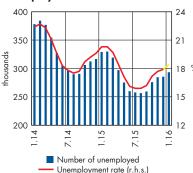


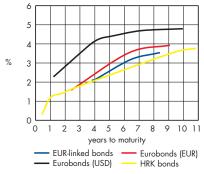
The first LTRO without market reactions

Unemployment indicators



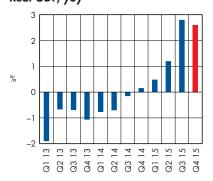
Croatia – sovereign bonds yield curve

Sources: CES, CBS, Raiffeisen RESEARCH



As of 19 February, 8:30 a.m. (CET) Sources: Bloomberg, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Real GDP, yoy



Sources: CNB, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

The empty week in terms of macroeconomic releases was brightened up by the first central bank's **structural LTRO auction**. As we expected, due to a solid liquidity position of the domestic banks, the total amount of bids accepted was relatively modest (at HRK 565mn with maturity of 4-years at fixed repo rate 1.8%). In fact, there was no significant market reaction as the local bonds had previously priced the official announcement, resulting in a slight drop in yields while money market interest rates were also retained at the still low current levels. In case of a more pronounced banking sector interest, the downward trend might continue. However, the relatively subdued trading on the local bond market finally closed the week with a slight increase in prices, following the trends of the eurobond markets. Calm trading is expected to continue during this week so the bond prices could oscillate around the current levels.

Regarding the **FX market**, the week was marked by mild appreciation pressures on the domestic currency. Due to an increased FCY supply by the domestic banks, the EUR/HRK slid to the level of 7.61 kuna per euro. We anticipate a possible higher FCY corporate demand thus, stable trading within the range 7.61–7.64 kuna per euro is expected during the upcoming days.

The schedule for this week's data release will be quite exciting. The CBS will publish a few important figures related to the labor market: the first results on average **gross and net wages** for December could confirm the trend of positive growth rates on annual level while the **unemployment rate** (underpinned by unfavorable seasonal movements during the winter) is expected to reach 18.4% in January. Namely, according to the latest CES data, the total number of people unemployed at the end of January exceeded 293 thousands (+2.7%mom, -10.9%yoy) but the first positive signs on the labor market are not expected before the low tourist season begins (Easter holidays).

The **PPI and CPI** figures are scheduled for release on Wednesday. The imported deflationary pressures, strongly driven by drops in oil prices, are expected to make a significant impact on the domestic prices. Additionally, supported by the seasonal post-holiday sales (primarily in the category of Clothing and footwear), we expect that the CPI in January could record an annual decline by 0.2%.

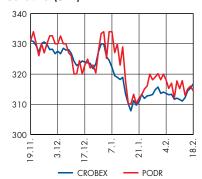
However, the focus will be on the first estimate of **GDP** in **Q4** 15. The high-frequency indicators for the last quarter confirmed that economic recovery has continued (upward trends for consumer confidence indicators and retail trade suggest a boost in personal consumption as the largest constituent of GDP). Paired with continuing favorable growth in exports of goods and services in annual terms, we expect the GDP in Q4 15 could grow at 2.6%yoy.

Finally, a better GDP outcome will positively contribute to the fiscal performance in 2015. In the meantime all eyes will be on the Government's Economic and Fiscal Policy Guidelines and the 2016 Budget as well.

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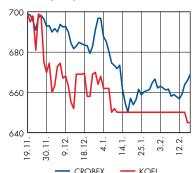


Podravka (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Končar El (3 m)



Sources: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Stock indices supported by the reporting season

Trading comment

Although the reporting season on the Zagreb Stock Exchange is getting its momentum, the trading volumes remain thin; HRK 5.9 mn of regular stock turnover on average daily. However, the general stock indices CROBEX and CROBEX10 had a positive performance on the back of the reported results and added 1.78% and 2.10%, respectively. From the sector perspective, index of transport companies increased the most (1.55%) while CROBEXnutris index was on the flop side (–0.28%). Among CROBEX constituents, shares of Đuro Đaković Holding increased the most while shares of RIZ Odašiljači lost the most. The most traded stock was that of Hrvatski Telekom (HRK 8.3 mn of regular turnover). Stock indices in the region also had positive performance mostly led by Polish WIG30 index.

Company news

Podravka published consolidated Q4 2015 results with 25.7% higher yoy sales mostly supported by the consolidation of the Slovenian Žito but the growth was also reported on organic level. Furthermore, the acquisition related gain of HRK 115.7 mn boosted the operating result while the bottom line was additionally improved by deferred tax revenues related to new Belupo's factory construction tax incentive. **Petrokemija group** also reported higher top line (+3.7% yoy) in Q4 2015 what coupled with 13.8% lower yoy operating expenses resulted in much lower net loss yoy (HRK 175.5 mn in Q4 2014 vs. HRK 39.7 mn in Q4 2015). **Valamar Riviera** reported 18% higher yoy sales on the back of Hoteli Baška acquisition but also due to strong improvement in occupancy and average rates yoy in existing capacities. This, coupled with operating efficiency raising measures doubled the bottom line yoy to HRK 105.3 mn. **Končar Grupa** had 4% lower sales yoy, flat EBITDA and 22% lower net income in Q4 2015 yoy. Still, the full year 2015 result shows improvement of operating indicators and somewhat lower net income yoy.

In this week

As the reporting season on the ZSE continues throughout the February we still expect trading activity to improve as well as continuation of stock indices performance.

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Market performance

Market performance							
Index	lw %	ytd %	Value on*				
			19.2.2016				
WIG30 (PL)	4.31	-1.12	2,052				
NTX (SEE,CE,EE)	4.14	-7.56	887				
ATX (AT)	3.86	-11.89	2,112				
MICEX (RU)	3.75	1.67	1,791				
BETI (RO)	3.13	-10.70	6,255				
PX (CZ)	2.97	-8.92	871				
BUX (HU)	1.84	-3.34	23,123				
CROBEX (HR)	1.78	-4.05	1,621				
SBITOP (SI)	1.04	-3.10	675				
SASX10 (BH)	0.96	-3.78	673				
SOFIX (BG)	-0.04	-3.74	444				
BELEX15 (RS)	-0.50	-9.93	580.15				

* as at 16:30 CET. Source: Bloomberg

Top/Flop - CROBEX index

Share	lw %	Price on*	Share	lw %	Price on*
		19.2.2016			19.2.2016
Đuro Đaković H.	8.45	38	Maistra	0.92	220
Atlantska Plov.	7.00	107	Tankerska NG	0.69	71
OT-Optima T.	6.15	2	Atlantic Grupa	0.47	809
Ericsson NT	5.74	994	Končar El	0.24	641
Adris Grupa (P)	5.56	360	Ina	0.04	2,601
HT	4.48	147	Valamar Riviera	-0.26	23
Zagrebačka Banka	3.32	39	Arenaturist	-0.59	335
Luka Ploče	3.17	650	Podravka	-0.88	315
Luka Rijeka	3.06	40	Petrokemija	-1.96	10
Belje	2.22	23	Ingra	-2.33	3
Kraš	1.98	510	Dalekovod	-2.92	11
AD Plastik	1.69	97	RIZ Odašiljači	-10.76	88

^{*} as at 16:30 CET. Source: ZSE, Raiffeisen RESEARCH



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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

EUR - Euro 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 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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