# **Economy**

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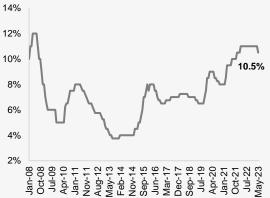
The NBG cut its key rate by 50bps to 10.5% on 10 May 2023 meeting, marking the first rate cut since May 2020. The decision was prompted by a significant deceleration of annual inflation, which dropped to 2.7% in April 2023 from 9.4% in January 2023. The NBG attributed the decline in inflation to a decrease in imported inflation, driven by falling global commodity prices and international shipping costs, which returned to prepandemic levels, along with the significant appreciation of the GEL. The NBG also sees a slowdown in domestic inflation and expresses optimism about the decreasing trend to continue through the end of 2023. According to the NBG's current forecast, average annual inflation expected at 2.8% in 2023. Additionally, the NBG revised Georgia's economic growth forecast to 5.0% for 2023, up from the previously projected 4.0%. The regulator also signaled that it would continue to reduce the monetary policy rate but only at a slow pace, due to risks from geopolitical tensions. The next committee meeting is scheduled for 21 June 2023.

#### **Key macro indicators**

|                              | 2021   | 2022    |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Real GDP growth (% change)   | 10.5%  | 10.1%   |
| GDP per capita (ppp)         | 16,997 | 20,244  |
| GDP per capita (US\$)        | 5,023  | 6,672   |
| Population (mn)              | 3.7    | 3.7     |
| Inflation (eop)              | 13.9%  | 9.8%    |
| Gross reserves (US\$ bn)     | 4.3    | 4.9     |
| CAD (% of GDP)               | 10.4%  | 4.1%    |
| Fiscal deficit (% of GDP)    | 6.1%   | 3.1%    |
| Total public debt (% of GDP) | 49.7%  | 39.8%   |
| Fitch/S&P/Moody's*           | BB     | /BB/Ba2 |

Source: Official data, Rating agencies, Galt & Taggart

#### Monetary policy rate



Source: NBG

<sup>\*</sup>Latest sovereign credit ratings



# Money market

### **Ministry of Finance T-Bills:**

1-year GEL 20.0mn (US\$ 8.1mn) T-Bills were sold at the auction held at NBG on May 8, 2023. Total demand was 1.7x higher and the weighted average yield was fixed at 9.566%, down by 0.201ppts from previous auction held in Apr-23.

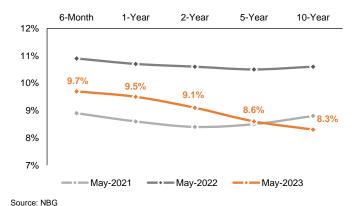
The nearest treasury security auction is scheduled for May 16, 2023, where GEL 60.0mn nominal value 10-year Benchmark bonds will be sold.

#### T-bills / T-notes in 2023

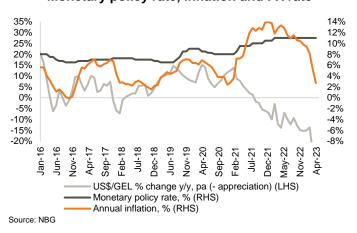
| Maturity | YTD<br>placements,<br>GEL mn | Remaining<br>placements,<br>GEL mn | Outstanding<br>amount,<br>GEL mn* |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6-month  | 100                          | 140                                | 420                               |
| 1-year   | 100                          | 140                                | 420                               |
| 2-year   | 213                          | 280                                |                                   |
| 5-year   | 384                          | 720                                | 6,424                             |
| 10-year  | 240                          | 780                                |                                   |
| Total    | 1,037                        | 2,060                              | 6,844                             |

