# Capital Markets Monthly Overview

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In February 2024, AIX experienced substantial growth, highlighted by a significant increase in equity capital raised and high trading volumes across equity and debt securities.

#### **EQUITY CAPITAL RAISED**

Equity capital raised on the AIX in February 2024 increased by 106M (~30% of the total) and reached 471M



+\$106M Equity Capital Raised in Feb 2024

#### **TRADING VOLUME**

Total Trading Volume on AIX in February 2024 almost 7 times exceeded the value of the similar period in 2023 (\$96M in Feb 2024 vs. \$14M in Feb 2023)



**\$42 million** Equity Trading Volume **4.5x Increase** compared to Feb 2023

**\$53 million** Debt Trading Volume **11x Increase** compared to Feb 2023

#### AIR ASTANA`S IPO

Air Astana successfully completed its IPO on February 15, 2024, with the domestic volume surpassing its international counterpart for the first time.



**30 000** Applications**15.6 billion KZT** Allocation of shares**32.4 billion KZT** Allocation of GDRs

# **ASTANA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**

Astana International Exchange (AIX) was established in 2017 as part of the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC).

#### SHAREHOLDERS

○ AIFC

Shanghai Stock Exchange

🗘 Silk Road Fund

O NASDAQ

#### PRODUCTS

Equity (IPO/SPO, Pre-IPO, Regional Equity Market Segment, Junior Mining segment, "Belt & Road" segment)

) Debt

(public bonds, exempt bonds, wholesale bonds, Islamic bonds, green bonds)

Structured products (ETFs, ETNs)

#### **ADVANTAGES**

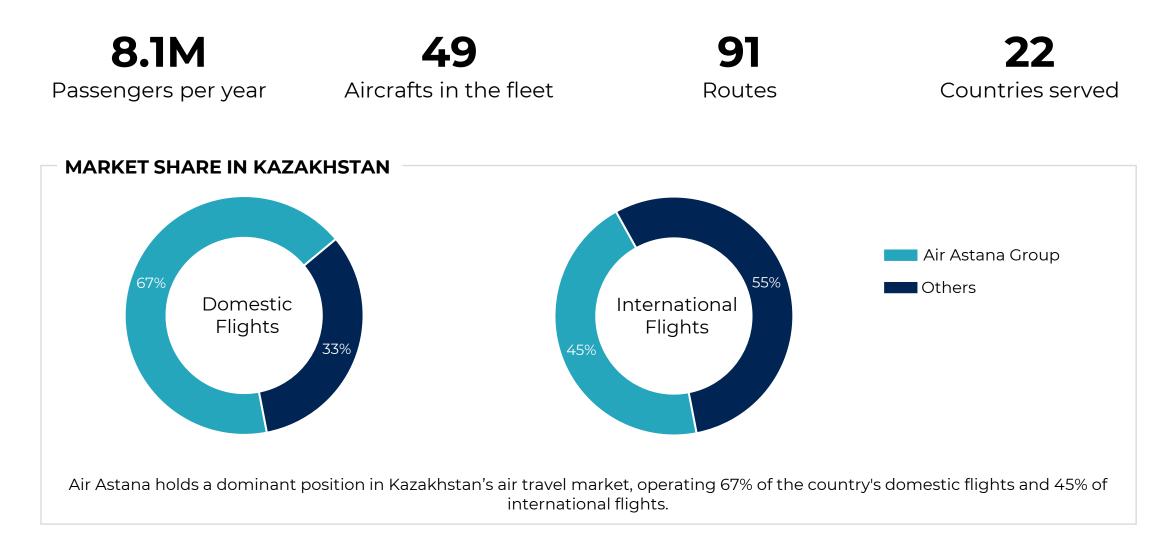
 Regulatory conditions familiar and comprehensible to foreign investors

World-class infrastructure

NASDAQ high-tech trading platform

### **AIR ASTANA\***

The Air Astana Group (Air Astana and Fly Arystan brands) is the largest airline group in Central Asia and the Caucasus.



