

Market snapshot

	curr.*	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17
Poland				
EUR/PLN**	4.215	4.35	4.30	4.25
Key rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
10y bond**	3.3	3.9	4.2	4.3
Hungary				
EUR/HUF	309.9	315	310	315
Key rate	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
10y bond**	3.2	3.8	4.1	4.3
Czech Republi	ic			
EUR/CZK	26.56	26.0	26.5	25.9
Key rate	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
10y bond	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.3
Romania				
EUR/RON	4.568	4.50	4.45	4.45
Key rate	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
10y bond	3.8	4.3	4.4	4.7
Croatia				
EUR/HRK	7.452	7.40	7.45	7.50
Key rate	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
10y bond**	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7
Russia				
USD/RUB**	57.55	60.0	60.0	62.0
Key rate	9.25	9.00	8.50	8.25
10y bond	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6
Turkey				
USD/TRY**	3.619	3.90	3.80	4.10
Key rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00
10y bond**	10.6	11.5	11. <i>7</i>	11.0
EUR/USD**	1.113	1.03	1.02	1.02

^{*} prices as of 18 May 2017, 11:59 p.m. CEST

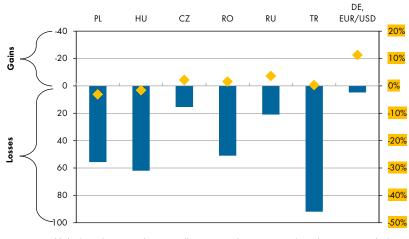
Source: Thomson Reuters, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Highlights

Q1 2017 GDP flash estimates delivered positive surprises across the board: In CE, Hungary and the Czech Republic registered strong dynamics expanding both by 1.3% qoq which constitutes a marked acceleration compared to Q4. In yoy-terms the picture looks also favourable given 4.1%, 2.9% and 4.0% in HU, CZ and PL respectively - all clearly surpassing the Q4 readings and consensus expectations. The most impressive numbers were reported out of Romania (1.7% gog and 5.7% yoy). Elsewhere in SEE, Bulgaria met expectations (0.8% gog / 3.4% yoy) maintaining the growth dynamics of Q4 2016, whilst in Serbia the disappointment potential materialised with GDP growth calming-down considerably to 1% yoy from 2.6% yoy in the quarter before. Croatia will release GDP data only next week, although politics will likely remain in focus in light of the upcoming local elections – the litmus test for possible early elections. In EE, the preliminary 0.5%yoy estimate of Rosstat for Q1 2017 GDP growth came as a surprise as earlier released macro data did not point to such a strong result. While we keep our forecast for Russian GDP growth at 1% for this year, we see upside risks to our CE/SEE growth projections and plan revisions after the structural details are published (see also our publication "CEE Economics GDP 17 05 2017"). In terms of monetary policy implications, we expect the MNB to remain sanguine at next week's rate setting meeting - similar to the NBP this week. Nevertheless, we are still convinced that reflationary pressure in Hungary should turn out stronger than in Poland, prompting the MNB to start discussing the gradual tightening of liquidity conditions as early as H2. In both countries, however, rate hikes might not be in sight on a 12m horizon given our expectations of CPI headline inflation barely remaining in MP-neutral realms. This should not change in the near future despite our expectations for Polish retail sales likely impress anew. In Czech Republic, finally, the situation is different following the abandoning of the FX cap. Should CZK appreciation remain contained and CPI inflation dynamics get revived, the CNB could become the first in the region to increase its base rate, although only moderately and from ultra-low levels. For the time being we believe that this is rather verbal interventionism.

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Expected changes from today until June 2017*



*PL, HU, RU,TR, DE under revision Source: Thomson Reuters, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

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Data highlights upcoming week

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Date	Indicator	Period	Forecast	High	Mean	Low	Previous
19-May	PL: Industrial output, % yoy	Арі	2.2	9.0	1.6	-1.9	11.1
19-May	PL: Retail sales, % yoy	Арі	9.9	11.3	8.9	7.3	9.7
23-May	HU: Key rate, %	Мау	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90