Source: MoF \*As of March 2023

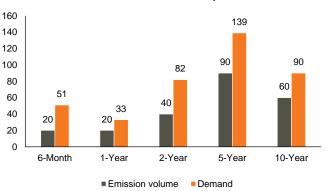
#### T-bills / T-notes, yield curve



Monetary policy rate, inflation and FX rate

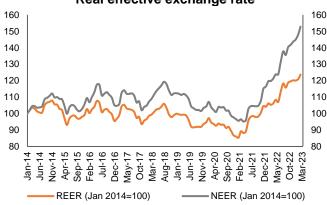


# Emission volume vs. demand on latest T-bills / T-notes auctions, GEL mn



Source: NBG

# Nominal effective exchange rate and Real effective exchange rate



Source: NBG

Note: Index growth/decline means appreciation/depreciation of exchange rate



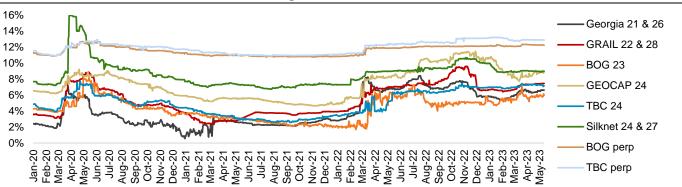
# Fixed income

**Corporate Eurobonds**: Bank of Georgia Group Eurobonds (GEBGG) closed at 5.98% yield, trading at 99.98 (-0.02% w/w). Georgia Capital Eurobonds (GEOCAP) were trading at 97.85 (+0.04% w/w), yielding 8.90%.

Georgian Railway Eurobonds (GRAIL) traded at 85.58 (+0.01% w/w), yielding 7.46%.

**Georgian Sovereign Eurobonds** (GEORG) closed at 89.81 (-0.02% w/w) at 6.63% yield to maturity.

### Georgian Eurobonds, YTM



Source: Bloomberg

#### **Georgian Eurobonds performance**

| ssuer Currency             |     | Amount, mn | Coupon  | Maturity date | Ratings<br>(Fitch/S&P/Moody/<br>Scope) | Mid price | Mid yield, % | Z-spread, bps |
|----------------------------|-----|------------|---------|---------------|--|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| GEORG 04/26                | USD | 500        | 2.750%  | Apr-26        | BB/BB/Ba2                              | 89.81     | 6.63         | 305.22        |
| GRAIL 06/28                | USD | 500        | 4.000%  | Jun-28        | BB-/BB-/-                              | 85.58     | 7.46         | 416.99        |
| GEBGG 07/23                | USD | 350        | 6.000%  | Jul-23        | BB/-/Ba2                               | 99.98     | 5.98         | n/a           |
| GEBGG 11 1/8<br>PERP       | USD | 100        | 11.125% | n/a           | B-/-/-                                 | 99.00     | 12.25        | 747.91        |
| GEOCAP 03/24               | USD | 300        | 6.125%  | Mar-24        | -/B+/B1                                | 97.85     | 8.90         | 400.59        |
| SILKNET 01/27              | USD | 300        | 8.375%  | Jan-27        | B+/-/B1                                | 98.10     | 8.98         | 551.68        |
| TBC 06/24                  | USD | 300        | 5.750%  | Jun-24        | BB/-/Ba2                               | 98.54     | 7.15         | 252.63        |
| TBC PERP                   | USD | 125        | 10.775% | n/a           | B-/-/-                                 | 95.97     | 12.89        | 967.97        |
|                            |     |            |         |               | performance                            |           |              |               |
| GLC                        | USD | 12         | 5.75%   | Jul-23        | -/-/-                                  | 99.94     | 5.88         | n/a           |
| GLC                        | EUR | 3          | 4.75%   | Jul-23        | -/-/-                                  | 99.99     | 4.75         | n/a           |
| Lisi Lake Developme        |     | 12         | 6.50%   | Dec-24        | -/-/B+                                 | 99.59     | 6.75         | n/a           |
| Lisi Lake Developme        |     | 10         | 8.50%   | Dec-24        | -/-/-/B+                               | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| IG Development             | USD | 15         | 6.75%   | Jan-24        | -/-/-                                  | 98.23     | 8.90         | n/a           |
| IG Development             | USD | 15         | 8.50%   | Jul-24        | -/-/-                                  | 99.80     | 8.65         | n/a           |
| Georgia Real Estate        | USD | 35         | 8.50%   | Oct-24        | -/-/-                                  | 99.78     | 8.65         | n/a           |
| Geo. Renewable Power Oper. | USD | 80         | 7.00%   | Oct-27        | -/-/-                                  | 99.04     | 7.25         | n/a           |
| SRG Real Estate            | USD | 20         | 9.00%   | Apr-26        | -/-/-                                  | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| Geosteel                   | USD | 15         | 9.00%   | Apr-25        | -/-/-                                  | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| Tegeta Motors              | USD | 20         | 8.50%   | Apr-25        | -/-/-/BB-                              | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| Tegeta Motors              | EUR | 5          | 7.00%   | Apr-25        | -/-/-/BB-                              | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| Geo. Beer Company          | GEL | 25         | 15.00%  | Dec-23        | -/-/-/BB-                              | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| Evex Hospitals             | GEL | 50         | 14.10%  | Nov-24        | -/-/-/BB                               | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| Nikora Trade               | GEL | 35         | 14.50%  | Nov-24        | -/-/-/B+                               | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |
| TBC Leasing                | GEL | 58.4       | 14.25%  | Mar-26        | BB-/-/-                                | n/a       | n/a          | n/a           |



