BANK OF RUSSIA: OVERVIEW
Central Bank of Russia (CBR): founded in 1990

- 1990 – Law on banks and banking activities
  - Law on Central bank of RSFSR
- 1992 – Russia becomes an IMF member
- 1995 – Law on Central bank of RSFSR: amendments
- 1996 – CBR becomes a BIS member
  
  Federal Financial Markets Service (FFMS):
  founded in 1993

- 1992 – MICEX established
  - Law on insurance business
- 1995 – RTS exchange established
- 1996 – Law on securities market
- 1996 – Law on joint-stock companies
- 1999 – Law on protection of rights of securities market investors

**EVOLUTION (1)**

1990 – Law on AML/CFT

2001 – First edition of the Russian corporate conduct code

2002 – Law on mortgage-backed securities

2011 – Law on National Payment System

2013 – CBR becomes the megaregulator of the Russian financial sector

2013 – CBR becomes an IAIS member as well as IOSCO member

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2017 – Introduction of proportional regulation in banking sector
  - Introduction of new financial rehabilitation mechanism

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2019 – Law on deposit insurance

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  - Start of the IFRS reporting project
  - Law on deposit insurance

2005 – Introduction of corridor for USD&EUR basket within the exchange rate policy framework

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2019 – Law on deposit insurance
Monetary policy framework development

2006
Inflation targeting announced

Inflation targeting is represented as a midterm goal in the "Monetary Policy Guidelines"

2008
Active inflation targeting communications

2009
Liquidity management
Instruments are developed, the interest rate corridor is narrowed

2012
Transition deadline set
"Floating rate and inflation targeting by 2015"

2013
Key rate introduced

2014
Floating exchange rate introduced

Dec. 2017
Inflation below 4%
(2.5% - all-time low in July 2018)

Dec. 2018
Inflation 4.3%

1998 - 2008
Narrow band

2008 - 2014
Flexible band

Since Nov. 2014
Free floating Ruble

2015
Transition to the inflation targeting regime is completed
Medium-term inflation target is around 4%
## EVOLUTION (3)

Bank of Russia supervises the following key segments:

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REFORMS
Promoting price and financial stability, fair competition, newest technologies and best practices

Monetary policy
Inflation targeting regime adopted with a 4% medium-term target rate pursued using conventional monetary policy instruments

Banking regulation and supervision
- Banking sector rehabilitation in progress, new bank resolution mechanism introduced
- Proportional regulation introduced and an advanced IRB approach for the largest banks gradually phased in
- Banking regulation compliant with the Basel II, Basel 2.5 and Basel III standards, maintaining AML/CFT supervision of credit and non-credit financial institutions (according to the Regulatory Consistency Assessment Program (RCAP) 2016)
- New macroprudential regulation mechanism in force – add-ons to risk ratios are introduced and set by the Bank of Russia Board of Directors
- Setting up a national rating industry - only credit ratings of Russian national agencies may be used for regulatory purposes

Market infrastructure
- Benefits from infrastructure put in place, tax and regulatory reforms (T+2, CSD and access of ICSDs, up-to-date CCP, Individual Investment Accounts)
- Marketplace project infrastructure is developed – launch of the platform is planned for 2019

Corporate governance
JS companies segregation into public and non-public, corporate actions reform, new corporate governance code adopted in 2014, listing rules based on the new corporate governance code, listing committees established

Payment infrastructure
- Russian payment system infrastructure developed and currently in use by all leading international payment systems
- Payment infrastructure monitoring and supervision
- System for transfer of financial messages (SPFS) has been developed
- The Faster Payments System launched in January 2019

Pension system
- Guarantee fund mechanism introduced
- Investment horizon for non-state pension funds extended to 5 years
- Individual pension capital (IPC) accounts legislation is under development
COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS
Russia complies with or implements key international standards and best practices

- Russia’s Anti-Money Laundering system is compliant with FATF Recommendations
- High FSAP grades in all surveyed segments, including securities market, insurance and payment infrastructure
- Russia ranks #31 in DOING BUSINESS-2019 Ratings (#35 in 2018)
- Russia is a party to the Articles of Agreement of the IMF and upholds free movement of capital
- Banking regulation is compliant with Basel II, 2.5 and Basel III (RCAP 2016)
- Bank for International Settlements, IAIS and IOSCO Principles for financial market infrastructures (PFMI) are being implemented
  Upon monitoring the implementation of the PFMI, the CPMI gave Russia the highest-possible ‘4’ rating
- National Settlement Depository is eligible for custody arrangements under Rule 17f-7 of the US Investment Company Act of 1940
- Insurance sector has started implementing Solvency II European principles
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Bank of Russia cooperates with international financial institutions, regulators and associations.
The Bank of Russia Guidelines for the Development of the Russian Financial Market in 2019 – 2021 cover the following key areas and activities:

**Building reliable financial environment**
- Involvement of financial consumer ombudsmen in disputes resolution
- Increase of personal responsibility of management
- Limited employment opportunities in financial sector for malicious (unscrupulous) people
- Development of qualified investor institute
- Increase of responsibility for substandard sale of financial products
- Unified financial transactions register

**Improving financial inclusion and availability of capital**
- Introduction of individual pension capital accounts
- Introduction of “green” bonds
- Crowdfunding
- Introduction of new rules for crediting private-public partnerships
- Development of concession projects
- Marketplace project launch
- Introduction of financial services access points map
- Development of remote identification and unified biometric system
- Development of electronic insurance services distribution channels
- Improving insurance services inclusion in Russian regions

