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BANK OF RUSSIA: OVERVIEW
Evolution (1)

Central Bank of Russia (CBR): founded in 1990

- 1990 – Law on banks and banking activities
- 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

- 1993 – FFMS established

Focus on Russian financial market development

2000 – First edition of the Russian corporate conduct code
2002 – Law on mortgage-backed securities
2003 – Law on Central Bank of the Russian Federation
2004 – Introduction of a floating exchange rate regime
2005 – Approval of a new corporate governance code
2006 – National Card Payment System Joint-Stock Company (AO NSPK) established

2001 – Law on AML/CFT
2003 – Russia becomes a FATF member
- 2003 – Start of the IFRS reporting project
- 2003 – Law on deposit insurance

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

2009 – CBR becomes a BCBS member
2010 – CBR becomes a CPMI member
2011 – Introduction of floating exchange rate corridor

2011 – Law on National Payment System
2012 – National Settlement Depository obtains status of the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of Russia
2013 – National Clearing Center obtains status of the first qualified Central Counterparty (CCP) in Russia

2013 – CBR becomes an IAIS member as well as IOSCO member
2014 – Inflation targeting regime with 4% medium-term target rate
- 2014 – Introduction of a floating exchange rate regime
- 2014 – Approval of a new corporate governance code
- 2014 – National Card Payment System Joint-Stock Company (AO NSPK) established

2015 – Signing of the IOSCO Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding
- 2015 – National payment system “Mir” established and “Mir” card issue started

2016 – Banking regulation in Russia assessed as compliant with Basel II, Basel 2.5 and Basel III (RCAP)
2017 – Introduction of proportional regulation in banking sector
- 2017 – Introduction of new financial rehabilitation mechanism

2018 – Bank of Russia joins MMOU IAIS
2019 – CBR becomes the megaregulator of the Russian financial sector

2020 – Focus on Russian financial market development
EVOLUTION (2)
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

- **2015**
  - Transition to the inflation targeting regime is completed
  - Medium-term inflation target is around 4%

- **Since Nov. 2014**
  - Free floating Ruble

- **2018**
  - Dec. 2017
    - Inflation below 4%
    - (2.5% - all-time low in July 2018)
  - Dec. 2018
    - Inflation 4.3%
Evolution (3)
Bank of Russia supervises the following key segments

- Banking sector
- Payment infrastructure
- Non-state pension funds
- Market infrastructure, including fair pricing
- Asset managers
- Securities market, including securities market professionals
- Microfinance
- Credit rating agencies
- Insurance sector
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
- Introduction of PTI ratio for macroprudential regulation purposes starting October 1, 2019
- 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

Banking regulation is compliant with Basel II, 2.5 and Basel III (RCAP 2016)

High FSAP grades in all surveyed segments, including securities market, insurance and payment infrastructure

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

Russia ranks #31 in DOING BUSINESS-2019 Ratings (#35 in 2018)

National Settlement Depository is eligible for custody arrangements under Rule 17f-7 of the US Investment Company Act of 1940

Russia is a party to the Articles of Agreement of the IMF and upholds free movement of capital

Insurance sector has started implementing Solvency II European principles
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
Bank of Russia cooperates with international financial institutions, regulators and associations
FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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

Building reliable financial environment

Improving financial inclusion and availability of capital

Developing market competitiveness

Ensuring financial stability

BANK OF RUSSIA: OVERVIEW
NEWSLETTER (1)
Key news from the Russian financial market