# **Equities**

## Bank of Georgia Group (BGEO LN)



Source: Bloomberg

Bank of Georgia Group (BGEO LN) shares closed at GBP 33.25/share (+9.56% w/w and +19.18% m/m). More than 690k shares traded in the range of GBP 30.00 - 33.45/share. Average daily traded volume was 111k in the last 4 weeks. The volume of BGEO shares traded was at 1.49% of its capitalization.

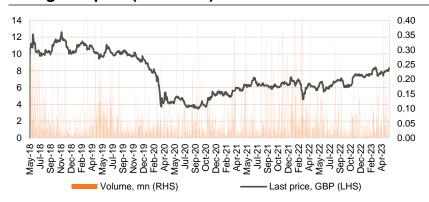
## TBC Bank Group (TBCG LN)



Source: Bloomberg

TBC Bank Group (TBCG LN) closed the week at GBP 23.35/share (-3.71% w/w and +4.71% m/m). More than 215k shares changed hands in the range of GBP 22.85 - 24.60/share. Average daily traded volume was 65k in the last 4 weeks. The volume of TBCG shares traded was at 0.39% of its capitalization.

## Georgia Capital (CGEO LN)



**Georgia Capital** (CGEO LN) shares closed at GBP 8.31/share (+4.40% w/w and +12.30% m/m). More than 146k shares traded in the range of GBP 7.95 - 8.33/share. Average daily traded volume was 117k in the last 4 weeks. The volume of CGEO shares traded was at 0.33% of its capitalization.

Source: Bloomberg



# Equities, continued

## Eastern European banks

|                       |        |          |             |             |        |         |            |        | P/E   |       |       | P/B   |       |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                       | Ticker | Currency | Share price | Mcap,<br>mn | 6M chg | y/y chg | YTD<br>chg | 2022   | 2023F | 2024F | 2022  | 2023F | 2024F |
| Bank of Georgia       | BGEO   | GBP      | 33.25       | 1,546       | 36.3%  | 161.8%  | 27.6%      | 2.74x  | 5.11x | 4.65x | 0.90x | 1.05x | 0.90x |
| TBC                   | TBC    | GBP      | 23.35       | 1,284       | 7.6%   | 81.6%   | 2.9%       | 4.10x  | 4.32x | 3.78x | 1.04x | 0.97x | 0.83x |
| Halyk Bank            | HSBK   | USD      | 13.86       | 3,780       | 34.6%  | 49.2%   | 24.9%      | 2.69x  | 2.86x | 2.66x | 0.78x | 0.73x | 0.61x |
| Akbank                | AKBNK  | TRY      | 19.29       | 100,308     | 28.8%  | 133.3%  | -1.3%      | 1.40x  | 3.37x | 3.23x | 0.55x | 0.76x | 0.67x |
| Garanti               | GARAN  | TRY      | 33.10       | 139,020     | 35.4%  | 121.0%  | 10.2%      | 1.91x  | 4.69x | 3.80x | 0.73x | 1.07x | 0.88x |
| Isbank                | ISCTR  | TRY      | 13.97       | 139,700     | 52.2%  | 204.4%  | 9.4%       | 0.84x  | 4.16x | 3.69x | 0.60x | 0.90x | 0.73x |
| PKO                   | PKO    | PLN      | 31.35       | 39,188      | 13.6%  | 8.3%    | 3.5%       | 10.98x | 6.18x | 6.45x | 1.03x | 1.01x | 0.93x |
| PEKAO                 | PEO    | PLN      | 95.88       | 25,166      | 16.9%  | 16.6%   | 10.8%      | na     | 5.11x | 6.15x | na    | 0.95x | 0.90x |
| Millennium            | MIL    | PLN      | 4.85        | 5,878       | -3.7%  | 10.6%   | 5.8%       | na     | 2.46x | 2.64x | 1.04x | 0.99x | 0.88x |
| Mbank                 | MBK    | PLN      | 350.10      | 14,856      | 9.4%   | 34.8%   | 18.3%      | na     | 4.92x | 5.62x | 1.10x | 1.04x | 0.87x |
| BRD                   | BRD    | RON      | 12.00       | 8,363       | -6.0%  | -25.1%  | -7.7%      | 6.81x  | 6.05x | 6.02x | 1.31x | 1.06x | 1.03x |
| Banca<br>Transilvania | TLV    | RON      | 19.33       | 13,679      | -1.0%  | -4.7%   | -3.0%      | na     | 6.18x | 5.80x | 1.60x | 1.27x | 1.15x |
| Komercni              | KOMB   | CZK      | 663.50      | 126,098     | -14.1% | -7.1%   | 1.3%       | 8.36x  | 9.13x | 8.27x | 1.21x | 0.96x | 0.92x |
| Mean                  |        |          | •           |             |        |         |            | 4.42x  | 4.96x | 4.83x | 0.99x | 0.98x | 0.87x |
| Median                |        |          |             |             |        |         |            | 2.74x  | 4.92x | 4.65x | 1.04x | 0.99x | 0.88x |

