

Stock Market Update

Astarta Extends Rally on Ukrainian Agri Demand; U.S. Stocks Hit Fresh Records on Strong Earnings

On the equity market, investor interest in Ukrainian agricultural companies remained strong. Shares of Astarta (AST) rose 6.3% over the week to PLN 56 and are now up 27% since the start of the year.

Industrial Milk Company (IMC) gained by 4.7% to close at PLN 39 while Kernel (KER) was virtually unchanged at PLN 19.7.

Telecom operator Kyivstar (KYIV) had a muted reaction to the company's 1Q earnings release. The KYIV stock ended the week unchanged at USD 13.3 despite the company's management provided a solid guidance for 11% - 14% revenue growth for 2026.

The weakest performance came from gas producer Enwell Energy (ENW), whose shares fell 11% during the week to USD 12.3. The stock has lost about 30% year-to-date.

On the currency front, the hryvnia weakened by 0.4% to 43.96 UAH/USD. The dollar has gained 3.7% against the hryvnia so far this year. The base case scenario foresees that the hryvnia will weaken further to the level of 45 UAH/USD by the end of the year.

U.S. equities extended gains last week, although investors began taking partial profits on Friday amid rising U.S. Treasury yields and higher oil prices. The S&P 500 closed the week near record highs, marking its seventh consecutive weekly advance, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite once again reached fresh all-time highs.

Strong corporate earnings remained the key market driver. About 84% of companies in the S&P 500 exceeded first-quarter 2026 earnings expectations.

Highlights

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> US Sanctions on Russian Oil Return as Waiver Expires

STOCKS IN THE NEWS

> Kyivstar posts USD 173mn EBITDA in 1Q26, up 24% YoY

The National Bank of Ukraine has opened a special fundraising account to support the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Please find more at the National Bank's official website under the link below:

www.bank.gov.ua/en/about/support-the-armed-forces

The National Bank also opened fundraising account for Humanitarian Assistance to Ukrainians. Please see details under the link below:

www.bank.gov.ua/en/about/humanitarian-aid-to-ukraine

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MARKET INDEXES

	Last	1W ch	YTD
PFTS	429	0.0%	-6.9%
RTS	1134	3.0%	1.8%
WIG20	3545	0.3%	11.3%
MSCI EM	1668	-2.5%	18.8%
MSCI Global	1099	-0.6%	8.4%
S&P 500	7409	0.1%	7.4%

FIXED INCOME

	Last	1W ch	YTD
NBU Key Rate	15.0%	0.0 p.p.	-0.5 p.p.
UAH 1-year bond yield	15.2%	0.0 p.p.	-1.2 p.p.
Ukraine-2029 yield	15.3%	-1.0 p.p.	-2.7 p.p.
Ukraine-2036 yield	13.3%	-0.6 p.p.	-1.2 p.p.

OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATES

	Last, UAH	1W ch	YTD
USD/UAH	43.96	0.4%	3.7%
EUR/UAH	51.44	-0.2%	3.2%

Source: Eavex Capital

US Sanctions on Russian Oil Return as Waiver Expires

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NEWS

The Trump administration has re-imposed US sanctions on the Russian oil industry, including majors Rosneft and Lukoil, after a waiver on the measures was allowed to expire on Saturday (May 16).

The waiver had been in place since mid-March due to tight supply on the global oil market. Opponents of the measure in the US had stated that the waiver was not effective in reducing energy prices for US consumers, and that it was handing the Putin regime windfall profits to continue its war against Ukraine.

Russian companies reportedly received some USD 21bn from oil sales during April, or close to twice as much as their monthly revenue prior to the US-Israeli war against Iran which began in late February.

Separately, despite hopes that a resolution of the war is coming closer, there was a major Russian attack against civilians last week, with 24 people killed by a Russian missile strike that hit an apartment block in Kyiv on Thursday (May 14).

President Zelenskiy complained that the missile used in the attack was filled with Western-made components, and called for stricter enforcement of sanctions to prevent Russian missile manufacturers from obtaining such items. On Sunday (May 17), Russian sources reported that 4 people were killed by Ukrainian drone strikes on targets in the Moscow suburbs.

COMMENTARY

We are skeptical that the full force of US sanctions against Russian oil will remain in place for long, given the intense lobbying by Asian countries for so-called “carve-outs” which would provide them with relief from the ongoing global oil supply crunch.

We presume that this will be the primary topic on the agenda when top US diplomat Marco Rubio visits India later this week. Nonetheless, the return of the headline US sanctions on Russia is a much better situation for Ukraine than another extension of the waiver would have been, as it means that the Putin regime cannot rest easily on the promise of future oil windfalls.

Notably, Russia has thus far been unable to make substantial territorial gains on the front line this spring, bringing Putin no closer to his stated goal of capturing the remaining 2000 square miles of Ukrainian-controlled territory in Donetsk province. The military situation over the coming 3 months (through mid-late August) may be decisive in determining the trajectory of a peace agreement, we believe.