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<td>3 July 2019</td>
<td>Starting June 2019, in the context of new standardised approach to credit risk assessment revisions have been implemented in assessing credit risk for sovereign borrowers based on external long-term creditworthiness ratings. This makes it possible to reduce the ratios for sovereign borrowers and export guarantee loans from 100% to 50%.</td>
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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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| 5 June 2019     | Daily amount of **regular foreign currency purchases** in the domestic market under the fiscal rule is:  
                  | **RUB 8.9 bn** from 6 Sep until 4 Oct 2019  
                  | **RUB 11.2 bn** from 7 Aug until 5 Sep 2019  
                  | **RUB 10.0 bn** from 5 Jul until 6 Aug 2019  
                  | **RUB 16.3 bn** from 7 Jun until 4 Jul 2019  
                  | **RUB 16.7 bn** from 14 May until 6 Jun 2019  
                  | **RUB 11.6 bn** from 5 Apr until 13 May 2019 |
| 28 January 2019 | **The Faster Payments System launched** 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. |
| 25 January 2019 | The Bank of Russia decided to commence from 1 February 2019 **deferred foreign currency purchases** 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 **RUB 2.8 bn**. |
NEWSLETTER (2)
Key news from the Russian financial market

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| 1 January 2019        | ✓ **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.  
✓ The **SIFI capital buffer** (applied to 11 systemically important Russian banks) will remain at 0.65% throughout 2019.  
✓ The **minimum LCR requirements for SIFI raised from 90% to 100%** in accordance with the Basel III standards.  
✓ The **deposit insurance system will cover small enterprises’ funds up RUB to 1.4 mln** deposited with Russian banks that have joined the deposit insurance system.  
✓ Systemically important banks start to calculate the ratio of **maximum concentration of exposure per borrower or group of related borrowers** 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. |
| 28 December 2018      | The Bank of Russia has permitted **Raiffeisenbank to use internal ratings-based (IRB) approach** for the purpose of calculating regulatory capital (effective 1 Feb 2019). |
| 21 December 2018      | **The Bank of Russia raises risk weights on unsecured consumer loans** extended after 1 April 2019 with the effective interest rate of 10% to 30%. |
| 14 December 2018      | The Bank of Russia decided to **resume regular foreign currency purchases** in the domestic market under the fiscal rule that were suspended in 2018, starting **15 January 2019**. |
| 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. |
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 7: Significant international reserves assuring financial stability

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

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

External debt/GDP 1H19 = 30%
Reserves/GDP 1H19 = 32.8%
Reserves cover 17 months of import

Source: Bank of Russia, Bloomberg, Ministry of Finance
INFLATION

Medium-term inflation target successfully met in 2017-2018

Figure 9: Inflation (YoY, %)

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

Medium-term inflation target

Source: Bank of Russia, Rosstat

* As of August 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

| Key parameters of the Bank of Russia’s forecast scenarios (growth as % of previous year, if not indicated otherwise) | 2018 (actual) | BASELINE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Urals price, average for the year, US dollars per barrel | 69.8 | 63 | 55 | 50 | 50 |
| Inflation, as % in December year-on-year | 4.3 | 4.0–4.5 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Inflation, average for the year, as % year-on-year | 2.9 | 4.6–4.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Gross domestic product | 2.3 | 0.8–1.3 | 1.5–2.0 | 1.5–2.5 | 2.0–3.0 |
| Final consumption expenditure | 1.8 | 1.0–1.5 | 1.5–2.0 | 1.5–2.0 | 1.8–2.3 |
| – households | 2.3 | 1.0–1.5 | 2.0–2.5 | 2.0–2.5 | 2.0–2.5 |
| Gross capital formation | 0.8 | 0.0–1.0 | 3.5–4.5 | 3.5–4.5 | 2.5–3.5 |
| – gross fixed capital formation | 2.9 | 0.0–1.0 | 3.5–4.5 | 3.5–4.5 | 2.5–3.5 |
| Exports | 5.5 | (0.3–0.8) | 2.0–2.5 | 2.0–2.5 | 2.5–3.0 |
| Imports | 2.7 | (0.3–0.2) | 3.0–3.5 | 3.5–4.0 | 2.5–3.0 |
| Money supply in national definition | 11.0 | 8–12 | 7–12 | 7–12 | 7–12 |
| Banking system claims on the economy in rubles and foreign currency* | 11.5 | 8–12 | 7–12 | 7–12 | 7–12 |
| – claims on organisations in rubles and foreign currency; growth as % over year | 8.4 | 7–10 | 6–10 | 6–10 | 6–10 |
| – claims on households in rubles and foreign currency; growth as % over year | 22.0 | 15–20 | 10–15 | 10–15 | 10–15 |

