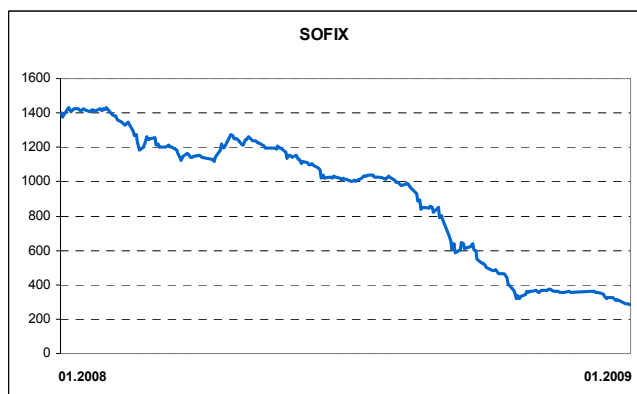


Stock Market Statistics



Index	Value 30.01.2009	Monthly change	12 m change
SOFIX	286.79	-20.04%	-79.56%
BG 40	91.09	-15.51%	-77.82%
BG TR 30	202.19	-25.89%	-77.57%
BG REIT	40.54	-16.46%	-59.29%

SOFIX

Company	Price 23.12.2008	Price 30.01.2008	%Change
ALB (6AB)	27.61	19.98	-27.63%
ELARG (4EC)	0.89	0.60	-32.58%
ENM (E4A)	6.98	7.06	1.15%
EURINS (5IC)	2.93	1.73	-40.96%
IHLBL (4ID)	1.60	1.18	-26.25%
KAO (6K1)	3.37	2.25	-33.23%
MCH (5MH)	4.32	3.82	-11.57%
MONBAT(5MB)	4.73	4.40	-6.98%
NEOH (3NB)	41.69	29.33	-29.65%
OTZK (5OTZ)	6.85	6.27	-8.47%
ORGH (5ORG)	84.35	67.74	-19.69%
SFARM (3JR)	2.24	2.10	-6.25%
ELTOS (SL9)	1.83	1.32	-27.87%
BACB (5BN)	12.48	8.50	-31.89%
CORP (6C9)	65.02	71.40	9.81%
FIB (5F4)	2.52	1.09	-56.75%
CCB (4CF)	1.13	0.85	-24.78%
TOPL (3TV)	6.00	4.19	-30.17%
CHIM (6C4)	2.07	1.37	-33.82%
HDPAT (6H2)	3.15	1.96	-37.78%

Summary

- ↪ The raft of weaker than expected unconsolidated financial statements for Q4 2008 renewed the sell-offs on the Bulgarian Stock Exchange – Sofia (BSE). The main index SOFIX fell below the 300 points benchmark and settled around levels last seen in 2003.
- ↪ Market capitalization shrank by 7% to BGN 11.46bn. The decline since January 2008 is 53%.
- ↪ The major corporate event was the deal for 30% of Corporate Commercial Bank. The stake was acquired by an investment fund, close to the sultan of Oman.
- ↪ The National Statistical Institute (NSI) reported deflation for second consecutive month. The CPI deflation for December stood at 0.2% m/m and PPI at 3.9%.

Indices

- ↪ The official indices of BSE were the main losers in Eastern Europe for the first month of 2009. The Romanian benchmark BET performed in a similar way, while world's major indices registered single digit loses.
- ↪ SOFIX lost 20.04% in January and is almost 80% below the levels from January 2008.
- ↪ The broad BG 40 is 15.51% down for the month and 77.82% lower since the same month a year ago. BG TR 30 fell by 25.89% in January and by 77.57% for the year-ago period.
- ↪ BG REIT lost 16.46% in January and is still the best performer of all BSE indices on annual basis. The decline since January 2008 reached 59.29%.
- ↪ The Macedonian official index MBI 10 grew by 9.84% in January. All other markets in Eastern Europe ended the month on negative territory.
- ↪ The broad US index S&P 500 marked its steepest decline ever in January, losing 8.57%. The best performers were NASDAQ Composite and the British benchmark FTSE 100, both of them decreasing by 6.4%.

World markets

- ↪ The European Central Bank (ECB) slashed key interest rate by 50 basis points to 2.00% in order to provide liquidity for the contracting economy. The Federal Reserve kept the target rate on hold at levels 0% - 0.25%.
- ↪ The US dollar regained its positions against the euro and settled at levels below 1.30. Crude oil hovered at levels around USD 40 per barrel.
- ↪ Six banks in the US went bankrupt since the beginning of the year. Among them are MagnetBank (assets estimated at USD 292,9mn), Suburban Federal Savings Bank (USD 302mn) and the Florida based Ocala National Bank (USD 223,5mn).

