

## Executive Summary

### • Macroeconomics

Goldman Sachs says U.S. performance may appear better than it is.

### • Forex

The euro traded at \$1.23013 at 5:00 p.m. in New York. The EUR/RON closed 4.3405/4.3425.

### • Money Market

RON O/N trading range was at 1.61% - 2.11%.

### • Equities

#### Domestic

The BSE closed green, BET-C advanced 0.40% on higher volumes, while BET increased 0.47%, BET-FI gained 0.57%. RASDAQ-C closed red (-0.44%) on lower volumes, while Tier I was flat, Tier II gained 0.07%.

#### Foreign

S&P 500 caps longest advance since December. Europe stocks rise to five-month high.

### • Commodities

Most major commodities up.

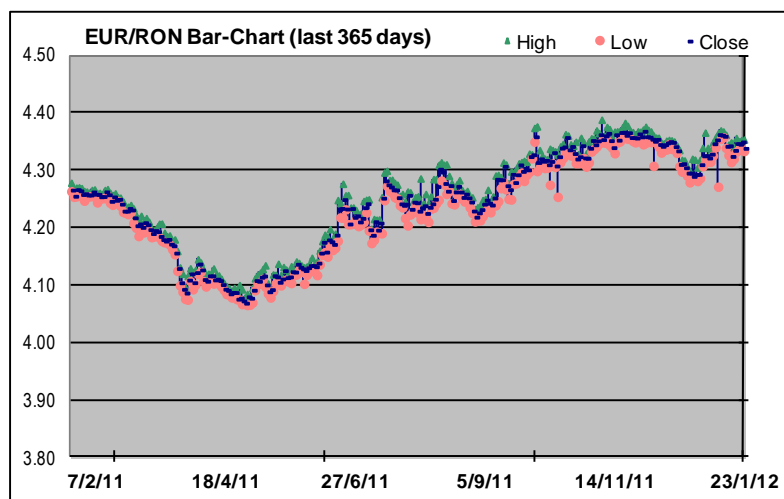
## Market Data (as of 24 January 2012)

(market info sources: Bloomberg Professional Service, www.bvb.ro, www.bse.hu)

### • Forex (as of 24-Jan-12)

FX Rates*	Prv. Day	Min 52W	Max 52W	Ytd	-52W
EUR/RON	4.3365	4.0782	4.3595	4.3271	4.2680
USD/RON	3.3333	2.7352	3.4435	3.3367	3.1270
CHF/RON	3.5942	3.1021	4.0619	3.5540	3.2941
100HUF/RON	1.4456	1.3390	1.6076	1.3745	1.5528

\* since Bloomberg is the data source NBR rates will likely differ

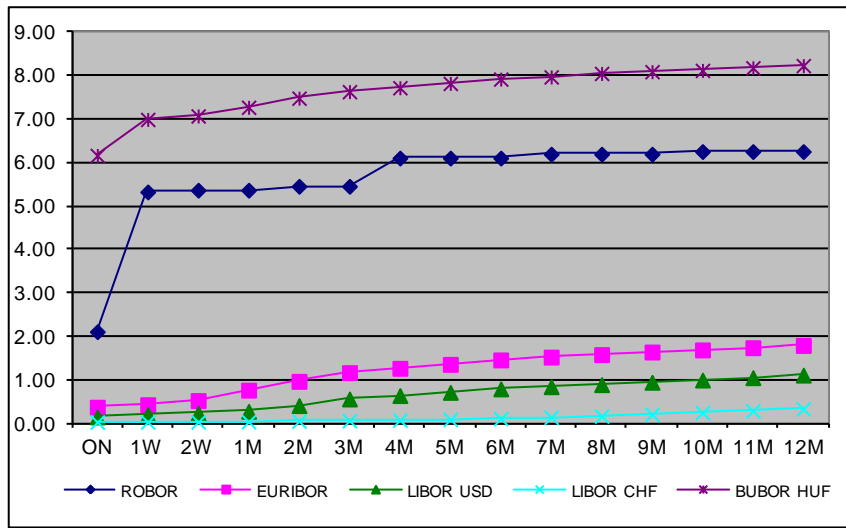


### • Money Markets (valid for 24 January 2012)

Rate	ON	1W	2W	1M	2M	3M	4M	5M	6M	7M	8M	9M	10M	11M	12M
ROBOR*	2.11	5.33	-	5.37	-	5.46	-	-	6.11	-	-	6.20	-	-	6.26
EURIBOR**	0.37	0.43	0.52	0.76	0.97	1.17	1.27	1.36	1.46	1.53	1.58	1.64	1.69	1.74	1.79
LIBOR USD	0.14	0.20	0.23	0.28	0.41	0.56	0.64	0.71	0.79	0.84	0.89	0.94	1.00	1.05	1.11
LIBOR CHF	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.21	0.25	0.29	0.33
BUBOR HUF	6.17	7.00	7.08	7.28	7.49	7.64	7.73	7.83	7.93	7.98	8.06	8.10	8.13	8.19	8.24

