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Daily Report – Romania

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STOCK EXCHANGE

| | Close | Daily chg. (%) | Weekly chg. (%) |
|--------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| BET | 8,358.28 | ↓ -0.53 | ↑ 1.34 |
| BET-TR | 12,325.53 | ↓ -0.53 | ↑ 1.34 |
| BET-FI | 36,051.33 | ↓ -0.22 | ↑ 0.71 |
| BET-XT | 758.13 | ↓ -0.50 | ↑ 1.12 |
| TLV | 2.1600 | ↓ -1.14 | ↑ 1.89 |
| FP | 0.9580 | ↓ -0.21 | ↑ 1.70 |
| SNP | 0.3800 | ↑ 0.40 | ↑ 3.83 |
| SNG | 33.9500 | ↑ 0.15 | ↑ 2.26 |
| BRD | 13.6400 | ↓ -0.87 | ↑ 1.79 |

GOV'T BOND MARKET

| Maturity | Yield (%) | Daily chg. (bp) | Weekly chg. (bp) |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|
| 6 month | 3.16 | → 0.0 | ↑ 0.5 |
| 12 month | 3.27 | ↓ -1.0 | ↓ -1.5 |
| 3 year | 3.78 | ↓ -3.0 | ↓ -5.5 |
| 5 year | 4.24 | ↓ -0.5 | ↓ -2.0 |
| 10 year | 4.93 | ↑ 0.0 | ↓ -0.5 |

GOV'T BOND AUCTIONS

| | Maturity | Auctions | Sold |
|--------|----------|------------|------------|
| Monday | 2.5Y | RON 500 mn | RON 695 mn |

MONEY MARKET

| | Rate (%/bp) | Daily chg (bp) | Weekly chg (bp) |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| ON ROBOR | 2.12 | ↓ -133 | ↓ -139 |
| 3M ROBOR | 3.41 | ↑ 1 | ↑ 3 |
| 6M ROBOR | 3.43 | → 0 | ↑ 2 |
| 1Y ROBOR | 3.56 | ↑ 1 | ↑ 3 |
| 5Y CDS | 96.17 | → 0 | ↓ 0 |

FX MARKET

| | Rate | Daily chg. (%) | Weekly chg. (%) |
|---------|--------|----------------|-----------------|
| EUR/RON | 4.7595 | ↑ 0.05 | ↓ -0.01 |
| USD/RON | 4.2392 | ↑ 0.33 | ↑ 0.48 |
| CHF/RON | 4.1551 | ↓ -0.14 | ↓ -0.79 |
| HUF/RON | 0.0148 | ↑ 0.00 | ↓ -0.26 |

Sources: Reuters, OTP Research

Summary

- In 2018, Romania's government managed to keep the budget deficit at the 3.0% threshold (ESA methodology), yet this level was the second largest in the European Union.
- The EUR/RON was virtually unchanged; the BET gave up 0.5%.

Romania's government budget deficit ended last year at 3.0% of GDP (based on ESA methodology), Eurostat said in a report yesterday. Keeping the gap at the 3% threshold is good news; however, taking into account that the economy is in the mature phase of the business cycle, as well as when comparing Romania's achievement to that of other EU member states, 2018's outcome does not bode well. Romania's budget deficit was the second largest after Cyprus (4.8% of GDP), while the overall gap of the EU dropped to 0.6%, down from 1.0% in 2017 and 1.7% in 2016. Several peers of Romania in the CEE region recorded government budget surpluses, such as Bulgaria (+2.0%), Czechia (+0.9%), Slovenia (+0.7%) and Croatia (+0.2%), while others had relatively lower deficits: Poland (-0.4%), Slovakia (-0.7%) and Hungary (-2.2%). We recall that in the period of 2010-2015, Romania's budget deficit shrank remarkably on the back of painful austerity measures and the reviving economy. However, the government balance marked a turning point in 2015, as policy-makers started to utilize the fiscal room to implement a series of aggressive stimulus actions, including several tax cuts and important wage increases. Since the end of 2016, the deficit has been hovering at the edge of the 3% level. More detailed statistics on 2018's government budget may be revealed today.

Regarding this year's outlook, we think that the deficit will be kept close to the 3% threshold. Nonetheless, it is worth noting that a pro-cyclical fiscal policy, when the economy is already strong, may undermine sustainability and narrow the elbow-room for counter-cyclical measures in the future.

The EUR/RON closed yesterday's trading session virtually unchanged, near 4.76. Compared to the US dollar, Romania's leu lost 0.3%. Meanwhile, the BET, Bucharest leading index, dropped 0.5%.

| Date | PERIOD | INDICATOR | FACT | CONSENSUS | PREVIOUS |
|--------|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|----------|
| 22-Apr | Monday | | no data | | |
| 23-Apr | Tuesday | | no data | | |
| 24-Apr | Wednesday | | no data | | |
| 25-Apr | Thursday | March | New commercial vehicle registrations (YoY%) | | 13.4 |
| | | March | Non-government loans (YoY%) | | 8.0 |
| | | March | Non-government deposits (YoY%) | | 9.1 |
| 26-Apr | Friday | | no data | | |

Sources: NIS, NBR, Reuters, OTP Research

| OTP AM – Investment Funds | | 22-Apr-19 | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|------------|---|------|---|-------|----------|
| Investment funds | ccy | last NAV/U | | 1m% | | Ytd% | 52W% |
| OTP AvantisRO | RON | 11.1682 | ↑ | 2.77 | ↑ | 9.28 | ↓ -3.41 |
| OTP Obligatiuni | RON | 15.5038 | ↑ | 0.56 | ↑ | 1.87 | ↑ 2.94 |
| OTP ComodisRO | RON | 17.9329 | ↑ | 0.22 | ↑ | 0.85 | ↑ 2.83 |
| OTP Euro Bond | EUR | 12.8379 | ↑ | 0.39 | ↑ | 1.18 | ↑ 0.22 |
| OTP Dollar Bond | USD | 11.2309 | ↑ | 0.49 | ↑ | 1.56 | ↑ 1.91 |
| OTP Premium Return | RON | 11.6357 | ↑ | 1.47 | ↑ | 4.08 | ↓ -1.97 |
| OTP Euro Premium Return | EUR | 8.4846 | ↑ | 1.48 | ↓ | -0.20 | ↓ -13.26 |
| OTP Global Mix | RON | 11.2193 | ↑ | 1.51 | ↑ | 4.99 | ↓ -4.59 |

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