Source: Bloomberg, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

^{**}under revision



Data calendar and country coverage

This week, previous week: key data releases

Indicator	Period	Actual	Forecast	Previous	Indicator	Period	Forecast	High	Mean	Low	Previous
Friday 12 May					Friday 19 May						
RS: CPI, % yoy	Apr	4.0	n.a.	3.6	PL: Industrial output, % yoy	Apr	2.2	9.0	1.6	-1.9	11.1
RS: Key rate, %	May	4.00	4.00	4.00	PL: Retail sales, % yoy	Apr	9.9	11.3	8.9	7.3	9.7
PL: CPI, % yoy	Apr	2.0	2.0	2.0	UA: Retail sales, % yoy	Apr	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.1
RU: Trade balance, USD bn	Mar	12.6	n.a.	10.2	Monday 22 May						
Monday 15 May					RU: Unemployment rate, % yoy	Apr	n.a.	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.4
SK: CPI, % yoy	Apr	0.8	0.9	1.0	RU: Real wages, % yoy	Apr	2.2	3.5	2.0	1.1	1.5
CZ: C/A balance, CZK bn	Mar	31.2	20.0	28.2	RU: Retail sales, % yoy	Apr	-0.1	1.2	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4
PL: C/A balance, EUR mn	Mar	<i>-7</i> 38	<i>7</i> 35	-860	RU: Real disposable income, % yoy	Apr	-1.5	3.1	-1. <i>7</i>	-3.0	-2.5
PL: Trade balance, EUR mn	Mar	-218	163	-537	SK: Unemployment rate, % yoy	Apr	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.0
PL: CPI, % yoy	Apr	0.9	0.7	0.6	Tuesday 23 May						
UA: GDP, % yoy	Q1	2.4	n.a.	4.8	HR: Unemployment rate, % yoy	Apr	13.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14.4
UA: GDP, % qoq	Q1	-0.3	n.a.	1.9	HU: Key rate, %	May	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
RO: C/A balance, EUR mn	Mar	-690	n.a.	204	UA: Industrial output, % yoy	Apr	n.a.	-1.5	-1.9	-6.8	-3
Tuesday 16 May					Wednesday 24 May						
RO: GDP, % yoy	Q1	5.7	4.3	4.8	HR: GDP, % yoy	Q1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	3.4
RO: GDP, % qoq	Q1	1. <i>7</i>	1.0	1.4	Thursday 25 May						
CZ: GDP, % qoq	Q1	1.3	0.8	0.4	PL: Unemployment rate, % yoy	Apr	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.5	8.1
CZ: GDP, % yoy	Q1	2.9	2.4	1.9	UA: Key rate, %	May	n.a.	13.0	12.5	12.0	13.0
HU: GDP, % yoy	Q1	4.1	3.1	1.6	Friday 26 May						
HU: GDP, % qoq	Q1	1.3	0.8	0.4	HU: Unemployment rate, % yoy	Apr	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.50
SK: Industrial output, % yoy	Mar	8.6	7.2	8.0							
SK: GDP, % yoy	Q1	3.1	3.1	3.0							
PL: GDP, % qoq	Q1	1.0	n.a.	1.7							
PL: GDP, % yoy	Q1	4.0	3.2	2.7							
BG: GDP, % yoy	Q1	3.4	n.a.	3.4							
BG: GDP, % qoq	Q1	0.8	n.a.	0.9							
BY: Industrial output, % yoy	Apr	8.7	7.0	6.7							
Wednesday 17 May											
HR: CPI, % yoy	Apr	1.4	1.1	1.1							
RU: GDP, % yoy	Q1	0.5	n.a.	0.3							
BY: Retail sales, % yoy	Apr	-0.9	-1.0	-1.4							
PL: Key rate, %	May	1.50	1.50	1.50							
Thursday 18 May											
CZ: PPI indusrial, % yoy	Apr	3.2	2.9	3.0							
PL: Average gross wages, % yoy	Apr	4.1	3.9	5.2							
PL: Employment, % yoy	Apr	4.6	4.4	4.5							
RU: Industrial output, % yoy	Apr	2.3	n.a.	0.8							
Friday 19 May											
HU: Average gross wages, % yoy Source: Bloomberg, RBI/Raiffeisen RES	Mar SFARCH	12.8	11.0	10. <i>7</i>							

Belarus (BY) – According to the statistical data for the first four months of 2017, Belarus' economy registered better-than-expected performance with GDP up by 0.5% yoy given the 5.4% yoy increase in industrial output. At the same time, the fall in capital investment and retail sales continued, but slowed down significantly – to 7% yoy and 0.9% yoy, accordingly. Exports posted a robust 20% yoy increase in Q1 2017 attributable to stronger non-oil exports (including potash fertilizers, trucks and tractors, ferrous metals, dairy and meet products). Oil product sales dropped amid disagreements on energy issues with Russia (settled later in April). The annual inflation slowed down to 6.3 yoy in April, which is much lower as compared to the official 9% yoy end-year target for 2017. On 26 April, the Eurasian Fund for Stabilization and Development (EFSD) disbursed the third loan tranche of USD 300 mn to Belarus. The credit facility was reopened after the meeting of Belarus' and Russia's leaders in Saint Petersburg in April. Along with other things – foreign currency bonds and FX purchase in the local market – the loan tranche helped to avoid a drain in the country's FX reserves as a result of the repayment of the gas debt in April of over USD 700 mn.

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Bosnia a. H. (BA) – The House of Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of B&H, on its last session (10 May), decided to withdraw from the parliamentary procedure a set of laws on excise duties that were proposed by the B&H Council of Ministers. After that, the main focus was on the official IMF statement regarding the future of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) program: IMF representatives announced that the negative political outcome will not automatically bring the agreement with B&H to an end. Instead, the IMF will trigger negotiations regarding the new set of measures and the timeframe as well as the disbursement dynamics of the tranches from the initial EFF. Moreover, it should be noted that the BiH Prime Minister, Mr. Denis Zvizdić, announced that the Council of Ministers will consider returning the Excise Duties Law (but under different option/model) to the Parliamentary procedure, if the main political parties formed a new parliamentary majority which will support the proposed Law. From the current political perspective, it seems that the Excise Duties Law



will eventually be adopted in the second half of 2017 and that the payment of the second tranche worth EUR 76 mn will be ensured for the 2017 budgets.

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Croatia (HR) – In anticipation of the local elections scheduled for Sunday, the domestic market has remained fairly quiet with subdued turnovers on the financial markets. The upcoming week will be marked by the outcome of local elections which could, in part, signal a possible direction in the case of snap parliamentary elections. As for macroeconomic data, only the labour market data are on schedule for the next week. In line with the usual seasonal movements, we expect the declining trend in unemployment and the increasing one in wages to be confirmed. Wage growth in March particularly applies to net salary, which predominantly resulted from changes in the taxation of income, and it will be somewhat offset by the positive inflation rate. The registered unemployment rate is projected to fall from 14.4% in March to 13.1% in April (2.5 points lower compared to the same month of the previous year).

