.6
- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 7.5
- Country's Ratings:
 - Moody's: Baa3
 - Fitch: BBB-
 - S&P: BBB-
- Depository Rating:
 - Thomas Murray: BBB

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: State Committee of Securities, www.scs.gov.az
- Self-Regulated organizations: AFBIA, www.afbia.az
- Stock Exchange: Baku Stock Exchange, www.bfb.az
- Settlement Depositories: National Depository Center (NDC), www.mdm.az
- Clearing House: National Depository Center (NDC), www.mdm.az
- Registrars: National Depository Center (NDC), www.mdm.az

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT + 4h (winter)
 - GMT + 3h (summer)
- Local currencies:
 - Manat (AZN)
- Number system:
 - ISIN, local registration number

99% of securities are held in book-entry form.

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks:
 - On-exchange: T+1
 - OTC: T+3
- Bonds:
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+1
 - OTC: T+3

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades:

- 10.00 – 16.00

OTC trades:

- FoP: 09.00 – 18.00
- DVP: 09.00 – 18.00

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

The information can be disclosed only to the securities owners or their authorized representatives and in cases stipulated by the legislation by the request of notary and court.

NOMINEE CONCEPT

Beneficial ownership structure at CSD level.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

Conducting of meetings, issuing (paying) of dividends, rights issue, secondary public offering, consolidation, conversion and splitting of securities.

PROXY VOTING

Presence of the representative with the power of attorney is required.

TAXATION

- For investors: 10% from dividends and interest income.
- For Service providers: provision of financial services is exempted from VAT. Financial service is any transaction connected with the circulation of shares, bonds, certificates, bills, checks or other securities. Services on safekeeping of bills, securities and other valuables are not qualified as financial services.



BASIC INFORMATION

23 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license

+ NNA

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BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

Model 1

Model 2

+ Model 3 (On-exchange)

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: 21,016

Legal entities: 1,423

Individuals: 19,593

KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD bln: 31.0
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD mln: 19.0
- Listed Companies: 2,424
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds, Non-documentary mortgage securities
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 30.8
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 86.5
- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: N/A
- Country's Ratings:
 - Moody's: B3
 - S&P: B-/B

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus (payment system, stock exchange's

* as of 31.12.2014

settlement bank), and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Belarus (stock market regulator, acting through its Securities Department)

- Self-regulatory organizations: None; there is the Association of Securities Market Participants
- Stock exchange: OJSC Belarus Currency-Stock Exchange, www.bcse.by
- Settlement depositories: the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Republican Central Securities Depository" (RUE RCSD) (stock exchange's settlement depository), www.centraldepo.by
- Clearing (settlement) house: No
- Registrars: No; there is a two-level depository system, which includes the central securities depository and 33 sub-depositories

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT +3h
- Local currencies:
 - Belarussian ruble (BYR)
- Number system:
 - Identification code
 - ISIN; CFI – are assigned on voluntary basis upon an interested party's request

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks:
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+n, NS, S-REPO
 - OTC: T+n
- Bonds:
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+n, NS, S-REPO
 - OTC: T+n

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades:

- 09.00 – 16.50

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

An owner of a large stake in a company (5% of the company's share capital) is required to disclose its shareholding to the Securities Department, the stock exchange (if the company is listed on the stock exchange), and the company itself within five business days following the date when the shares are credited to the owner's securities account, or within thirty calendar days following the date when relevant changes are made in the Public Register of

Securities upon reduction of the number of shares in the company. Similar requirements apply where the owner of a large stake in the company has acquired each further five per cent (5%) of ordinary shares in the company.

NOMINEE CONCEPT

There is no concept of a "nominee" in the Belarusian law. The Republic of Belarus has a two-level depository system, with sub-depositories holding correspondent LORO securities accounts with the CSD. Such accounts are being used to hold securities (in aggregate, broken down by issue) rights to which are recorded in owner's securities accounts held with the relevant sub-depositories.