* Banking sector claims on the economy mean all claims of the banking system on non-financial organisations and financial institutions and households in the currency of the Russian Federation, foreign currency, and precious metals, including loans extended (including overdue loans), overdue interest on loans, investments of credit institutions in debt and equity securities and promissory notes, other forms of stakeholding in the capital of non-financial organisations and financial institutions, and other receivables under settlement operations with non-financial organisations and financial institutions and households.

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

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* 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
MONETARY POLICY
Disinflationary and pro-inflationary risks are balanced till the end of 2019

- Inflation slowdown is continuing. At the same time, inflation expectations remain elevated.
- The Russian economy’s growth rate is still coming in lower than the Bank of Russia’s expectations.
- Risks of a global economic slowdown have increased.
- Risks of inflation accelerating or slowing down by the year-end are balanced.
- In these circumstances and taking actual inflation dynamics into account, the Bank of Russia has lowered its end-of-year annual inflation forecast for 2019 from 4.2-4.7% to 4.0-4.5%.
- Moving on, according to the Bank of Russia’s forecast and taking into account the monetary policy stance, annual inflation will remain close to 4%.

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Decision as of September 6, 2019

The Bank of Russia cuts the key rate by 25 bp to 7.00% p.a.

Signal

“...If the situation develops in line with the baseline forecast, the Bank of Russia will consider the necessity of further key rate reduction at one of the upcoming Board of Directors’ meetings.

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. ...

Source: Bank of Russia
FINANCIAL SECTOR OVERVIEW
### BANKING SECTOR: CURRENT AGENDA

Shaping a favourable operating environment and supporting market competition

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<td>Differentiating regulatory burden for banks based on their size and simplifying requirements for smaller banks focused on retail and SME lending.</td>
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<td><strong>New resolution mechanism:</strong></td>
<td>Reducing financial costs and execution period of the resolution procedure.</td>
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<td><strong>Imminent introduction of PTI ratio:</strong></td>
<td>In order to affect the consumer lending market more efficiently.</td>
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<td><strong>Risk-oriented supervision:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Development of macroprudential regulation:</strong></td>
<td>Streamlining the regulation, introducing countercyclical approach.</td>
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<td><strong>New regulations to the credit bureaus:</strong></td>
<td>Authorising several strategic credit bureaus with the function of aggregating information on debt payments.</td>
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<td>Leverage ratio (except for banks with basic license), NSFR – for Domestic-SIBs.</td>
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BANKING SECTOR: PROPORTIONAL REGULATION
Differentiating regulatory burden for banks depending on their size

Regulatory burden depends 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

On 1 June 2017, Federal Law No. 92-FZ dated 1 May 2017 came into force. It envisions the introduction of proportional regulation designed to set up a regulatory balance for banks differing in scale and in the nature of operations. 138 banks hold basic license, as of 1 August 2019.
BANKING SECTOR: NEW RESOLUTION MECHANISM
Under new mechanism both costs of resolution and time required have been reduced significantly

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On July 2, 2019, the Bank of Russia’s Board of Directors has decided to complete the implementation of bankruptcy prevention measures for **Bank FC Otkritie**. Currently, the Bank complies with all Bank of Russia’s statutory requirements for financial resilience and creditworthiness.