**Developing market competitiveness**
- Implementation of integrated road map for developing competition in various sectors of Russian economy approved by the Government
- Building biometric database
- Credit history bureau reform
- Marketplace project launch
- Faster payment system in force
- Testing of digital identification platform
- “Regulatory sandbox” project development
- Bank of Russia’s withdrawal from the capital of banks undergoing resolution after their financial rehabilitation

**Ensuring financial stability**
- Control for the population indebtedness and prevention excessive risk accumulation in the segment
- Risk-based approach to insurance market participants
- Widening the list of financial non-credit institutions subject to stress testing
- Improving the toolkit for macroprudential stress testing

**FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**
NEWSLETTER (1)
Key news from the Russian financial market

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<td>11 June 2019</td>
<td>Starting from 1 October 2019, banks will be required to calculate customers’ <strong>PTI (payment-to-income) ratio</strong>. Add-ons to the risk ratios applied to consumer loans will be then set by the Bank of Russia depending on both the PTI and the effective interest rate.</td>
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<td>31 May 2019</td>
<td>The Bank of Russia decided to raise required <strong>reserve ratios on liabilities to individuals in foreign currency</strong> for credit institutions by 1 percentage point to <strong>8.0%</strong>, effective from 1 July 2019.</td>
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<td>5 June 2019</td>
<td>Daily amount of <strong>regular foreign currency purchases</strong> in the domestic market under the fiscal rule is:</td>
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<td>RUB 11.6 bn from 5 April until 13 May 2019</td>
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<td>28 January 2019</td>
<td>The <strong>Faster Payments System launched</strong> and is set to enable individuals to make instant transfers to each other 24/7/365 using a mobile phone number – regardless of in which banks the sender and recipient have their accounts.</td>
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<td>25 January 2019</td>
<td>The Bank of Russia decided to commence from 1 February 2019 <strong>deferred foreign currency purchases</strong> in the domestic market under the fiscal rule to compensate for the regular purchases suspended in 2018. These purchases will be carried out gradually in the 36 months since the launch date with the daily amount of <strong>RUB 2.8 bn.</strong></td>
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<td>1 January 2019</td>
<td>✓ <strong>Capital conservation buffer</strong> will be raised in accordance with the schedule approved by the Bank of Russia – it will stand at 1.875% from 1 January 2019, 2.0% from 1 April 2019, 2.125% from 1 July 2019, 2.25% from 1 October 2019, and 2.5% from 1 January 2020.</td>
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<td>✓ Systemically important banks start to calculate the ratio of <strong>maximum concentration of exposure per borrower or group of related borrowers</strong> and report it to the Bank of Russia. Based of the results of monitoring this indicator, the Bank of Russia will make a decision on the terms and specifics for setting it as a required ratio.</td>
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## KEY NEWS FROM THE RUSSIAN FINANCIAL MARKET

### BANK OF RUSSIA: OVERVIEW

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| 1 October 2018        | ✓ The Bank of Russia completed transition to the new macroprudential regulation mechanism by introducing **risk weight add-ons for capital adequacy calculation** by credit institutions while bringing standard risk weights on assets in line with Basel III requirements (effective 8 Oct).  
 ✓ **Risk weight add-ons for mortgage loans and loans for construction co-funding with LTV > 80%** were set at 100%, i.e. 200% risk-weight will be applied to such loans extended after 1 January 2019. The buffer will only be effective as long as the loan-to-value ratio exceeds 80%.  
 ✓ **The countercyclical capital buffer** for Russian credit institutions is retained at 0% of risk-weighted assets. |
| 25 July 2018          | The Bank of Russia introduces **16 criteria of economic relations between related party-borrowers** to calculate N6. |
| 24 July 2018          | **Higher requirements introduced to the minimum authorized capital for insurers:** RUB 450 mln for life insurers, RUB 300 mln for personal and property insurers and RUB 600 mln for reinsurers. |
| 23 May 2018           | **The Bank of Russia raises risk weights on FX loans and securities**, effective from July 1, 2018 to: 110% (from 100%) for exporters, 150% (from 130%) for real estate purchase, 130% (from 110%) for other FX corporate loans. |
RUSSIAN MACRO UPDATE
KEY INDICATORS
Clear signs of macro stabilization across the board

Figure 1: Real GDP growth started to recover in 2016 (YoY, %)

Figure 2: Private consumption and investment dynamics (YoY, %)

Figure 3: Russian Ruble volatility remains low while in free-floating

Figure 4: Retail sales and real wages dynamics (YoY, %)

Source: Bank of Russia, Rosstat
**MACROFINANCE**

Solid fiscal and external positions

**Figure 5:** Current account surplus amounted to USD 114 bn in 2018

**Figure 6:** Strong fiscal position: budget consolidation and fiscal rule

**Figure 7:** Significant international reserves assuring financial stability

**Figure 8:** Sovereign debt to GDP lowest in both EM and DM spaces

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Source: Bank of Russia, Bloomberg, Ministry of Finance
INFLATION
Medium-term inflation target successfully met in 2017-2018

January 2016: Oil prices reach their lowest level in a decade

Medium-term inflation target

Source: Bank of Russia, Rosstat

* As of May 31, 2019
# INFLATION EXPECTATIONS

Households and businesses inflation expectations remain elevated

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**Change:**
- Inflation expectations become better (more than 1 standard deviation)
- Inflation expectations become better (less than 1 standard deviation)
- Inflation expectations unchanged (±0.2 standard deviations)
- Inflation expectations become worse (less than 1 standard deviation)
- Inflation expectations become worse (more than 1 standard deviation)

*Balanced index is the difference between the shares of those who expect prices to rise and to fall

**Source:** FOM, Rosstat, Bloomberg, Interfax, Thompson Reuters, Bank of Russia
### ECONOMIC FORECASTS (1)

**Medium-term outlook for the Russian economy**

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1. Banking sector claims on organisations and households means all of the banking sector’s claims on non-financial and financial institutions and households in the currency of the Russian Federation, a foreign currency and precious metals, including loans issued (including overdue loans), overdue interest on loans, credit institutions’ investment in debt and equity securities and promissory notes, as well as other forms of equity interest in non-financial and financial institutions, and other accounts receivable from settlement operations involving non-financial and financial institutions and households.