CORPORATE EVENTS

- The Law on Depository Activities defines a register of securities owners as a set of data concerning owners of the same-type securities issued by a particular issuer, as kept by a professional market participant authorized to keep a register under an agreement entered into with the issuer.
- In accordance with the law, a register is kept by an issuer's depository on the basis of information concerning the status of securities accounts held with the issuer's depository and/or other depositories that record rights to securities issued by the issuer.
- Registers of bond owners are drawn up for the purpose of principal and income payment as at the dates prescribed by the prospectus and the resolution to issue such bonds.
- A list of shareholders entitled to receive dividends is drawn up on the basis of the same register of shareholders that was used to draw up a list of persons entitled to attend the general meeting of shareholders at which the resolution to pay such dividends was passed.
- A list of persons entitled to attend a general meeting of shareholders is drawn up on the basis of the data recorded in the register of shareholders as at the date determined by a company's authorized management body.
- As there is no concept of a "nominee" in the Belarusian law, a non-resident may only be included on the list either as a securities owner or as a person holding securities under an agreement (e.g. as a pledgee).

PROXY VOTING

A shareholder may vote either in person, by personally attending an annual general meeting of shareholders, or through a proxy acting under a notarized power of attorney. In addition, a trustee holding assets in trust may take any legal and practical steps with respect to such assets on behalf of the trust settlor or beneficiaries in accordance with the trust agreement. Where the form and type of trust provides that a shareholder's rights, including the right to attend general meetings of shareholders with the right to vote on any matters reserved to the general meeting (if the shareholder is a holder of ordinary shares), or with the right to vote (if the shareholder is a holder of preferred shares), the right to vote at general meetings of shareholders may be delegated to the trustee.

TAXATION

- Income tax is imposed on gross profit from transactions with securities, as well as dividends and equivalent income accrued by Belarusian organizations.
- The following are not treated as dividends: payments made to an organization's member upon liquidation of the organization or member's withdrawal from the organization, provided that the amount paid does not exceed the member's contribution to the organization's share capital; and distributions made to an organization's members (shareholders) in the form of shares (units) in the organization, or in the form of an increase in the nominal value of a share (unit), provided that such distributions are made by the organization using its own resources, and further provided that such distributions do not result in a change in any of the members' (shareholders') interest in the organization's share capital, or a change in such interest is less than 0.01%.
- The income tax rate is 18%. The rate decreased by 50% applies to profits from the sale of all or some of the shares (units) in an organization domiciled in the Republic of Belarus. The income tax rate applicable to dividends is 12%.
- The income tax rate applicable to foreign organizations that do not operate in the Republic of Belarus through a permanent establishment is 10% (for income on securities the terms and conditions of issuance of which provide for the payment of income in the form of interest (discount)), or 12% (for dividends or equivalent income).
- The individual income tax rate applicable to dividends is 12%.



BASIC INFORMATION

4 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license

NNA

LOU for LEI

BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

+ Model 1 (for all types of transactions)

Model 2

Model 3

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: No

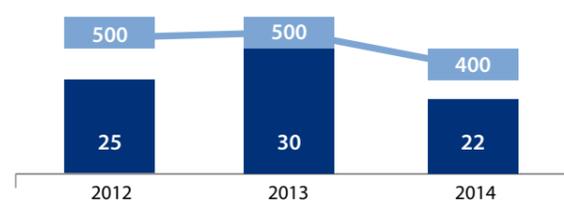
Legal entities: No

Individuals: No

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

■ Value of deliveries, USD mln

— Number of deliveries, pcs



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD bln: 1.0
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD thousands: 291 (with fixing)
- Listed Companies: 129
- Financial Instruments: Equities
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 0.01
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 0.4

* as of 31.12.2014

- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 0.022

Country's Ratings:

- Moody's: Ba3
- Fitch: BB-
- S&P: BB-

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: National Bank of Georgia, www.nbg.gov.ge
- Self-Regulated organizations: GSE, GCSD, www.gcsd.ge, www.gse.ge
- Stock Exchange: Georgian Stock Exchange (GSE), www.gse.ge
- Settlement Depositories: Georgian Central Securities Depository (GCSD), www.gcsd.ge
- Registrars: 3

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT +3h
- Local currencies:
 - Lari (GEL)
- Number system:
 - ISIN; local registration number

All Georgian equities are issued in dematerialized registered form and are held by independent licensed companies, registrars.