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Czech Republic (CZ) – This week, several important pieces of macro data were released. Producer prices increased by 0.3% mom, and thus by 3.2% yoy, which is 0.2pp above market expectations. According to the GDP flash, the Czech economy grew by 1.3% qoq in the first quarter 2017, corresponding to a yoy-growth of 2.9%. The consensus had expected growth of 2.3%. In a response, the Czech koruna strengthened to its strongest since the CNB abandoned the FX commitment in April. However, in the last two days, the Czech koruna corrected back, as it is likely that some investors closed their positions. The development of the Czech currency as well as the upcoming hard macro data will influence the decision of the CNB board regarding a possible interest rate hike. Several board members recently commented on this issue. According to V. Benda, the interest rates should not be at technically zero in a year, but he refuses to speculate about the number of rate hikes. However, "if the koruna appreciates only moderately, this will create the conditions for raising interest rates". Recently, member of the board T. Nidetzky added that it is possible that the Czech National Bank will return to a standard monetary policy soon. He sees the first interest rate hike as likely to come in the second half of the year.

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Hungary (HU) – Q1 GDP growth was 3.7% yoy (seasonally and working day adjusted), and 1.3% qoq. The data was a positive surprise, as consensus estimate was 3.3% yoy. Industry output growth was particularly strong at the beginning of the year – unlike the previous years, when it was predominantly driven by car industry, this time the growth was broad-based. Construction industry recovers superfast (over 20% yoy growth) from last year's temporary contraction. Business services were also significantly contributing to economic growth. On the uses side, household consumption has been steadily growing for several quarters and therefore it is a main driver of economic growth. Government consumption is also suspected to increase: Parliamentary elections are in less than a year, there is an expansionary fiscal policy in place. Investments turned around too: lending activity is picking up and EU fund utilization is accelerating. The broad-based economic growth is expected to remain in place in the mid-term as the policy mix is clearly pro-growth (i.e. fiscal and monetary policy both expansionary), EU funds inflow is concentrated in the 2017-2019 period, and business sentiment is very positive. We see the key rate unchanged in the next 18 months, non-conventional policy tools allow the central bank to micro-manage effective rates. Our 2017 GDP growth projection of 3.2% yoy is under revision.

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Poland (PL) – In April headline CPI amounted to 2.0% yoy driven by lower fuel prices counterbalanced by increasing core inflation (0.9% yoy). The current account deficit amounted to EUR 700 mn, and the trade balance deficit to EUR 168 mn, respectively. Annual export and import dynamics rose significantly in March, by 14.9% and 18.9%, respectively. This increase has been supported by the positive calendar effect and the overall improvement in the economic situation. The flash GDP estimate for Q1 2017 surprised to the upside amounting to 4.0% yoy. Although the exact breakdown is published by the end of May only, we expect the main GDP driver to be consumption. However, the acceleration in economic activity was probably caused by the revival of private and public investments. 2016's GDP has already been revised downwards that has also supported Q1's growth dynamics, but it did not change MPC's stance. The Council decided to keep rates unchanged as long as inflation stabilizes around 2.0%, and without any wage pressure there is no need for interest rate hikes until 2018. Labour market data for April indicated an employment growth of 4.6% yoy, and growing wages of 4.1% yoy. Looking ahead, the solid economic performance should continue with retail sales staying around 9.0% yoy, while industrial output, influenced by the negative calendar effect, may slow down to 2.2% yoy.

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Romania (RO) – This week the National Bank of Romania (BNR) has lowered slightly the inflation path forecasted for the next two years as it projects now lower underlying inflationary pressures as compared to the previous forecasting round in February. So, the BNR foresees the annual inflation rate to come-in at 1.6% yoy in December 2017 (instead of 1.7% yoy forecasted in February) and at 3.1% yoy in December 2018 (instead of 3.4% yoy forecasted in February). According to the comments made by Governor Isarescu, the revision of the inflation forecast could imply a delay in starting the tightening of the monetary policy stance. On the other hand, the GDP advance in Q1 2017 (1.7% qoq and 5.7% yoy) substantially outpaced our expectations and the market consensus. Dynamics should have also outpaced the central bank's projections. Still, we don't expect this to materially alter its rhetoric on monetary policy. As previously, we expect the BNR to keep the key rate unchanged at 1.75% until Q1 2018, but to increase the interest rate on the permanent deposit facility (0.25% at



present) in the second half of this year (de-facto monetary policy tightening). Economic growth in 2017 will most likely outpace our current expectations (4.2%) given the faster than expected GDP advance in Q1.

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Russia (RU) – The CBR's recently published balance of payment data suggest a much lower current account surplus than the levels seen in Q1 2017 (USD 2.9 bn vs USD 8.7 bn in March). This deterioration is explained by negative seasonality with growing imports and higher dividends and interest payments. Despite the weaker current account, net capital outflows did not change much compared to Q1 2017 (USD 5.6 bn in April vs USD 15.4 bn for the full Q1) supported by the increase in residents' foreign asset holdings. We expect a further decline of the current account surplus to zero or even below zero in June-August (unless oil prices recover to USD 60 per bbl) which would put pressure on the Russian rouble. The situation could be different if large local OFZ market investors remain in the market (whose operations in government bonds are connected with FX conversion). However, they did not appear to participate in OFZ auctions this week unlike at the auctions held in March and April.

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Serbia (RS) – While the downside risks to estimated GDP growth of 3% in 2017 emerged given the weak economic growth rate in Q1 (GDP flash estimate of 1% yoy), the potential downbeat impact might be mitigated by the continued subsidy investments scheme. Furthermore, new infrastructural projects are in the pipeline. Serbian authorities participated in the One Belt, One Road summit in Beijing this week and signed a loan agreement with the Export-Import Bank of China (China Eximbank) worth USD 297.6 mn for works on the first part of the Belgrade-Budapest railway section. The loan comes with a 20-year repayment schedule and a five-year grace period. Total value of the project amounts to USD 2.89 bn and the Hungarian section is worth USD 1.8 bn. The Belgrade-Budapest railway is part of the main route from Greece's port of Piraeus to Central Europe and in the future will be used as the main export route to EU member states.

