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EQUITY MARKET WEEKLY





MICEX 10 INDEX

COMMODITIES-RELATED GROWTH

The Russian stock market indices have failed over the last month to restore the positions they held by late January. After a global sell-off, shares of the most-liquid entities have lost 15% in just a week. Major investors have reduced their positions in companies located in the BRIC countries. Oil & gas shares have underperformed the market. The sectoral index, MICEX O&G, has lost more than 20%, while the MICEX fell only 18%. From our guidance, oil & gas shares should outperform the market in the near future, underpinned by a few factors.

Geopolitical issues are currently responsible for a considerable premium on raw material prices. After Hugo Chavez's statement on a probable cut in crude oil deliveries to the US, prices for "black gold" rose more than 10% to US\$100 per barrel. All in all, a seller's market is gradually taking shape on the oil market as exporting countries start to dictate their conditions, based on the state of affairs. Gas production is declining, with the producing countries being aware of the fall. A similar situation can be observed not only in South America. The recent conflict between Eni and the Kazakh authorities led to a revision of oil production terms in Kazakhstan in favour of the government. A cut in gas supplies to Iran and Ukraine on the part of Turkmenistan also resulted in some growth in hydrocarbon prices. But those were merely "first shots across the bows". The head of Eni has expressed willingness to review contracts with other countries for the exploitation of raw materials. In the mid-term, a rise in commodities prices should continue, supported by geopolitical conflicts.

Note that refineries will soon begin switching to summertime operating mode, while a decline in oil processing may lead to a shortterm rise in commodities prices. A positive performance on the commodity markets could last until early March, when OPEC will hold its regular meeting. Traders' expectations of a cut in oil production quotas by OPEC could trigger a new surge in oil prices.

Until late February, oil & gas shares are likely to outperform the market on expectations of lifting crude oil prices, staying locally oversold. Lukoil, Surgutneftegaz and Transneft appear to be the most attractive stocks.



STOCK PERFORMANCE BY INDUSTRY - ONE WEEK (12.02-19.02)

-6,00%

-4,00%

-2,00%

0,00%

-3,24%

5,76%

14,76%

Date

Date

RUSSIA'S EVENTS

Event

21 RF gold and foreign exchange reserves

Issuer

22 RF Monetary base

RUSSIAN ISSSUERS

Event

18 Cherkizovo Group

Publication of 2007 preliminary operating results

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HOLD	Stock upside potential to the target price from 0% to 15%
SELL	Negative stock upside potential