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks:
 - On-exchange: T+1
 - OTC: T+n
- Bonds:
 - On-exchange: T+1
 - OTC: T+n

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades:

- 12.00 – 14.30

OTC trades:

- FoP: 09.00 – 16.30
- DVP: 10.00 – 16.30

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Didn't exist

NOMINEE CONCEPT

Nominee accounts can be opened in the name of licensed (in any countries) brokerage companies, banks, custodians or depositories.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

- All corporate actions entitlements are based on the settled position as of the record date.
- There is no ex-date concept.
- There is no single source of corporate action information. Information on corporate events is available in mass media, at the web sites of the issuers, registrars, CSD and other sources such as databases of information agencies, etc.
- For corporate event that requires a record date the issuer acquires the register of shareholders for such a date via its registrar. The registrar then requests nominee holders to disclose final beneficial owners to determine the full list of shareholders.

PROXY VOTING

The shareholder can exercise their voting rights by attending the AGM personally.

TAXATION

- Residents and nonresidents taxed similar
- State and corporative bonds are taxed at 20%
- Withholding tax for investors on interest income and on dividend income is 5%
- Capital gains tax is 15%



BASIC INFORMATION

62 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

- + Banking license
- + NNA
- LOU for LEI

BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

- + Model 1
- Model 2
- Model 3

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

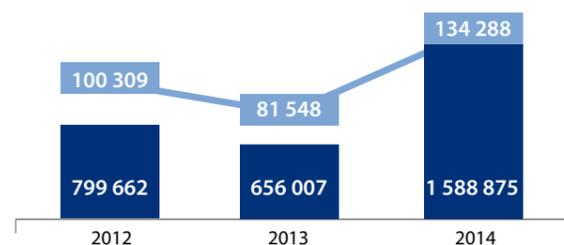
Total: 58

Legal entities: 58

Individuals: No

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

- Value of deliveries, USD mln
- Number of deliveries, pcs



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD bln: 25.0
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD bln: 1.1
- Listed Companies: 134
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds, Eurobonds, Notes, Euronotes, Units, Depository Receipts
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 88.9
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 134.3

* as of 31.12.2014

- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 1,588.9
- Country's Ratings:
 - Moody's: Baa2
 - Fitch: BBB+
 - S&P: BBB
- Depository Rating:
 - Thomas Murray: A+

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: The National Bank of Kazakhstan, www.nationalbank.kz
- Stock Exchange: Kazakhstan Stock Exchange, www.kase.kz
- Settlement Depositories: Central Securities Depository, www.kacd.kz
- Clearing House: None
- Registrars: The Integrated Securities Registrar, www.tisr.kz

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT +5h (summer)
 - GMT +6h (winter)
- Local currencies:
 - Tenge (KZT)
- Number system:
 - ISIN; CFI; National identification number

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks:
 - On-exchange: T+0
 - OTC: T+0, T+n
- Bonds:
 - On-exchange: T+0
 - OTC: T+0, T+n

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

- On-exchange trades:
 - 11.30 – 17.30
- OTC trades:
 - FoP: 09.30 – 18.30
 - DVP: 09.30 – 17.30

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

According to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan at acquisition of ten or more percent placed (minus exclusive and redeemed by society) bank or the insurance (reinsurance) company shares, the physical or legal entity has to receive a consent of authorized body (National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan) to receiving the status of the large participant of the relevant organization. For receiving a consent the person, wishing to become the large participant of bank or insurance (reinsurance) company, is obliged to present to authorized body the statement for acquisition of the status of the large participant of bank with attached documents and the data determined by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Besides that, the person independently or in common with the affiliated persons, having intention to get on secondary securities market thirty or more percent of voting shares of joint-stock company or other number of voting shares, who in result of such acquisition will belong thirty or more percent of voting shares of joint-stock company, is obliged to send the notice of it to this joint-stock company and to authorized body. The notice has to contain information about number of the acquired shares, the estimated buying price and other information determined by regulations of authorized body.