Source: Bank of Russia
ECONOMIC FORECASTS (2)
Medium-term outlook for the Russian economy

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Current account | 114 | 98 | 72 | 50 | 106 | 112 | 103
Balance of trade | 194 | 184 | 160 | 139 | 190 | 203 | 199
   Exports | 443 | 434 | 424 | 415 | 443 | 475 | 493
   Imports | 249 | 250 | 264 | 276 | 253 | 272 | 294
Balance of services | -30 | -33 | -37 | -37 | -31 | -35 | -40
   Exports | 65 | 62 | 63 | 66 | 66 | 70 | 73
   Imports | 95 | 95 | 100 | 103 | 97 | 105 | 113
Balance of primary and secondary income | -51 | -53 | -51 | -52 | -53 | -56 | -56
Current and capital account balance | 113 | 98 | 72 | 50 | 106 | 112 | 103
Financial account (excluding reserve assets) | 77 | 32 | 16 | 7 | 32 | 29 | 24
   Government and the central bank | 9 | -18 | -6 | -6 | -18 | -6 | -6
   Private sector | 68 | 50 | 22 | 13 | 50 | 35 | 30
Net errors and omissions | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0
Change in reserve assets (‘+’ – increase, ‘-’ – decrease) | 38 | 66 | 56 | 43 | 74 | 83 | 79

¹ Using the methodology of the 6th edition of “Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual” (BPM6). In the Financial account “+” stands for net lending, “-“ – for net borrowing. Due to rounding total results may differ from the sum of respective values.

Source: Bank of Russia
Inflation and inflation expectations
• Annual inflation slowdown is continuing. CPI declined in May to 5.1% YoY and stood at 5.0% YoY as of 10 June.
• Starting in February, MoM SA consumer price growth has remained close to 4% (annualised).
• In May, households’ and business inflation expectations did not materially change and remain elevated.
• The Bank of Russia has lowered its end-of-year annual inflation forecast for 2019 from 4.7-5.2% to 4.2-4.7%.
• The revised forecast takes into account the completion of the VAT increase pass-through to prices (including the influence of secondary effects) and the preservation of relatively favourable external conditions and moderate dynamics of domestic demand.
• Moving on, according to the Bank of Russia’s forecast, annual inflation will stay close to 4%.

Monetary conditions:
• Monetary conditions have somewhat eased since the last Board meeting.
• OFZ yields and deposit rates have declined. The potential for lending rates growth has mostly exhausted.
• The Bank of Russia’s decision to cut the key rate and the year-to-date decline in OFZ yields create conditions for the decline of deposit and lending rates in the future.

Economic activity
• Economic growth in 1H 2019 is lower than the Bank of Russia’s expectations.
• During the first four months of 2019, the growth in general government income outperformed the growth in expenses, which, in part, is due to the shift to 2H 2019 of the implementation of a number of national projects.
• Taking into account GDP growth statistics for 2018 — 2019 Q1 published by Rosstat, the Bank of Russia lowered its GDP growth forecast for 2019 from 1.2-1.7% to 1.0-1.5%.

Internal risks
• The effects of the VAT hike have fully materialised (↓)
• Elevated and unanchored inflation expectations
• Medium-term fiscal policy parameters

Moderate risks – estimates are mostly unchanged:
• Wage movements
• Prices of individual food products
• Possible changes in consumer behavior

External risks
• Risks of persistent capital outflows from emerging markets (↓)
• Slowdown in global economic growth
• Geopolitical factors
• The volatility of global oil prices

Decision as of June 14, 2019
The Bank of Russia cuts the key rate by 25 bp to 7.50% p.a.

Signal
“...If the situation develops in line with the baseline forecast, the Bank of Russia admits the possibility of further key rate reduction at one of the upcoming Board of Directors’ meetings and a transition to neutral monetary policy until mid-2020.

In its key rate decision-making, the Bank of Russia will take into account actual and expected inflation dynamics relative to the target and economic developments over the forecast horizon, as well as risks posed by domestic and external conditions and the reaction of financial markets...”
BANKING SECTOR: CURRENT AGENDA
Shaping a favourable operating environment and supporting market competition

**Proportional banking regulation:** differentiating regulatory burden for banks based on their size and simplifying requirements for smaller banks focused on retail and SME lending

**New resolution mechanism:** reducing financial costs and execution period of the resolution procedure

**Imminent introduction of PTI ratio** in order to affect the consumer lending market more efficiently

**Development of banking supervision:** introduction of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) standard on capital requirements for banks’ equity investment in funds (since December 16, 2017)

**Risk-oriented supervision:** aiming to remedy problematic situations in banks at an early stage

**Development of macroprudential regulation:** streamlining the regulation, introducing countercyclical approach

**New regulations to the credit bureaus:** authorising several strategic credit bureaus with the function of aggregating information on debt payments

**Basel II and III in force:** Leverage ratio (except for banks with basic license), NSFR – for Domestic-SIBs
BANKING SECTOR: PROPORTIONAL REGULATION
Differentiating regulatory burden for banks depending on their size

