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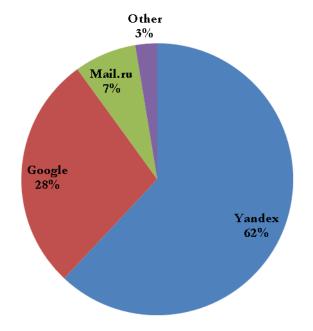
# Agenda





## **Business Overview**

#### Russian Search Market Share



- Yandex is the leading search engine in Russia by traffic.
- Yandex offers many parallel services such as Yandex. Maps and Yandex.Market.
- 90% of revenue is generated by contextual online advertisements.





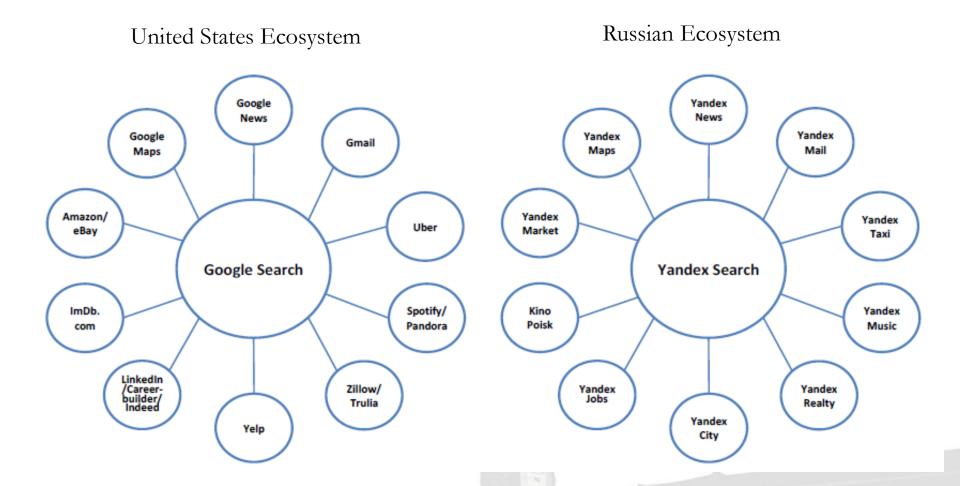








# The Russian Internet Ecosystem





### **Investment Thesis**

#### **Industry Thesis**

The number of internet users in Russia will continue to grow.

Stable returns for online advertisers will protect spending on the downside.

A structural shift to online ads will support growth even in a recession.

## **Company Thesis**

- Yandex's search engine and other services deliver a superior experience for local Russian users.
- The street is overly cautious on macro concerns. The
  political climate in Russia may serve to push out Google,
  potentially increasing Yandex's market share.
- Yandex has opportunity to capitalize on budding ecommerce in Rusissa.

Recommendation

Buy

Current Price

\$17.84

Target Price

\$30.84



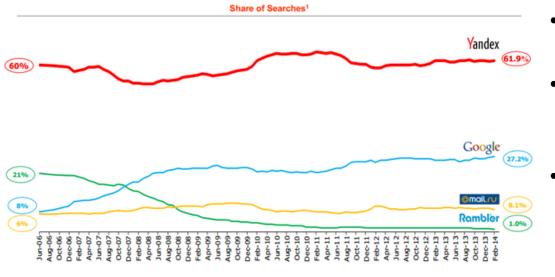
# Competitive Analysis

Google vs Yandex



# History of Russian Search Market

#### Yandex is the Consistent Search Leader in Russia



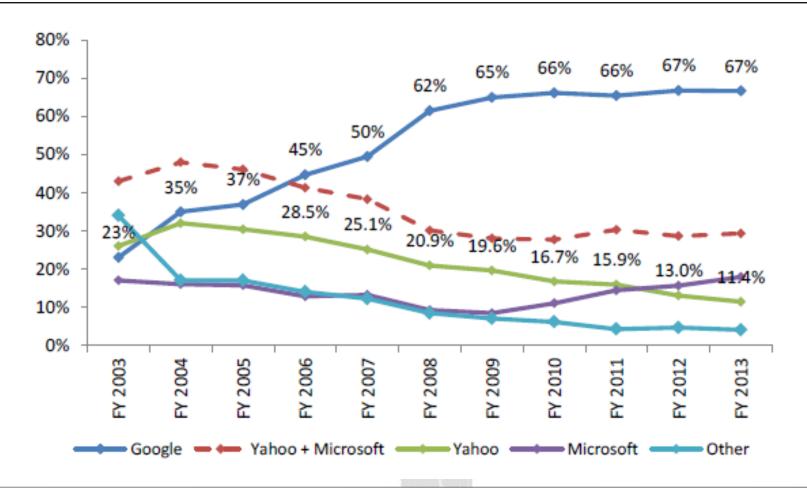
- Pre-2006 Google struggled to break into the Russian market at all.
- After 2006 Google has successfully eaten market share from Mail.Ru and Rambler.Ru.
- Yandex has maintained a steady
   ~60% market share position

Source: LiveInternet.ru through February 2014. Search traffic reflects Russian users to Russian websites and includes desktop and mobile

Google has been unable to take significant market share from Yandex in the last 9 years.