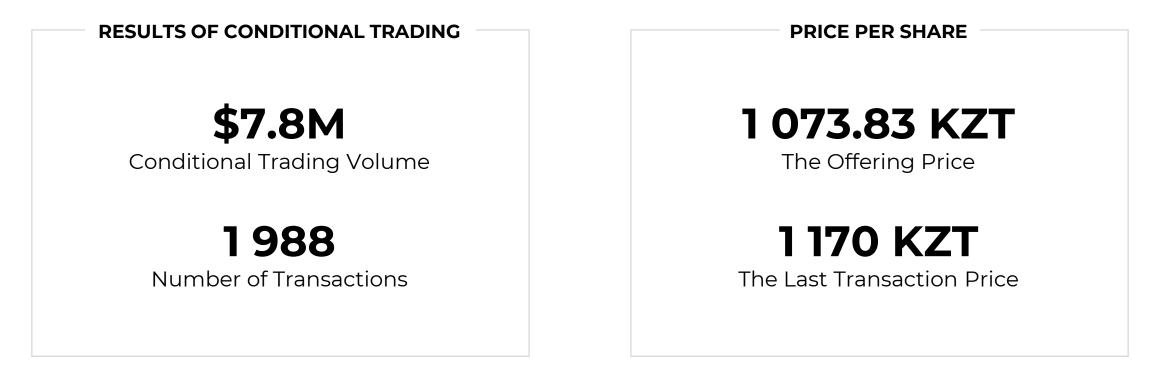
# AIR ASTANA`S IPO

Air Astana successfully completed its IPO on February 15, 2024. Air Astana's IPO marks a significant shift in the dynamics between the domestic and international markets, with the domestic volume surpassing its international counterpart for the first time.



# **CONDITIONAL TRADING**

Conditional trading takes place for a few days between the official IPO and full listing. Shares can be bought during this period and held indefinitely due to trading transitioning from conditional to full trading. Conditional trading concludes with the issuance and allocation of the subscribed GDRs and Common Shares into investors' accounts at the end of the IPO.



The last transaction price was 1 170 KZT per share, which is by 9.0 % higher than the offering price (1,073.83 KZT).

# **RETAIL INVESTORS & TRADING MEMBERS**

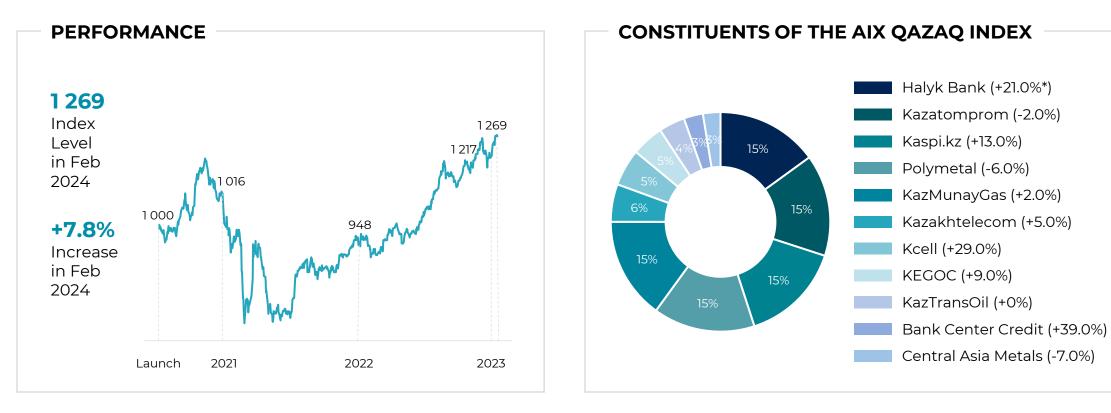
In February 2024, 25.4 thousand new retail investor accounts were created in the AIX and the total number of investor accounts constituted 1.69 million. Total number of AIX Trading Members remained the same.



