

KASE WEEKLY

April 26–30, 2021

KASE NEWS

- ▲ First Heartland Securities JSC was [granted](#) KASE membership in the derivatives category.
- ▲ Trades in bonds [KZ2P00007362](#) (THLZb4) of TechnoLeasing LLP and [KZ2C00006369](#) (LZGRb1) of Leasing Group JSC were opened on KASE.
- ▲ Common shares [KZ1C00001494](#) (KZAL) of KAZAKHALTYN Mining-Metallurgical Concern JSC were excluded from KASE official list at the initiative of their issuer and [KZ1C00001304](#) (IRPM) of Irtysh-Polymetal JSC – at the initiative of their issuer.
- ▲ BCC Invest JSC [relinquished](#) its market-maker status on KASE for bonds KZ2D00005949 (NCOMb1) of Fincraft Group LLP.
- ▲ BCC Invest JSC was [assigned](#) the market-maker status on KASE for bonds KZ2C00004133 (JSBNb1) of "Otbasy bank" house construction savings bank JSC.
- ▲ Common shares KZ1C00000546 (IDAI) of Investment House "Astana-Invest" JSC were [admitted](#) to circulation on KASE in the sector "Unlisted securities".

ISSUER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▲ The Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan raised KZT10.6 bn on KASE by placing MEUKAM-084 of issue 18 ([KZKD00001137](#), MUM084_0018) and MEUKAM-084 of issue 17 ([KZKD00000881](#), MUM084_0017).
- ▲ "Otbasy bank" house construction savings bank JSC [raised](#) KZT30.2 mln on KASE by placing bonds KZ2C00004133 (JSBNb1) at 10.80 % per annum.
- ▲ **ANNOUNCEMENT:** On May 17, a conference of Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan JSC will be held to announce financial results for the first quarter of 2021.
- ▲ Halyk Finance JSC [announces](#) a teleconference for potential Kazakh investors within the framework of a possible issue of Eurobonds of Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC.
- ▲ Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC announces the results of offering two new issues of Eurobonds.
- ▲ Kaspi.kz JSC [reported](#) financial results for the first quarter of 2021 in English.
- ▲ KAZ Minerals PLC [provided](#) information in English on the acceptance by shareholders of an offer to buy back 266,730,147 ordinary shares of GB00B0HZPV38 (GB_KZMS).
- ▲ KAZ Minerals PLC [provided](#) information in English on the planned delisting of common shares GB00B0HZPV38 (GB_KZMS) on the LSE and KASE on May 11, 2021 and the general meeting of shareholders on May 12, 2021.
- ▲ KAZ Minerals PLC has [provided](#) its production report for the first quarter of 2021 in English.
- ▲ NOSTRUM OIL & GAS PLC announces its 2020 operating [results](#) and operating [results](#) for the first quarter of 2021.
- ▲ Kcell JSC [reported](#) financial results for January-March 2021.



30.04.2021	Trends (%)		
KASE Index	3 242,81	0,2	4,2
First class of liquidity	Price	Δ 7d	Δ 1m
Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan	153,0	4,2	1,3
Bank of America Corporation	17 409,9	4,1	7,0
KAZ Minerals	4 500,0	4,0	-8,3
Sberbank Russia	1 720,6	3,9	4,1
VTB Bank	0,3	3,6	31,8
Freedom Holding Corp.	21 592,1	3,5	-1,6
Gazprom	1 340,6	1,7	3,9
KEGOC	1 739,1	1,1	4,5
KazTransOil	1 130,0	0,9	1,8
Kcell	2 541,0	0,2	6,5
Kazakhtelecom, preferred shares	15 461,0	-0,9	18,9
Bank CenterCredit	232,2	-1,0	-2,0
Aeroflot	425,0	-1,1	-1,2
Kazakhtelecom	30 000,0	-2,6	11,5
NAC Kazatomprom	12 098,0	-3,2	14,7

KASE index grew by 0.2% – to 3,242.81 points. The largest number of deals among index shares was made with ordinary shares of Halyk Bank – 2,235 deals (45.1% of the total share). The largest trading volume fell on securities of KazTransOil – KZT323.1 mln (35.9% of the total share).

