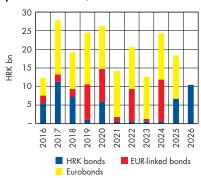


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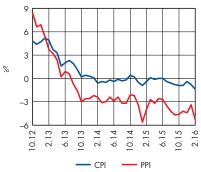
## **New Domestic Bond Issuance**

# Government bond maturities (principal and interest)



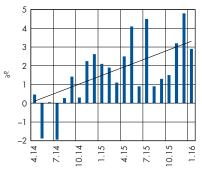
\* converted at mid-FX rate on 21th March 2016 Sources: MoF, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

#### CPI and PPI, annual changes (%)



Sources: CBS, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

#### Retail trade, real annual changes (%)



Sources: CBS, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Last week was marked with a new Government borrowing on the domestic capital market. The MoF successfully tapped the existing 2026 HRK bond by issuing the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche in the total amount of HRK 4bn (YTM 3.99%). The majority in allocation were pension funds. Given that, according to the 2016 Budget proposal, the total bond issuance is planned in the amount of HRK 17.7bn, of which HRK 10bn in LCY, it is obvious that this is not the last Government's entry on the domestic capital market this year. Furthermore, due to the favorable conditions on the international markets, we are rather certain that the Government will tap the international market before the summer. On the secondary domestic bond market, after the new issuance, the price of pure HRK 2026 bond recorded a noticeable increase (+0.50% on a weekly basis) with the total weekly volume of HRK 220mn. On the Eurobond markets, it was confirmed that the Croatian Eurobonds follow more the CEE regional sentiment rather than the one-time domestic fundamental announcements. Furthermore, the Moody's downgrad of Croatia's long-term debt ratings was obviously priced in as two other credit rating agencies have already (in 2015) put Croatia's LT credit rating two notches below investment grade. Therefore, on the wings of the falling yields on the CEE market, the Croatian Eurobonds experienced a rather strong price increase, especially the USD denominated issues (0.8% on the average). This week we expect higher trading volumes on the domestic bonds market while the still present higher demand for CEE debt papers will impact the downward pressures on the yields curve and positively affect the Croatian Eurobonds. A positive trend prevails on the FX market as well where the kuna appreciated against the euro up to 7.53 kuna per euro (lowest since August 2015) due to a higher FCY supply from foreign banks and institutional investors. In the week to come a slight appreciation pressure on HRK is expected to continue due to the upcoming Easter holidays. Finally, on the last week's T-bills auction yields remained unchanged (1y pure HRK stood at 0.99%).

As regards economic releases, the CPI figures for February declined again (-1.4%yoy), representing an intensification of negative growth rates and confirming the trend of deflationary pressures that has lasted since February 2014 with sporadic interruptions. Retail trade in January (based on w. d. a. indices) advanced 2.9%yoy in real terms, rising for the eighteenth consecutive month. In the (pre)holiday week ahead, as regards economic indicators, labor market data are due for release. The monthly decline in the number of unemployed in February will be reflected probably in the fall of registered unemployment rate for February (18.2%) which is in line with the usual seasonal employment. Namely, given the earlier beginning of the low tourist season (due to the earlier timing of Easter this year), preparing for the tourist preseason and an increased demand for seasonal workers has already begun. Hence, we expect the decrease in the number of unemployed to continue in the coming months. The first results of real average gross and net wages in January might show more growth on the annual level, driven by the lack of inflationary pressures and at the same time resulting in higher disposable income.

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## Dividends in focus

## Janaf (3 m) 4,800 4,600 4.400 4.200 15.3. 24.2.

CROBEX

INAF

Sources: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

#### Valamar Riviera (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

#### Trading comment

The continuing trend of poor turnover on the Zagreb Stock Exchange is on-going, and only HRK 6.1 mn of regular turnover on average daily has been achieved which is at the level of the week before. Hrvatski Telekom stock was the most traded one in regular turnover for the fifth week in a row, with HRK 4.7 mn turnover, while the Valamar Riviera followed with a turnover of HRK 4.1 mn. General indices CROBEX and CROBEX10 continue on a positive note with an increase of 1.05% and 1.74% respectively, while all sector indices ended the week in the red with the largest decline of 5.57% achieved by the index CROBEXtransport who had the highest growth of 5.17% the week before. Among CROBEX constituents, shares of Optima Telekom increased the most while shares of RIZ Odašiljači lost the most. The majority of stock indices in the region had positive performance led by Romanian BETI index.