Retail Investors - individuals who invest their own money in the financial markets, as opposed to representing an organization or managing funds on behalf of others. AIX Trading Members are allowed to trade financial instruments (stocks, bonds) on the AIX. They execute trades on behalf of their clients.

# **AIX QAZAQ INDEX**

Launched in 2021, the AIX Qazaq Index is a market capitalisation-weighted index that is comprised of equity and GDR securities of Kazakhstani and Kazakhstan-linked companies traded on stock exchanges. In February 2024, the Index recovered from a slight decrease in January and reached its record value of 1 269.



The performance of an index is a measure of how well the overall value of the index has changed over a given period. This performance is a key metric for assessing the health and direction of financial markets. Companies included in the Index are those registered in Kazakhstan, whose business income is generated partially or fully in Kazakhstan, or those with a substantial amount of operational activity in Kazakhstan.

# **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

Total Trading Volume on the AIX in February 2024 almost 7 times exceeded the value of similar period in 2024 (\$96M in Feb 2024 vs. \$14M in Feb 2023). The Market Capitalization continues its growth trend and increased to \$66.9B in February 2024.



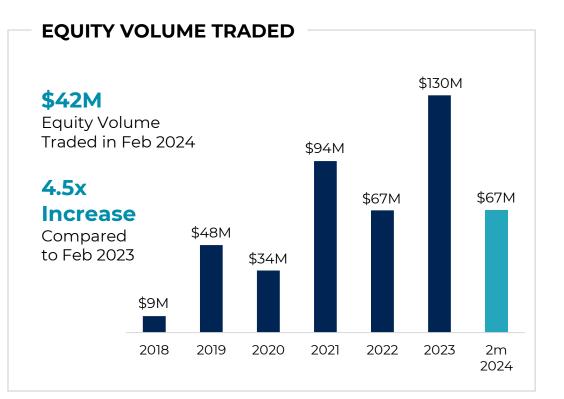
Total trading volume is the sum of all shares or contracts traded on a stock exchange. High trading volume generally indicates higher market liquidity, making it easier for traders to buy or sell securities. Market Capitalisation provides an overview of the overall value and size of the equity market represented by the exchange.

# **EQUITY MARKET OVERVIEW**

Amid an IPO of Air Astana in February 2024, the AIX experienced a significant surge in trading activity. The equity volume traded in February accounted for \$42 million, marking an increase by almost 5 times over the \$9 million traded in the same period of the previous year.



The number of equity listings contributes to market liquidity. A higher number of listed companies often results in a more liquid market, making it easier for investors to buy and sell shares without significant price impact.



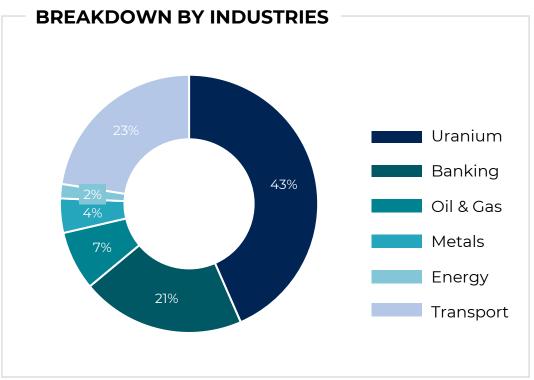
Equity Volume Traded - the total number of shares of a company's stock that are bought and sold on a stock exchange within a specific period.

# **EQUITY CAPITAL RAISED**

Equity capital raised on the AIX in February increased by \$106M (~30% of the total) and reached \$471M. The successful IPO of Air Astana marks a notable expansion in the stock exchange's industry representation, with the transport sector now accounting for a substantial 23% of the overall industry breakdown.