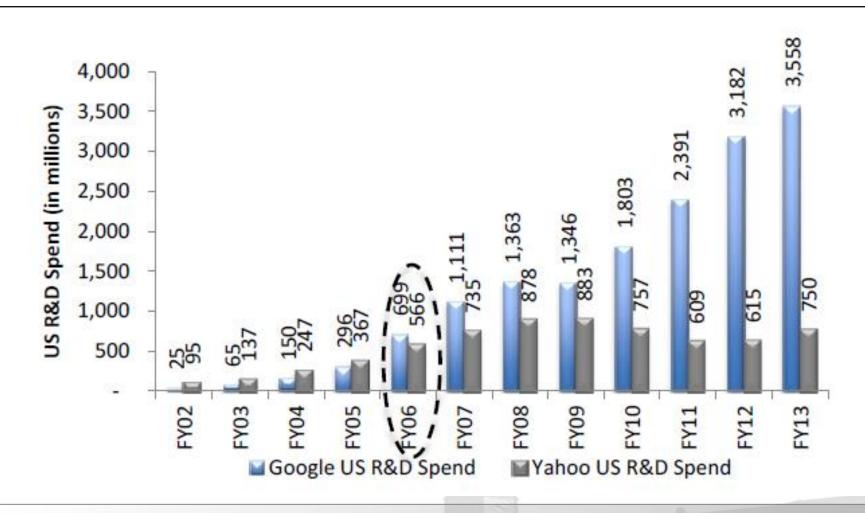
# Case Study: US Search Share



Google rapidly seized control of the US search market from Yahoo starting in 2006



# Historical R&D Spending

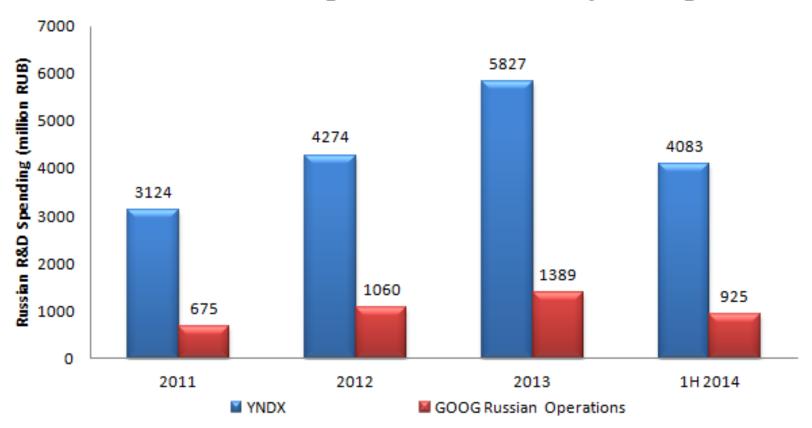


This coincides exactly with relative trends in R&D spending.



# **R&D** Spending

# Yandex and Google Historical R&D Spending



Yandex outspends Google in R&D by a factor of 4x in Russia.



# **Promotional Spending**



Advertise locally or globally.

Get a \$75 credit when you spend your first \$25

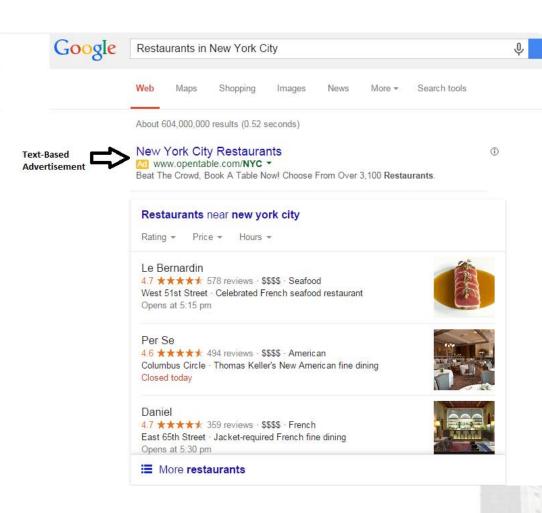
Show me how



Yandex more aggressively markets to local advertisers.



## **Text Based Advertisements**



- Both Google and Yandex earn the majority of their revenue from Text-Based Ads.
- Contextual (depends on search term)
- Mostly CPC (cost-per-click)
- Sometimes CPA (cost-per-action)

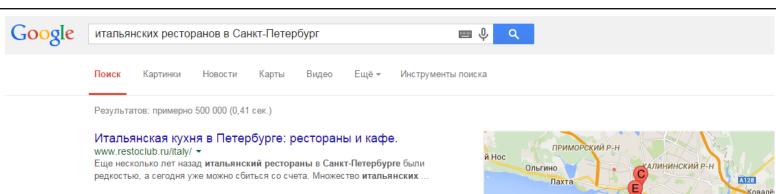


# Case Study: Google.ru vs Yandex.ru

- We will compare search results for three searches
  - Italian Restaurants in St. Petersburg
  - Flights from Moscow to St. Petersburg
  - Online Shopping (for a mattress)
- Paying attention to the following factors:
  - Relevant search results
  - Usability and features of each engine
  - Sponsored Links
- Google.ru and Yandex.ru location manually set to Moscow



# Google.ru Search: Local Restaurants



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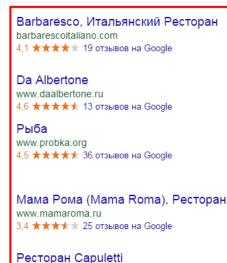
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Рейтинг самых популярных ресторанов Петербурга предоставлен профессиональной ... Рейтинг **итальянских** ресторанов. Лучшая .... Рестораны СПб.

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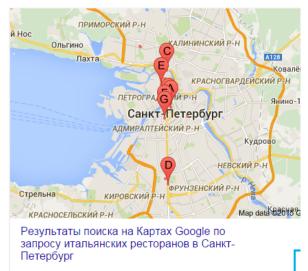