Source: Bloomberg, S&P Capital IQ

## Investment management companies

|                                      | _      |          | -           |             |        |         |            |        |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                      |        |          |             |             |        |         |            |        | P/E   |       |       | P/B   |       |
|                                      | Ticker | Currency | Share price | Mcap,<br>mn | 6M chg | y/y chg | YTD<br>chg | 2022   | 2023F | 2024F | 2022  | 2023F | 2024F |
| Georgia Capital                      | CGEO   | GBP      | 8.31        | 366         | 15.3%  | 42.5%   | 13.8%      | na     | na    | na    | 0.38x | na    | na    |
| Tinc Comm                            | TINC   | EUR      | 11.90       | 433         | -4.0%  | -11.7%  | -4.8%      | 18.33x | na    | na    | 0.99x | na    | na    |
| Sabanci Holding                      | SAHOL  | TRY      | 42.32       | 86,350      | 16.9%  | 123.3%  | -6.1%      | 1.77x  | 3.43x | 2.77x | 0.77x | 0.81x | 0.60x |
| Deutsche<br>Beteiligungs             | DBAN   | EUR      | 29.25       | 550         | 5.2%   | 7.3%    | 4.8%       | na     | 6.22x | 5.62x | 1.00x | 0.88x | 0.79x |
| Eurazeo                              | RF     | EUR      | 64.15       | 5,082       | 5.3%   | -7.7%   | 10.4%      | 8.89x  | 9.77x | 9.16x | 0.78x | 0.68x | 0.62x |
| Carlyle Group                        | CG     | USD      | 27.03       | 9,788       | -10.4% | -24.0%  | -9.4%      | 8.50x  | 8.78x | 6.47x | 1.70x | 1.57x | 1.28x |
| Wendel SE                            | MF     | EUR      | 100.00      | 4,441       | 15.9%  | 12.2%   | 14.7%      | 6.63x  | 8.50x | 8.38x | na    | 1.43x | 1.29x |
| HgCapital Trust                      | HGT    | GBP      | 3.64        | 1,664       | -4.3%  | -2.5%   | 3.7%       | na     | na    | na    | na    | na    | na    |
| NB Private Equity Partners           | NBPE   | GBP      | 15.60       | 680         | -4.3%  | 11.0%   | -2.5%      | na     | na    | na    | na    | na    | na    |
| Oakley Capital<br>Investments        | OCI    | GBP      | 4.74        | 841         | 14.1%  | 15.5%   | 12.9%      | na     | na    | na    | na    | na    | na    |
| Princess Private<br>Equity           | PEY    | EUR      | 9.73        | 673         | 18.4%  | -14.6%  | 15.3%      | na     | na    | na    | 0.65x | na    | na    |
| Symphony<br>International<br>Holding | SIHL   | USD      | 0.43        | 221         | -1.1%  | -15.5%  | -3.8%      | na     | na    | na    | 0.47x | na    | na    |
| Mean                                 |        |          |             | •           |        |         |            | 8.82x  | 7.34x | 6.48x | 0.84x | 1.08x | 0.92x |
| Median                               |        |          |             |             |        |         |            | 8.50x  | 8.50x | 6.47x | 0.78x | 0.88x | 0.79x |

Source: Bloomberg, S&P Capital IQ



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