**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.

On 12 July 2019, the Bank of Russia approved amendments to the plan of its participation in bankruptcy prevention measures for the **Moscow Industrial bank (MIB)**. These amendments provide for the Bank of Russia to allocate 128.7 billion rubles for recapitalisation purposes.
BANKING SECTOR: KEY FIGURES

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

Figure 11: Banking sector profitability restored to record high levels

Figure 12: Loans and deposits volume (RUB tn) and growth rates

Figure 13: Banks hold an acceptable level of capital under Basel III

Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: FUNDING

The funding of the banking sector mostly comes from corporate and retail deposits.

Figure 14: In June 2019 corporate deposits grew by 5.1% YoY to RUB 26.8 tn

Figure 15: In June 2019 retail deposits demonstrated growth of 8.0% YoY, reaching RUB 29 tn

Figure 16: Operations with the Bank of Russia, tn RUB

Figure 17: Sources of funding, % of total liabilities

Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: INTEREST RATES

Interest rates plateaued at the end of 2018 following tighter monetary policy.

Figure 25: Weighted average interest rates on loans in rubles, %

Figure 26: Weighted average interest rates on deposits in rubles, %

Figure 27: Max interest rate on retail deposits in rubles of top-10 banks and Bank of Russia’s policy rate, %

Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: LENDING
Retail loans remain the key driver of credit growth

Figure 18: Corporate lending has stabilized around 6.8% YoY

Figure 19: Retail lending increased 23.1% YoY in June 2019

Figure 20: Share of bad corporate loans* reached 12.4%, while the loan loss reserves to bad loans ratio amounted to 83.8%

Figure 21: Retail loans portfolio demonstrates improved quality: the share of bad loans* reached 7.3%

* 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
BANKING SECTOR: MORTGAGE SEGMENT
Mortgage lending is characterised by high growth rates and decent asset quality

Figure 28: Mortgage lending increased 21.7% YoY in June 2019

Figure 29: Share of NPLs remains at historically low levels

Figure 30: Distribution of mortgage borrowers by LTV

Figure 31: Risk weights applied to mortgage loans

Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: UNSECURED CONSUMER LENDING

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

Figure 22: Consumer lending increased 24.7% YoY in June 2019

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 24: Risk weights applied to unsecured consumer loans, %

Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: INTRODUCTION OF PTI
The Bank of Russia introduces a payment to income ratio for regulation purposes

Effective from 1 October 2019, the Bank of Russia intends to set add-ons to the risk coefficients depending on the payment to income ratio (PTI) and the effective interest rate (EIR).

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Values of add-ons to the risk coefficients applied to unsecured consumer loans subject to calculation of PTI

Higher level of add-ons will be applied to loans with PTI exceeding 50%.

Banks will calculate PTI in accordance with Appendix 1 to Bank of Russia Ordinance No.4892 U when making a decision on granting a loan in the amount (total credit amount) of ₽10,000 or more or an increase in the total credit amount on a bank card.

Values of add-ons to the risk coefficients applied to unsecured consumer loans for which PTI calculation is not obligatory

Source: Bank of Russia
BANKING SECTOR: DEDOLLARISATION

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

Figure 32: Corporate FX lending declined significantly over the past few years

Figure 33: Retail FX loan portfolio is insignificant in size

Figure 34: Share of corporate and retail FX deposits in total amount of deposits has fallen

Figure 35: Risk weights applied to the FX assets, %

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

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

Figure 36: Capital adequacy ratio for the banking sector decreased over from 12.9% (1.01.16) to 11.8% (1.07.19) mostly due to the procedures of financial rehabilitation of the large credit institutions.

Figure 37: 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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*Assets as of August 2019*

Systemically important financial institutions account for 69% 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**
- Capital conservation buffer: 2017 1.25%, 2018 1.875%, 2019 2.50%*
- 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.
FINANCIAL STABILITY
Macroprudential policy aimed at identifying and preventing potential systemic risks

**Credit activity**
The private sector’s debt burden measured as the debt-to-GDP ratio remains relatively stable as, among other things, debts of non-financial organisations on external liabilities and internal FX loans remain stable. Non-financial organisations total debt on external liabilities, internal loans and debt securities increased by 3.2% over the past 12 months as of 1 July 2019.