The dinar kept appreciating against the euro in the past seven days partly supported by the issuance of the RSD denominated Ministry of Finance T-bills this week, with the total sold amount coming up to RSD 39.8 (app EUR 322 mn). The NBS did not take action on the local FX market (unlike in the week before) – obviously becoming satisfied with the current exchange rate level vs EUR.

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Monetary policy and money markets overview

CEE key interest and money markets outlook

Poland	current*	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17	5y high	5y low
Key interest rate	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	4.75	1.50
3m money market rate	1.73	1.73	1. <i>7</i> 3	1.73	5.14	1.65
Hungary						
Key interest rate	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	7.00	0.90
3m money market rate	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.20	7.21	0.15
Czech Republic						
Key interest rate	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.75	0.05
3m money market rate	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.35	1.24	0.00
Romania						
Key interest rate	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	5.25	1.75
3m money market rate	0.87	1.00	1.15	1.55	6.30	0.68
Russia						
Key interest rate	9.25	9.00	8.50	8.25	1 <i>7</i> .00	5.25
3m money market rate	9.50	9.50	9.00	8.75	29.93	6.74
Serbia						
Key interest rate	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	11.75	4.00
3m money market rate	3.54	3.60	3.60	3.60	13.13	3.26
Turkey						
Key interest rate	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	4.50
3m money market rate	12.85	12.50	12.70	11.50	12.85	4.85

Benchmark key rates	current	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17	5y high	5y low
ECB key interest rate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
Fed key interest rate	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	1.00	0.25

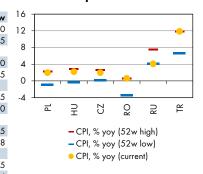
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Central bank watch

Poland (NBP)	Despite another set of stronger-than-expected activity data, the NBP continues to stick with its wait-and-see stance mainly as they continue assuming that headline CPI inflation is likely to remain subdued around 2% for most of 2017. However, the development of wage inflation will be to watch. We are comfortable with our call of moderate rate hikes starting in mid-2018.
Hungary (MNB)	MNB remins sanguine and is set to continue to keep BUBOR rates depressed, well below the key rate level. Although headline inflation moderated in April for the second consecutive month, tightening of excess liquidity is on the cards in H2 should wage inflation continue to fuel underlying price pressures. Re-design of the MP toolkit is looming also.
Czech Republic (CNB)	CNB flagged an earlier start of rate hikes if CZK was not to appreciate more forcefully. For the time being, we would regard this rather a verbal intervention and wouldn't bet on rate hikes already in H2 as inflation will be also a key decision variable (CNB lowered its CPI forecasts significantly).
Romania (BNR)	Narrowing of interest corridor likely first step in terms of monetary policy normalisation, although CPI reflation is lagging the regional trend. Nevertheless, due to the falling-out of statistical base effects from calculations, becoming especially visible in early 2018, rate hikes could start as early as Q1 2018, while BNR governor recently announced that Romania is unlikely to make inroads before regional peers move.
Serbia (NBS)	Overshooting of CPI inflation is temporary in our view. With the rate differential versus core markets still sufficient we expect a stable base rate on our entire forecast horizon. Recent RSD "strength" argues also against early rate hikes.
Russia (CBR)	Due to stronger than expected disinflation, we now expect more frontloaded and deeper rate cuts for this year - following the surprise 50bp cut on 28 April. We pencilled in 75bp more cuts for 2017, not more, as inflation risks remain in place, especially in H2 2017.
Turkey (TCMB)	TCMB hiked late liquidity window by 50bp in April and keeps weighted average costs of funding (WACF) tight in light of double-digit CPI inflation. Given the expected inflexion point of inflation in mid-2017, TCMB could start ease WACF. But with markets likely underestimating the Fed rate hike trajectory, unwinding the current tight monetary conditions is dangerous in view.
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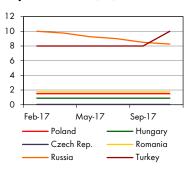
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Inflation snapshot



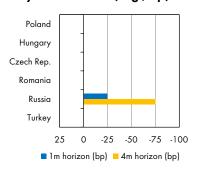
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Key rate trends (%)



Source: Bloomberg, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Key rate forecast (chg., bp)



Source: Bloomberg, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Rate setting meetings

	May	Jun
Poland (NBP)	12	7
Hungary (MNB)	23	20
Czech Republic (CNB)	4	29
Romania (BNR)	5	/
Serbia (NBS)	12	8
Russia (CBR)	/	16
Turkey (TCMB)	/	1.5

Source: National Central Banks, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