Eastern European Markets

Index	Value 30.01.2009	Monthly change	12 months Change
Croatia CROBEX	1 681.77	-2.35%	-62.72%
Macedonia MIB-10	2 237.77	9.84%	-68.51%
Romania BET	2 253.02	-23.63%	-69.94%
Serbia BELEX 15	536.99	-4.99%	-75.15%
Montenegro NEX 20	529.71	12.82%	-63.46%
Ukraine PFTS	274.59	-8.90%	-74.90%
Turkey ISE 100	25 934.36	-1.81%	-41.46%
Russia RTSI	535.04	-15.33%	-71.94%
Morgan Stanley MSCI EM	98.15	-16.57%	-70.60%

World Markets

Index	Value 30.01.2009	Monthly change	12 months Change
USA DJIA	8 000.86	-8.84%	-36.75%
USA S&P 500	825.88	-8.57%	-40.09%
USA NASDAQ	1 476.42	-6.38%	-37.15%
Japan Nikkei 225	7 994.05	-9.77%	-41.19%
Germany DAX	4 338.05	-7.80%	-36.69%
UK FTSE 100	4 149.60	-6.42%	-29.43%
France CAC 40	2 973.92	-7.58%	-38.93%

Banking Sector

Bank	Price 30.01.2009	P/E	P/B
FIB (5F4)	1.09	2.99	0.43
CORP(6C9)	71.40	11.11	1.89
BACB(5BN)	8.50	2.03	3.66
CCB (4CF)	0.85	6.67	0.38

Corporate news

January 30 was the deadline for public companies to release their unconsolidated financial statements for the fourth quarter of 2008.

Investment trust from Oman bought 1.8mn shares, or 30% of Corporate Commercial Bank. In the fourth quarter the bank reported an increase of net profit by 74% to BGN 40.3mn compared to BGN 23.2mn in the same period of 2007. Interest income rose to BGN 49.5mn from BGN 37.6mn a year ago. Operating expenditures rose by 29% to BGN 27mn.

The producer of car batteries Monbat reported 53% rise of annual unconsolidated net profit in 2008 to BGN 26.7mn. Sales rose by 19.67% to BGN 156.8mn. There is a decline of net profit in the fourth quarter by 31.6% to BGN 3.2mn compared to the same period of 2007, when net profit stood at BGN 5mn. Total expenditures marked an increase to BGN 152.14mn (22% higher compared to 2007). The main risks for the company according to Monbat's management are the declining output of the automakers, the falling lead prices and the delayed launch of the new plants in Serbia and Romania.

The silica producing company Kaolin announced 52.7% decline of unconsolidated net profit in 2008 to BGN 8.127mn. The quarterly loss reached BGN 0.29mn compared to profit of BGN 1.5mn in the year-ago period. Net Sales in 2008 increased by 15.46% to BGN 121.686mn. Total expenditures grew by 26.3% to BGN 118.37mn. Asset base expanded to BGN 196.635mn from BGN 150.323mn in 2007. In December Kaolin's management announced plans for a 10% staff cut as a precaution against worsening market conditions.

Sales of the construction company Trace increased by 72% in 2008 to BGN 42.397mn. Total expenditures jumped by 102.46% to BGN 39.220mn. Net profit for 2008 fell by 13.48% to BGN 4.51mn. Quarterly profit stood close to the levels from the same period of 2007 - BGN 1.81mn.

The unconsolidated results of the holding group Eurohold Bulgaria, which business portfolio includes insurance, car dealing and financial services, showed almost 60% decline of annual net profit. Almost 93% of total revenue is contributed to operations with financial assets. Assets expanded by 60% to BGN 358.47mn.

The unconsolidated net profit of Chimimport, a major Bulgarian diversified group, reached BGN 86.12mn compared to BGN 82.48mn in 2007. Revenues from operations with financial assets fell from BGN 78.3mn to BGN 36.1mn. Investments in subsidiaries jumped by BGN 50mn to 390.21. Total assets of Chimimport (unconsolidated) grew by 27.3% to BGN 990.4mn.

FairPlay Properties finalized the transactions for sale of 173 apartments in 2008. The total sum of the transactions is BGN 35.36mn. Net profit stood at BGN 13.744mn, and profit for dividends is BGN 7.8mn.