KAZ Minerals shares gained 4% ahead of the delisting. KAZ Minerals Group announced production results for the first quarter of 2021: the copper production decreased by 3.3% YoY – to 72.4 thousand tons; the gold production decreased by 28% to 39.9 thousand ounces; the silver production – by 3.8% to 763 thousand ounces. 67.8 thousand tons of copper were sold, which is lower than the volume produced by the company. The report notes that the decline in sales was caused by delays in deliveries at the Chinese-Kazakh border in connection with COVID-19.

Copper prices, meanwhile, on the London Metal Exchange (LME) reached 10-year highs – \$9.75 thousand per ton. Copper's current momentum has been fueled by the global economic recovery, Biden's infrastructure plan, which focuses in particular on electric vehicles and green energy, and the economic boom in China.

Meanwhile, shareholders of Kazakhstan Electricity Grid Operating Company (KEGOC) at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of shareholders decided to distribute KZT19.5 bn on payment of dividends for the second half of 2020 at KZT75.01 per share. Thus, dividends for the second half of 2020 increased 1.5 times YoY. For the first half of 2020, KZT20 bn were distributed as dividends. Shareholders decided to allocate KZT39.5 bn, or 74% of KEGOC's net income for 2020, on payment of dividends. The remaining amount of KZT13.9 bn, will be retained by KEGOC for development. Dividends will be paid start from May 12, 2021, the list of shareholders who will receive dividends will be published on May 11. KEGOC shares gained 1.1%.

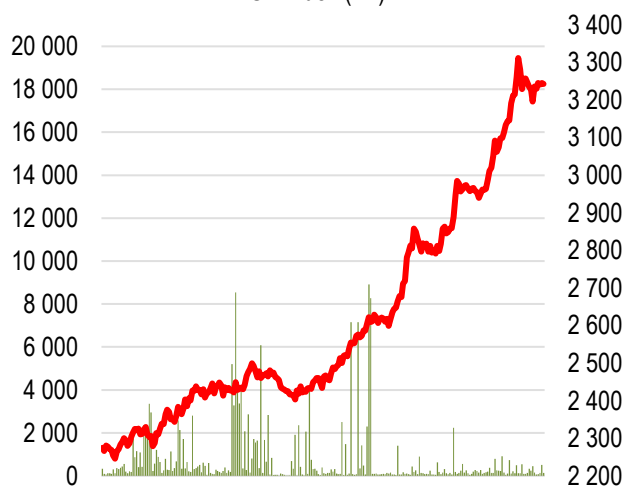
The market value of Kcell increased by 0.2%. Shares of the mobile operator rose against the background of the release of financial statements for the first quarter of 2021, according to which the company's net income under IFRS increased by 33.8%, to KZT7.5 bn. Kcell's Chief Executive Officer Yuri Kharlamov, quoted in the announcement, noted that EBITDA, excluding one-off items, showed a remarkable 21.3% growth due to significant revenue growth and "ongoing efforts to optimize costs". In addition, he stressed that ARPU (average revenue per user) increased by 4.5%, which was facilitated by the "improved quality of the subscriber base". In addition, in the first three months of 2021, Kcell practically completed the first stage of the implementation of the network integration project with the Kazakhtelecom JSC group.

The main outsider of the trading week were shares of Kazatomprom, which lost 3.2%. Meanwhile, NYMEX uranium futures traded below \$30 a pound in April after Cameco announced plans to resume production at the Cigar Lake uranium mine after operations were suspended in December last year due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the region.