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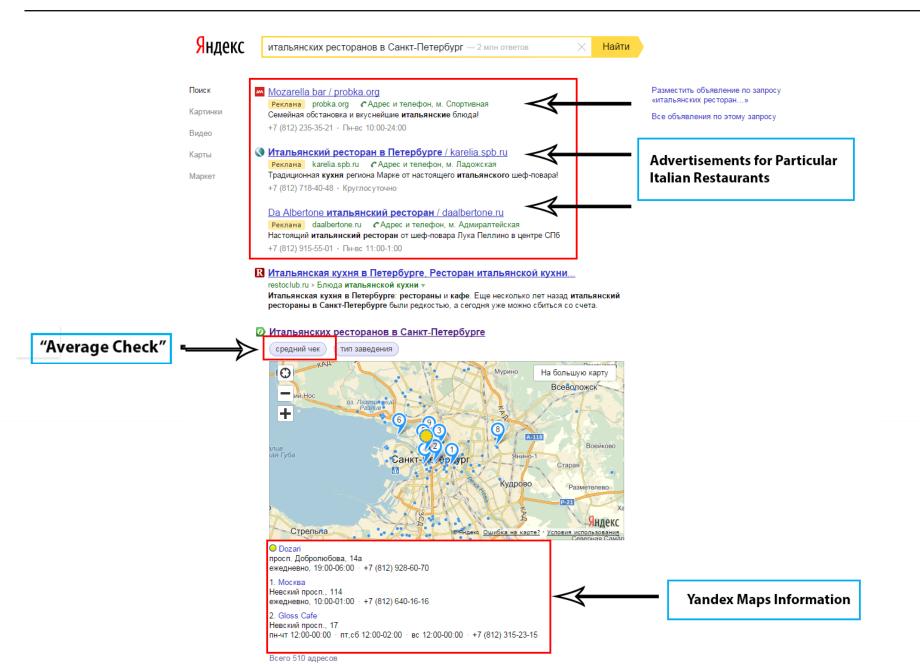
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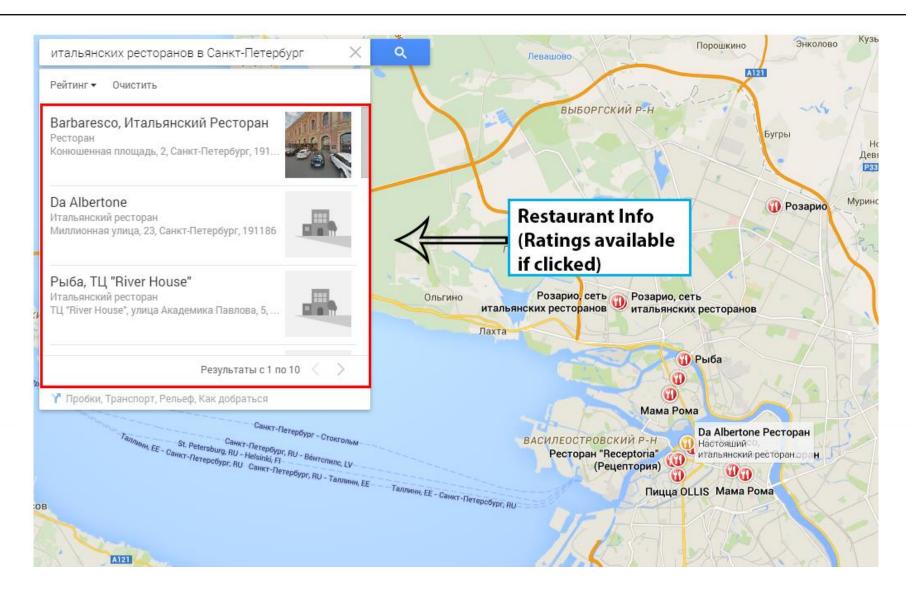




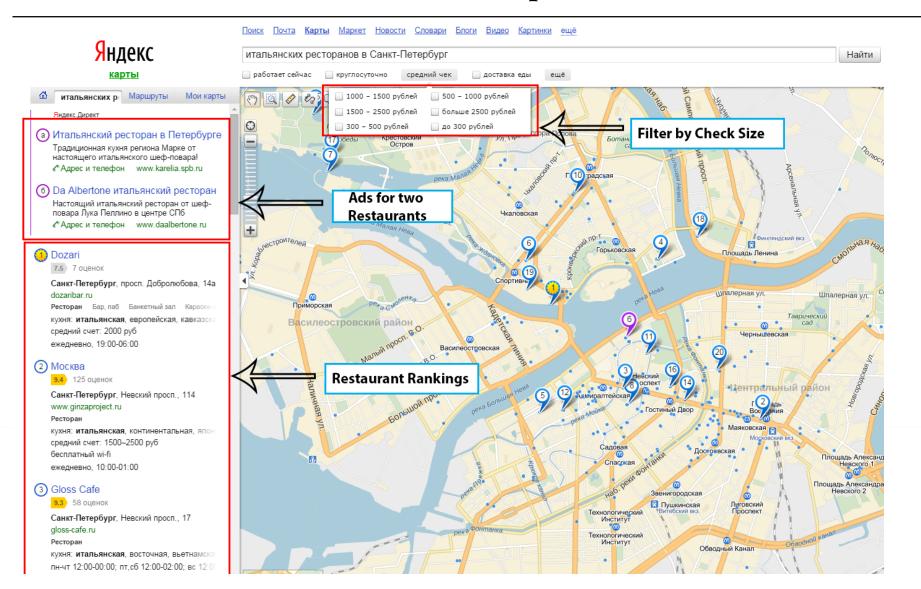
#### Yandex.ru Search: Local Restaurants



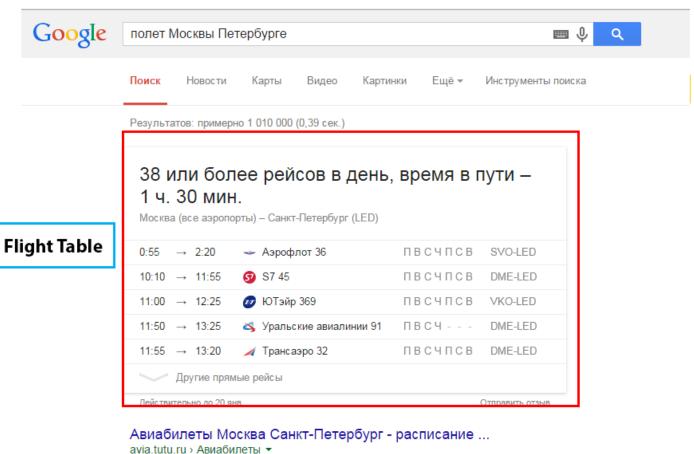
# Google Maps



# Yandex Maps



# Google Search: Local Flights



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# Yandex Search: Local Flights

Яндекс

полет Петербурге Москвы — 4 млн ответов

Найти

Поиск

Картинки

Видео

Карты

Маркет

В Ближайшие рейсы «Санкт-Петербург — Москва»						
Самолётом	Поездом	Автобусом				
Рейс		Вылет	Прилет	В пути		
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	UT 490 ЮТэйр Пулково-1 — Внуково		08:20	1 ч 20 мин		
Всего 163 рейса	1					

**Flight Table** 

Сколько лететь до Санкт-Петербурга из Москвы? Узнать время полета...