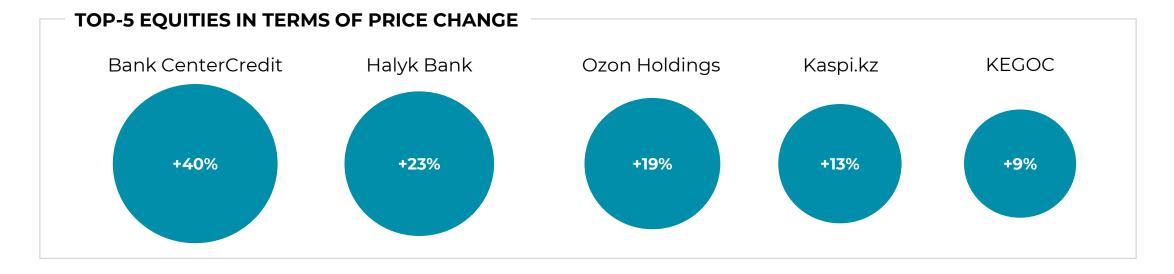


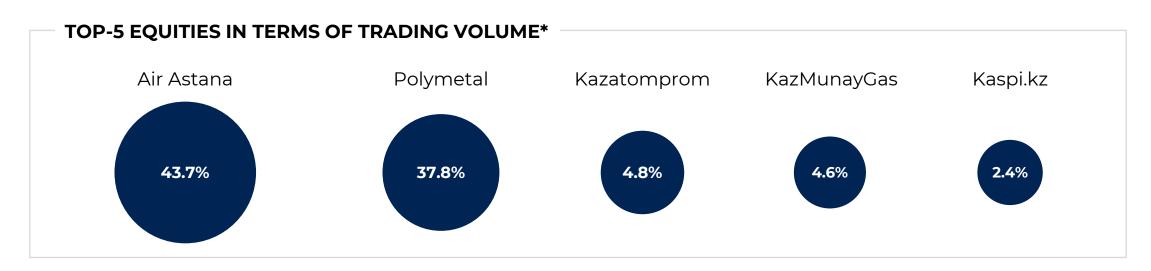
Equity capital raised - the funds companies accumulate by issuing and selling their own equity instruments.



A breakdown of equity listings on a stock exchange by industry provides insights into the composition of the listed companies and the diversity of economic sectors represented.

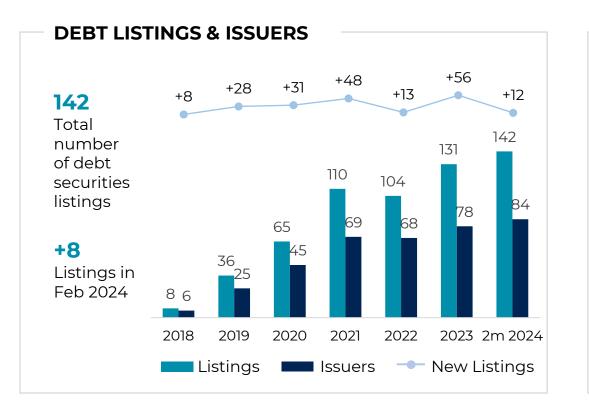
#### **TOP-5 EQUITIES**



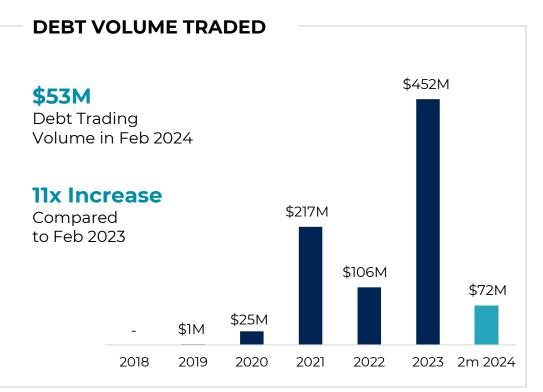


### **DEBT MARKET OVERVIEW**

In February 2024, both the number of debt listings and the number of issuers on the AIX experienced growth. Debt Volume Traded on the AIX reached \$53M marking a 1021% increase over the \$5 million traded in the same period of the previous year.