#### Company news

Ericsson Nikola Tesla Supervisory and Management Board proposed to the General Assembly the regular dividend payment to the amount of HRK 20 per share and extraordinary dividend to the amount of HRK 80 per share. General Assembly Meeting will be held on 31st of May. Ericsson Nikola Tesla and Armenian operator Ucom signed a frame contract for 4G/LTE network roll-out throughout Armenia. The value of the first phase of the contract is more than HRK 41 mn. Janaf's Supervisory and Management Board proposed that at the General Assembly Meeting the dividend payment to the amount of HRK 66.10 per share is adopted, what is in total HRK 66.6 mn. Croatia Osiguranje has informed that it has acquired additional stake in the Slovenian reinsurance company Sava Re, and now owns 14.17% of the share capital and 14.81% in voting rights. Before this acquisition, Croatia Osiguranje had 10.20% in voting rights. Valamar Riviera intends to invest HRK 196.7 mn in Family Life Bellevue Resort 4\* for the season 2017. The branding and the standards of the project will be done in cooperation with TUI in period 2017-2019. In destination Rabac by 2018 Valamar plans to invest total of EUR 56 mn. The dividend proposition amounts to HRK 0.6 per share and Valamar also intends to buyout up to 1% of own shares.

#### In this week

We expect continuation of low trading activity in share turnover on the Zagreb Stock Exchange and small changes of leading stock indices.

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#### Market performance

marker performance							
Index	lw %	ytd %	Value on*				
			18.3.2016				
BETI (RO)	3.41	-2.45	6,833				
NTX (SEE,CE,EE)	2.71	1.74	976				
WIG30 (PL)	2.60	5.37	2,187				
MICEX (RU)	2.05	8.73	1,915				
ATX (AT)	1.78	-3.01	2,325				
BUX (HU)	1.19	8.34	25,914				
CROBEX (HR)	1.05	-3.51	1,630				
BELEX15 (RS)	0.60	-6.53	602				
SOFIX (BG)	0.59	-2.76	448				
PX (CZ)	0.51	-4.61	912				
SBITOP (SI)	0.35	2.61	714				
SASX10 (BH)	-0.23	-2.59	681				

\* as at 16:30 CET. Source: Bloomberg

### Top/Flop - CROBEX index

Share	lw %	Price on*	Share	lw %	Price on*			
		18.3.2016			18.3.2016			
OT-Optima T.	9.34	2	Zagrebačka Banka	-1.07	39			
Podravka	5.17	325	Ingra	-1.11	3			
Ericsson NT	4.15	1,042	Atlantic Grupa	-1.22	800			
Adris Grupa (P)	3.56	367	Arenaturist	-1.49	330			
Končar El	2.16	649	Đuro Đaković H.	-1.96	36			
Valamar Riviera	1.71	24	AD Plastik	-1.98	99			
Ina	1.23	2,390	Kraš	-2.21	530			
Luka Ploče	0.00	600	Petrokemija	-2.71	11			
Luka Rijeka	0.00	42	Belje	-8.89	19			
Tankerska NG	-0.07	74	Atlantska Plov.	-9.25	103			
HT	-0.07	143	Dalekovod	-9.63	11			
Maistra	-0.70	213	RIZ Odašiljači	-9.64	75			
* or at 16:30 CET Source: 7SE Pailfairen PESEAPCH								



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avg – average
bp – basis points
C/A – current account
CBRD – Croatian Bank for Reconstruction
and Development
CBS – Croatian Bureau of Statistics
CES – Croatian Employment Service
CNB – Croatian National Bank
DPS – dividend per share
EC – European Commission
ECB – European Central Bank
EDP – Excessive Deficit Procedure
EM – Emerging Markets
eop – end of period

FCY - foreign currency FED - Federal Reserve System FI - financial institutions FY - full year GDP - Gross Domestic Product GFCF - Gross fixed capital formation ILO - International Labour Organisation IMF International Monetary Fund kn, HRK - Kuna LSE - London Stock Exchange MIP Macroeconomic imbalance procedure

MoF – Ministry of Finance
mom – month over month
ON – overnight
MM – money market
MFEA – Ministry of Foreign and
European Affairs
qoq – quarter over quarter
RBA – Raiffeisenbank Austria d.d.
RoC – Republic of Croatia
SMP – Securities markets programme
SNA – Aystem of national accounts

USD – Dollar w.d.a – working day adjusted yoy – year over year

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