Regulatory burden depending on license type

**BASIC LICENSE**
- Minimum size of capital (own funds) – RUB 300 mln
- Only 5 mandatory requirements, including H1.0, H1.2, H3, H6, H25 ratios
- Limitations on international operations
- Simplified disclosure rules - not required to disclose information on accepted risks, their assessment or management procedures, or any information on financial instruments included in the calculation of their own funds (capital)
- Technically complicated international standards are non applicable

**UNIVERSAL LICENSE**
- Minimum size of capital (own funds) – RUB 1 bln
- May carry out all banking operations set forth by the law
- All mandatory requirements set by the Bank of Russia must be met
- Must be compliant with all international standards
- Financial reporting fully compliant with RAS and IFRS

Systemically important financial institutions (SIFI) are subject to:
- Higher capital adequacy requirements
- Advanced risk management approach

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On 1 June 2017, Federal Law No. 92-FZ dated 1 May 2017 came into force. It envisages the introduction of proportional regulation designed to set up a regulatory balance for banks differing in scale and in the nature of operations. 149 banks hold basic license, as of December 2018.
ON JANUARY 1ST, 2019, **OTKRITIE Merged with B&N Bank.** By the end of 2018 their profitability has been restored and both banks were compliant with all regulatory requirements. By the end of 2018, Otkritie has no liabilities to CBR on deposits placed in the bank during resolution process. Bank’s profit for the year is around RUB7.7bn.

By the end of 2018, **Promsvyazbank** complies with all capital adequacy and liquidity requirements and operates its business in its usual way. The bank fully repaid CBR deposits placed in the bank during resolution process.

As a result of the financial resolution measures and implementation of a new business model in the **Asian-Pacific Bank**, its financial standing has been stabilised, new capital has been formed, outflow of its clients’ funds has been stopped, its solvency has been restored and the Bank’s profitability has become stable. The Bank is supposed to be sold in 2020 after it discloses information about its 2019 performance to the public, including potential investors.

**Moscow Industrial Bank** (MIB) is a regionally and socially important medium-size bank specialized in corporate lending. The bank was put under resolution recently (21 January 2019). The temporary administration started its work, the bank operates without interruptions.
BANKING SECTOR: KEY FIGURES (1)
Active supervision and tighter regulation allowed to strengthen the health of the banking sector

Figure 10: In 2013-2018 more than 400 licenses were revoked causing almost no impact on the banking sector’s total assets

- Number of credit institutions, lhs
- Banking sector assets, RUB tn, rhs

*423 banks and 44 non-banking credit organisations

Figure 11: Mortgage lending remains key growth driver amid lower rates

- Average weighted interest rate, %, rhs
- Mortgage lending to GDP ratio, %, lhs

Figure 12: In May 2019 corporate deposits grew by 6.4% YoY to RUB 27.3 tn

- Corporate deposits, RUB tn, lhs
- YoY (ccy adj., by credit institutions operating as of the reporting date), rhs

Figure 13: In May 2019 retail deposits demonstrated growth of 7.8% YoY, reaching RUB 28.8 tn

- Retail deposits, RUB tn, lhs
- YoY (ccy adj., by credit institutions operating as of the reporting date), rhs
BANKING SECTOR: KEY FIGURES (2)
Active supervision and tighter regulation allowed to strengthen the health of the banking sector

**Figure 14:** Corporate lending has stabilized
- Corporate loans, RUB tn, lhs
- YoY (ccy adj., by credit institutions operating as of the reporting date), rhs

**Figure 15:** Retail loans remain the key driver of credit growth
- Retail loans, RUB tn, lhs
- YoY (by credit institutions operating as of the reporting date), rhs

**Figure 16:** Share of bad corporate loans* reached 12.4%, while the loan loss reserves to bad loans ratio amounted to 82.9%
- Share of bad loans, lhs
- Loan loss reserves to bad loans ratio, rhs

**Figure 17:** Retail loans portfolio demonstrates improved quality: the share of bad loans* reached 7.5%
- Share of bad loans, lhs
- Loan loss reserves to bad loans ratio, rhs

* Loans classified into quality category of IV and V according to the requirements of Regulation No.590-P2.

Quality category IV – high credit risk (probability of financial losses due to non-performance or improper performance of obligations by the borrower requires its depreciation by 51 to 100 per cent);
Quality category V – no possibility of loan repayment due to the borrower’s inability or refusal to meet loan commitments, which requires complete (100 per cent) depreciation of the loan.

Source: Bank of Russia
FINANCIAL SECTOR OVERVIEW

BANKING SECTOR: UNSECURED CONSUMER LENDING

The unsecured lending market is at an ascending stage of the credit cycle.

Against the background of advancing growth in unsecured consumer lending relative to households’ income, The Bank of Russia revised the scale of risk weights for such loans in 2017-2018 in order to prevent excessive risk-taking in this segment.

**Figure 18:** Accelerated growth of the unsecured consumer lending continues

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**Figure 19:** Share of NPLs decreased to 8.6%

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Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: MORTGAGE SEGMENT
Mortgage lending is characterised by high growth rates and decent asset quality

Figure 21: Mortgage loans keep growing fast
- Mortgage loans, RUB trn, lhs
- YoY (ccy adj., by credit institutions operating as of the reporting date), rhs

Figure 22: Share of NPLs remains at historically low levels
- NPL ratio, lhs
- Loan loss reserves to bad loans ratio, rhs

Figure 23: Distribution of mortgage borrowers by LTV

Figure 24: Risk weights applied to mortgage loans
- Loans for financing under equity construction agreements with down payment <20%
- Mortgages with LTV>80%
- Mortgages with LTV>90%

Source: Bank of Russia
**BANKING SECTOR: DEDOLLARISATION**

Dollarization of the banking sector has notably reduced over the last years.