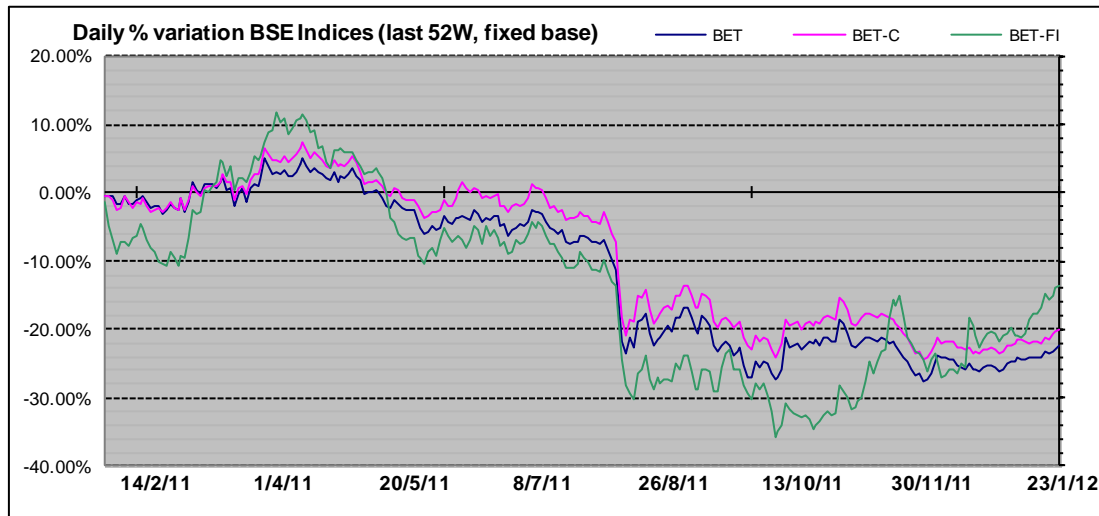
\* in the chart below, values for maturities where there is no quote are proxied by the maximum of the previous and the next maturity

\*\* EONIA for ON



(source for the graph: the last table on the page above)

Equities



(source for the graph: Bloomberg data on BSE indices)

Domestic

Indices (RON)	Last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
BET	4,475.41	0.47	3.19	-22.24
BET-C	2,697.46	0.40	2.90	-19.71
BET-FI	21,089.71	0.57	9.04	-11.35
ROTX	8,649.50	3.24	7.60	-26.83
Rasdaq-C	1,580.53	-0.44	0.03	-10.64
RAQ-I	921.53	0.00	1.40	-40.88
RAQ-II	1,921.18	0.07	-3.55	-38.06

Foreign

Indices	Last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
DJIA (USD)	12,708.82	-0.09	4.02	7.05
S&P 500 (USD)	1,316.00	0.05	4.64	2.54
DAX (EUR)	6,436.62	0.50	9.13	-8.86
FTSE 100 (GBP)	5782.56	0.94	3.77	-1.93
STOXX 600 (EUR)	257.01	0.45	5.10	-8.62
BUX (HUF)	19,018.87	0.89	12.05	-17.21

Top 5 most traded	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
FP	17,837,738	38,986,500	811	0.4655	3.08
EBS	3,954,054	57,372	532	71.4500	12.34
SIF4	3,754,651	6,361,500	248	0.5910	1.03
SIF3	3,067,187	5,159,000	494	0.5925	-1.58
SIF2	1,792,321	1,370,000	219	1.3040	-1.29

Trading Volumes	BVB	Rasdaq	BUSE	NYSE listed	Nasdaq	LSE	STOXX 600 *
Previous Day	8.63	0.04	65.03	14,859.71	9,247.13	4,507.73	257.01
Ytd Avg. (EUR mn)	5.14	0.08	56.08	16,134.46	9,846.40	4,686.31	250.61
MCap (EUR bn)**	17.88	2.36	16.74	3,685.17	13,565.60	2,632.45	6,432.80

\* 600 stocks from 15 EU countries + Switzerland, Norway and Iceland  
 \*\* For BUSE, NYSE, NSADAQ and LSE only stock listed primarily on that specific market

Best 5 performers	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
SRT	2,418	158,500	42	0.0157	13.77
EBS	3,954,054	57,372	532	71.4500	12.34
SPCU	2,549	15,000	6	0.1700	5.59
CBC	11,534	1,900	3	6.2550	3.99
ALU	1,735	1,700	42	0.0646	3.73