In the other cases the duty of disclosure of information on the transaction is assigned to the issuer. For example, the issuer is obliged to open information before authorized body and shareholders of securities about change of structure of the shareholders owning ten and more percent of its voting shares.

NOMINEE CONCEPT

CSD opens securities accounts on the name of:

- professional participants of securities market of the Republic of Kazakhstan, who are nominee holders for securities (custodians or brokers who have the right to maintain clients' accounts as nominee holders);
- organizations, that implement dealer activity based on the license of authorized body or according to the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan (if it doesn't under the effect of two above subitems);
- foreign depositories;
- foreign custodians.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

- Information on corporate events is available in mass media, at the web sites of the Kazakhstan stock exchange and The Depository of financial statements.
- For corporate event that requires a record date the issuer acquires the register of shareholders for such a date via The Integrated Securities Registrar.

PROXY VOTING

The shareholder can exercise their voting rights: by attending the AGM personally or by proxy.

TAXATION

- State bonds and municipal bonds aren't taxed.
- Withholding tax for foreign investors on interest income and dividend income is 15% for shares.
- Foreign investors have the right to use DTT regulations
- In order to benefit from tax rates as provided by the DTT.



BASIC INFORMATION

5 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license

NNA

LOU for LEI

BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

- + Model 1 (OTC, On-exchange)
- + Model 2 (On-exchange: corp. securities)
- + Model 3 (On-exchange: corp. securities)

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: 572

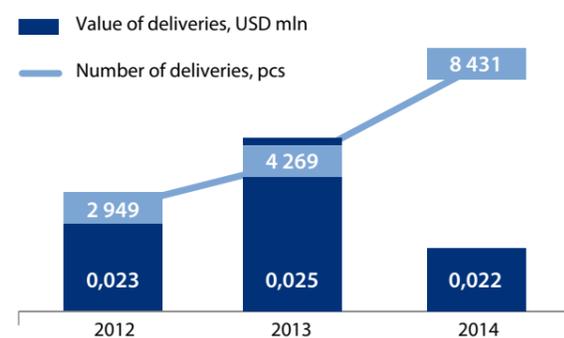
Legal entities: 551

Individuals: 21

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD mln: 154.47
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD mln: 109.8



- Listed Companies: 21
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 0.015
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 8.4

* as of 31.12.2014

- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 0.000022
- Country's Ratings: –
- Depository Rating: –

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: the State Service for the Financial Market Regulation and Supervision, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, www.fsa.kg
- Self-regulatory organizations: None
- Association of Independent Registrars and Depositories
- Stock exchanges: Kyrgyz Stock Exchange, www.kse.kg
- Depositories: Central Depository of the Kyrgyz Republic CJSC, www.cds.kg
- Clearing houses: Central Depository of the Kyrgyz Republic CJSC acts as a clearing house, www.cds.kg
- Registrars: 20 companies

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT +6h
- National currency:
 - Kyrgyz som (KGS)
- Number system:
 - ISIN; local registration number

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Shares
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+3
- Bonds
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+3

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades: 10.30 – 15.00

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

A shareholder holding at least 5% in a strategically important company (open joint-stock company) is required to disclose such shareholding.

NOMINEE CONCEPT

- The central securities depository holds its clients' securities as a nominee under agreements entered into with such clients.
- The central securities depository transfers securities to and from securities accounts; registers transfers of rights to securities as a result of trades; acts as a paying agent; and keeps separate records of securities owned by its clients and clients' customers.

CORPORATE EVENTS

- The central securities depository gives notice of annual or extraordinary general meetings of shareholders to issuers (whose shares are held by the CSD acting as a nominee).
- The central securities depository sends written notifications (in electronic format and by mail) of the time, place, and form of general meetings.
- Independent registrars request nominees to disclose ultimate owners for the purpose of drawing up a full list of shareholders.