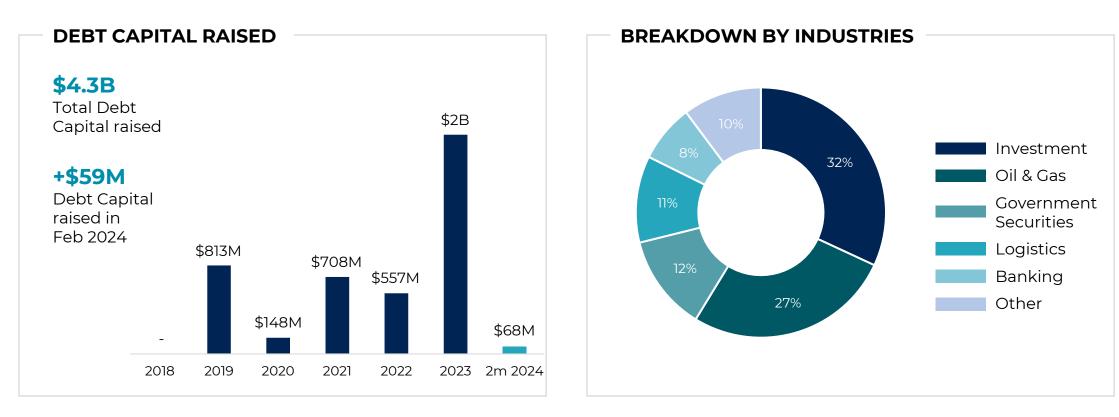
A higher number of listed debt securities often results in a more liquid market, making it easier for investors to buy and sell shares without significant price impact.



Debt Volume Traded - the total amount of debt securities, that are bought and sold in the financial markets during a specific period. This metric reflects the level of activity and liquidity in the debt market.

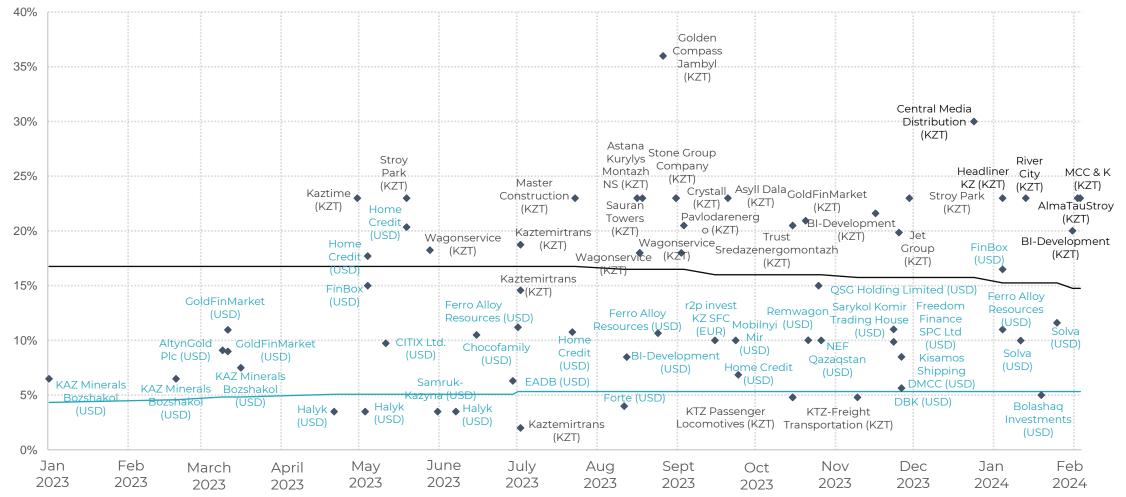
### **DEBT CAPITAL RAISED**

Debt capital raised on the AIX increased by \$59M and reached \$4.3B.



Debt Capital Raised - the funds a company accumulates by issuing debt securities, such as bonds or loans, to investors or lenders. A breakdown of debt listings on a stock exchange by industry provides insights into the composition of the listed companies and the diversity of economic sectors represented.

### **YIELDS OF CORPORATE BONDS ISSUED IN 2023-2024**



#### USD/EUR denominated Bonds

#### — US Federal Funds Effective Rate\*

KZT denominated Bonds

----- Base Rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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