**Figure 25:** Corporate FX lending declined significantly over the past few years

- Corporate loans, USD bn, lhs
- Share of FX loans in total amount of loans, rhs

**Figure 26:** Retail FX loan portfolio is insignificant in size

- Retail loans, USD bn, lhs
- Share of FX loans in total amount of loans, rhs

**Figure 27:** Share of corporate and retail FX deposits in total amount of deposits has fallen

- Share of FX deposits in total corporate deposits
- Share of FX deposits in total retail deposits

**Figure 28:** Risk weights applied to the FX assets, %

- FX loans to exporters
- Other corporate FX loans
- Commercial FX mortgages
- Securities of non-resident companies

Source: Bank of Russia
**BANKING SECTOR: CAPITAL ADEQUACY**

High quality capital base and solid capital adequacy levels under Basel III standards

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**Figure 29:** Capital adequacy ratio for the banking sector decreased over time from 12.9% (1.01.16) to 12.1% (1.05.19) mostly due to the procedures of financial rehabilitation of the large credit institutions.

**Figure 30:** Credit organizations with capital exceeding RUB 25 bn have lower buffer vs N1.0 minimum requirement due to the economies of scale.

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Source: Bank of Russia
The Bank of Russia has approved the list of SIFI and buffers for capital adequacy ratios.

**List of systemically important financial institutions**

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Systemically important financial institutions account for over 60% of total assets of the Russian banking sector.

**Capital adequacy requirements**

- **Minimum Bank of Russia requirements for capital adequacy ratios**
  - Common equity Tier 1 capital ratio (N1.1): 4.50%
  - Tier 1 capital (N1.2): 6.00%
  - Total capital adequacy ratio (N1.0): 8.00%

- **Values of capital buffers**
  - SIFI buffer 2017: 0.35%, 2018: 0.65%, 2019: 0.65%
  - Countercyclical buffer 2017: 0%, 2018: 0%, 2019: 0%

- **Minimum capital adequacy ratios for SIFI**
  - N1.1 2017: 6.1%, 2018: 7.0%, 2019: 7.65%
  - N1.2 2017: 7.6%, 2018: 8.5%, 2019: 9.15%
  - N1.0 2017: 9.6%, 2018: 10.5%, 2019: 11.15%

*Capital conservation buffer* will be raised in accordance with the schedule approved by the Bank of Russia – it will stand at 1.875% from 1 January 2019, 2.0% from 1 April 2019, 2.125% from 1 July 2019, 2.25% from 1 October 2019, and 2.5% from 1 January 2020.

Source: Bank of Russia
FINANCIAL STABILITY
Macroprudential policy aimed at Identifying and preventing potential systemic risks

Credit activity
As the pace of recovery remains inconsistent across lending segments in Russia, credit-to-GDP gap for both corporate and retail lending (a difference between the actual credit-to-GDP ratio adjusted to currency revaluation, and the long-run trend) is still estimated as negative. This shows that lending remains below the long-term trend.

Retail lending risks
Unsecured consumer lending continued to grow at a high pace. Outstanding loans increased 25.3% in year-on-year terms in April 2019 to the amount of RUB 7.9tn. The Bank of Russia’s Board of Directors has decided to increase add-ons to the risk weights for unsecured consumer loans bearing an effective interest rate of 10-30% by 30bps for loans extended from 1 April 2019.

Mortgage loans grow at a steady rate, however, borrowers’ debt burden remaining at the same level shows that the current growth does not present any significant risk to the financial stability. The Bank of Russia aims to prevent the build-up of risks related to loans with a high loan-to-value ratio, thus the risk weights for such loans issued after 1 January 2019 were raised from 150% to 200%. These measures are aimed at sustainable development of the mortgage lending segment.

Capital adequacy
The capital adequacy (Basel III N1.0 ratio) for the banking sector remains at comfortable level of 12.1% as of 1 May, 2019.

Decision
The Bank of Russia’s Board of Directors has decided to keep the countercyclical capital buffer (CCB) rate for Russian credit institutions at 0% of risk weighted assets

Rising risk weights for specific credit requirements results in banks increasing their capital reserves to cover potential losses. Therefore considering the uneven recovery of lending, there is no need for a positive countercyclical buffer for credit institutions yet.
Russia’s financial market has been aligned with best international practices

**Crisis-proven market infrastructure**
- MICEX and RTS merged into the Moscow Exchange
- Establishment of a Central Securities Depository and unification of CCP across all asset classes
- T+2 settlement on equities, T+1 on OFZs, T+0 on corporate bonds

**Upgraded corporate governance**
- Creation of a two-tier Quotation List within the stock exchange listing
- Strong criteria for inclusion in the top-tier Quotation list
- Streamlined dividend rules for SOEs
- Corporate standards aligned with best international practices
- Establishing of a Listing Committee at MOEX

**Simplified market access**
- Euroclear and Clearstream settlement for equities and bonds
- Unified collateral pool for equities, bonds and FX markets
- International clearing system membership; Direct access to FX trading for large corporates
- Local investor base development (individual investment account system, tax incentives, etc.)
- Unified license covering both depository and registrar operations.

