



Before the opening of trading on Friday 24 August some moderately positive external background formed on the Russian market. On Thursday the US indices DJIA and S&P500 lost 0.2-0.3%, on Friday the composite stock index of the Asia-Pacific region, MSCI Asia Pacific, and futures for US indices added 0.1%. As experts say, investors are cautious in anticipation of the speech of the head of the Fed at a symposium of world leaders in the US Jackson-Hole and news on trade negotiations between the US and China. Experts do not think, says MarketWatch, that the tone of Jerome Powell's statements will differ significantly from the minutes of the Fed's meeting, but expect that he will express his opinion on the greatest potential threats to the economy. As for the talks between the US and China, the round, according to media reports, so far ended without visible signals of progress, while representatives of China called it constructive, frank and useful. October Brent futures traded near \$75.2 per barrel, \$0.5 higher than our closing on 23 August. Oil prices were supported, including, by information on possible limitation of production in the North Sea because of strikes of workers scheduled for the coming months on several drilling platforms.

For the most part of the day, the MOEX Russia Index was volatile near zero - the increase in the cost of oil and gas companies on rising oil was offset by a fall in shares of the banking sector, led by Sberbank's securities on sanctions risks. Quotes of Brent crude for the first time since 11 July exceeded \$76 per barrel on fears of a reduction in global fuel supplies as a result of strikes on drilling platforms in the North Sea and the entry into force of sanctions against Iran on 4 November. In the second half of the trading session, the MOEX Russia Index was able to gain a foothold in positive territory after the pressure of sellers on the shares of the banking sector eased. The media's information about the new US sanctions against Russia on the "Skripal case", which will come into force today, did not have a significant impact on the Russian market – there were no surprises in the State Department's message, Interfax noted. At the end of the day, the growth of the MOEX Russia Index accelerated to 0.9% - Russian investors were supported by the improvement of moods on world markets after the speech of the head of the Fed, in which he, in particular, noted the adequacy of the course for a gradual increase in the Fed's rates in the absence of risks of overheating and inflation above the US 2% target level.

As a result of the trading session the MicexPWR Sector Index looked significantly worse than the market. The main contribution to the MicexPWR reduction in antiphase with the MOEX Russia Index was made by shares of Inter RAO.

ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY NEWS

The basic level of profitability for projects under the program of modernization of TPPs to be lowered from the initial 14% to 12% - says the newspaper

It will also be tied to the current yield of OFZ at 7.5%. In practice, this does not significantly reduce the level of profitability of generating companies compared to what they received in the first wave of investments - the Capacity Delivery Agreement for the construction of new generation in the 2010s.

Read full text: http://www.bigpowernews.ru/markets/document84268.phtml

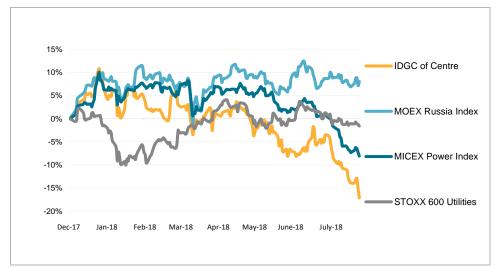
COMPANY NEWS

The branch "Yarenergo" held exercises on working out the elimination of mass outages

IDGC of Centre - Yarenergo division held exercises to eliminate mass outages of power grid facilities caused by impact of unfavourable meteorological phenomena. The branch worked out the cooperation with municipal services, territorial authorities, the Ministry of Emergency Situations.

Read full text: https://www.mrsk-1.ru/press-center/news/branches/65470/

DYNAMICS OF KEY INDEXES AND SHARES OF THE COMPANY



World	Value	Change	
indexes	value	per day	fr 31.12.17
MOEX Russia	2 279,76	0,87%	8,06%
S&P 500	2 874,69	0,62%	7,52%
FTSE 100	7 577,49	0,19%	-1,43%
DAX	12 394,52	0,23%	-4,05%
DJStoxx 600	383,56	0,05%	-1,44%
Nikkei	22 601,77	0,85%	-0,72%
Sensex	38 251,80	-0,22%	12,32%
CSI300	3 325,33	0,16%	-17,50%
Bovespa	76 262,23	0,83%	-0,18%

Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

	Value	Change	
Currency rates	Value	per day	fr 31.12.17
USD/RUB	68,53	1,35%	18,91%
EURO/RUB	79,25	1,35%	15,21%

Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

Raw	Value	Change	
		per day	fr 31.12.17
Gold, USD/oz	1 205,35	1,67%	-7,48%
Brent*, USD/bbl	75,82	1,46%	17,75%

* - October futures

Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

Shares	Price**, ₽	MCap**, ₽ bln	MCap**, \$ mln
IDGC of Centre	0,2950	12,45	181,75
IDGC of Centre & Volga Reg	0,2880	32,46	473,65

Source: Central Bank of Russia, Company calculations

	Change	
Comparison with indexes	per day	fr 31.12.17
STOXX 600 Utilities	-0,34%	-1,60%
MICEX POWER Index	-0,80%	-8,10%
IDGC of Centre**	-2,32%	-17,13%
IDGC of Centre and Volga Region**	-0,35%	-4,54%
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Source: Bloomberg, Company calculations

	Change**	
Grid companies	per day	fr 31.12.17
Rosseti, ordinary shares	-1,45%	-18,04%
FGC UES	-0,62%	-6,54%
IDGC of Volga	-1,33%	-5,80%
MOESK	-0,29%	-22,91%
IDGC of Northern Caucasus	2,39%	-21,88%
IDGC of North-West	-0,15%	31,92%
IDGC of Urals	-0,27%	-12,65%
IDGC of Siberia	-3,31%	-23,58%
IDGC of South	-3,87%	12,04%
Lenenergo, ordinary shares	0,00%	22,92%
TRK, ordinary shares	5,06%	-10,51%
Kubanenergo	-3,81%	-29,08%

Source: MOEX, Company calculations

** - at the price of last transaction at MOEX

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