Mutual Funds

Top 10 mutual funds – yield (high and balanced risk orientation)	Change last 12 months/YTD
Varchev Balanced	-2.44%
TBI Treasury	-7.46%
Invest Classic	-13.70%
Advance IPO	-16.62%
Varchev High Yield	-17.03%
Sentinel	-24.62%
FIB Classic	-27.96%
Benchmark Fund 1	-28.58%
Pelikan	-31.58%
TBI Harmony	-33.55%

Top 10 Mutual funds – yield (low risk orientation)	Change last 12 months/YTD
Elana Money Market	7.06%
Raiffeisen Money Market	5.73%
TBI Eurobond	5.25%
Raiffeisen Bonds Fund	5.06%
DSK Standard	4.88%
Sentinel Money Market	4.36%
Elana Eurofund	3.43%
KD Bonds	0.41%
CCB Garant	0.34%
Varchev Balanced	-2.44%

Mutual funds

☞ The net assets of mutual funds fell by 3.13% for the period December 15 – January 15 and totaled BGN 312.48mn, reported the online media Investor.bg. Assets managed by Elana were BGN 48.68mn, followed by Raiffeisen (BGN 48.47mn) and DSK (BGN 48.81mn).

☞ There are no significant changes in the ranking of mutual funds with high and balanced risk orientation since the end of 2008 (adjusted with February 1 values). Varchev Balanced Fund still holds the leading position (-2.44%), followed by TBI Treasury (-7.46%) and Invest Classic (-13.70%). Varchev High Yield Fund is the single high-risk oriented fund in this ranking.

☞ Elana Money Market (7.06%) kept its leading position among the conservative funds. TBI Eurobond (5.73%) was displaced from the second position by Raiffeisen Money Market (5.73%).

Macroeconomics

☞ The National Statistical Institute (NSI) reported CPI deflation of 0.2% in December 2008. Year – to date inflation stood at 7.8%. This was the second consecutive month that the national statistics reported deflation. In November the deflation was 0.1%.

☞ The Producer Price Index (PPI) in December was 3.9% down since the previous month. Compared to December 2007 there is an increase of 1.9%.

☞ Bulgaria's gross external debt increased slightly in November and reached EUR 36.928bn, the Bulgarian National Bank (BNB) reported. The increase since October is by EUR 349mn. Gross external debt stood at 108.6% of the projected GDP for 2008 (EUR 34 021mn).

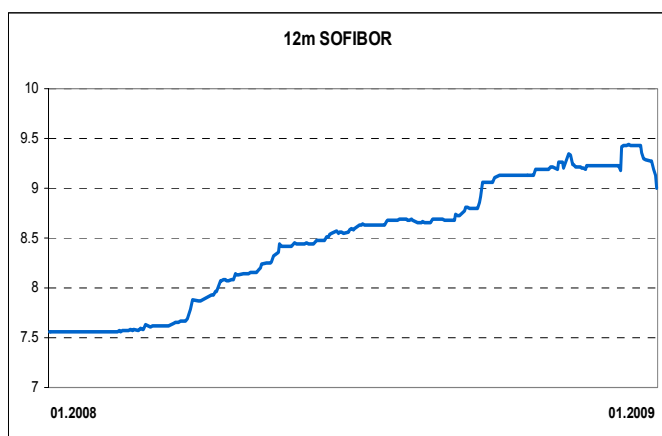
☞ Foreign direct investments (FDA) increased by EUR 260mn in November. Since January the total FDA reached 5.27bn and covered 70.7% of the current account deficit. In the end of October the ratio FDA/current account deficit stood at 75.7%.

☞ In the end of November the FOB trade deficit reached EUR 8.18bn. According to BNB's data, exports and imports increased by 15.5% and 19.1% respectively on annual basis. Exports reached EUR 14.328bn and imports EUR 22.5bn.

☞ Unemployment rate in December marked another increase and stood at 6.3%, or 0.4% higher than in November. The number of unemployed persons was 232 100, or 15 000 more than in November, BNB reported.

☞ The survey of business climate carried out by NSI showed that the economic sentiment continued to deteriorate. The total business climate indicator dropped by 0.6 percentage points and is 12.3 points below the long-term moving average. The indicator is still 34.6 points above the minimum reached in February 2007.

☞ In January the 12-month SOFIBOR fell to its levels from October 2008. SOFIBOR reference rate is an index of the quotes for unsecured BGN deposits offered in the Bulgarian interbank market. In the end of January SOFIBOR stood at 9.00%.



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