**Increased transparency**
- Mandatory audited IFRS for all public companies
- Strengthened regulation to prevent market manipulation and insider trading
- Improved disclosure practices
- Report on Corporate Governance Code compliance in the annual report
- Requirement to have a written description of dividend policy for the top-tier Quotation list
- Development of basic standards for professional market participants activities
FINANCIAL SECTOR OVERVIEW

SECURITIES MARKET (2)
Growing a deeper Russian bond market with strong potential

**Figure 31**: Volume of the Russian local bond market, RUB tn
- **OFZ**
- **Corporate Bonds**

**Figure 32**: Volume of the Russian corporate bond market, RUB tn
- **RUB bonds**
- **Eurobonds**

**Figure 33**: “Bondization” of the Russian financial market
- **Equity market trading volume, RUB tn**
- **Bond market trading volume*, RUB tn**

**Figure 34**: Corporate loans vs corporate bonds in Russia, RUB tn
- **Loans (incl. foreign debt)**
- **Corporate bonds (incl. eurobonds)**

*Except overnight bonds

Source: Cbonds, Moscow Exchange

CAGR +20%

CAGR +16%
SECURITIES MARKET (3)
Russian OFZ market provides relatively high yields amid investment grade reliability
Demand for OFZs placements remains sustainably high

Figure 39: OFZ placement dynamics in 2018 and 2019 (RUB bn)

*Starting January 1, 2019 the “activity ratio” calculated as the volume of demand for OFZ to the volume of OFZ supply announced by the Ministry of Finance was replaced by the “meet demand” ratio calculated as the volume of the placement to the volume of demand for OFZ.

Source: Bank of Russia, Ministry of Finance, National Settlement Depository
Russian equity market provides growth potential and attractive dividend yields

**Figure 40: Russian Equity market cap, bln RUB & bln USD**

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**Figure 41: Domestic market capitalization to GDP ratio reflects undervalued Russian financial market (of GDP, %)**

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**Russia’s 2018 stock market capitalization to GDP = 39.5%**

**Figure 42: Russian equities market trading volumes proves stable**

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**Figure 43: Dividend yield (12M): Russia vs. EM, %**

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Source: Bloomberg, Moscow Exchange, International Monetary Fund and World Federation of Exchanges
SECURITIES MARKET (6)
Russian equity market remains undervalued despite strong performance in recent years

**Figure 44:** Russian MSCI index vs EM peers (05.01.15 = 100%)

**Figure 45:** Forward P/E ratio (12m), MSCI Russia vs MSCI EM

Source: Bloomberg
SECURITIES MARKET (7)
Moscow Exchange group offers the best infrastructure in its class

- **MOEX** captures the **entire value chain** for end-customers, offering a one-stop shop for listing, risk management, market data, multi-asset trading, clearing, settlement, and custody.
- **MOEX** is **strategically positioned** to benefit from the development of Russia’s capital markets in the coming years.
- Fully **vertically integrated infrastructure** with regulation and oversight by the Bank of Russia.
- **Eligible collateral** to trade any asset class.
- Foreign investors have Direct Market Access (DMA), Sponsored Market Access (SMA) and International Clearing Membership (ICM) **services** at their disposal.

**Source:** Moscow Exchange
Russian financial market has necessary infrastructure and regulation for trading OTC

**Robust legal protection in place**

- Enforceability of close-out netting in derivatives and repo markets is confirmed by relevant legal opinions (ISDA, ICMA)
- Russian standard documentation developed by SROs and approved by the Bank of Russia

**Russia adheres to G20 decisions in respect of OTC derivatives reforms**

- Trade reporting to repositories (two authorized repositories available)
- National Clearing Centre provides clearing services for OTC trades

**Variety of instruments and service providers**

- Non-financial counterparties have access to a broad range of hedging instruments offered by banks (including structured products)
- National Settlement Depository provides collateral management services (repo)
SECURITIES MARKET (9)
Rapidly developing retail market with strong tax incentives and accelerating FinTech

- **2.7 million** retail investors were registered with the Moscow Exchange at the end of December 2018
- More than **190 000** retail investors were reported as “active” traders

Figure 46: Number of active retail client accounts

- **Equities market**
- **Derivatives market**
- **FX market**

- **Recent regulatory changes**
- **Individual Investment Accounts** for private investors since 2015.
  - RUB 1 mln – max sum to invest in a year.
  - More than 528k accounts opened as of December 2018

- **Tax deductions** for IIA type A – max RUB 52 000; for IIA type B – at the rate of investment income

- **Corporate bonds** with yield of under 12.75% became tax-exempt on January 1, 2018

- Capital gains on securities held for more than 3 years are **tax-exempt**

- Retail investors allowed to open brokerage and management accounts online

Source: Moscow Exchange
**CBB corporate governance report**: annual monitoring of corporate governance practice and publication of the report on the CBR official site *(only in Russian)*
COUNTERING MALPRACTICE
Bank of Russia supervises conduct of financial market participants to promote fair competition

- Bank of Russia has implemented an effective system for countering malpractice including market manipulation and insider trading, aimed at ensuring investors’ equality and fair pricing.

- Bank of Russia successfully eliminates competitive advantages of unlicensed firms by decreasing their number. Since 2015 detriment caused by financial pyramids decreased by more than 5x times.

- In 2015 Bank of Russia became a signatory to the IOSCO MMoU.

- Intense cooperation with foreign financial market regulators in terms of information exchange, including confidential information.

- Elaboration on international initiatives.