The household debt burden is rising: during the first half of the year, the debt service to income ratio increased from 9.9% to 10.4% driven, primarily, by unsecured consumer loans. The debt service to income ratio on retail loans grew from 8.3% to 8.8% over the first six months of 2019 and came close to the peak values of 2014 (9.3%). In order to limit procyclical risks associated with the increase of households’ debt burden, the Bank of Russia applies risk ratio buffers.

**Retail lending risks**
The annual growth rates of unsecured consumer lending decreased to 24.5% as of 1 August 2019 (from 25.3% as of 1 May 2019), but remains high. Increased risk ratio buffers to new unsecured consumer loans issued from 1 October 2019 will be applied depending not only on the weighted average effective interest rate (EIR), but also on the debt burden ratio of an individual.

To mitigate systemic risks associated with mortgage loans with a 10-20% down payment, the Bank of Russia raised risk ratio buffers for newly issued mortgage loans effective from 1 January 2019. This measure resulted in the decrease in the share of loans with down payments ranging from 10 to 20% issued in 2019 Q2. Such loans accounted for 36.7% of all mortgage loans (40.9% in 2019 Q1, and 43.2% in 2018 Q4).

**Capital adequacy**
The capital adequacy (Basel III N1.0 ratio) for the banking sector remains at an acceptable level of 14.2% as of 1 July, 2019. The effective macroprudential measures form additional capital stock which accounts for 0.7 pp of the banking sector’s capital adequacy.

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1 Adjusted for FX revaluation (exchange rate as of 1 July 2019).
2 It is calculated as the ratio of regular household loan repayments to household disposable income. This indicator includes disposable income of all Russian households, including individuals without any loans. Therefore, this indicator is undervalued.
3 Credit institutions’ financial statements as per Form 0409115 (Section 3, Credit Exposure: Other Consumer Loans, Grouped into a Homogeneous Loan Portfolio). For credit institutions operating as of the last reporting date, including banks that underwent restructuring.
4 According to the quarterly survey of banks (PJSC Sberbank, VTB Bank (PJSC), GAZPROMBANK (JSC), PJSC ROSBANK, JSC UniCredit Bank, JSC Raiffeisenbank).
5 Except for banks undergoing resolution, including with the involvement of the Banking Sector Consolidation Fund.
6 If the buffers to risk weights were reduced to zero, the capital adequacy of the banking sector would be higher by 0.7 pp.

**Decision**
as of August 30, 2019

"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..."

"...In the context of moderately growing general credit to the economy and considering that increased risk ratios are applied in several lending segments, it has been deemed unreasonable to set the countercyclical capital buffer above zero..."
SECURITIES MARKET (1)
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
SECURITIES MARKET (2)
Growing a deeper Russian bond market with strong potential

Figure 38: Volume of the Russian local bond market, RUB tn

Figure 39: Volume of the Russian corporate bond market, RUB tn

Figure 40: “Bondization” of the Russian financial market

Figure 41: Corporate loans vs corporate bonds in Russia, RUB tn

Source: Moscow Exchange, Cbonds
**SECURITIES MARKET (3)**

Russian OFZ market provides relatively high yields amid investment grade reliability

**Figure 42**: Russian OFZ market volume keeps growing

- **Figure 43**: Zero-coupon OFZ yield curve, %

**Figure 44**: Bond market yields, key rate and RUONIA (% RUB)

**Figure 45**: EM 10Y bond yields (% USD) on the background of credit ratings

Source: Bank of Russia, Moscow Exchange, IMF and World Federation of Exchanges
Demand for OFZs placements remains sustainably high

Figure 46: 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
SECURITIES MARKET (5)