Kyivstar posts USD 173mn EBITDA in 1Q26, up 24% YoY

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KYIVSTAR (KYIV)

Price: USD 13.3 Market Cap: USD 3.07bn

	EV/S	P/E	EV/EBITDA	Div. Yield
2025	2.7	25	4.8	n/a
2026E	2.5	10.2	4.5	n/a

NEWS

Kyivstar, whose shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange, nearly doubled net profit to USD 85mn in the first quarter of 2026.

Revenue rose 27% year-on-year to USD 323mn, while EBITDA increased 24% to USD 173mn. Telecom services generated USD 256mn in revenue, while additional digital services contributed USD 67mn.

The company forecasts revenue growth of 11%–14% in 2026.

KYIVSTAR FINANCIALS

USD mn	1Q 2025	1Q 2026	chg.
Net revenue	255	323	+27%
EBITDA	140	173	+24%
margin	55%	54%	-1.4 p.p.
Net Income	44	83	+93%
net margin	17%	26%	+8.4 p.p.

Source: Company data.

COMMENTARY

Earnings per share reached 37 cents in the first quarter. Based on expectations that the company could generate around USD 300mn in net profit this year, Kyivstar’s shares are currently trading at a forward P/E multiple of 10.2x. The company’s EV/EBITDA valuation multiple stands at 4.5x.

Kyivstar shares have gained only 2.6% since the start of the year. Over the past 12 months, the stock traded in a range between a low of USD 9.3 in March and a high of USD 15 in December.

Among its new growth initiatives, Kyivstar announced the development of an LLM artificial intelligence model called Syayvo, created jointly with the Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine.

The company said the domestic LLM model would strengthen Ukraine’s national security through local data processing, particularly for defense applications. The model is also expected to help businesses and government agencies develop localized AI tools faster and at lower cost.

Kyivstar’s subscriber base declined by 0.4mn during the quarter to about 22 mn users. The company’s share of Ukraine’s mobile market is estimated at roughly 47%. Kyivstar also said it does not expect 5G deployment in Ukraine before the end of the war.

QUOTES AND MULTIPLES FOR SELECTED UKRAINIAN LISTED COMPANIES

	Ticker	Last Price*	Absolute performance		MCap USD mn	EV USD mn	Free float	P/E		EV/EBITDA		EV/Sales 2026E
			1W	YtD				2025E	2026E	2025E	2026E	
PFTS Index	PFTS	429	0.0%	-6.9%								
Iron Ore Mining												
Ferrexpo	FXPO	28.6	0.0%	-61.4%	227	126	25.5%	3.5	2.7	1.1	0.9	0.1
Oil & Gas												
Enwell Energy	ENW	12.3	-10.9%	-30.0%	52	-42	21.6%	3.5	4.7	na	na	na
Telecom												
Kyivstar	KYIV	13.30	0.1%	2.6%	3,070	2,936	15.0%	24.8	10.2	4.5	4.3	2.3
Agro sector												
MHP	MHPC	9.60	0.0%	33.3%	1,028	2,560	33.7%	5.5	4.9	4.5	4.4	0.7
Kernel (FY24, FY25, FY26E)	KER	19.68	-0.1%	-6.1%	1,582	2,033	5.4%	6.6	6.3	4.4	5.1	0.5
Astarta	AST	56.00	6.3%	27.3%	374	634	37.0%	16.1	4.9	5.4	3.6	1.1
IMC	IMC	39.00	4.7%	52.3%	379	372	18.3%	7.3	5.8	4.4	4.3	1.8
										Price/Book	Price/Assets	
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	0.36	5.9%	-5.3%	504		1.8%	2.0	2.8	0.6	0.5	0.09

Source: UX, PFTS, LSE, WSE, Eavex Research
* prices are in traded currency

QUOTES AND MULTIPLES FOR SELECTED U.S. COMPANIES

	Ticker	Price USD	Absolute performance		MCap USD bn	EV USD bn	P/E		EV/EBITDA		EV/Sales 2026E	
			1W	YtD			2025E	2026E	2025E	2026E		
Индекс S&P 500	S&P 500	7409	0.1%	7.4%								
Technology sector												
Apple	AAPL	300	2.4%	10.3%	4,680	4,720		52	49	34	33	12
Microsoft	MSFT	422	1.7%	-12.6%	3,135	3,125		33	31	21	21	11
NVIDIA	NVDA	225	4.7%	20.6%	5,510	5,480		66	59	58	51	33
Palantir Technologies	PLTR	134	-2.8%	-24.6%	292	288		365	266	320	222	50
Electric Utilities												
American Electric Power	AEP	125.2	-3.8%	8.7%	67	111		21.5	20.2	13.8	13.2	5.1
Dominion Energy	D	61.7	-0.3%	5.3%	52	94		20.7	18.5	13.3	12.9	5.9
Oil & Gas												
Exxon Mobil	XOM	158	9.0%	31.7%	695	710		19.9	18.8	9.3	8.8	1.9
Devon Energy	DVN	49.5	8.6%	34.9%	33	41		9.0	8.6	5.2	4.8	2.3
PBF Energy	PBF	42.3	3.9%	55.2%	6.3	7.4		12.7	15.9	9.3	10.6	0.2
Iron Ore Mining												
VALE	VALE	16.32	-1.9%	25.5%	70	82		7.0	6.5	4.8	5.6	1.7
Pharmaceutical												
Pfizer	PFE	25.3	-1.6%	1.6%	143	200		29.3	28.1	13.8	13.5	3.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMJ	57	1.4%	5.6%	116	159		neg	20.0	12.8	12.3	3.1