^{*} Bid rates (for Hungary ask rates) as of 18 May 2017, 11:59 p.m. CEST



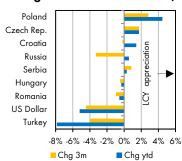
Foreign exchange market overview

FX forecasts

EUR vs	current*	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17	5y high	5y low	Comment
PLN**	4.215	4.35	4.30	4.25	4.40	4.08	EUR/PLN returning above 4.20 on recent global events; overall PLN outlook supported by strong economics and speculation on earlier key rate hikes in Poland
HUF	309.9	315	310	315	316	291	MNB remaining very dovish which in return weighs on the forint, counterbalancing positive effects of economic improvement; EUR/HUF to remain in old range of 305-315 for the coming months
CZK	26.56	26.0	26.5	25.9	27.7	25.1	Koruna retreated again after seeing some moderate appreciation; normalization process (strengthening CZK) after FX regime likely to remain a lengthy process
RON	4.568	4.50	4.45	4.45	4.54	4.45	EUR/RON weakened in recent days with fiscal risks remaining a main burden
HRK	7.452	7.40	7.45	7.50	7.66	7.50	Seasonal appreciation pressures could be partly mitigated by uncertainty related to Agrokor; in the upcoming week we see EUR/HRK trading range between EUR/HRK $7.43-7.47$
RSD	123.0	123	124	125	125	112	Key rate setting meeting did not bring any changes as expected, moderate appreciation in RSD over recent months against EUR
RUB**	64.03	61.8	61.2	63.2	79.3	40.3	see USD/RUB below
UAH	29.36	27.8	27.5	28.6	28.6	10.6	see USD/UAH below
BYN	2.083	2.09	2.18	2.28	2.28	1.13	see USD/BYN below
TRY**	4.027	4.02	3.88	4.18	4.18	2.35	see USD/TRY below
USD**	1.113	1.03	1.02	1.02	1.38	1.02	With continued US Fed rate hike expectations we project USD strengthening that could put some pressure on CEE currencies
USD vs	current*	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17	5y high	5y low	
RUB**	57.55	60.0	60.0	62.0	73.0	30.5	CBR 50bp rate cut as well as low oil prices did not significantly weaken the RUB; appreciation potential in RUB very limited in our view, moderate depreciation as next relevant move expected
UAH	26.39	27.0	27.0	28.0	28.0	8.05	Uncertainties over IMF program and the situation in Donbas to weigh on UAH; resignation of central bank governor additional negative; administrative measures of central bank prevent UAH depreciation
BYN	1.873	2.03	2.14	2.24	2.24	0.86	Despite BYN stability over recent months we remain with our cautious outlook given fundamental weaknesses
TRY**	3.619	3.90	3.80	4.10	4.10	1.78	Risks for lira remain high due to economic conditions, uncertain political development and expectation of a stronger USD

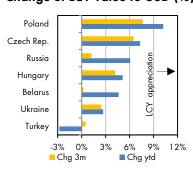
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Change of LCY value to EUR (%)



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Change of LCY value to USD (%)



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Exchange rate comparison

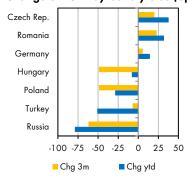


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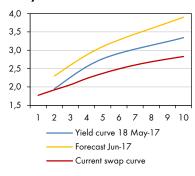
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Change of LCY 10y bond yields (bp)



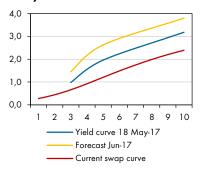
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PLN yield curve*



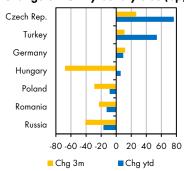
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HUF yield curve*



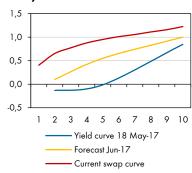
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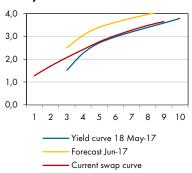
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CZK yield curve



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RON yield curve



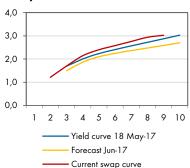
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5y USD CDS spreads



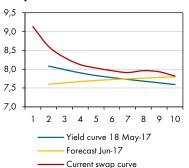
Turkey 5y high 327.1, 5y low 111.7; Russia 5y high 628.7, 5y low 119.4 Source: Bloomberg, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

HRK yield curve*



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RUB yield curve



Source: Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

Yield forecasts

2y T-bond yields (%)							10y T-bond yields (%)						
	current*	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17	5y high	5y low		current*	Jun-17	Sep-17	Dec-17	5y high	5y low
Poland	1.95	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.1	1.6	Poland* * *	3.34	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	2.5
Hungary * *	0.98	1.5	1.6	1.7	5.7	0.9	Hungary***	3.18	3.8	4.1	4.3	6.2	3.3
Czech Republic	-0.13	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.9	Czech Republic	0.85	1.0	1.2	1.3	2.5	0.5
Romania	1.52	2.0	2.1	2.4	6.4	1.5	Romania	3.79	4.3	4.4	4.7	6.9	3.5
Croatia	1.69	1.5	1.5	1.6	4.4	0.9	Croatia***	3.03	2.7	2.7	2.7	5.2	2.7
Russia	8.08	7.6	7.4	7.3	15.8	6.2	Russia	7.59	7.8	7.7	7.6	14.1	6.9
Turkey***	11.24	11. <i>7</i>	11. <i>7</i>	10.9	11.0	6.1	Turkey * * *	10.58	11.5	11.7	11.0	11.1	6.6
Germany	-0.69	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7	0.2	-0.8	Germany * * *	0.36	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.9	0.1
USA***	1 26	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	0.2	USA***	2 24	26	29	3.0	3.0	1.8

* Bid yields as of 18 May 2017, 11:59 p.m. CEST; ** 3y yield; ***under revision Source: Bloomberg, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH



Local currency bond market overview

CEE local currency bond market snapshot

	Maturity	Coupon (%)	Bid Price	YTM (%)	Spread to Bunds (bp)	MDur.	Comment
Poland		(70)			Dollas (DP)		
PLN 2y Gov. Bond	25/04/2019	0.00	96.31	1.97	266	1.9	Pricing-out of rate hike bets continued against the
PLN 5y Gov. Bond	25/04/2022	2.25	97.58	2.78	314	4.7	backdrop of a sanguine central bank despite the recent
PLN 10y Gov. Bond		2.50	92.80	3.35	299	8.9	risk-off mode. Recent auctions faced healthy demand.
,							Nevertheless, longer-term outlook remains mildly
							bearish due to reflation, but our current yield forecasts
							might be too bearish.
Hungary							
HUF 3y Gov. Bond	23/09/2020	1.00	100.17	0.95	158	3.3	HGBs remained well anchored shrugging-off recent
HUF 5y Gov. Bond	26/10/2022	1.75	99.08	1.93	229	5.2	global risk-off mode. Bond auctions well bid with non-
HUF 10y Gov. Bond	27/10/2027	3.00	98.67	3.15	279	9.0	residents increasingly returning. Nevertheless, we
							project moderately higher yields in the course of this year (although our current forecasts might be too
							bearish) as inflation premia might be currently too low.
Czech Republic							bearish, as hindred premia might be correllly too tow.
CZK 2y Gov. Bond	11/04/2019	5.00	109.82	-0.20	49	1.8	Recent rate hike bets amidst strong activity data spurred
CZK 5y Gov. Bond	12/09/2022	4.70	124.70	0.04	40	4.8	CZK gains and we expect more to come. This in tandem
CZK 10y Gov. Bond		2.50	116.38	0.96	60	9.9	with the yield advantage vs Bunds keeps CZGBs
	,,						attractive in our view.
Croatia							
HRK 2y Gov. Bond	10/07/2018	5.25	104.93	0.87	123	1.1	Results of local elections set to determine the
HRK 10y Gov. Bond	14/12/2026	4.25	109.93	3.05	268	8.0	movements on the local financial market in the
							upcoming week with volatility likely to increase.
Romania							
RON 2y Gov. Bond	29/04/2019	2.50	101.80	1.55	218	1.9	ROMGBs resilient to recent global risk-off mode. In the
RON 5y Gov. Bond RON 10y Gov. Bond		3.40 5.80	103.24 116.97	2.67 3.77	303 341	4.5 7.8	medium run, we expect a renewed rise in ROMGB risk
KON TOY GOV. BOIIG	20/0//202/	5.60	110.97	3.77	341	7.0	premia due to the combination of still elevated fiscal
D :							risks and likely start of MP tightening in H2.
RUB 2y Gov. Bond	27/02/2019	7.50	99.1 <i>7</i>	8.16	885	1.7	Our Buy recommendation has still potential in our view
RUB 5y Gov. Bond	18/08/2021	7.50 7.50	99.36	7.82	818	3.6	given the improved RUB outlook in tandem with our
RUB 10y Gov. Bond		8.15	104.91	7.57	<i>7</i> 21	7.0	expectations of deeper rate cuts compared to our
KOB TOY GOV. BOIId	03/02/202/	0.13	104.91	7.37	/21	7.0	earlier view.
Turkey							
TRY 2y Gov. Bond	15/05/2019	11.10	99.85	11.18	1187	1.9	Following most recent losses on the back of global risk-
TRY 5y Gov. Bond	02/03/2022	11.00	100.80	10.77	1113	3.9	off trade, it could be worth considering adding
TRY 10y Gov. Bond	24/02/2027	11.00	102.50	10.58	1022	6.4	exposure on a short-term opportunistic basis. With
							inflation peak coming closer TCMB will likely start
							easing monetary conditions. Longer-term outlook still
							clouded, however, mainly due to underpriced Fed
Data as of 19 May 2017, 0							tightening.

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Bond auctions

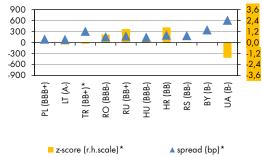
		ISIN	Coupon	Maturity	Volume
22 May				,	
RO	2y T-bond	RO1619DBN035	1.35%	25.02.2019	RON 500 mn
25 May					
HU	T-bonds	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
RO	10y T-bond	RO1121DBN032	5.95%	11.06.2021	RON 500 mn

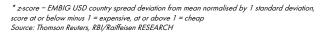
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Eurobond market overview

CEE USD EMBIG spread valuation*





CEE EMBIG USD vs. UST YTM*



* YTM – yield to maturity EMBI Global USD, UST – 10 year US Treasury note Source: Thomson Reuters, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH

	Market F					YTM mid.	Spread	Mdur.	ISIN
Issuer/rate/due	Bid	Ask	w/w %	5y max	5y min	% p. a.	Bmk, bp	years	-
EUR									
BGARIA 4 1/4 07/09/17	100.6	100.8	0.02	111.8	100.3	-0.95	-35	0.1	XS0802005289
CROATI 5 7/8 07/09/18	106.2	106.4	-0.24	112.1	97.2	0.29	88	1.1	XS0645940288
REPHUN 3 7/8 02/24/20	110.3	110.5	0.02	113.1	74.9	0.11	76	2.7	XS021299367
REPHUN 4 3/8 07/04/17	100.6	100.9	0.00	108.0	83.8	-1.97	-138	0.1	XS0284810719
REPHUN 5 3/4 06/11/18	106.5	106.8	0.05	115.1	86.3	-0.54	4	1.0	XS036947039
REPHUN 6 01/11/19	109.0	111.0	0.00	118.4	8 <i>7</i> .5	-0.10	58	1.6	XS062538813
LITHUN 4.85 02/07/18	103.8	103.8	-0.08	114.3	100.4	-0.46	12	0.7	XS032730400
POLAND 5 5/8 06/20/18	106.5	106.9	0.11	122.6	102.1	-0.56	2	1.0	XS037150061
POLAND 1 5/8 01/15/19	102.6	103.3	-0.06	105.5	98.0	-0.15	52	1.6	XS087484106
POLAND 3 3/4 01/19/23	118.0	118.6	0.05	125.5	99.9	0.46	72	5.2	XS079439967
POLAND 3 3/8 07/09/24	116.8	11 <i>7</i> .1	0.00	125.6	99.6	0.91	97	6.3	XS084107379
ROMANI 4 <i>7</i> /8 11/07/19	111.8	112.0	0.02	11 <i>7</i> .8	99.3	0.04	72	2.3	XS085247433
TURKEY 5 7/8 04/02/19	109.0	109.2	-0.29	118.9	107.1	0.94	163	1.8	XS028512732
TURKEY 5 1/8 05/18/20	109.5	109.7	-0.28	115.9	101.9	1. <i>7</i> 9	243	2.8	XS050345416
USD									
BELRUS 8.95 01/26/18	102.7	103.5	-0.38	111.2	78.0	4.20	316	0.6	XS058361623
CROATI 6 3/8 03/24/21	110.0	110.4	-0.27	11 <i>7</i> .8	91.8	3.51	193	3.4	XS060790426
CROATI 5 1/2 04/04/23	107.5	107.9	-0.57	111. <i>7</i>	94.4	4.01	212	5.0	XS090876988
REPHUN 5 3/8 02/21/23	110.9	111.2	0.08	115.4	93.1	3.25	136	4.9	US445545AH9
REPHUN 7 5/8 03/29/41	147.6	148.3	0.2	157.5	88.3	4.37	167	13.1	US445545AF3
LITHUN 7 3/8 02/11/20	113.6	113.9	-0.03	130.7	112.8	2.13	74	2.5	XS048599141
LITHUN 6 5/8 02/01/22	11 <i>7</i> .4	11 <i>7</i> .8	-0.12	128.6	107.7	2.61	88	4.0	XS073998808
LATVIA 2 3/4 01/12/20	101.2	101.6	-0.02	104.5	91.4	2.18	80	2.5	XS086352214
LATVIA 5 1/4 06/16/21	110.9	111.4	-0.04	11 <i>7</i> .2	96.0	2.37	74	3.6	XS063832626
POLAND 6 3/8 07/15/19	109.6	109.8	-0.03	125.9	109. <i>7</i>	1. <i>75</i>	43	2.0	US731011AR3
POLAND 3 03/17/23	100.1	100.4	0.1	105.1	87.6	2.95	105	5.3	US731011AT9
ROMANI 6 3/4 02/07/22	116.0	116.2	-0.04	124.4	100.2	3.05	130	4.0	US77586TAA4
ROMANI 4 3/8 08/22/23	105.8	106.1	-0.13	111.1	90.8	3.32	136	5.4	US77586TAC0
RUSSIA 4 1/2 04/04/22	106.6	107.0	-0.29	114.7	82.0	2.99	123	4.4	XS076747245
RUSSIA 7 1/2 03/31/30	120.5	120.8	0.04	128.6	99.6	2.27	-6	3.8	XS011428878
RUSSIA 5 5/8 04/04/42	111.6	112.3	0.44	124.9	76.0	4.80	207	13.9	XS076747385
SERBIA 5 1/4 11/21/17	101.5	101.8	-0.07	107.1	96.8	1.90	89	0.5	XS085695126
SERBIA 4 7/8 02/25/20	103.8	104.2	-0.32	105.4	89.6	3.36	195	2.5	XS089310385
TURKEY 6 1/4 09/26/22	10 <i>7.7</i>	108.3	-0.19	127.0	102.5	4.54	271	4.5	US900123BZ2
TURKEY 6 7/8 03/17/36	110.8	111.3	-0.55	139.6	99.2	5.89	336	10.8	US900123AY6
TURKEY 6 3/4 05/30/40	109.6	110.3	-0.53	139.4	97.3	5.95	328	11.8	US900123BG4
UKRAIN 7 3/4 09/01/19	102.6	103.0	-0.85	103.7	88.0	6.39	507	2.0	XS130391826
UKRAIN 7 3/4 09/01/23	98.6	99.1	-0.82	99.9	84.6	7.99	604	4.8	XS130392148
UKRAIN 7 3/4 09/01/27	95.5	96.0	-0.86	98.4	81.2	8.37	613	6.8	XS1303927179

YTM mid - yield to maturity based on mid market price, bmk - benchmark, Mdur - modified duration, ISIN - international security identification number; prices as of 19 May 2017, 9:35 AM CET Source: Bloomberg, RBJ/Raiffeisen RESEARCH



Summary: Ratings & macro data

Country ratings: CE, SEE, EE

	LCY	S&P FCY	Outlook	LCY	Moody's FCY	Outlook	LCY	Fitch FCY	Outlook
CE									
Poland	Α-	BBB+	stable	A2	A2	stable	Α	A-	stable
Hungary	BBB-	BBB-	stable	Baa3	Baa3	stable	BBB-	BBB-	stable
Czech Republic	AA	AA-	stable	A1	A1	stable	AA-	A+	stable
Slovakia *	A+	A+	stable	A2	A2	positive	A+	A+	stable
Slovenia *	Α	Α	positive	Baa3	Baa3	positive	A-	A-	stable
SEE									
Romania	BBB-	BBB-	stable	Baa3	Baa3	stable	ВВВ	BBB-	stable
Bulgaria	ВВ+	BB+	stable	Baa2	Baa2	stable	ВВВ	BBB-	stable
Croatia	ВВ	ВВ	stable	Ba2	Ba2	stable	BB+	ВВ	stable
Serbia	BB-	BB-	positive	Ba3	Ba3	stable	BB-	BB-	stable
EE									
Russia	BBB-	BB+	positive	Ba1	Bal	stable	BBB-	BBB-	stable
Ukraine	B-	B-	stable	Caa3	Caa3	stable	B-	B-	stable
Belarus	B-	B-	stable	Caa1	Caa1	stable	B-	B-	stable
Kazakhstan	BBB-	BBB-	negative	Baa3	Baa3	negative	BBB	BBB	stable
Turkey	BB+	ВВ	negative	Ba1	Ba1	negative	BBB-	BB+	stable

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Main macro data & forecasts*