PROXY VOTING

- A shareholder may attend general meetings of shareholders and has the number of votes equal to the number of shares held by the shareholder. A shareholder may also vote through a proxy acting under a power of attorney issued by the shareholder.

- The central securities depository acts as a nominee holder of securities and may not attend general meetings of shareholders, unless a CSD's client issues a power of attorney in the form approved by the Kyrgyz laws to authorize the CSD to represent the client at such general meetings.

TAXATION

- The tax rate on income from government or municipal bonds is 10% (for residents) or 0% (for foreign investors).
- For non-residents, the income tax rate applicable to interest income is 20%, and the income tax rate applicable to dividend income is 10%.
- Interest and capital gain on securities listed, as at the sale date, on a stock exchange in the highest or next-to-the-highest listing category are exempt from the income tax.



BASIC INFORMATION

492 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

- + Banking license
- + NNA
- + LOU for LEI

BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

- + Model 1 (OTC, On-exchange)
- + Model 2 (On-exchange)
- + Model 3 (On-exchange)

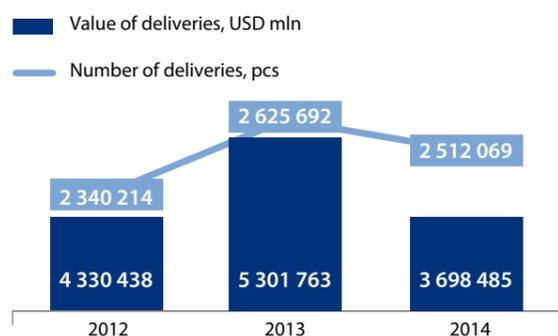
SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: 897

Legal entities: 897

Individuals: No

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD bln: 422.5
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD bln: 0.73
- Number of Listed Companies: 720
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds, Promissory Notes, Units, Eurobonds, Depository Receipts, Warrants
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 446.6

* as of 31.12.2014

- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 2,512.1
- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 3,698.5
- Country's Ratings:
 - Moody's: Baa2
 - Fitch: BBB
 - S&P: BBB
- Depository Rating:
 - Thomas Murray: AA-

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: Central Bank of Russia, www.cbr.ru
- Self-Regulated organizations: NAUFOR, NFA, NLU
- Stock Exchange: Moscow Exchange, www.moex.ru
- Settlement Depositories: National Settlement Depository (NSD), www.nsd.ru
- Clearing House: National Clearing Center (NCC), www.nkcbank.com
- Registrars: 39 registrars

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone:
 - GMT +3h
- Local currencies:
 - Ruble (RUB)
- Number system: ISIN; CFI; local registration number

All Russian equities are issued in dematerialized registered form and are held by independent licensed companies, registrars. Russian debt securities are held in global certificate form.

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks
 - On-exchange: T+2
 - OTC: T+n
- Bonds
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+1
 - OTC: T+n

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades:

- 09.45 – 19.00

OTC trades:

- FoP: 09.00 – 20.00
- DVP: 09.00 – 20.00

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

- Normal shares: over 25%
- Banks: over 1%
- Insurance companies: over 49%
- Strategic companies: over 5%

Most types of investments in Russia's financial market are freely available to foreign investors.

The activity of foreign investors is regulated by the Federal law "On Foreign Investments in the Russian Federation", which sets out the general guarantees of the rights of foreign investors with regards to investments and receiving income.

Under this law, all types of investors, whenever individuals or entities, both foreign and local, must secure the approval of the Federal Antimonopoly Service (FAS) if they are going to acquire over 25% of the voting equity of a Russian company.

There are also several limitations with regard to acquiring enough shares to have a vote, when investing in banks, insurance companies and strategic enterprises set out in the Russian laws and acts issued by other government authorities.

It should be taken into consideration that if a foreign investor is operating on the Russian securities market via an omnibus account holder (a nominee holder), the investor and the issuer of securities are responsible for monitoring thresholds for ownership of securities in accordance with the applicable legislation of the Russian Federation. Nominee holders are responsible for disclosing the owners of the securities at the issuer's request, but they are not responsible for reporting on the thresholds of their clients.