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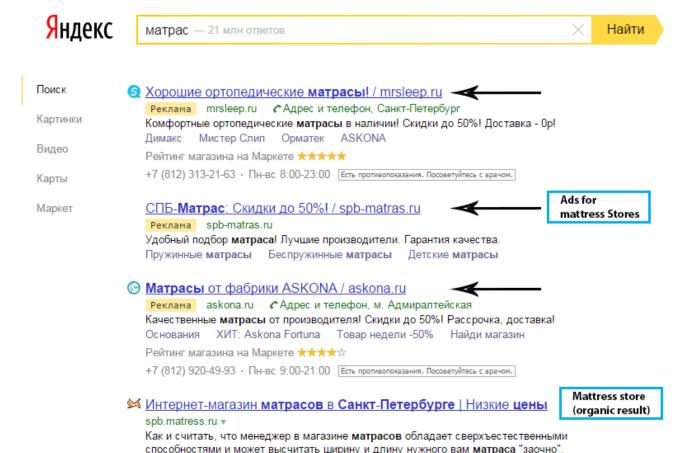
Перейдите к нам и рассчитайте точное время **полета** из **Москвы** до Санкт-**Петербурга** в часах. Время перелета **Москва** - Санкт-**Петербург** составляет...

#### Время полета из Санкт-Петербурга до

BatTour.ru > services/air\_tickets/information/... ▼

**Москва**. Офис «Смоленский». ... ГлавнаяУслугиАвиабилетыИнформацияВремя **полета** из Санкт-**Петербурга** до.

# Yandex Search: Online Shopping



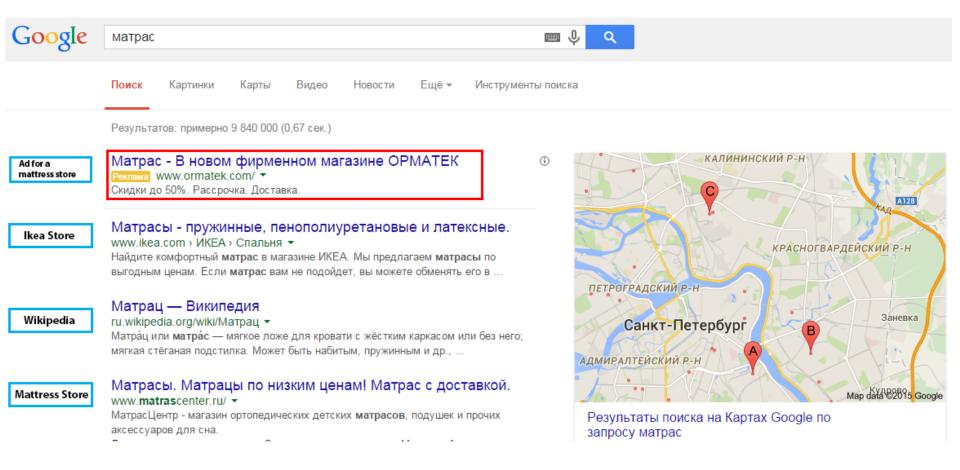
Mattress store banner ad



Разместить объявление по запросу «матрас» — 850 539 показов в месяц

Все объявления по этому запросу

# Yandex Search: Online Shopping



## **Conclusions**

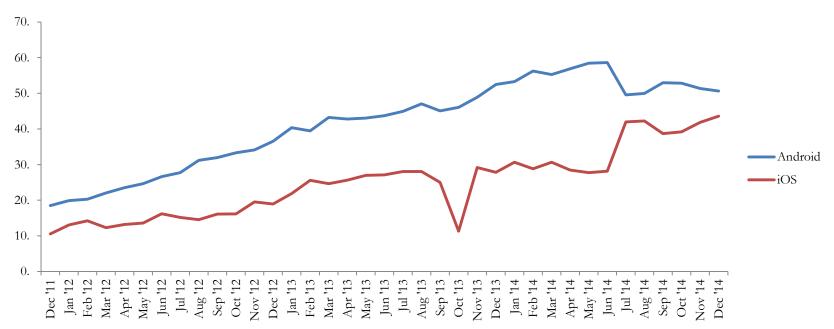
	Google.ru	Yandex.ru	Comment
Search Results	++	+++	Yandex delivers more relevant search results for local Russian searches
Usability	+++	+++	Both engines are well designed and easy to use
Features	++	+++	Yandex offers more features for customizing and filtering local searches
Sponsored Links	+	+++	Google has almost no ads to display, while Yandex has 5-8 relevant ads displayed on every search.

From the perspective of a local Russian user, there is no reason to switch from Yandex to Google on the desktop platform.



## Mobile Market Share

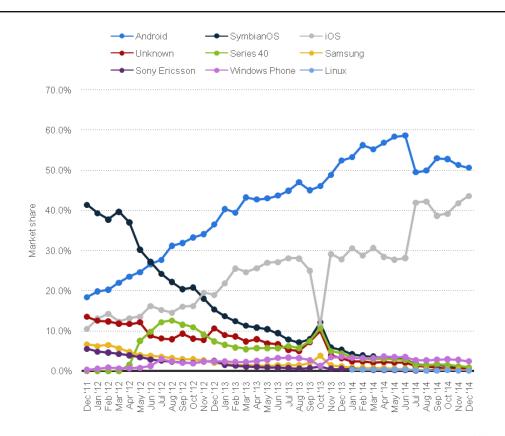




- iOS and Android have about a 50/50 split of the Russian Smartphone market.
- Yandex is the default search in iOS since 2013.
- Google is the default search in Android and blocks vendors from setting Yandex default.
- About 50% of mobile searches use Yandex and 50% use Google.
- Despite obstacles, 50% of android searches still use Yandex.



