

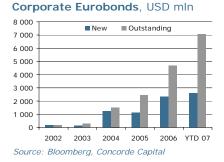
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NBU Withdraws Borrowing Restrictions

Analyst Notebook

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Historic sovereign yields, %



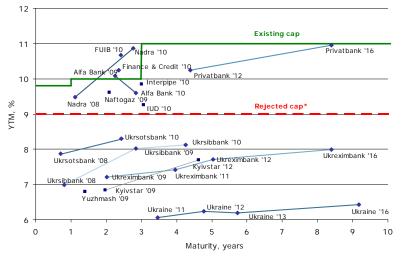
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- Yesterday the Head of NBU's Supervisory Board, Petro Poroshenko, announced cancellation of the resolution tightening external borrowing restrictions, which was due to come into effect on October 19.
- Together with the Fed funds and discount rate cuts on Tuesday, the move rouses expectations of USD 1 bln in new corporate Eurobond issues by year-end.

In June, the National Bank of Ukraine passed a resolution (was due to come into effect on October 19) limiting the maximum cost of borrowing (including fees, commissions and fines) on new foreign-currency bonds and syndicated loans to 200 bps over the 6M trailing average yield of Ukraine's sovereign bonds rounded to an integer, implying at best a 9% yield cap.

The resolution's nullification comes after consultations with the Association of Ukrainian Banks, which represents the country's most active external borrowers. As shown in the chart below, the new cap would have banned a majority of borrowers from entering the market.

Corporate Eurobond Universe



^{*} Based on 6M-trailing YTM of Ukraine '16. Source: Bloomberg, NBU, Concorde Capital

Following the NBU decision and the Fed's move earlier this week, our estimations indicate that the sector will make another USD 1 bln leap to USD 8 bln by the end of the year: five banks (Pravex, Khreschatyk, Ukrgazbank, Ukrprombank and Rodovid) and two large industrial companies (Industrial Union of Donbas and Donbas Fuel and Energy Company) are preparing to make Eurobond issues.



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