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The Market Structure - Serbia

Oversight

Trading

Clearing & CSD

Cash

Securities Commission Belgrade Stock Exchange Central Registrar, Depo and Clearing of Securites National Bank of Serbia

National Bank of Serbia

OTC

Commercial Banks

Foreign Investors' Trading:

Equities: 55,81%

Bonds: 11.26%

Total BSE: 47,82%

Key Market Data:

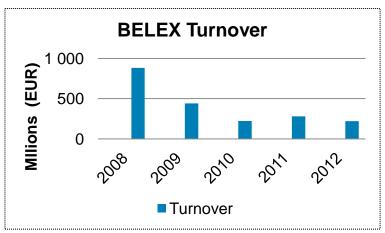
BELEX Cap EUR 6,633 m

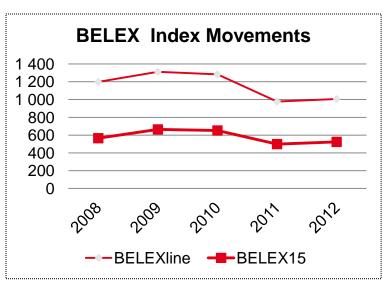
BELEX trading EUR 220 m p.a.

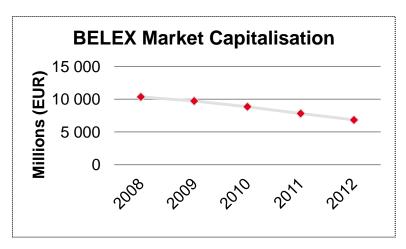
Primary T- trading EUR 3,325 m p.a.



Market Trends on Belgrade Stock Exchange











Major Market Issues - Serbia

- Short term investments prohibited for non-resident investors
- Account opening requirements for beneficiary securites accounts
- Settlement process
 - No real STP process in place in the market
 - Pre-funding requirement
 - Mandatory settlement of on-exchange transactions
 - Settlement protection instruments (Guarantee Fund, buy-in/sell-out)

Corporate actions

- Various sources of information
- Law on companies and capital market law tackle only major aspects of the corporate actions event cycle
- No fixed pay dates for income
- Ex-date concept not recognized by the market, i.e. no market claims

Taxation

- Mandatory appointment of local tax attorney
- Importance of timely submission of Certificate of Residence since there is no guarantee that tax reclaim will be succesfull
- Omnibus accounts taxed at account holder level
- Reporting of securities sales for CGT purposes within 30 calendar days from the settlement date no matter the tax status of the security or the investor

Cash management

- Overdrafts restricted to non-resident banks and local currency funds
- Repatriation of funds



Latest market development, changes in the past 24 months

Changes in the market infrustructure

■ BELEX

Delisting of companies & re-structuring of the market

CSD

Securities lending and repo transactions

Changes in the regulatory and tax environment

■ Regulatory

- Capital market law
- Law on companies

■ Tax environment

- Increased scope of persons acting as local tax attorneys for non-residents
- Hike in tax rates for private investors
- Distinction between long-term and short-term holdings for private investors
- Identification of tax havens
- Extended CGT reporting period

☐ <u>Impact on clients</u>
□BELEX
Only companies interested to be traded on- exchange and communicate with investors will remain thus increased transparency of business activities is expected in the future
□CSD
securities lending has been introduced as a FOP transaction; repo transactions can now be conducted with all instruments
☐ Impact on clients
□ Regulatory
□ Easier to recognize regulatory framework (MiFID)□ Increased shareholders' protection
□Tax environment
Investors can now appoint legal persons as local ta attorneys
□15% WHT and CGT is to be paid vs. 10% in the past
□ Private investors disposing securities after 10+ years will not pay CGT
□ Legal entities residing in tax havens (51 countries) shall pay 25% WHT on interest, instead of 20%
☐ More time for preparation of tax report



Expected changes in the next 24 months

Expected changes in the regulatory and tax environment

□<u>Impacts on clients</u>

- Regulations impacting activities with securities are expected to change as the result of Ministry of Finance initiative to harmonize local regulation
- □ Improved market processes are expected as the result of regulation harmonization



The major challenges - Serbia

■ The major challenges in the coming 12 months:

- Harmonization of laws
- 2. Market tax procedure
- Simplification of market corporate actions procedures
- 4. CSD fees

Lobbying for:

- UniCredit is a working group member appointed by the Ministry of Finance
- Initiative for abolishing CGT, simplifying CGT reporting, taxation at beneficiary level
- 3. Proposals for unified and simplified issuers' approach
- Maximum cap on coupon administration CSD fee was proposed



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