Daily Bulletin

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Daily View

Good morning. The minimum wage increase was announced at a level in line with market expectations, non-inflationary, and unlikely to create obstacles for the interest rate cut cycle by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). With the resolution of a significant uncertainty that has been pressuring Borsa Istanbul for the past two weeks and strengthened expectations regarding the interest rate cut cycle, we expect a positive opening on BIST this morning, followed by continued buying. To put it in numbers, the BIST 100 index, which closed yesterday at 9,672, may test the 9,750–9,800 range within the first few hours. In the following days, it could move above 10,000, potentially towards the 10,100–10,300 range, which corresponds to the levels seen when the minimum wage uncertainty began to be priced in. Sectors that stand to benefit from interest rate cuts, such as banks, holdings, and REITs, along with labor-intensive sectors like food and textile retail, may come to the forefront today. However, since expectations of easing market interest rates support overall company valuations, we anticipate a positive trend across the BIST in general. Internationally, many markets will be closed today due to the Christmas holidays, and the holiday calm may persist through the end of the year. Domestically, however, due to the expectation that the MPC will initiate the interest rate cut cycle, we foresee continued buying momentum until 2:00 PM tomorrow, with the possibility of further buying in case of a significant rate cut. Today's agenda is relatively quiet. Domestically, the real sector confidence index and capacity utilization will be monitored. Turkey's 5-year CDS premiums are starting the day at 259 basis points. A decline in CDS levels may be observed as the day progresses.

Macro and Politics

* The CBRT will release December Real Sector Confidence Index and Capacity Utilization Rate @ 10:00 local time today. The Real Sector Confidence Index (RSCI) eased to 100.4 level from 100.9 as of November, while the seasonally adjusted RSCI increased to 103.4 from 102.2. In addition, the unadjusted Capacity Utilization Rate (CUR) edged up to 76.1% from 74.9%, while the adjusted CUR rose to 75.6% from 75.2% level as of November. After highlighting a significant deepening of the slowdown in economic activity during the third quarter, the leading indicators started to show relatively moderate signals for the last quarter of the year. The 3Ç24 growth figures will be released this Friday. We anticipate that the Turkish economy will show a contraction on a quarterly basis in the third quarter of the year. Although we currently lack comprehensive data, as we are only midway through the final quarter, the available data so far points to a more balanced activity outlook for the fourth quarter in comparison to the third.

Sector and Company News

- ALARK announced that 165K shares were repurchased at an average price of TL90.61. As a result
 of the transaction, the proportion of owned shares in the company's capital increased to 1.97%.
- **AYGAZ** announced that it had signed a loan agreement worth USD20mn, with a maturity of three years and two weeks and principal repayment at the end of the term. The interest rate was set at SOFR+2.5%.
- **BIMAS** submitted an application to the CMB for a share buyback program. Under the program, a maximum fund allocation of TL1bn from internal resources and the repurchase of up to 2 million shares were approved.

- **EKGYO** announced the completion of the purchase of land totaling 132,894.62 m² in the Esenler district of Istanbul for a price of TL5.3bn (excluding VAT) as part of a protocol signed with the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change's Urban Transformation Directorate.
- **GLYHO** published its port statistics for November. According to the data, passenger movements in November 2024 increased by 40% compared to November 2023, while the number of ships rose by 41%. Port occupancy rates reached 100%.
- KARSN announced that its dealer, Anadolu Automobil Rom S.R.L, has signed a contract with Romania's Buzau Municipality for the sale of 20 e-JEST vehicles. The deliveries are planned for 2025.
- **RALYH**'s 51%-owned subsidiary, Ral Enerji, obtained a 30-year production license for 130 MW capacity solar power plant (SPP) projects in Şanlıurfa Viranşehir.
- **SISE:** İş Bankası purchased 2.7 million SISE shares within the price range of TL43.70 TL44.14. As a result of the transaction, the bank's share in the company's capital increased to 51.97%.
- **TKFEN** announced that 39K shares were repurchased at an average price of TL70.65. As a result of the transaction, the proportion of owned shares in the company's capital increased to 2.75%.
- **TOASO**'s long-term national rating has been assigned as "AAA (Tr)" and its short-term national rating as "J1+ (Tr)" at the highest level by the credit rating agency JCR Eurasia Rating, with a "Stable" outlook.
- TURSG reported total gross premium production of TL89.3bn as of the end of November 2024.

Share Transactions

Acquirer	Seller	Company	Type (Buyback / From Market)	# of lots	Transaction Price (TL)	Share in Capital after transaction
FRIGO		FRIGO	Buyback	20.000	7.81	2.49%
TKFEN		TKFEN	Buyback	39.000	70.65	2.75%
LKMNH		LKMNH	Buyback	31.500	16.17	2.83%
GEDIK		GEDIK	Buyback	40.000	7.50	2.27%
KRVGD		KRVGD	Buyback	90.722	2.27	1.30%
SURGY		SURGY	Buyback	50.000	42.23	0.03%
ADGYO		ADGYO	Buyback	240.000	31.48	6.06%
MERKO		MERKO	Buyback	35.000	13.30	0.35%
ALARK		ALARK	Buyback	165.000	90.61	1.97%
CEMZY		CEMZY	Buyback	51.785	12.12	4.23%
TÜRKİYE İŞ BANKASI A.Ş.		SISE	Market	2.700.000	43.92	51.97%
RUZY FİNANSAL HİZMETLER	A.Ş.	ALMAD	Market	500.000	7.70	5.25%

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