

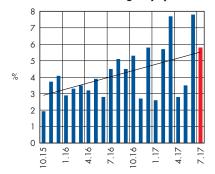


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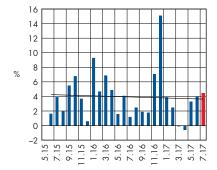
GDP real growth rate

Retail trade, real changes, yoy



Sources: CBS, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Industrial production, yoy



Sources: CBS, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

GDP in the focus of the week

In line with the expectation, last week's labour market releases delivered no surprise. The July registered unemployment rate remained at 10.8% thus 2.4pp lower in comparison to the same month last year. Furthermore, the June net and gross wages continued with solid growth rates (5.6% yoy and 4.2% yoy, respectively). As we have written already, the first one is widely supported by this year's changes in taxation and to some extent by economic recovery. The latter will be confirmed on Wednesday when the CBS is to release the Q217 GDP data. **Real GDP growth** is expected to accelerate to above 3% yoy. In our view, the main drivers of growth were household consumption and exports. As we stressed several times, household consumption is supported by lower taxation on labor, lower unemployment and modest but still positive developments in employment. Eventually, we mustn't forget tourism that has been growing by double digit rates in nominal terms and definitely having a huge impact on the economy. Exports of goods and services should confirm better results of Croatian exporters and also Croatia itself as an attractive tourist destination. However, the positive effects of exports are reduced by the continued growth of imports as well. Finally, at a slower pace (i.e. lower annual growth rate), we expect further recovery of investments.

Finally, it will be interesting to see the first figures of some high frequency indicators in Q317. Namely, the **July retail trade and industrial output** are set for release. We expect to see relatively strong figures i.e. continuation of the positive cycle amid improved business and consumer optimism. Therefore, the real growth of retail at 5.8% yoy would not be a surprise while the industrial production might reach 4.5% yoy.

On **the financial market** we did not see anything exciting. On the contrary, **EUR/ HRK** remained stable hovering 7.41 kuna per euro. A calm period and trading around the mentioned level might be expected even this week. HRK has been supported by FCY inflows from tourism, while the awareness of the CNB commitment to FX stability does not allow any stronger appreciation pressures. As the tourist season ends and the end of the year approaches, EUR/HRK should trend slightly upwards.

After more than a month, the **Ministry of Finance** held the T-bill auction by selling HRK 1.2 bn short term securities thus meeting the last week's maturities. The 1- year yield remained unchanged (0.45%) while the 182 days paper dropped by 0.03pp (to 0.25%). For the upcoming Tuesday the Ministry plans to issue 1Y T-bills in the amount HRK 400mn and EUR 15mn of 1-year T-bills. We do not expect any changes in yields and the maturing amount (HRK 406mn and EUR 20.1mn) will be covered definitely.

Finally, the **local bond market** as well as the Croatian Eurobonds will move in line with the regional peers but will also benefit from the improved fiscal metrics, solid growth and still extremely accommodative monetary policy.

Zrinka Živković Matijević



Sources: CBS, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Hrvatski Telekom (3 m)

Tehnika (3 m)

Trading comment

Low investors' activity on Zagreb Stock Exchange was continued also in last week and regular shares turnover amounted to only HRK 3 mn on average. Thereof, the most traded were shares of **Hrvatski Telekom** with a total turnover of HRK 4 mn. Stock index CROBEX remained unchanged at 1,901 points with shares of **Valamar Rivera** as the best performer among member companies. CROBEXindu was the winner among sector indices, while construction sector index lost the most. Majority of equity indices in the region saw gains last week.

Shares of Hrvatski Telekom in focus

Company news

In line with holiday season still on, out of corporate releases we point out only **Tehnika**'s announcement of new contract related to construction of basis for two pilger mills in Željezarija Sisak. The works should be performed within three months period, however, the value of the contract was not disclosed.

In this week

In this week we expect similar trading dynamics on the Zagreb Stock Exchange.

Ana Turudić



Market performance

* as at 16:30 CET.

Source: Bloomberg, Economic RESEARCH/RBA

Index	lw %	ytd %	Value on*
			25.8.2017
WIG30 (PL)	4.05	27.15	2852.35
NTX (SEE,CE,EE)	2.94	24.15	1,256
BUX (HU)	2.84	18.80	38,020
MICEX (RU)	2.50	-11.36	1,979
SBITOP (SI)	2.05	15.23	827
ATX (AT)	1.68	23.41	3,231
SASX10 (BH)	1.25	-9.12	627
BETI (RO)	1.00	18.36	8,386
BELEX15 (RS)	0.43	0.94	724
PX (CZ)	0.35	12.48	1,037
CROBEX (HR)	0.02	-4.69	1,901
SOFIX (BG)	-1.20	21.76	714

Top/Flop - CROBEX index Share 1w %

Share	are 1w % Price	
		25.8.2017
Valamar Riviera	1.83	46
Uljanik Plovidba	1.15	170
HT	1.04	181
Adris Grupa (P)	0.88	456
Ericsson NT	0.83	1,215
AD Plastik	0.59	170
Zagrebačka burza	0.43	14
Končar El	0.00	750
Luka Ploče	-0.01	520
Petrokemija	-0.34	15
Atlantic Grupa	-0.38	812
* as at 16:30 CET		

Share	lw %	Price on*	
		25.8.2017	
Atlantska Plov.	-0.81	434	
Kraš	-0.87	456	
Maistra	-0.92	312	
Arenaturist	-1.02	485	
Zagrebačka Banka	-1.23	54	
Đuro Đaković Grupa	-1.30	30	
Podravka	-1.54	313	
OT–Optima T.	-1.62	3	
Ingra	-2.39	4	
Dalekovod	-4.20	21	
Viadukt	-33.33	24	

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



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Abbreviations

- bp basis points CERP – Restructuring and Sale Center DPS – Dividend per share DZS – Croatian Bureau of Statistics ECB – European Central Bank EUR – Euro FED – Federal Reserve System
- GDP Gross Domestic Product

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