# The Mobile Battleground



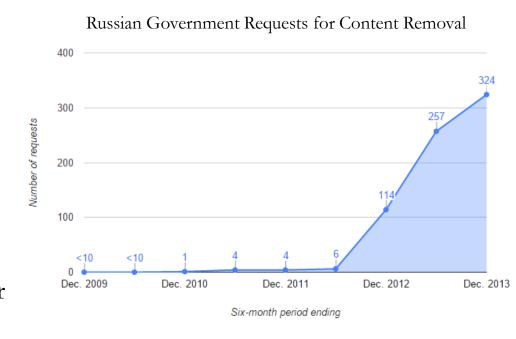
- Yandex's mobile search and apps are similarly on par with Google's
- Google "allegedly" deals in anticompetitive practices
- Russia recently launched an antitrust investigation against Google
- Russia may use investigation as leverage to crack down on foreign internet companies.

Whether or not the investigation rules against Google, the legal costs will further reduce their returns in the region.



# Is It Even Worth the Fight?

- Google only earned about \$307 million in Russia in 2014 (<1% of revenue).
- These earnings are subject to currency risk.
- Google has already closed its engineering office in Moscow.
- Government crackdown may further drive Google out of the region.



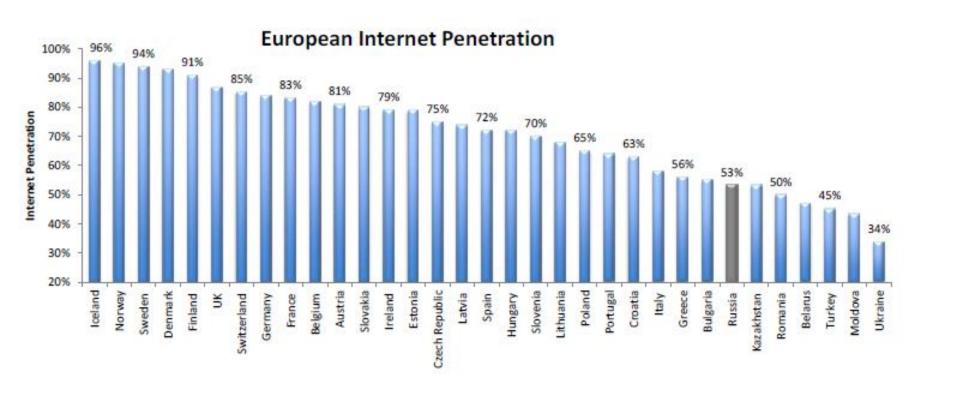
Fighting increasingly restrictive government regulations may not be worth it for <1% of Google's Revenue.



# Russian Online Ad Market



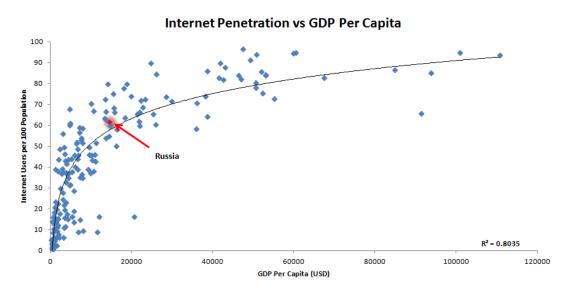
# Russian Internet is Underpenetrated



Less than 60% of the Russian population has access to internet from their home.



# GDP Per Capita and Internet Penetration



- Internet is affordable as a % of the median wage.
- Infrastructure is lacking in more rural areas.
- Primary source of growth 30-55 year olds in medium sized cities.

#### Internet Cost as % of Median Wage

	Russia	Canda	US	Japan			
Median Wage		6032	27600	32140	34822		
Monthly		503	2300	2678	2902		
Internet Cost	1	10.25	54	35	31		
% of Wage	,	2.0%	2.3%	1.3%	1.1%		
Internet Penetration	59	9.3%	92.9%	87%	86%		

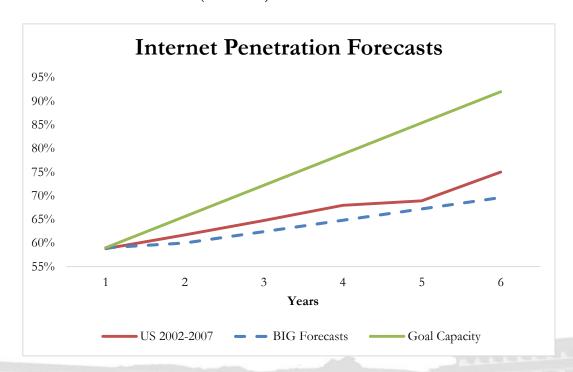
Internet is affordable, but infrastructure is a challenge in remote areas.



# **Huge Room for Growth**

Russia Internet Ad Market Forecast
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	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Penetration	53.90%	59.00%	60.0%	62.4%	64.8%	67.2%	69.6%
Internet Users (millions)	76.9	83.8	85.2	88.6	92.0	95.4	98.8
Ad Spending Per User	931.9	1,025	1,128	1,240	1,364	1,501	1,651
Internet Ad Market (Bn RUB)	71.7	85.9	96.1	109.9	125.5	143.2	163.2

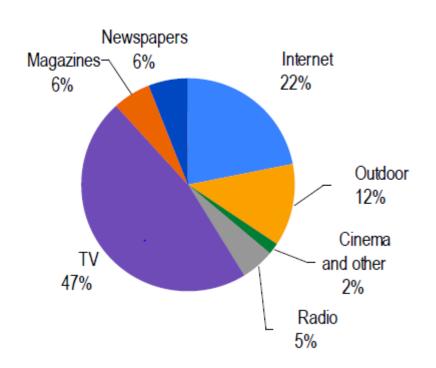


- The Russian online ad market could double by 2019.
- Assumes 70% penetration and modest 10% spending per user growth.
- Russian Government Plans to expand internet access to 92% of the population by 2018.