Country	Year*	GDP, % avg. yoy	CPI, % avg. yoy	Unem- ployment, %	Nominal wages, EUR	Fiscal balance, % GDP	Public debt, % GDP	Export **, % GDP	C/A, % GDP	GDP	FXR***% ext. debt	Import cover, months
Croatia	2016	2.9	-1.1	13.1	1029	-1.5	84.2	23.1	2.6	91.5	32.4	9.1
	201 <i>7</i> e	3.3	1.9	12.2	1056	-1.9	82.6	23.7	2.5	85.0	33.5	8.9
	2018f	2.8	1.6	11.2	1074	-2.0	80.6	23.5	2.2	83.3	33.4	8.9
Czech Republic	2016	2.3	0.7	5.5	1020	0.0	37.9	70.3	1.1	73.2	63.8	8.4
	2017e	2.7	2.4	5.3	1088	-0.2	36.8	69.1	1.1	76.2	85.7	12.0
	2018f	2.5	1.5	5.3	11 <i>7</i> 6	0.0	35.8	69.6	1.2	74.0	80.9	10.9
Hungary	2016	2.0	0.3	5.3	847	-2.0	73.9	82.8	3.5	98.3	22.2	3.5
	201 <i>7</i> e	3.2	3.3	4.0	939	-2.5	73.2	81.4	3.2	89.1	22.2	3.2
	2018 f	3.4	3.0	3.6	1010	-3.0	72.4	81.2	3.0	83.5	20.3	2.8
Poland	2016	2.8	-0.6	9.0	928	-2.6	52.8	41.5	-0.5	74.4	34.3	7.4
	201 <i>7</i> e	3.3	1.9	8.3	981	-3.0	53.2	40.7	-0.8	74.8	32.6	7.2
	2018f	3.0	2.2	8.2	1040	-3.2	53.7	39.2	-1.0	74.2	31.1	6.9
Romania	2016	4.8	-1.5	6.0	642	-2.6	37.6	30.8	-2.4	54.7	41.0	7.4
	201 <i>7</i> e	4.2	0.9	5.4	713	-3.6	38.7	31.1	-3.6	53.0	40.0	6.8
	2018f	3.5	2.9	5.1	760	-3.8	40.1	32.1	-3.8	52.8	38.3	6.2
Russia	2016	-0.2	<i>7</i> .1	5.5	495	-3.7	13.5	22.2	1.7	39.1	79.1	25.2
	2017e	1.0	4.7	5.3	628	-2.6	14.0	23.0	4.9	30.5	88.5	23.0
	2018 f	1.5	4.5	5.3	641	-2.4	14.5	22.8	5.5	26.0	101.4	22.0
Ukraine	2016	2.2	13.9	9.0	n.a.	-3.0	76.5	36.9	-3.7	131.8	13.6	4.8
	201 <i>7</i> e	2.0	10.7	9.0	n.a.	-4.0	78.4	35.7	-4.6	124.4	14.9	5.2
	2018 f	3.0	7.5	8.5	n.a.	-3.0	73.0	34.6	-3.8	118.2	15.2	5.2
Turkey	2016	2.1	7.8	10.0	n.a.	-1.4	32.0	1 <i>7.7</i>	-3.8	48.3	27.1	7.0
	2017e	2.0	10.0	10.3	n.a.	-1.5	33.0	18.8	-5.8	56.3	26.4	7.2
	2018f	3.0	8.0	10.0	n.a.	-1.8	32.0	19. <i>7</i>	-5.0	59.2	22.9	6.3

^{*} only for countries included in CEE Weekly, ** Export of goods only, *** FXR - Foreign exchange reserves Source: Thomson Reuters, National Statistics, RBI/Raiffeisen RESEARCH



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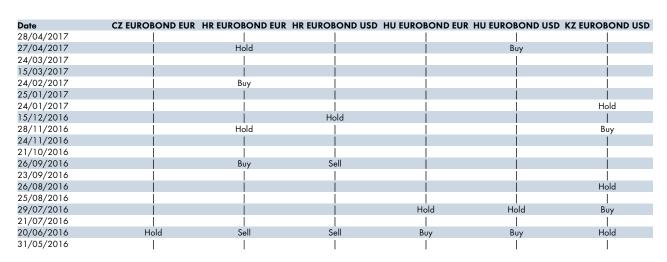
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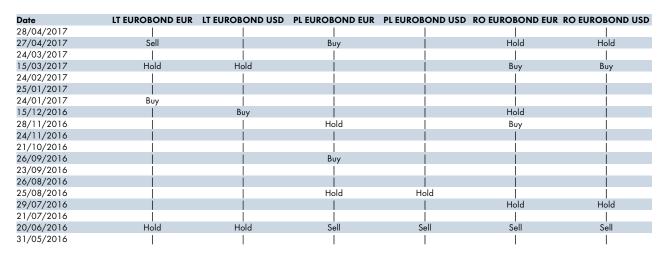
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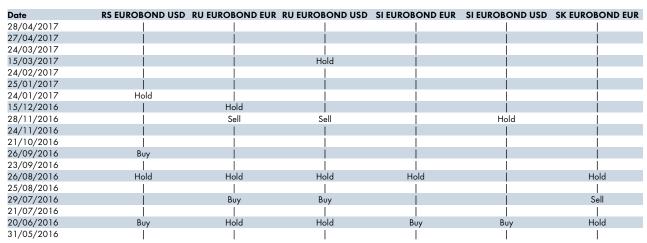
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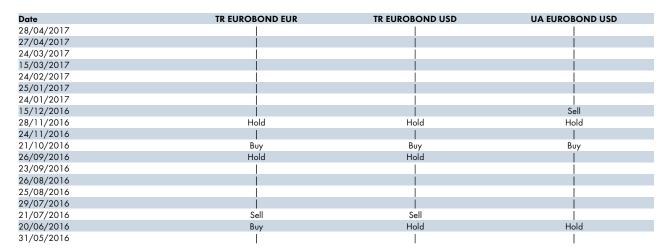
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