Note: Index stocks are highlighted in green

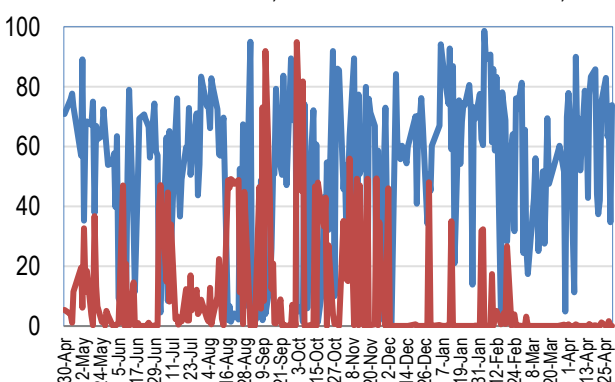
KASE Index shares

Trading volume, KZT M (←)
KASE Index (→)



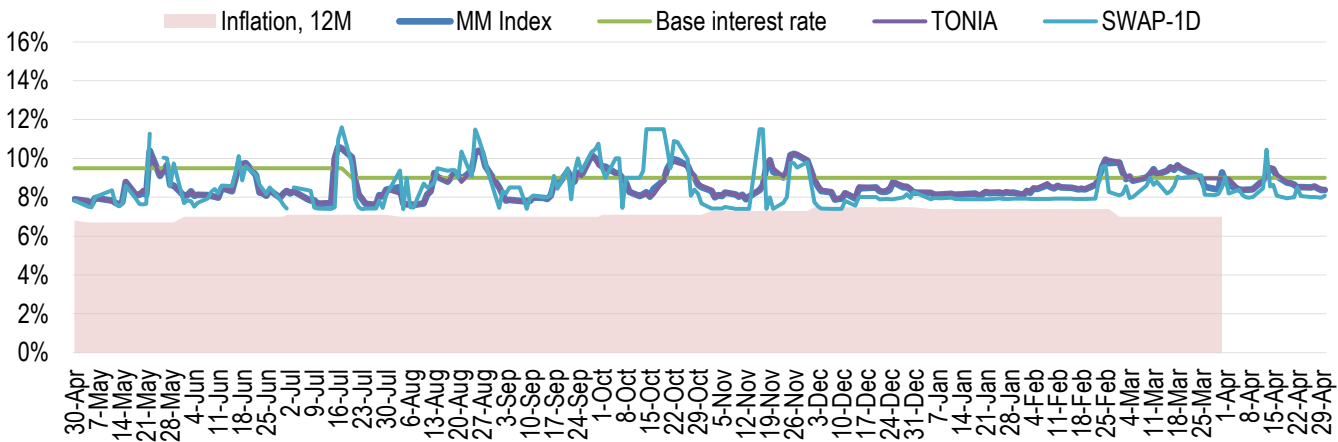
Retail investors & non-residents, %

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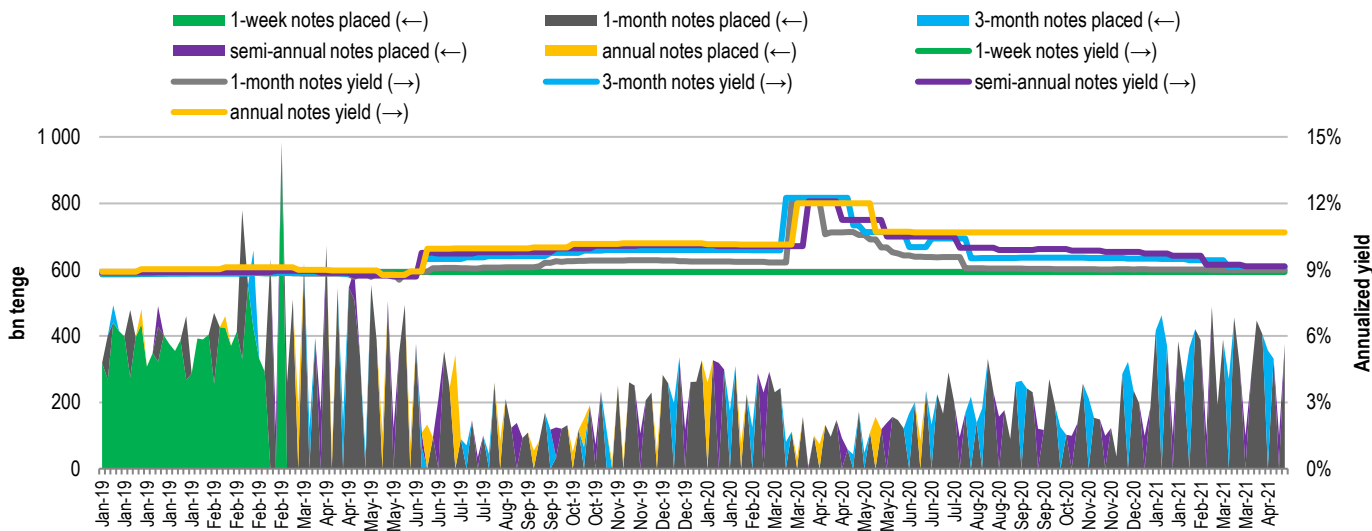