Worst 5 performers	Volume -RON	Volume - shares	Trades	Last price	1d%
BCC	8,933	170,000	34	0.0513	-3.39
ELGS	35,136	103,000	58	0.3325	-2.92
APC	2,380	3,500	3	0.6800	-2.86
ROCE	830	5,000	3	0.1660	-2.35
SCD	6,095	7,000	3	0.8700	-1.81

- **Commodities**

Item (market)	unit	last close	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
Oil (Brent crude)	USD/barrel	110.58	0.66	3.47	12.65
Gold (COMEX)	USD/ounce	1678.3	0.86	7.12	24.14
Platinum (NYMEX)	USD/ounce	1561.75	1.75	11.47	-14.49
Silver (COMEX)	USD/ounce	32.27	1.88	15.60	17.30
Wheat (CBOT)	USD/bushel	6.1975	1.52	-5.06	-31.44
Corn (CBOT)	USD/bushel	6.2	1.39	-4.10	4.20

- **OTP AM – Open-End Funds (as of 20-Jan-12)**

Open-end fund	ccy	last NAV/U	1d%	Ytd%	52W%
OTP AvantisRO	RON	5.9200	0.51	5.34	-15.19
OTP Obligatiuni	RON	11.5100	0.00	0.44	11.96
OTP ComodisRO	RON	14.0169	0.02	0.37	6.46
OTP Euro Bond	EUR	10.5322	0.01	0.25	4.57

## Market Highlights (as of 23 January 2012)

- **Forex**

The euro gained 0.6 percent to \$1.3013 at 5 p.m. New York time after rising to \$1.3053, the highest level since Jan. 4. The common currency advanced 0.6 percent to 100.25 yen, while the dollar was little changed at 77.02 yen. (Bloomberg)

EUR/RON opened at 4.3450/4.3470 and closed the day 4.3405/4.3425. (ContiCap)

- **Money Market**

RON O/N trading range was 1.61%- 2.11%. %. The curve shifted left yesterday especially in the shorter end, after the funding was not seen to move significantly higher as one would expect at the start of the new RR period. 1m moved -16bp, 2m -11.5bp, 3m -9bp, 6m -3bp, 9m -3bp and 12m -5bp. (ContiCap)

- **Equities**

- **Domestic**

The BSE closed green (BET-C, which does not include the SIFs advanced 0.40%) on higher volumes and still above this year's average volume. While BET blue chips index increased 0.47%, BET-FI gained 0.57%.

RASDAQ-C closed red (-0.44%), while Tier I was flat, Tier II gained 0.07%. The trading volume was lower and still below 2012's average volume.

- **Foreign**

The S&P 500 added 0.1 percent to 1,316 at 4 p.m. New York time, gaining 2.1 percent in five days. The Dow Jones Industrial Average (INDU) declined 11.66 points, or 0.1 percent, to 12,708.82, after earlier rising above the highest closing level since May. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index added 0.5 percent to 257.01 at the close of trading as the region's finance ministers began meeting in Brussels to discuss the debt crisis. The gauge has risen 5.1 percent in 2012, the best start to a year since 1997, as reports added to optimism that the global economy is strengthening. (Bloomberg)

- **Commodities**

Brent oil for March settlement was at \$109.89 a barrel, up 3 cents, on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. The European benchmark contract's premium to West Texas Intermediate futures was at \$12.02, compared with a record \$27.88 on Oct. 14. (Bloomberg)

## Latest Financial News

- **Macroeconomics**

*Goldman Sachs says U.S. performance may appear better than it is.*

A decline in unemployment and pickup in manufacturing point to accelerating U.S. growth. Some economists say the numbers may not be as good as they look. One reason: the severity of the economy's plunge in late 2008 and early 2009 after Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. collapsed threw a wrench into models used to smooth the data for seasonal changes, according to analysts at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Nomura Securities International Inc. The jobless rate has dropped 0.4 percentage point over the past two months, according to the Labor Department, and the Institute for Supply Management's factory index has climbed more than three points since the end of August. Signs the world's largest economy was strengthening helped propel a 14 percent gain in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index in the past eight weeks. (Bloomberg)

- **Forex**

*Euro rallies to three-week high against Dollar amid Greece debt optimism.*

The euro strengthened to an almost three-week high against the dollar as French Finance Minister Francois Baroin said negotiations between Greece and its private creditors are making "tangible progress." The 17-nation currency gained versus 13 of its 16 major counterparts tracked by Bloomberg as European Union finance ministers gather in Brussels to discuss a Greek debt swap, budget rules and a financial firewall to protect indebted nations. Norway's krone and Canada's dollar rallied against the dollar as oil gained after the European Union agreed to ban crude imports from Iran. "The Greece situation is the main source of near-term headline risk and the market is betting on the successful outcome of those talks, because the alternative would be too disruptive," said Vassili Serebriakov, a currency strategist at Wells Fargo & Co. in New York. "We saw another record high in euro shorts from last week and we are also still in the process of unwinding some of those." A short is a bet an asset will decline. (Bloomberg)