- Bank of Russia improves continuous monitoring of on-exchange trading for the purpose of maintaining financial stability and preventing system shocks caused by misconduct.
INVESTMENT FUNDS
Local institutional investor base: the potential of investment funds

Figure 47: Majority of savings in Russia is held on bank deposits and in cash*

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Figure 48: Assets of investments funds in Russia (RUB tn)

- Assets, RUB tn, lhs
- Assets to GDP, %, rhs

Figure 49: Number of investments funds in Russia by the type

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Figure 50: Breakdown of investment funds’ assets by the type (as of December 31, 2018)

- Cash
- Equities
- Bonds
- Government bonds
- Foreign securities
- Real estate
- Real estate
- Authorized capital
- Other

* As of the end of 2017
Source: World Bank, IMF, Bank of Russia, Moscow Exchange
Bank of Russia became a regulator of the pension system in 2013. Since then a number of changes has been adopted to strengthen the non-state pension system:

✓ ‘one-year non-loss’ rule was extended to ‘five-year non-loss’ rule
✓ stress-testing mechanism introduced
✓ customers are now encouraged to stay with the same fund for not less than 5 years
✓ since 2014 the Deposit Insurance Agency (DIA) guarantees the nominal value of mandatory savings
✓ non-state pension funds are to bear fiduciary responsibility (since March 18, 2018)
✓ non-state pension funds are to disclose their investment portfolios
✓ corporatisation of non-governmental pension funds (NPFs) completed
✓ work on individual pension accounts reform is in progress

Source: Bank of Russia
Local institutional investor base: the potential of insurance market

**Figure 53: Premium volume is gradually growing**

- **Premiums, RUB bn, lhs**
- **Payment of claims, RUB bn, lhs**
- **Premiums as % of GDP, rhs**

**Figure 54: Assets hit 2.8% of GDP**

- **Assets, RUB bn, lhs**
- **Reserves, RUB bn, lhs**
- **Assets as % of GDP, rhs**

**Figure 55: Premium structure in 2018 shows high level of market diversification**

- **Life insurance**
- **Corporate property insurance**
- **Private medical insurance**
- **Motor car insurance**
- **Compulsory motor TPL insurance**
- **Other**

**Figure 56: In 2018 market remained highly competitive with the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index equal to 550.6**

- **Capital, %**
- **Premiums, %**
- **Assets, %**

**Source:** Bank of Russia
COMMODITIES
Urals futures trading launched to set a price benchmark for Russian export oil

✓ Deliverable SPIMEX Urals Crude Futures contract is a new oil pricing mechanism allowing a direct quotation of exported Russian oil without reference to other crude oil grades traded on global energy markets.

✓ Transparent pricing process is based on exchange-traded futures contracts reflecting the supply-and-demand equilibrium reached on the back of a large number of trades concluded on the exchange by a wide range of market participants and setting an arm’s length price for the relevant commodity.

✓ Deliverable SPIMEX Urals Crude Futures contract trading was launched on 29 November 2016.

✓ Access to the SPIMEX futures contract trades is granted to Russian and foreign legal entities as well as to Russian individual entrepreneurs. Only legal entities (both Russian residents and non-residents) are able to conduct physical deliveries of crude oil.

✓ The SPIMEX Urals Crude Futures contract is settled by physical delivery upon expiration. Such a futures contract has a direct link with the crude oil spot market and prevents price manipulation. Physical delivery of crude oil under the contract is effected against positions opened as of the relevant contract expiration date.
Microfinance is a vital part of financial system complementing banks to provide better financial inclusion.

**MFIs**

- **Microfinance organizations (MFOs)**
- **Consumer credit cooperatives**
- **Credit Housing communities**
- **Pawnbrokers**
- **Agricultural credit cooperatives**

Microfinance institutions (MFIs) provide financial services for customers with no access to banking products, service regions with an insufficient bank presence, offer financial products missing from bank product lines, boost financial awareness and help clients build their credit histories.

CBR keeps a state register of MFIs and supervises MFIs directly and via SROs. Currently there are about 15,600 MFI companies.

Roughly 25% of the entire MFO microloan portfolio are microloans to small to medium enterprises (bearing 8% interest rate thanks to state support via MFOs).

Payday Loans, i.e. small, short-term unsecured loans (up to RUB 30k for 30 days) at high rates, are not a development priority and account for some 20% of the entire MFO microloan portfolio.
FINTECH (1)
Russia provides a favorable environment for FinTech development

Goals of the Bank of Russia as a high-tech regulator

- Facilitate the **competition** in the financial market
- Enhance **accessibility**, **quality** and **range** of financial services
- Lower **risks and costs** in the financial market
- Advance the level of **competitiveness** of Russian technologies

Key areas of development

1. **Legal regulation** of FinTech, including protection of consumer rights and security of personal data
2. **Development of digital technologies** in the financial market and development of digital infrastructure
3. Transition to **electronic interaction** between the Bank of Russia, government, market participants and their clients
4. **“Regulatory Sandbox”** for experimentation with innovative financial technologies, products and services
5. Cooperation within the **Eurasian Economic Union** and development of single payment area for member states
6. Ensuring **technological safety and sustainability** in FinTech implementation
7. **Development of human resources** in the financial market
FINTECH (2)
Russia provides a favorable environment for FinTech development

Main goals

- **Implementation** of new technological solutions for the development of the Russian financial market
- **Promotion** of digitalization of the Russian economy

Main activities (2017-2018)

- Digital identification
- Distributed ledger technology
- Faster payment system
- Open API
- Big Data

Established on 28 December 2016 by the Bank of Russia with participation of the largest financial institutions
✓ New system for online sales of financial products

✓ Aimed at replacing traditional sales channels with websites and smartphone apps which will enable customers to compare multiple financial product offers

✓ CBR arranges the regulatory environment necessary for the project
PAYMENT INFRASTRUCTURE (1)
Bank of Russia Payment System

✔ Money transfer services are provided to:
  ✔ all credit institutions (financial market infrastructure included)
  ✔ Russia’s Federal Treasury and its agencies
  ✔ other Bank of Russia clients

✔ Average daily figures: **6.4 mln payments, RUB 6.9 tn**

✔ **84% of funds** are transferred via the real-time service

✔ New **liquidity management tools**, future value date settlement functionality, cash-pooling services for Federal Treasury and multibranch banks introduced

✔ Transfer timeframe is adapted to Russia’s **11 time zones** - system operates from 1 a.m. to 9 p.m., Moscow time.