The yield on one-day repo transactions with government securities decreased by 16 b.p. – to the level of 8.38 % per annum. The rate of borrowing the tenge secured by US dollars increased by 2 b.p. and amounted to 8.08 % per annum. The average borrowing volume of tenge liquidity for one day amounted to KZT286.7 bn(+ 4.7 % on the same indicator of the previous week) over the reporting period.

Inflation and interest rates

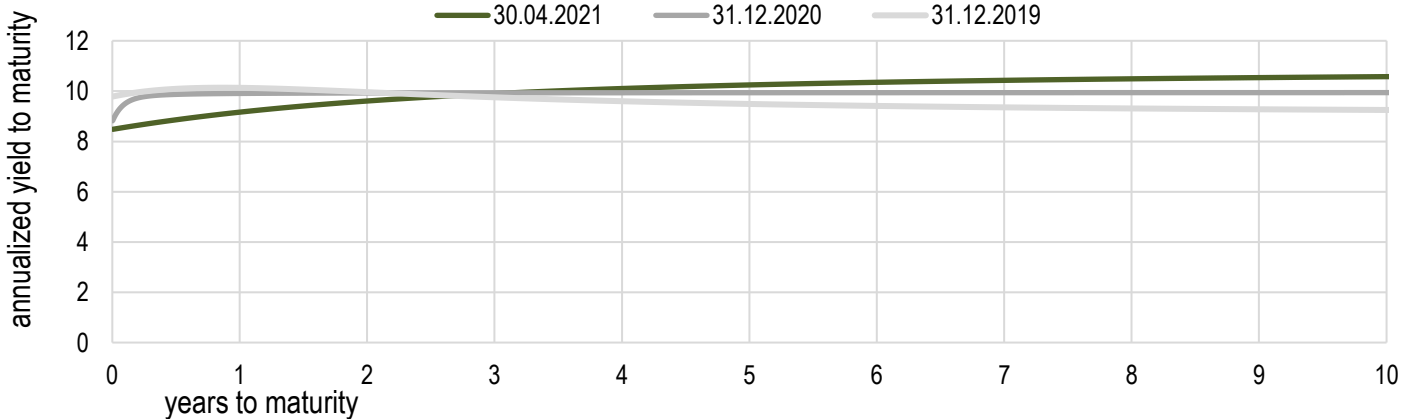


Main Features of National Bank Notes Placements



* weighted average yield on all currency swap transactions with the US dollar.

Risk-free yield curve (non-indexed GS)





The exchange rate of the US dollar against the tenge decreased by KZT1.98 (0.5%) – to KZT428.75. The total trading volume amounted to \$530 million (+ 9.5% on the same indicator of the previous week). The total number of deals for purchase and sale of the US dollar amounted to 1,331 (+97 on the same indicator of the previous week). The maximum price was KZT430.25 per US dollar, the minimum – KZT427.40.

The tenge strengthened against the US dollar for almost the entire week, however, it slightly corrected in Friday trading. The tenge was appreciating amid rising oil prices, which, in turn, rose on signals of demand recovery.

Oil quotes switched to growth after the OPEC+ technical committee raised its outlook for demand. Experts from the OPEC+ technical committee on Monday raised their outlook for oil demand growth in 2021 to 6 million barrels per day (bpd) from 5.6 million bpd expected in March. At the same time, the technical committee warned that the difficult epidemiological situation in India, Japan and Brazil could limit the increase in oil demand.

