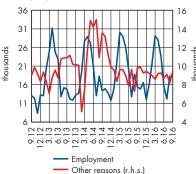
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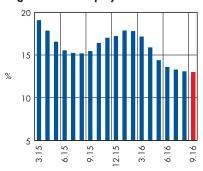
The New Croatian Government Approved

Deleted from registrated unemployment



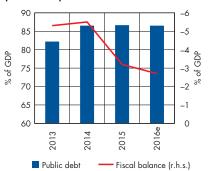
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Registrated unemployment rate



Sources: CES, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Consolidated General Government (ESA 2010)



Sources: CNB, CBS, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

The focus of the week was absolutely on the new Government that was confirmed by 91 MP's votes in favour (out of 151) thus implying that Croatia has finally entered a more stable political environment. The presented Government plan for the next four years offers a comprehensive tax reform (with main focus on reducing the tax burden), institutional improvements to improve the business environment, and a public sector reform through greater fiscal responsibility and better utilization of EU funds. Therefore, we will not be surprised by a mighty positive response from the investment community and markets. On the other side, experience has showed that well-prepared programs do not necessarily mean successful implementation of reform measures. Therefore, Croatia's risk premium will remain above the CEE region peers, thus clearly indicating that winning back the confidence of investors strongly depends on the Government's plan execution. Still, the above-the-expected economic recovery and improved fiscal metrics represent a good starting point towards a stronger implementation of reforms already in the first year of the Government mandate.

The latter could be confirmed by the upcoming fiscal data for Q2 2016, which will be published by Eurostat in accordance with the ESA2010 methodology. Besides the favourable revenues in H1, the record high tourist season also brought a positive spill-over effect on the rest of economy, thus the upcoming **registered unemployment rate** for September might stay at the level of 13%. The latter is indicated by a further reduction of the number of unemployed persons in September. Also, **gross and net wages** for August are set to be released next week so we expect that the positive real growth of average wages could continue due to negative inflation rates on annual level.

As for the FX market, EUR/HRK remained stable hovering around 7.51 kuna per euro. Calm days with seasonal mild depreciation pressures on the domestic currency is expected to continue during the week ahead. Coming closer to the end of the year, EUR/HRK should face a slight upward movement supported by import activity. Still, we see some risks that the forecasted level of 7.60 might fall short. Namely, HRK continues to find support in FCY inflows from the prolonged tourist season, demand for HRK loans, solid performance in fiscal and C/A outcome, and eventually in the banks' net positive international position. Regarding local bonds, the investors' focus remained on the pure kuna issues where the most trading took place on the longer end of the curve. As of Croatian Eurobonds, overall the outcome of the elections brought a fairly positive reaction in the markets. Croatia's sovereign risk, as measured by its USD Eurobond spread, fell down from almost 340bp at the end of June to just 214bp early October. Similarly, a spread between Croatia's EUR and Portugal 5-year sovereign zero-coupon yields narrowed down from 100bp to 50bp during July-September period. Croatia sovereign Eurobonds managed to outperform nearly all CEE peers with a +3.3% price return in the USD segment. However, strong market performance might indicate a positive risk praemia reduction. On the other hand, the positive dynamic of economic growth and small steps towards debt reduction could help in winning back the confidence of rating agencies and investors.

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Start of Q3 reporting season

Liburnia Riviera Hoteli (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Adris (P) (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Trading comment

Equity indices of the Zagreb Stock Exchange closed the week behind with losses. CROBEX and CROBEX10 lost 0.7% and 1.6%, respectively. The regular equity turnover was a bit higher than in the previous week and amounted to HRK 13 million daily on average. Thereof, shares of **Hrvatski Telekom** were the most traded with turnover of HRK 13.5 million in total, followed by preferred shares of **Adris**. Among CROBEX members, shares of **Atlantska Plovidba** were again the top performer, which bolstered the CROBEX transport index. The regional stock indices had a mixed performance in the previous week.

Company news

Liburnia Riviera Hoteli posted the yoy top line growth of 5.5% in 1–3Q 2016. Material expenses remained almost flat yoy whereas personnel expenses recorded only a small growth which drove the EBITDA margin to 50.6%, up from 45.4% in 1–3Q 2015. Due to capital investments amounting to HRK 83 million the depreciation expenses went up and hence the EBIT and net profit margin deteriorated yoy.

In this week

In this week on ZSE we expect investors' focus on the Q3 reporting season.

Financial analyst Ana Turudić

Market performance

Market performance								
Index	lw %	ytd %	Value on*					
			21.10.2016					
BELEX15 (RS)	4.70	4.05	670					
BUX (HU)	3.82	23.23	29,478					
PX (CZ)	3.23	-2.94	928					
SBITOP (SI)	2.15	6.26	740					
ATX (AT)	2.11	3.02	2,469					
WIG30 (PL)	1.80	-1.87	2,037					
NTX (SEE,CE,EE)	1.77	-0.61	954					
SOFIX (BG)	-0.20	10.15	508					
BETI (RO)	-0.25	-1 <i>.77</i>	6,880					
MICEX (RU)	-0.40	11.19	1,959					
CROBEX (HR)	-0.65	15.98	1,960					
SASX10 (BH)	-2.61	-1.29	690					

* as at 16:30 CET. Source: Bloomberg, Economic RESEARCH/

Top/Flop - CROBEX index

Share	lw %	Price on*	Share	lw %	Price on*
		21.10.2016			21.10.2016
Atlantska Plov.	18.75	285	Luka Ploče	-0.24	580
Uljanik Plovidba	9.27	135	Podravka	-0.25	372
Tankerska NG	4.76	77	Končar El	-0.27	683
Dalekovod	3.42	15	HT	-0.62	160
Luka Rijeka	2.59	49	Ericsson NT	-0.69	1,145
Zagrebačka Banka	0.97	50	Sunčani Hvar	-0.82	24
Ledo	0.45	11,150	Ingra	-1.64	3
AD Plastik	0.36	140	Kraš	-1.85	520
Imperial	0.01	805	OT-Optima T.	-2.51	3
Belje	-0.12	26	Adris Grupa (P)	-2.60	450
Atlantic Grupa	-0.17	866	Arenaturist	-2.99	422
Đuro Đaković Holding	-0.20	51			

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bp - basis points GDP - Gross Domestic Product kn, HRK - Kuna CERP – Restructuring and Sale Center MF - Ministry of Finance HBOR - Croatian Bank for DZS - Croatian Bureau of Statistics Reconstruction and RBA – Raiffeisenbank Austria d.d. ECB - European Central Bank Development USD - Dollar EUR – Euro HNB - Croatian National Bank FED - Federal Reserve System IMF - International Monetary Fund

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