✔ The **Faster Payments System** (FPS), launched on 28 January 2019, is set to enable instant C2C interbank transfers 24/7/365 using mobile phone number. At the next stage – C2B (customer-to-business) and C2G (customer-to-government) payments to be included
PAYMENT INFRASTRUCTURE (2)
Advancing supervision and oversight to ensure stable development of the payment infrastructure

- **Supervision of the payment infrastructure**: monitoring organisations’ compliance with the Russian law. Applies both to banking and non-banking institutions providing payment infrastructure and payment services.

- **Oversight of the payment infrastructure**: improving institutions’ operations following the Bank of Russia recommendations based upon international best practices.

- **Bank of Russia international cooperation in supervision and oversight of the payment infrastructure**.

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**Figures for early 2019**:

- **36 payment systems** and **more than 400 institutions** supervised within the National Payment System (NPS).

- NPS supervision is risk-oriented. Proportionate remote supervision approach is being introduced to the NPS.

- Objects supervised for compliance with CPMI/IOSCO Principles for Financial Market Infrastructure (PFMI): **2** systemically important payment systems, **4** socially important payment systems.

- High PFMI compliance ratings. NPS operators implement approved action plans based on the Bank of Russia recommendations.
Russian national payment system “Mir” was created on 23 July 2014
Operator of Mir Card Payment System is National Card Payment System Joint-Stock Company, 100% of its shares belong to the Bank of Russia
More than 53 mln “Mir” payment cards were issued by year end 2018 in Russia
Co-badging projects with international payment systems: Maestro, JCB, AmEx and UnionPay
Support of mobile payment service Samsung Pay
Mobile payments service MirPay is launched
PayPass system has been successfully implemented
Payment system “Mir” launched a loyalty program which allows card holders to receive cashback
“Mir” payment cards are accepted in the Republic of Armenia, Kyrgyz Republic, as well as in the infrastructure of VTB Bank in the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Belarus
# CONSUMER PROTECTION

Financial consumer and investor protection as one of priorities for 2016-2018

## KEY FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WORKSTREAMS

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FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Strong international background helps to promote financial inclusion

G20 GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION (GPFI)

- Acts as an inclusive platform for G20 countries, non-members and other parties for knowledge and experience sharing, policy advocacy and coordination in promoting financial inclusion
- Russia is an original GPFI member since November 2010
- Endorsed the ‘original’ FIAP in 2010 and the ‘updated’ FIAP in 2014 and 2017
- G20 – World Bank – OECD conference on empowering consumers of financial products and services was hosted in Moscow in June 2013
- The third annual GPFI Forum was held in St. Petersburg in 2013

Financial Inclusion Promotion by the Bank of Russia

- Improving financial inclusion for people and SMEs is one of financial market development priorities for 2016-2018
- The Bank of Russia annually publishes financial inclusion indicators and the Report on Financial Inclusion in Russia (with supply-side and demand-side data starting from 2015)
- The technical note on financial inclusion was prepared in the context of a joint WB / IMF FSAP mission in Russia during February-March 2016; the note was published in May 2016
- Early in 2018 the Bank of Russia launched the Financial Inclusion Strategy in Russia for the period of 2018-2020

ALLIANCE FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION (AFI)

- The global knowledge exchange network empowering policymakers to increase access to quality financial services for the less well-off communities and households
- The Bank of Russia became a member of AFI in February 2014
- In September 2014 the Bank of Russia joined the Maya Declaration setting up the priorities for AFI members on financial inclusion
- In September 2015 the Bank of Russia joined the Maputo Accord to improve funding accessibility for SMEs
- The Bank of Russia and AFI co-hosted the ‘Financial inclusion and shadow banking: innovation and proportional regulation for balanced growth’ conference in November 2015
- In June 2016 the Bank of Russia hosted the AFI GSPWG meeting.
- CBR hosted the 2018 AFI Global Policy Forum
AML/CFT
Bank of Russia maintains AML/CFT supervision of credit and non-credit financial institutions

Russian AML/CFT law is based on International Standards on Combating Money Laundering (FATF Recommendations)

Key measures taken in 2008-2013:

- **Enhancing corporate transparency** by introducing beneficial ownership requirements to the AML/CFT Law
- **Prohibiting credit institutions** from opening and maintaining anonymous accounts or accounts in fictitious names
- **Addressing certain shortcomings** in the criminalization of terrorist financing
- **Amending legislation** to prevent criminals from becoming major shareholders in financial institutions
- **Strengthening instruments** to freeze terrorist assets domestically or on request of other countries
- **Abolishing the threshold** which decriminalized self-laundering of amounts lower than RUB 6 mln and which was not in compliance with the FATF Recommendations

Source: Financial Action Task Force
Key avenues of cooperation in the sphere of information security

- Establishing institutional and technical framework for dynamic cooperation between the common financial market regulators and participants, building upon the Financial Sector Computer Emergency Response Team (FinCERT) of the Bank of Russia
- Enabling trusted electronic operations in the increasingly digitalised common financial market
- Formulating unified standardised approaches to information security, cyber resilience and supervising related risks
- Policy coordination and unifying the mechanisms of strong customer authentication for financial transactions and money transfers
### Investor Contacts and Regular Meetings Schedule for 2019

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