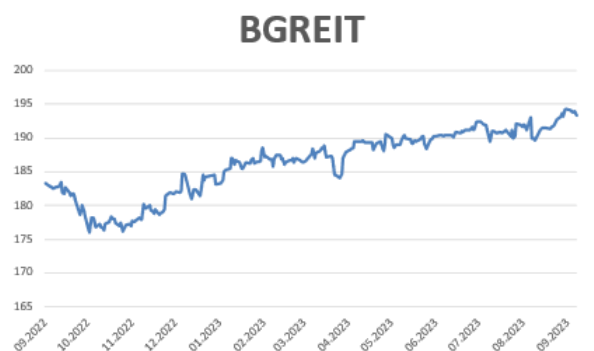


## BG Indexes 12-month performance



Index	Close	Weekly Chg. %	YTD
SOFIX	756.68	-0.22	25.80
BGBX 40	157.98	-0.51	13.43
BGREIT	193.38	-0.43	5.57

Index	P/E	EV/S	P/BV
SOFIX	7.78	0.15	1.52
BGBX 40	9.84	0.33	2.02
BGREIT	9.71	n/a	1.37

## BSE Weekly Gainers & Losers

Top Gainers		Price	Chng %
LOMP	Lomsko Pivo AD	0.20	24.38
PET	Petrol AD	0.25	24.00
SFB	Sopharma Buildings REIT	37.80	8.00
SFA	Sopharma AD	6.20	3.68
FZLS	Fazerles AD	17.70	2.91

Top Losers		Price	Chng %
BRP	Bulgarian River Shipping AD	0.78	-6.63
IHB	Industrial Holding Bulgaria AD	1.68	-6.15
NEOH	Neochim AD	27.50	-4.51
FIB	CB First Investment Bank AD	2.22	-4.31
DUH	Doverie Holding AD	8.28	-3.72

## Market Overview (04 Sept – 08 Sept)

The main Bulgarian index **SOFIX** decreased this week by 0.22% to 756.68 points. The broad index **BGBX40** decreased this week by 0.51% to 157.98 points and **BGREIT** decreased this week to 193.38 points, down by 0.43%.

## Corporate News

**Sopharma (SFA)** revealed that it has increased its stake in **Sopharma Properties (SFI)** from 41.09% to 45.59% by deals concluded on 1 September. The seller(s) of the stake has not been disclosed so far. According to information from Q2 report and latest GSM, shareholders that have similar stakes are the second largest shareholder of Sopharma Ventsislav Stoev (24.79% stake as of 30 June), Telecomplekt Invest (20.55% stake as of 30 June) and Sopharma's largest shareholder Ognyan Donev (4.47% stake as of 26 May).

**Sopharma (SFA)** revealed that it has increased its stake in **Sopharma Buildings (SFB)** from 15.05% to 20.68% by deals concluded on 5 September. The seller(s) of the stake has not been disclosed so far.

**Alcomet (ALCM)** revealed its new investment program for the next three years in the amount of BGN 137m. In particular, the downstream company intends to expand the existing capacity for rolled products with the installation of a new 4-Hi universal foil mill and annealing furnaces. Construction of a new foundry shop will also take place in order to allow the production of new types of alloys for converter foil and foil for batteries. In addition, two new extrusion presses and a passivation line for the automotive sector are also assumed. The statement didn't specify how the company plans to fund the investment program.

## Economic News

✓ The Bulgarian economy grew 1.9% YoY in the Q2 of 2023, slightly better than 1.8% in the previous estimate, and following a downwardly revised 2.2% expansion in the previous three-month period. Still, it marked the slowest pace of economic growth since the contraction in 2020, mainly due to a fall in exports (-0.9% vs 2.2% in Q1) and a plunge in public expenditure (-14.8% vs -0.6%). In contrast, private consumption (6.6% vs 2.4%) and fixed investment (7.3% vs 4.4%) accelerated. Also, imports shrank sharply by 6.9% (vs -2.3% in Q1). On a quarterly basis, GDP grew 0.4%, similarly to the previous quarter.

✓ Industrial output in Bulgaria shrank 11.5% YoY in July 2023, marking the seventh consecutive month of contraction in industrial activity, and the largest slump since May 2020. Output declined faster in mining & quarrying (-23.5% vs -10.8% in June) and in electricity, gas, steam & air-conditioning supply (-42.6% vs -27.4%). Meanwhile, output decreased at a slower pace in manufacturing (-3.1% vs -6.2%). On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, industrial activity fell by 1.3% in July, declining from a 0.7% growth in the previous month.

✓ Construction output in Bulgaria fell by 1.8% YoY in July of 2023, following a downwardly revised 2.1% fall in the previous month, as both building construction (-0.2% vs -0.5% in June) and civil engineering (-3.8% vs -4.2%) experienced decreases. On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, construction output was unchanged in July, after a 1.1% decline in June.

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