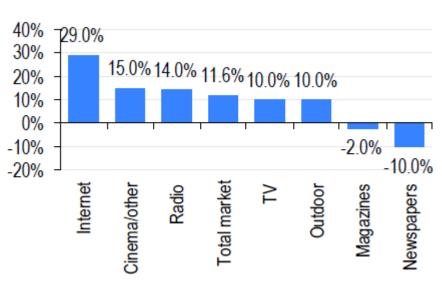


## Structural Shift to Online Advertisement





#### 2013 Growth Rate



Online Advertisement is rapidly taking share from competing mediums.



### Other Revenue Streams

#### Yandex ecosystem

- Similar to Google and Apple, Yandex has created an ecosystem in which customers are drawn to use many different Yandex services/products.
- Creates a moat, since Yandex is the only player in the Russian market to effectively create a bubble in which its customers can find all necessary services and use them with a single account.

#### Yandex.Market

- Business model transition from CPC to CPA.
- Potential to attract an larger customer base of retailers on the platform.
- Increasing amount of retailers increases volume of products to be displayed, thereby increasing customer base.
- Mutually reinforcing monetization model following that of U.S. giant Amazon.
- Russian ecommerce market was \$16.3bn in 2013; 30% expected CAGR through our time horizon.
- Of Russia's already 67m online users, 71% make ≥ a purchase.

# Other Revenue Streams (cont.)

#### Yandex.Music

- Similar platform to Spotify, where monetization is based off of advertising revenues.
- Russia has traditionally been one of the countries with the most widespread pirating activity related to music.
- With multiple different music platforms on the rise, Yandex.Music faces stiff competition, but does have significant traffic.
- Debatable whether or not a reversible trend in music pirating will occur.
- Favorable legislation as copyright holders press for change?

## Yandex.Money

- Platform combining Yandex and Sberbank, the largest bank in Eastern Europe.
  - 75% owned by Sberbank.
- Over 18 million e-wallets registered; 12,000 new ones opened every day.
- Described as the "Russian Paypal" and a mixture between credit cards and venmo.
  - Charging very small margins for transactions between you and me and operates somewhat like a credit or debit card.



# Other Revenue Streams (cont.)

## Yandex Realty

- A platform that aggregates ads for buying, selling and renting real estate.
- Monthly audience of over 2 million users; caters to average and above-average income demographic.
- Uses a CPM model, where monetization depends largely on traffic.
  - Traffic relative to Yandex.ru is around 5% ie. still very low.



# Macro and Currency Risk



## Current Russian Economic Environment

## Significant Decline of Price of Oil

 Oversupply (shale boom and OPEC oversupply) and slowing global demand contributed to the price of oil falling around 50% since June 2014



#### How does it affect Russia?

- Russia derives 50% of national revenues from oil exports
- Huge hit to country's revenues
- Investors began to sell Russian assets

#### Western Sanctions

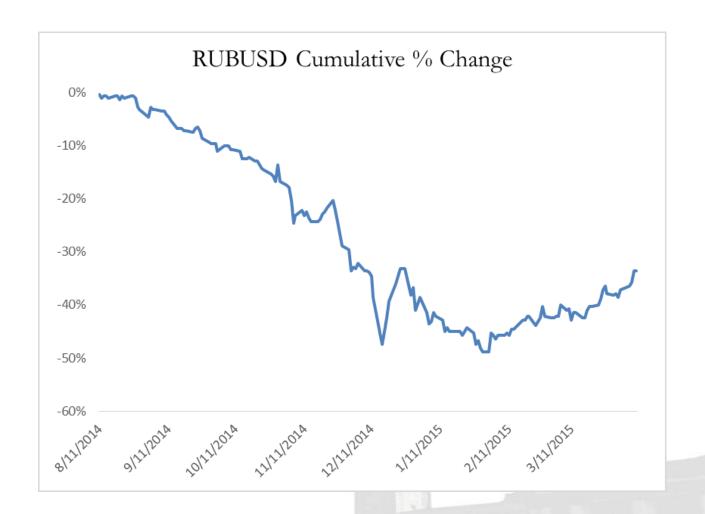
 Sanctions led by the US and the EU aim to pressure Putin to end military intervention in Ukraine



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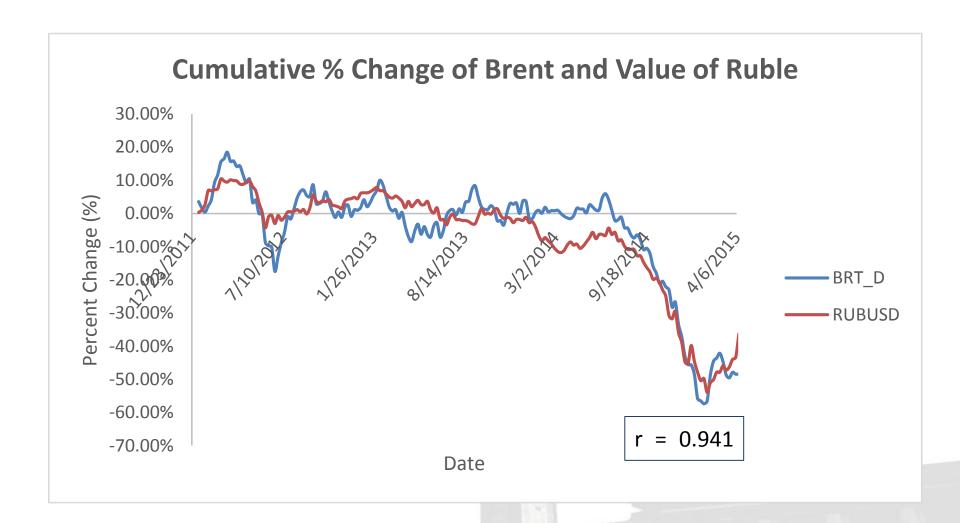
- Russian financial institutions banned from transacting with Western banks, which raises the cost of borrowing
- Low investment attractiveness