Russian equity market provides growth potential and attractive dividend yields

Figure 47: Russian Equity market cap, bln RUB & bln USD

Figure 48: Domestic market capitalization to GDP ratio reflects undervalued Russian financial market (of GDP, %)

Figure 49: Russian equities market trading volumes proves stable

Figure 50: Dividend yield (12M): Russia vs. EM, %

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 51: Russian MSCI index vs EM peers (05.01.15 = 100%)

Figure 52: 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

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

Source: Moscow Exchange
SEcurities market (9)
Rapidly developing retail market with strong tax incentives and accelerating FinTech

- **2.6 million** retail investors were registered with the Moscow Exchange at the end of June 2019
- More than **219 000** retail investors were reported as “active” traders

**Figure 53: Number of active retail client accounts**

**Recent regulatory changes**

- **Individual Investment Accounts** for private investors since 2015.
  - RUB 1 mln – max sum to invest in a year.
  - More than 825k accounts opened as of May 2019

- **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
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
New corporate governance standards reflect best international practices

Corporate governance

JSC Law amended July 2018:
- Strengthening the role of the Board of Directors in JSC
- Mandatory risk-management, internal control in public companies
- Mandatory audit committees and internal audit functions in public companies (starting July 2020)
- Disclosure reform

Corporate actions reform

- Information on corporate actions cascaded to shareholders from issuer through CSD and nominees
- E-proxy voting and E-voting platform for shareholders has been developed
- A number of Russian companies have already implemented an online voting system in 2017
- E-voting for bondholders has been implemented and successfully tested

Listed reform on Moscow Exchange

- Simplified listing structure: 2 quotation lists and 1 non-quotation list instead of a 6-tier system
- Stricter corporate governance criteria for inclusion in the top-tier list
- Stricter requirements for Directors to be considered independent

Next stage 2019

- Only ratings by approved Russian rating agencies will be considered valid for listing requirements for Russian issuers` bonds

CBR 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 54: Majority of savings in Russia is held on bank deposits and in cash*

* As of the end of 2017
Source: World Bank, IMF, Bank of Russia, Moscow Exchange

Figure 55: Assets of investments funds in Russia (RUB tn)

Figure 56: Number of investments funds in Russia by the type

Figure 57: Breakdown of investment funds’ assets by the type (as of December 31, 2018)
NON-STATE PENSION FUNDS
Local institutional investor base: the potential of non-state pension funds

Figure 58: Pension assets in Russia (RUB tn)

Figure 59: Pension system asset allocation (as of December 31, 2018, %)

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
INSURANCE
Local institutional investor base: the potential of insurance market

Figure 60: Premium volume is gradually growing

Figure 61: Assets hit 2.8% of GDP

Figure 62: Premium structure in 2018 shows high level of market diversification

Figure 63: In 2018 market remained highly competitive with the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index equal to 550.6

Source: Bank of Russia
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
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

Established on 28 December 2016 by the Bank of Russia with participation of the largest financial institutions

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
MARKETPLACE
Shaping future of financial services experience in Russia

- 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.

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 further financial market development

KEY FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WORKSTREAMS

- Consumer and investor complaints handling
- Conduct supervision model
- Setting requirements for financial organizations in order to improve consumer and investor protection
- Dispute resolution (ombudsman)
- Differentiation of consumer protection requirements
- Financial awareness improvement
- Disclosure requirements for consumers and investors
- Disclosure requirements for information on risks
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)

2008
The FATF placed Russian Federation in the regular follow-up process

2013
The FATF recognized that Russia could be removed from the regular follow-up process

2018 – 2019
4th round of mutual evaluation, joint FATF/MONEYVAL/EAG evaluation of Russia

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
CYBERSECURITY

Key initiatives in information security and cybersecurity

- Countering international and cross-border crime
- Addressing the rise in money withdrawals via illegal cross-border transactions
- Compiling a general register of most typical cyber threats and computer attack methods
- Combatting fraud in financial e-services provided via websites registered in foreign DNS zones

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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