In addition, the oil market was supported by optimism about global demand. Thus, the indicator of demand for petroleum products in the United States rose to a maximum in more than two months, according to Bloomberg. Investors also expect that fuel consumption in China may increase, taking into account the upcoming long weekend, during which traditionally Chinese residents are actively traveling.

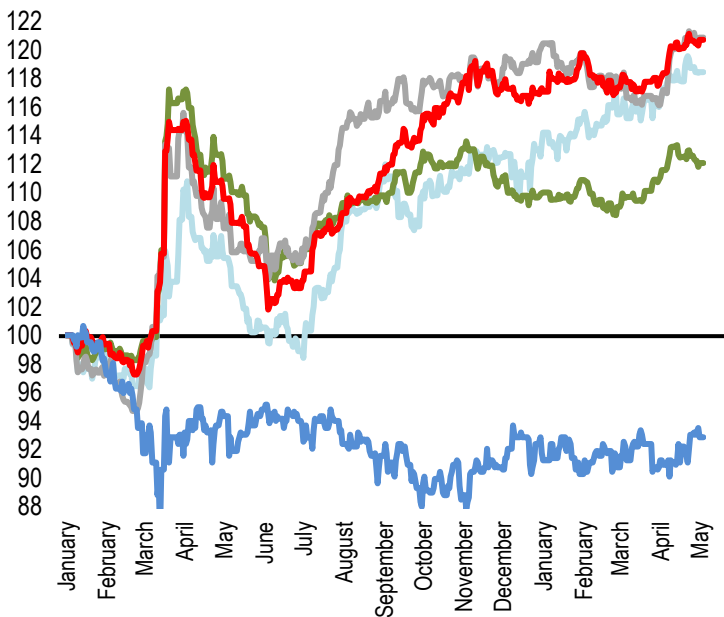
Meanwhile, Goldman Sachs expects “the sharpest jump in oil demand ever” in the next six months – by 5.2 million barrels per day (b/d). Goldman predicts a 13.5% rise in commodity prices over the next six months amid the lifting of coronavirus restrictions, faster vaccinations, low interest rates and a weakening dollar. At the same time, analysts note that the easing of restrictions on international travel in May will lead to a recovery in demand for aviation fuel by 1.5 million b/d.

The price of July Brent oil futures on the London ICE Futures exchange on Friday closed at \$66.66 per barrel (+ 0.8%). The exchange rate of the US dollar against the Russian ruble on the Moscow Exchange made up 75.2073 rubles (+ 0.3%).

The value of the Russian ruble increased by KZT0.0227 (0.4%) – to KZT5.7400. The Chinese yuan fell in price by KZT0.0717 (0.1%) – to KZT66.3329. The euro has risen in price by KZT3.53 (0.7%) – up to KZT518.76.

FX rates

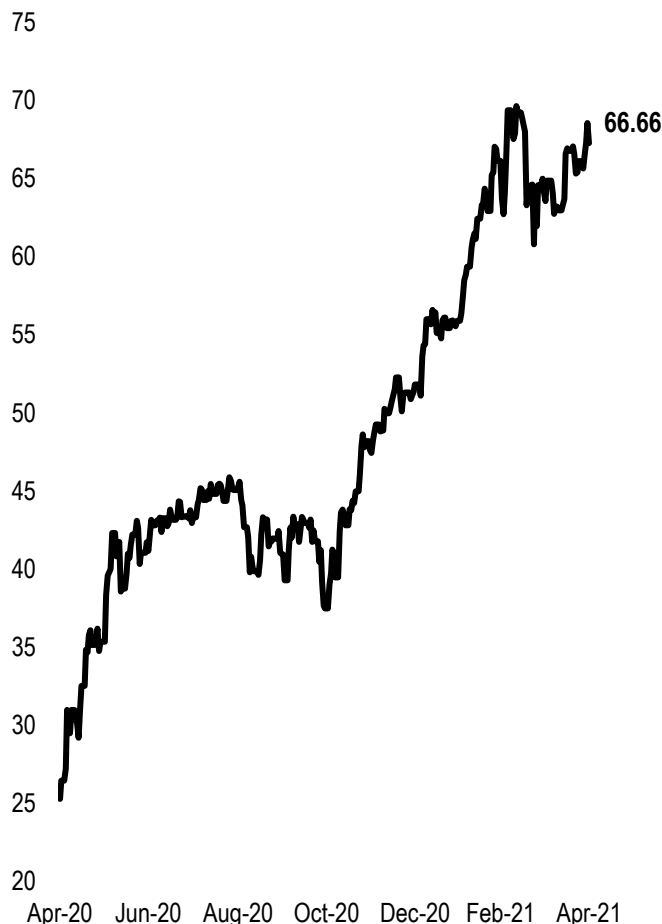
Δ %, base (01.01.20)