## Ruble has Lost ~40% of its Value



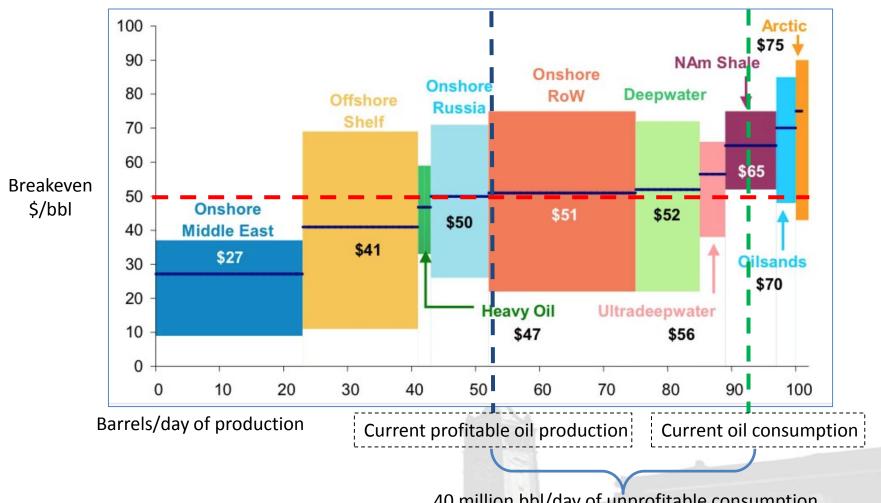


## Ruble is Highly Correlated with the Price of Oil





## BIG's Outlook on Oil Minimizes Downside Risk

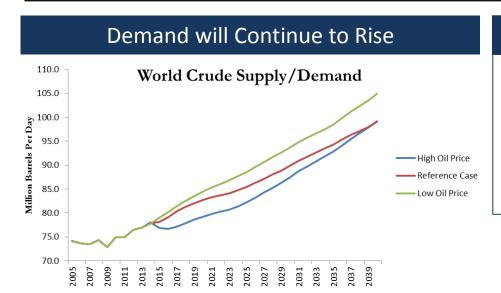


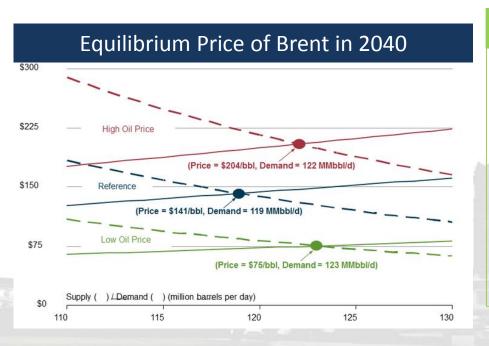
40 million bbl/day of unprofitable consumption

Current oil prices are unsustainably low



## Long-Run Oil Price Projections





## Current Supply = Unsustainable

- In the long run, a conservative equilibrium price is \$75.
- Producers can't meet demand in the long run under this price.
- This is 25% above current spot price.



### Key Takeaway

 Oil prices will increase in the long-run, which significantly reduces the risk of further depreciation of Ruble

"If oil stays above \$60/bbl on average in 2015, the ruble has strong upside potential."

- Alfa Bank (Feb 2015)



#### Headwind from Sanctions and Rate Cuts

#### **Western Sanctions**

 Western sanctions aimed at pressuring Russia into pulling back troops from Ukraine



# Possible Interest Rate Cuts will lead to Ruble Depreciation

 Central Bank of Russia (CBR) may lower rates to stimulate economic growth as the price of oil rebounds

#### Minsk-2 Accord

- Geopolitical risk has receded with the signing of the Minsk-2 Accord
- Investors have mostly priced in the worst

#### Balance Inflation and Economic Growth

- Inflation is currently 16.7% in Russia, well above its target is around 4.0%
- Could keep Ruble depressed in the short-run, but reduces the risk of a severe recession in the long-run
- Neutral



## Yandex Resilience to Macro-economic Downturn

#### Reported Strong FY2014 Financials

- Yandex revenue grew 33% YoY in Q3 2014 and 21% YoY in Q4 2014 showing resilience to a downturn in the Russian economy
- Exceeded expectations and revised for new growth targets
- Advertisers have a strong tendency to switch towards online text-based advertising because of better ROI

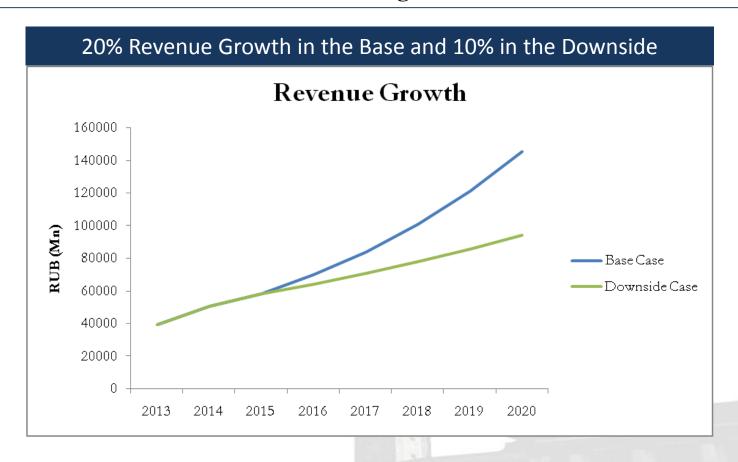


# Valuation



### Resilient Revenue Growth

The base case assumes continued resiliency to macro, while downside sees much slower revenue growth.



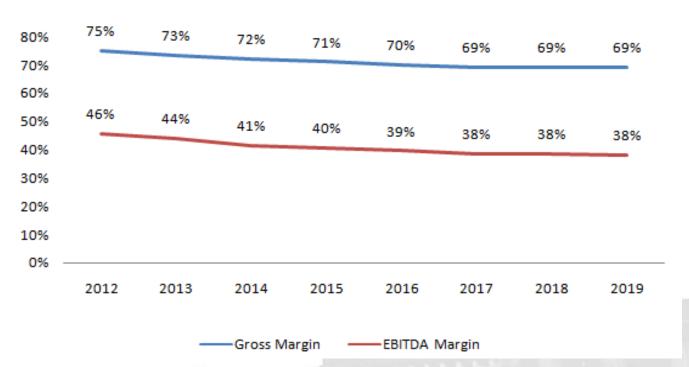


## More Expensive Growth

We expect higher traffic acquisition costs as the Russian market is increasingly penetrated.