For more details please see part 5 "Restrictions on foreign investment" of the Market Profile RUSSIA which is published on the English version of NSD web-site.

NOMINEE CONCEPT

Starting from July 1, 2012 eligible foreign institutions are allowed to establish foreign nominee accounts, foreign trustee accounts and depository program accounts in accordance with applicable procedures.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

- The majority of corporate actions entitlements are based on the settled position as of the record date. In some corporate actions there is no exact record date, but there is a special period for execution of shareholders rights (tender offer, conversion and etc.).
- There is no ex-date concept.
- There is no single source of corporate action information. Information on corporate events is available in mass media, at the web sites of the issuers, registrars, CSD and other sources such as databases of information agencies, etc.
- For corporate event that requires a record date the issuer acquires the register of shareholders for such a date via its registrar. The registrar then requests nominee holders to disclose final beneficial owners to determine the full list of shareholders.

PROXY VOTING

The shareholder can exercise their voting rights: by attending the AGM personally or by proxy (POA is required) or by posting the voting bulletin (only issuers which have more than 1000 shareholders as of record date).

As of Aug 2014 electronic proxy voting is allowed. Custodian of shareholder is entitled to submit a voting document via Custodian chain to Issuer / Registrar. And no PoA is required if there specific powers are provided by SLA between shareholder and custodian.

TAXATION

- Government bonds, sub-federal and municipal bonds are taxed at 15% for residents (legal entities), and 0% for foreign investors and Russian individuals.
- Withholding tax for foreign investors on corporate bonds interest income is 20% for foreign legal entities and 30% for foreign individuals; on dividend income tax rate 15% for foreign investors.
- Capital gains tax for foreigners is 20% only for listed equities of Russian issuers over 50% of whose assets consist of immovable property situated on the territory of the Russia.

In order to benefit from reduced tax rates as provided by the Double taxation treaty (DTT), foreign investors have to provide a tax certificate (certificate of residence) confirming their tax residency to the Russian tax agent for the current year. DTT agreement is signed with 86 countries.



BASIC INFORMATION

128 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license

+ NNA

LOU for LEI

BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

+ Model 1 (OTC)

Model 2

+ Model 3 (On-exchange)

SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

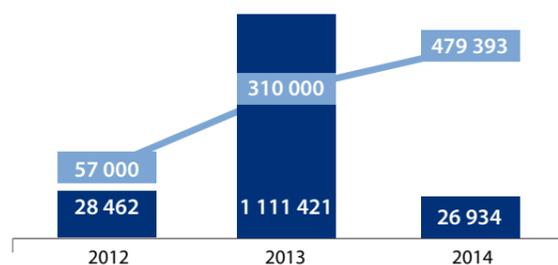
Total: 11,138

Legal entities: 11,138

Individuals: No

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

■ Value of deliveries, USD mln
— Number of deliveries, pcs



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD bln: 29.0 (for listed companies only)
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD mln: 159.0
- Listed Companies: 378
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds, Investment certificates, Certificates of FREO (FON), Mortgage-backed Bonds, Mortgage certificates, Option

* as of 31.12.2014

certificates, Eurobonds, Foreign securities

- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 70.2
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 479.4
- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 26.9
- Country's Ratings:
 - Moody's: Caa3
 - Fitch: CCC
 - S&P: CCC-

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators:
 - National Securities and Stock Market Commission (NSSMC), www.nssmc.gov.ua
 - National Bank of Ukraine – currency regulation, www.bank.gov.ua
- Self-regulated organizations:
 - Association of Ukrainian Stock Traders (AUST), www.aust.com.ua
 - Professional Association of Registrars and Depositories (PARD), www.pard.ua
 - The Ukrainian Association of Investment Business (UAIB), www.uaib.com.ua
- Stock Exchange: there are 10 stock exchanges in Ukraine
 - Perspektyva Stock Exchange, www.fbp.com.ua
 - Ukrainian Exchange, www.ux.ua
 - Ukrainian International Stock Exchange, www.uise.com.ua
 - Kyiv International Stock Exchange, www.kise.com.ua
 - PFTS Stock Exchange, www.pfts.ua
 - Pridneprovsk Stock Exchange, www.pse.com.ua
 - East-European Stock Exchange, www.eese.com.ua
 - Ukrainian Stock Exchange, www.ukrse.com.ua
 - "Innex" Stock Exchange, www.innex-group.com
 - Ukrainian Interbank Currency Exchange, www.uice.com.ua
- Settlement Depositories: National Depository of Ukraine (Ukrainian CSD), www.csd.ua