- **Money Market**

*Romania sells 1.27 bln Lei (292 mln Euro) in 6-months T-bills, yields fall.*

Romania on Monday sold 1.27 billion lei (\$378 million/292 million euro) in six-month Treasury bills, much above its 300 million lei offer, as yields fell, the central bank said on Monday. The average yield fell to 5.70% from 6.51% in the previous auction held on November 14, the central bank, which sells government securities on behalf of the finance ministry, said in a statement. Bids were placed for 1.73 billion lei worth of government debt in Monday's auction. The average accepted price was equal to 97.1159% of par. (SeeNews)

*EU calls for more bondholder concessions as Greece seen going 'off track'.*

European finance ministers balked at putting up more public money for Greece, calling on bondholders to provide greater debt relief in order to point the way out of the two-year-old debt crisis. Euro governments stood by an October offer of 130 billion Euros (\$170 billion) for a second Greek aid package. Officials want to fill a deeper-than-expected hole in the nation's finances by saddling investors with a lower interest rate on exchanged bonds. "It's obvious that the Greek program is off track," Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker told reporters early today after chairing a meeting of European finance ministers in Brussels. He called on creditors to drop demands that new bonds carry coupons averaging 4 percent. (Bloomberg)

## • Equities

### Domestic

*Rompetrol Group borrows 55 mln Euro from RBS Romania.*

Dutch-based Rompetrol Group said on Monday it has borrowed 55 million euro (\$71 million) from the Romanian unit of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) to secure working capital. The multi-currency loan will be used to fund the working capital needs of the group's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) division Rompetrol Gas and the retail division Rompetrol Downstream, the group said in a statement. The one-year loan agreement was concluded in late 2011, it added. The main asset of Rompetrol Group, owned by Kazakh state oil firm KazMunaiGas, is Romania's Rompetrol Rafinare, which operates two refineries, Petromidia and Vega. (SeeNews)

*Romania's Transelectrica to hike share cap after SPO.*

Romanian power grid operator Transelectrica said on Monday it plans to raise its share capital by 1.0 million lei (\$298,000/230,000 euro) after the secondary public offering (SPO) for a 15% stake in the company takes place. Transelectrica plans to raise its share capital to some 734 million lei via a contribution in kind. Its shareholders decided on January 20 to postpone the approval of the capital hike until the second quarter of 2012, Transelectrica said in a statement released after the shareholders' meeting. The company will incorporate in its capital the value of several land plots. (SeeNews)

### Foreign

*Erste jumps most since 2010 after Goldman report.*

Erste Group Bank AG jumped the most since May 2010 in Czech trading after Goldman Sachs Group Inc. said the valuation of the Austrian lender's shares relative to its peers represents a buying opportunity. The stock surged for an eighth day, the longest rally since March 2009, rising 12 percent to 425 koruna at the 4:24 p.m. close in Prague. Almost 1.4 million shares changed hands yesterday, or 269 percent of the three-month daily average. (Bloomberg)

*GDF Suez contracts with OAO Gazprom may be unprofitable in 2013.*

GDF Suez (GSZ) SA led utilities lower, falling 3.6 percent to 20.36 Euros, as Barclays Plc wrote in a report that renegotiated contracts with Russia's OAO Gazprom may be unprofitable in 2013. (Bloomberg)

## • Commodities

*Crude trades below \$100 as U.S. inventory outlook counters Iran embargo.*

Oil fluctuated below \$100 a barrel in New York as speculation U.S. stockpiles gained last week countered concern Iran will respond to a European embargo on its crude exports by shutting the Strait of Hormuz. "The market is taking its breath to see what will happen next with Iran," said David Lennox, an analyst at Fat Prophets in Sydney. "You would have thought with the embargo coming out of the euro zone that the oil price would have been somewhere around \$115 but it hasn't happened." (Bloomberg)



## LEGEND

"Min / Max 52W" = Minimum / Maximum value recorded in the past 52 weeks

"Last close / price" = the closing price for the last trading session before the issue date of this report

"MCap" = Market capitalization;

"52W%" = cumulative % increase/decrease during the past 52 weeks;

"Ytd Avg." = average value since the beginning of the current year

"Ytd" (Year to date) = quotation in the first trading day of the year;

"Ytd%" (Year to date %) = cumulative % increase/decrease since the end of the previous year;

"1d%" = % increase/decrease between Last close and the closing price of the day before the Last close date

"BuSE" = Budapest Stock Exchange

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