13 March, Wednesday





Before the opening of trading on Tuesday 12 March some moderately positive external background formed on the Russian market. On Monday the US indices DJIA and S&P500 rose by 0.8% and 1.5%, respectively. Shares of high-tech companies became the driving force behind the rise of the S&P500 broad market index, while the DJIA's increase was restrained by the fall of Boeing's shares on information that a number of countries had stopped operating the Boeing-737 MAX 8 after the accident in Ethiopia. On Tuesday the composite index of the Asia-Pacific region MSCI Asia Pacific added 1.1% after the growth of the American market. May Brent futures traded around \$66.7 per barrel, \$0.1 above our 11 March close. The oil quotes were supported by statements by Saudi Arabia about its readiness to continue limiting oil production and exports in April and media information about a decrease in supplies from Venezuela due to power supply problems. In particular, according to Bloomberg, in some parts of the country, production is completely suspended, and oil wells are closed.

On Tuesday, moderately optimistic moods prevailed on the Russian market, the MOEX Russia Index was trading at a slight plus, on average, within half a percent. Positive background of oil growth – the Brent quotes rose to \$67.4 per barrel – was levelled by inexpressive trends of European exchanges, where investors took a wait-and-see position before the Brexit vote. If the British Parliament does not support the proposal of the Prime Minister on the draft act of the country's withdrawal from the European Union, then, experts say, events can develop according to two scenarios. The UK can leave the EU without an agreement with Brussels, or London can postpone the date of secession from the union. Voting on the issues of "tough" Brexit and postponement is scheduled for the coming days. Currently, the UK exit from the European Union is scheduled for 29 March. In the afternoon, markets were supported by statistics from the US, where, contrary to forecasts, inflation in February in annual terms slowed down to its lowest level since September 2016. After the release of these data, the probability of lowering the interest rate of the Fed this year, according to the Chicago Exchange, exceeded 23%.

During the trading session the electric utilities sector index outperformed. The main contribution to the final MOEXEU outperformance compared to the MOEX Russia Index was made by shares of FGC UES and RusHydro.

ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY NEWS

Ministry of Energy plans to create a council for digital transformation of the fuel and energy complex

With participation of companies of the fuel and energy complex, the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation plans to establish industry centres of competence for digital transformation and a council for digital transformation of the fuel and energy complex of Russia within the framework of the "Digital Energy" project, the ministry said.

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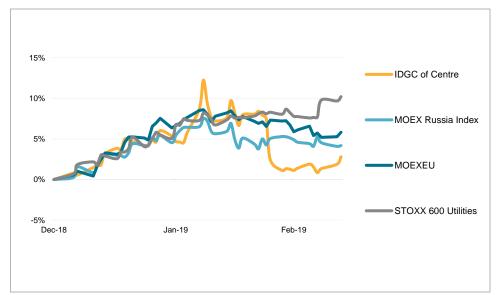
COMPANY NEWS

IDGC of Centre and IDGC of Centre and Volga Region combat advertising devices for theft of electricity

Specialists of security units of IDGC of Centre and IDGC of Centre and Volga Region continue their systematic work on suppressing the activities of advertising and selling electricity meters to residents of the regions with built-in special devices that can underestimate the amount of electricity consumed, and other goods that can be used to distort meter readings.

Read full text: https://www.mrsk-1.ru/press-center/news/company/67599/

DYNAMICS OF KEY INDEXES AND SHARES OF THE COMPANY



World	Value	Volue Change		inge
indexes		per day	fr 31.12.18	
MOEX Russia	2 468,25	0,09%	4,18%	
S&P 500	2 791,52	0,30%	11,36%	
FTSE 100	7 151,15	0,29%	6,29%	
DAX	11 524,17	-0,17%	9,14%	
DJStoxx 600	373,25	-0,06%	10,54%	
Nikkei	21 503,69	1,79%	7,44%	
Sensex	37 535,66	1,30%	4,07%	
CSI300	3 755,35	0,68%	24,74%	
Bovespa	97 828,03	-0,20%	11,31%	

Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

	Value	Change	
Currency rates	Value	per day	fr 31.12.18
USD/RUB	66,08	0,17%	-4,89%
EURO/RUB	74,29	-0,38%	-6,51%
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Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

Raw	Value	Change	
		per day	fr 31.12.18
Gold, USD/oz	1 301,58	0,64%	1,49%
Brent*, USD/bbl	66,67	0,14%	23,92%

* - May futures

Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

Shares	Price**, ₽	MCap**, ₽ bln	MCap**, \$ mln
IDGC of Centre	0,2940	12,41	187,84
IDGC of Centre & Volga Reg	0,2645	29,81	451,12

Source: Central Bank of Russia, Company calculations

	Change	
Comparison with indexes	per day	fr 31.12.18
STOXX 600 Utilities	0,48%	10,20%
MOEXEU Index	0,52%	5,81%
IDGC of Centre**	0,89%	2,80%
IDGC of Centre and Volga Region**	0,19%	-0,19%

Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

	Change**	
Grid companies	per day	fr 31.12.18
Rosseti, ordinary shares	0,36%	25,53%
FGC UES	1,60%	13,21%
IDGC of Volga	0,15%	1,89%
MOESK	0,59%	2,95%
IDGC of Northern Caucasus	1,54%	13,00%
IDGC of North-West	-0,20%	-8,29%
IDGC of Urals	-0,21%	2,28%
IDGC of Siberia	5,92%	217,85%
IDGC of South	-1,86%	26,08%
Lenenergo, ordinary shares	0,35%	8,51%
TRK, ordinary shares	1,85%	7,14%
Kubanenergo	2,40%	22,54%

Source: MOEX, Company calculations

** - at the price of last transaction at MOEX

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