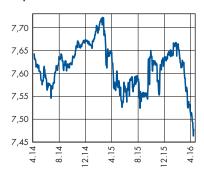


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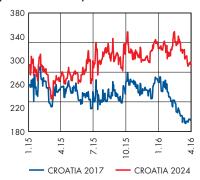
# Strong FDI drop in 2015

### **EUR/HRK**



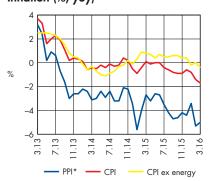
\* bid rate, as of April 15th 16:30 CET Sources: Bloomberg, Economic RESEARCH

# Spreds over benchmark (USD Eurobonds)



Sources: Bloomberg, Raiffeisen RESEARCH/RBA

### Inflation (%, yoy)



\* on the domestic market Sources: CBS, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

The appreciation pressures on domestic currency on the FX market continued with the EUR/HRK touching 7.465 (lowest level since July 2013). Although, the week ended with somewhat higher EUR/HRK market rate (slightly above 7.50 kuna per euro). As we have said already, the early start of this year's tourist season (earlier timing of Easter this year) and consequently a stronger FC inflow, the record C/A surplus, reduced political uncertainty and slightly more favourable fiscal outlook support a stronger kuna. In the upcoming period, as the main tourist season approaches, we expect FCY inflow to continue boosting the usual strengthening of the kuna against the euro. So far, due to the CNB's consistency to preserve the EUR/HRK exchange rate stability, in the case of more pronounced and sudden appreciation pressures on the domestic currency, we do not rule out the possibility of FX intervention by the central bank. As of MM, the CNB continued with its 1W repo reverse auction, again accepting all bids (HRK80m) at unchanged interest rate of 0.5%. As of domestic bond market, one more week passed with the record-low trading volume (total registered turnover on the ZSE amounted at only HRK 67.8 mn). Yields on pure kuna papers recorded a weekly decline on the greater part of the yield curve, while yields on EUR-linked bonds rose by 1 to 3bp. This week we expect the persisting weak trading volumes to continue. In the second half of the last week Croatian Eurobonds noted a slight increase in prices driven by positive indicators from China and growing optimism of investors as regards the SEE and CEE region. Namely, in its latest report the IMF (World Economic Outlook) gave optimistic forecasts of economic growth for the whole CEE region. The IMF also predicts a stronger growth for the Croatian economy (compared to last forecast) which certainly gave a positive contribution to the movement of Croatian Eurobonds.

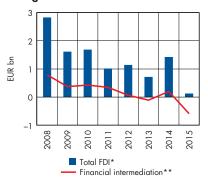
In terms of economic data, last week the focus was on CPI and PPI for March and 2015 FDI. Our estimates were confirmed when the **CPI and PPI** data showed a continuation of the negative annual growth rates (–1.7%yoy and –5%yoy respectively). We expect the imported price pressures will also, due to the low crude oil prices on the international commodity markets, support deflationary pressures in the domestic market as the year goes on. It should also be noted that the deflationary pressures will further be supported by the Government's recent decision to reduce gas prices for the period April 2016 to March 2017. According to the official documents, this should reduce gas prices for households by 18% (including distribution costs). On the other hand, the expected increase in crude oil prices on the international markets (towards the end of the year) could alleviate imported deflationary pressures.

**Total FDI** in 2015 amounted to EUR 128mn. Compared to 2014 (excluding the round-tripping effect), FDI declined by almost EUR 1.3bn (–91% yoy). During the observed period, the positive contribution to FDI generated by the sale of TDR to the British firm BAT (EUR 510mn) was, for the most part, offset by bank losses (forced CHF loan conversions). Namely, financial intermediation activity (apart from insurance and pension funds) recorded a negative value of about EUR 600mn in the same period.



# Market Comment/Outlook

### **Foreign Direct Investments**



\* excl. round tripping \*\* excl. pension and insurance funds Sources: CNB, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Next week brings labour market data, i. e. the unemployment rate (Mar) and wages (Feb). The monthly decline in the number of those unemployed in March will probably be reflected in a fall of the registered unemployment rate to 17%, which is in line with the usual seasonal employment. Given the earlier start to the low-peak tourist season (due to the earlier timing of Easter this year), preparations for the tourist pre-season and increased demand for seasonal workers have already begun. Hence, we expect the decrease in the number of unemployed to continue in the coming months.

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# New contracts for Tehnika and ĐĐ Holding

### **Trading comment**

ZSE stock indices posted mainly minimal daily changes, but thanks to some stronger performance at the closing of the week, CROBEX saw a solid wow advance of +1.5%. As regards sector indices, industrial shares performed the best, driven mostly by **Duro Daković Holding**'s share surge. The turnovers were again very low, with average daily regular shares turnover of HRK 9 mn. The most traded was preferred share of **Adris**.

#### Company news

**Tehnika** informed they will perform the construction of theme park in Biograd na Moru. Works should be finished in February, 2017 and, according to media, value of first stage investment is worth EUR 15 mn. **Končar Elektroindustrija** proposed a dividend of HRK 12 per share, whereas the ex-dividend day is June, 15. Đuro Đaković Special Vehicles, a member company of Đuro Đaković Holding signed with Finnish Patria a contract on production and delivery of armored wheeled vehicles. Total value of the contract is EUR 26 mn. The share went up by as much as 27.6% on the news.

#### In this week

In this week we expect investors to be a bit restrained in anticipation of Q1 2016 reporting season.

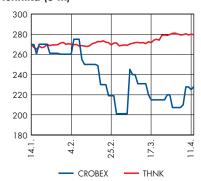
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#### ĐĐ Holding (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

#### Tehnika (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

# Market performance

Index	lw %	ytd %	Value on*
			15.4.2016
ATX (AT)	2.68	-3.99	2,301
BELEX15 (RS)	-0.16	-4.79	613
BETI (RO)	-0.83	-4.74	6,673
BUX (HU)	2.17	13.25	27,090
CROBEX (HR)	1.50	-0.21	1,686
PX (CZ)	0.57	-5.42	904
MICEX (RU)	1.43	8.10	1,904
SBITOP (SI)	-0.98	2.82	716
SOFIX (BG)	-0.99	-5.25	437
SASX10 (BH)	3.48	2.04	713
NTX (SEE,CE,EE)	1.44	0.30	962
WIG30 (PL)	0.77	3.71	2,152

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

# Top/Flop - CROBEX index

Share	lw %	Price on*
		15.4.2016
Đuro Đaković H.	20.00	36
Atlantska Plov.	7.37	119
Zagrebačka Banka	5.15	42
Varteks	5.02	15
Adris Grupa (P)	3.85	405
Dalekovod	2.86	10
Ina	2.82	2,700
Podravka	2.65	330
Končar El	2.19	645
Ledo	1.47	9,450
Belje	0.77	20
HT	0.67	147

\* as at 16:30 CET. Source: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Share 1w % Price on\* 15.4.2016 Valamar Riviera 25 0.29 Maistra 0.00 215 Atlantic Grupa -0.04 815 Ericsson NT -0.09 1,088 Arenaturist -0.39 325 -0.40 Ingra 3 Luka Rijeka -0.93 42 AD Plastik -2.71 99 Tankerska NG -3.67 75 -3.69 520 Kraš OT-Optima T -4.89 2

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#### **Abbreviations**

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

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