	Price	Δ 7d, %	Δ 30d, %	Δ 2020, %
— GBPKZT	596.03	-0.8	2.1	4.4
— USDKZT	427.75	-1.0	0.8	1.7
— EURKZT	518.30	-0.4	4.0	0.4
— CNYKZT	66.13	-0.7	2.3	2.5
— RUBKZT	5.76	1.6	3.0	1.9

Brent oil

USD/barrel



Note: The chart and the table are based on the official market rates of the NBK. NBK rates may differ from KASE rates.



Global indices

Commodities market

30.04.2021

Name	Value	Trend %			Futures	Name	Price	Trend %		
		7d	1m	1y	7d			7d	1m	1y
S&P 500	4 181,17	0,0	5,2	43,6	0,1	Oil (Brent)	67,25	1,7	5,8	166,1
Dow Jones	33 874,85	-0,5	2,7	39,1	-0,5	Oil (WTI)	63,58	2,3	7,5	237,5
RTS	1 485,03	-1,8	0,5	32,0	-1,6	Natural gas	2,93	7,4	12,4	50,4
MICEX	2 285,53	0,0	0,0	0,0	-1,6	Copper	447,90	3,3	12,1	90,3
Hang Seng	28 724,88	-1,2	1,2	16,6	-1,8	Iron	1 235,00	1,0	5,2	78,7
SS CSI 300	5 123,49	-0,2	1,5	30,9	0,0	Gold	1 769,13	-0,5	3,6	4,9
Euro Stoxx 50	3 974,74	-1,0	1,4	35,8	-0,7	Silver	25,85	-0,9	5,4	73,5
FTSEuroFirst	4 369,00	0,0	1,6	27,1	-0,1	Wheat	742,50	4,5	20,1	40,2
FTSE 100	6 969,81	0,5	3,8	18,1	0,5					
KASE	3 242,81	0,2	4,2	42,5						

Economic calendar

Currency

Forecast

Previous

05/04	Manufacturing PMI (Apr)	RUB		51.1
05/05	Crude oil reserves	USD	-2.191M	0.090M
05/06	PMI in service sector (Apr)	GBP	60.1	60.1
05/06	Decision on interest rate (May)	GBP	0.10%	0.10%
05/06	Number of initial claims for unemployment benefits	USD	540K	553K
05/07	Unemployment level (Apr)	USD	5.8%	6.0%

Note: the calendar contains the most significant economic events of the current week according to KASE analysts opinion

B – billions
M – millions
K – thousands

Kazakhstan statistics

Value

As of

Beginning 2020

Annual inflation	7.0%	04/01/21	5.6%
Gross international reserves of NBK, USD bn	34,674	02/01/21	35,638
Reserve money, KZT bn	9,173.8	01/01/21	8,652.5
Money supply, KZT bn	25,392	01/01/21	20,875.8

Кредитные рейтинги Казахстана

Rating

Date

Previous

	BBB-/A-3- stable	03/06/21	BBB- stable
	Baa3 positive	02/17/21	Baa3 positive
	BBB stable	02/20/21	BBB stable

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Corporate Events Calendar of KASE listed Companies

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