- Clearing House: Settlement Center, www.ausd.com.ua
- Registrars: N/A

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone
 - GMT +2h (in winter)
 - GMT +3h (in summer)
- Local currencies:
 - Hryvnia (UAH)
- Number system:
 - ISIN; CFI

All Ukrainian securities are issued in book-entry form. CSD services all eligible securities except for those serviced by the National Bank of Ukraine (government and municipal bonds).

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+3, T+n (depends on terms of a contract)
 - OTC: T+n
- Bonds
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+3, T+n (depends on terms of a contract)
 - OTC: T+n

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades:

- 10.00 – 17.30

OTC trades:

- FoP: 09.00 – 18.00
- DVP: 10.0 – 17.30

INVESTOR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

Investor disclosure is mandatory under applicable Ukrainian law. The share issuing company and/or state authorities (the Regulator) are entitled to obtain information on the identity of beneficial owners of Ukrainian equities. Upon request CSD customers holding Ukrainian equities provide information on the beneficial ownership of such holdings.

The issuer is obliged to report on any acquisition that causes the holding of the company's voting shares to reach, exceed or fall below 10%.

NOMINEE CONCEPT

There is a two-level depository system in Ukraine, which means that CSD opens & maintains nominee securities accounts in the name of licensed Ukrainian custodians (depository institutions). Custodians, in their turn, open and maintain securities accounts in the name of beneficial owners. Custodians open securities accounts with CSD to jointly keep in custody custodians' own and clients' assets.

CSD also opens nominee securities accounts in the name of foreign (I)CSDs. The securities credited to the foreign depository's 'nominee account' opened with CSD belong to clients of the nominee account holder; the nominee account holder is obliged to maintain accounts on his own books in respect of the securities credited to the nominee account. The nominee account holder keeps records of the securities according to legislation of the country, where it is doing business.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

According to Ukrainian legal and regulatory acts, an issuer is obliged to make information on its upcoming corporate events publicly available by publishing information in the specific sources (NSSMC official publications, company's web-site etc.) within specifically set timeframe.

Processing of corporate actions (coupon, dividend payment, General Meeting etc.) is as follows:

- at least three days prior to GM/proceeds an issuer instructs CSD to disclose beneficial owners on Record Date (RD);
- CSD instructs custodians/foreign (I)CSDs to disclose beneficial owners on RD;
- based on information received from custodians/foreign (I)CSDs CSD draws up a consolidated list of beneficial owners (RD+2) and provides it to the issuer.
- In case of proceeds issuer:
 - either remits funds directly to beneficial owners on Payment Date (PD) (beneficial owners list provided by CSD contains investors' bank account details)
 - or remits funds to CSD cash account with the Settlement Center and instructs CSD to remit funds to beneficial owners on PD (centralized income payment via CSD).

PROXY VOTING

Shareholders may exercise their voting rights by attending the General Meeting in person or by proxy.

TAXATION

The Tax Code of Ukraine establishes the following principles with respect to taxation of foreign legal entities/individuals:

- Income derived from sources within the territory of Ukraine by foreign entities (which are not engaged in commercial activities on the territory of Ukraine through a permanent establishment) or foreign individuals are taxed at the time of income remittance to such foreign entities; taxes are withheld from the sums remitted. Unless an applicable bilateral double taxation treaty provides relief with respect to withholding, the tax is:

- 15% for foreign companies (18% is applied to proceeds from an interest-free (discount) bonds or treasury bonds);
- 20% for foreign individuals (5% is applied to dividends distributed by an issuer – income taxpayer).
- Coupon payments received by a foreign entity/individual on domestic/municipal government bonds and foreign government bonds, which have been sold to/placed among foreign entities/individuals outside the territory of Ukraine, are not subject to a withholding tax.