Source: Bloomberg

MAIN FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR UKRAINIAN COMPANIES, USD mn

		Net Sales			EBITDA			EBITDA margin			Net Profit			Net Profit margin		
		2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E
Iron Ore Mining																
Ferrexpo	FXPO	933	850	880	69	110	140	7.4%	12.9%	15.9%	-50	65	85	-5.4%	7.6%	9.7%
Oil & Gas																
Enwell Energy	ENW	80	45	35	49	25	18	61.3%	55.6%	51.4%	28	15	11	35.0%	33.3%	31.4%
Telecom																
Kyivstar	KYIV	919	1,157	1,250	515	648	685	56.0%	56.0%	54.8%	283	124	300	30.8%	10.7%	24.0%
Agro sector																
MHP	MHPC	3,046	3,766	3,920	566	569	580	18.6%	15.1%	14.8%	144	187	210	4.7%	5.0%	5.4%
Kernel (FY24, FY25, FY26E)	KER	3,800	4,115	4,300	680	466	400	17.9%	11.3%	9.3%	370	238	250	9.7%	5.8%	5.8%
Astarta	AST	645	543	570	202	117	177	31.3%	21.5%	31.1%	89	23	77	13.8%	4.3%	13.5%
IMC	IMC	180	170	210	80	85	87	44.4%	50.0%	41.4%	55	52	65	30.6%	30.6%	31.0%
Banks		Total Assets			Total Equity			Total Income			Net Profit			Return on Equity		
Raiffeisen Bank Aval	BAVL	4,643	5,859	5,684	615	860	938	488	467	500	100	257	182	16.3%	29.8%	19.4%

Source: Eavex Research

FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR SELECTED U.S. COMPANIES, USD bn

		Net Sales			EBITDA			EBITDA margin			Net Profit			Net Profit margin		
		2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E	2024	2025E	2026E
Technology sector																
Apple	AAPL	391	395	407	135	137	141	34.5%	34.7%	34.6%	94	90	96	24.0%	22.8%	23.6%
Microsoft	MSFT	245	265	285	133	147	152	54.3%	55.5%	53.3%	88	96	102	35.9%	36.2%	35.8%
NVIDIA	NVDA	118	145	165	75	95	108	63.6%	65.5%	65.5%	65	83	93	55.1%	57.2%	56.4%
Palantir Technologies	PLTR	2.9	4.1	5.8	0.6	0.9	1.3	20.7%	22.0%	22.4%	0.5	0.8	1.1	17.2%	19.5%	19.0%
Electric Utilities																
American Electric Power	AEP	19.8	20.7	21.5	7.7	8.0	8.4	38.9%	38.6%	39.1%	2.7	3.1	3.3	13.6%	15.0%	15.3%
Dominion Energy	D	14.7	15.1	15.9	6.7	7.1	7.3	45.6%	47.0%	45.9%	2.4	2.5	2.8	16.3%	16.6%	17.6%
Oil & Gas																
Exxon Mobil	XOM	344	352	375	72	76	81	20.9%	21.6%	21.6%	34	35	37	9.9%	9.9%	9.9%
Devon Energy	DVN	15.8	16.2	17.5	7.6	7.9	8.6	48.1%	48.8%	49.1%	3.4	3.6	3.8	21.5%	22.2%	21.7%
PBF Energy	PBF	34.9	35.3	37.9	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.1%	2.3%	1.8%	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.6%	1.4%	1.1%
Iron Ore Mining																
VALE	VALE	41.0	44.0	47.0	15.2	17.0	14.5	37.1%	38.6%	30.9%	9.3	10.0	10.8	22.7%	22.7%	23.0%
Pharmaceutical																
Pfizer	PFE	59.4	62.0	61.0	13.8	14.5	14.8	23.2%	23.4%	24.3%	4.3	4.9	5.1	7.2%	7.9%	8.4%
Bristol-Myers Squibb	BMJ	47.4	48.8	51.0	5.1	12.4	12.9	10.8%	25.4%	25.3%	-7.3	6.5	5.8	-15.4%	13.3%	11.4%

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