Regulatory framework and approach

- The Central Bank of Russia implementing monetary policy and intervenes in FX markets to preserve financial stability (http://www.cbr.ru).

- 1-week, 28-days and 12-month FX repo auctions are held periodically to aid Russian companies rolling over foreign currency denominated liabilities, principally USD. Allotments are typically several billion dollars in size but have been as large as $6bn. State-owned exports have been encouraged in the past to increase foreign currency sales to support the ruble.

- The Russian ruble is a fully accessible, fully convertible currency. Both deliverable and non-deliverable FX markets exist but the majority of the market trades deliverable. Non-deliverable spreads are slightly wider than deliverable spreads following the ruble turmoil. The latest BIS tri-annual survey ranks the ruble twelfth in FX turnover with a 1.6% total FX share, the third most liquid EMFX currency behind China and Mexico (and ahead of Norway in the G10).

Onshore RUB products

FX spot

Avg. ticket size:	USD 10mn
Bid/ask spread:	RUB 0.04
Avg. daily volume:	USD 8-9bn
Ref. source:	EMTA fixing for NDF <RUBMCMEEMTA=>; backup fixing is EMTA RUB Indicative Survey Rate; www.emta.org
Trading hours:	7:00-16:00 London

FX forward/swap

Avg. ticket size:	USD 10-50mn
Liquid tenors:	<12M
Bid/ask spread:	RUB 0.01-0.20
Ref. source:	Reuters Page <DBMP>

Cross-currency swaps

Avg. ticket size:	USD 1-2k DV01
Liquid tenors:	1Y - 5Y
Bid/ask spread:	10-20bp
Fixing:	USD 3M LIBOR
Ref. source:	Reuters Page <DBMP>

Government bonds

Regulatory:	Government bonds, including OFZs, are fully euroclearable, so one can trade both on MICEX and OTC with e/c settlement. Foreigners don't pay any taxes, only locals.
Avg. ticket size:	USD 1 – 3 mn
Bid/ask spread:	20 – 30 bp
Ref. source:	Micex Reuters <0#RUTSY=MM>

Offshore RUB products: Non-Deliverable Forward (NDF)

Avg. ticket size:	USD 10mn
Liquid tenors:	<1Y
Bid/ask spread:	RUB 0.10-0.30
Avg. daily volume:	USD 300mn
Ref. source:	Reuters page <DBMP>