BASIC INFORMATION

57 employees (number of full time equivalents working for the CSD)

Banking license
NNA
LOU for LEI

BIS SETTLEMENT MODEL

- + Model 1 (On-exchange)
- + Model 2 (OTC)
- Model 3

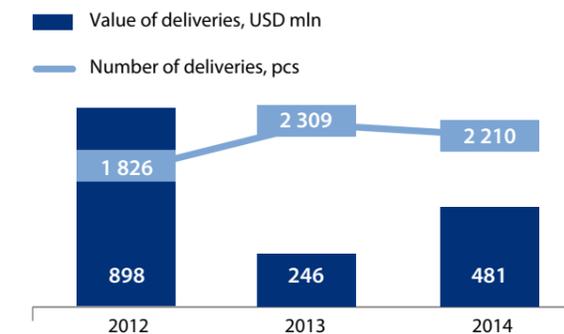
SECURITIES ACCOUNTS

Total: 56,474

Legal entities: 5,271

Individuals: 51,203

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS



KEY MARKET FIGURES*

- Market Capitalization, USD bln: 5.0
- Average Daily Trading Volume, USD mln: 2.0
- Number of Listed Companies: 134
- Financial Instruments: Equities, Bonds
- Value of assets under custody held on behalf of customers, USD bln: 5.4
- Number of securities transactions settled, in thousands: 2.2
- Value of securities transactions settled, USD bln: 0.5

* as of 31.12.2014

MAJOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS (INFRASTRUCTURE)

- Regulators: Center for coordination and control over securities market www.csm.gov.uz
- Stock Exchange: Republican Stock Exchange "Tashkent", www.uzse.uz
- Central Depository: State enterprise "Central Securities Depository" (UzCSD), www.deponet.uz
- Central Clearing: Republican Stock Exchange "Tashkent", LLC Clearing and Settlement house "Elsis-Kliring"
- Registrars: State enterprise "Central Securities Depository" (UzCSD), www.deponet.uz

MARKET SPECIFICS

- Time zone: GMT +5h
- Local currencies: SUM (UZS)
- Number system:
 - Local registration number, ISIN, CFI.

All Uzbekistan equities are issued in dematerialized registered form and safekept in UzCSD.

SETTLEMENT CYCLES

- Stocks
 - On-exchange: T+0, T+5, T+10; OTC: T+0
- Bonds
 - On-exchange: T+5; OTC: T+0

MARKET CUT-OFF TIMES

On-exchange trades:

- 10.30 – 15.30

OTC trades:

- FoP: 09.00 – 18.00; DVP: 17.00 – 17.30

NOMINEE CONCEPT

Nominee accounts can be opened in the name of depository licensed by Regulator.

CORPORATE ACTIONS

- There is a single source of corporate action information. Issuers may disclose information at newspaper "BIRJA" and in other media sources.
- For corporate event that requires a record date the issuer acquires the register of shareholders for particular date via UzCSD. The UzCSD then requests depositories to disclose final beneficial owners list to determine the full list of shareholders.

LIST OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS


**National Depository Center
of the Azerbaijan Republic**

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www.mdm.az


**Central Depository of Armenia
Open Joint-Stock Company**

5b, Mher Mkrtchyan Str, 0010,
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www.nasdaqomx.am


**Republican unitary entity
"Republican Central
Securities Depository"**

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www.centraldepo.by


**Georgian Central Securities
Depository**

74a Chavchavadze Ave.,
0162 Tbilisi, Georgia
www.gcsd.ge


**Central Depository Services
(India) Limited (CDSL)**

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Street, Mumbai – 400001
www.cdslindia.com


**National Securities Depository
Limited (NSDL)**

Trade World, A wing, 4th & 5th
Floors, Kamala Mills Compound,
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**Joint-stock company
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**Closed Joint-Stock Company
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