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#### **Market Information**

After serving as Secretary of State for Treasury and Finance for two years, Vera Daves was appointed Minister of Finance. One of the main challenges facing the new minister is the Privatization Plan (Propriv); on the other hand, the recently approved Global Medium Term Program for Sovereign Debt Securities issuance foresees a new issuance of Eurobonds in the near future, possibly in early 2020.

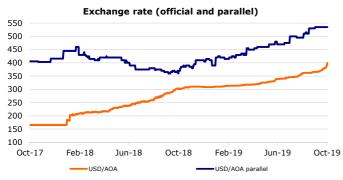
Year-on-year national inflation decelerated in September to 16.08%, a decrease of 1.42 percentage points (pp) compared to August - lowest since January 2016. Monthly inflation was 1.45%, 1 basis point above that of August (1.44%). The increase in monthly inflation resulted from price changes in the apparel & footwear, health and recreation & leisure category. We expect annual inflation to be above 17% by the end of 2019.

Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by USD 405 million in August to USD 10.8 billion (Bn) - the highest since January this year. Compared to December 2018, NIR increased by USD 160 million, an average increase of USD 20 million per month; In the same period of 2018, reserves saw a monthly average drop of USD 81 million. Year-on-year, NIR fell by USD 1.7 Bn. For December 2019, the minimum limit agreed with the IMF is USD 9.1 Bn.

Between January and September 2019, USD 6.9 Bn in foreign currency was sold to national banks by the central bank, -32.2% yoy. In September, USD 970 million were allocated, USD 225 million more than in August and an increase of 38.5% compared to the same period of 2018. In the foreign exchange market, the Kwanza depreciated sharply against international currencies and lost 4.63% against the Dollar and 5.09% against the euro. In the parallel market, the Kwanza remained stable against international currencies - quoted today at USD/AOA 535, according to KinguilaHoje; thus the difference between parallel and official exchange rates has shrunk to 33.9% - the lowest since February 2019.

According to data published by Minfin, in the first 8 months of the year Angola exported 5.1 million carats in diamonds, down 16% from 2018. However, the higher export price (USD 147.0 in 2019 compared with USD 132.5 in 2018) led to export earnings being only 6.7% lower. In terms of tax revenue, the Government raised around USD 62 million in the first 8 months of the year, a 1.4% year-on-year increase.





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Indicator	2018*	2019**	2020**
GDP change (%)	-1.2	-0.1	2.0
Average Inflation (%)	19.6	17.0	15.0
Current Account (% GDP)	7.0	0.8	-0.3

<sup>\*</sup>GDP - IMF forecast; Inflation - INE; Current Account - BNA with BFA calc. \*\* Average of forecasts from Bloomberg

#### Sovereign Rating

Rating Agency	Rating	Outlook	Last change
Fitch	В	Negative	12/07/19
Moody's	В3	Stable	27/04/18
Standard & Poor's	B-	Negative	08/02/19

### Monetary and ForEx data\*

			Change	
	11/10/19	7 days (p.p./%)	YTD (p.p./%)	12 months (p.p./%)
LUIBOR O/N	14.77%	0.38	-1.98	-1.90
USD/AOA	399.6	4.86%	29.48%	32.27%
AOA/USD	0.00250	-4.63%	-22.77%	-24.40%
EUR/AOA	440.8	5.37%	24.87%	26.40%
EUR/USD	1.105	0.61%	-3.67%	-4.72%
USD/ZAR	14.82	-1.53%	3.30%	1.28%

of USD/AOA (or EUR/AOA) shows the appreciation/depreciation of the USD (or EUR) against the Kwanza; the change of AOA/USD shows the appreciation/depreciation of the Kwanza against the USD

# Auctions of Treasury bonds and bills last week

Maturity	Rate	Supply	Demand	Allocated
BT (6 months)	12.00%	20,000	1,539	1,000
BT (1 year)	14.68%	20,000	23	23

BT are treasury bills, OT are treasury bonds; Note: amounts (except for the rate) are in million Kwanza. USD OT in million Dollars \* Bond linked to the exchange rate \*\* Bond linked to treasury bills



# Oil price (Brent Angola) and Eurobond 2025 price



Sources: Bloomberg, BNA, INE, Finance Ministry