### Modest margin compression in base and downside

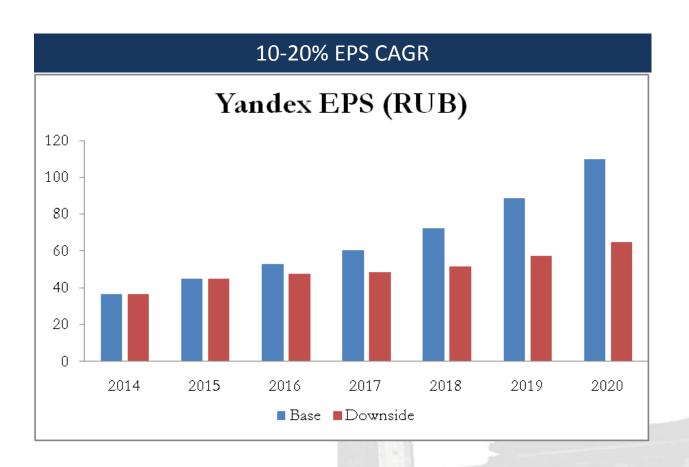
## **Yandex Margins**





## **EPS Growth to Continue**

We expect significant RUB denominated earnings growth.





## **Fundamental Disconnect**

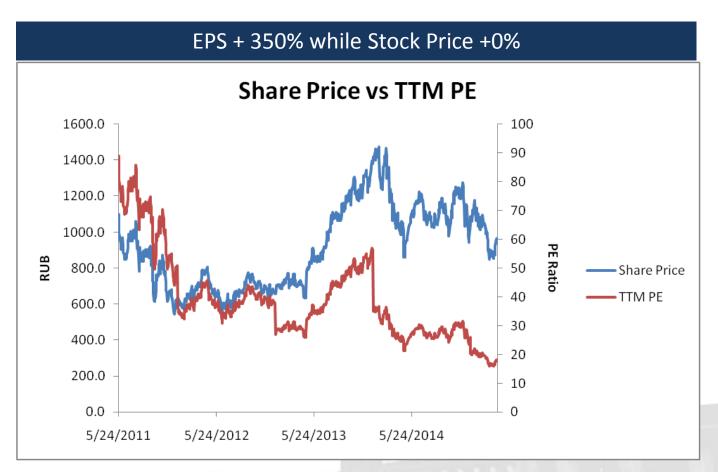
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## Comparables

## Yandex trades at the lowest PE valuation among internet peers

Name	Enterprise Value	P/E FY1	P/E FY2	Price/ Cash Flow FY1	Price/ Cash Flow FY2
Yandex	308,259.32	17.88	15.65	14.34	11.49
Mail.ru Group Limited	204,624.50	22.41	17.76	17.87	14.55
YAHOO! INC.	2,139,352.50	50.87	50.14	NEG	38.49
FACEBOOK, INC.	13,119,888.00	42.09	31.91	33.37	25.75
GOOGLE INC.	18,718,098.00	19.15	16.48	15.51	13.49
NASPERS LIMITED	2,975,450.76	63.24	41.98	51.78	38.54
EPAM SYSTEMS, INC.	188,337.60	25.97	21.36	27.92	22.55
YELP INC.	192,132.60	345.29	89.10	38.05	25.87
ANGIE'S LIST, INC.	19,563.30	42.56	17.18	13.00	-
TWITTER, INC.	1,898,042.52	137.06	64.33	60.70	41.38
PANDORA MEDIA, INC.	191,901.72	85.35	33.61	47.06	30.13
WEBMD HEALTH CORP.	119,907.36	36.38	31.51	-	-
Mean	-	74.02	35.92	31.96	26.22
Median	-	42.33	31.71	30.64	25.81



## Returns and Sensitivity

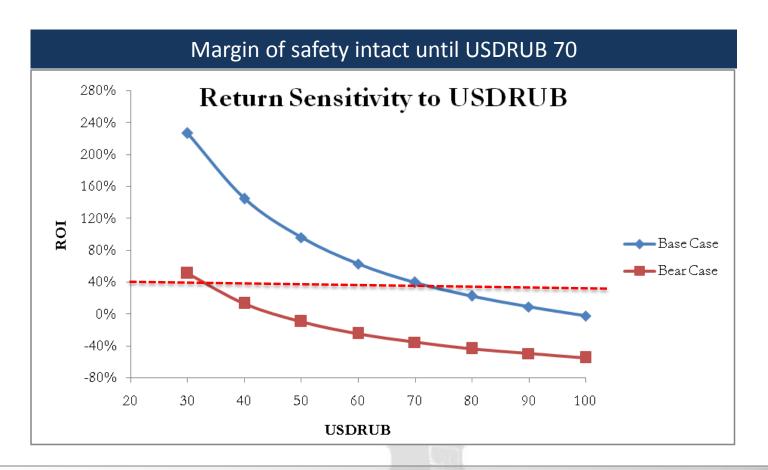
	<u>Base</u>	<u>Downside</u>
2018 EPS (RUB)	72.23	51.6
PE Multiple	25	17
Fair Value (RUB)	1806	878
USD/RUB	53	53
Fair Value (USD)	34.07	16.56
Current Price	17.84	17.84
Annualized Return	24%	-2%
Cumulative Return	91%	-7%

- In constant currency terms, we see 91% upside in the Base and -7% in the Downside case.
- Returns are very sensitive to the exchange rate.
- •Margin of safety is sufficient to justify currency risk.

				<u>E1</u>	<u>PS (RUB)</u>				
		45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
	30	110%	134%	157%	180%	204%	227%	250%	274%
	40	58%	75%	93%	110%	128%	145%	163%	180%
	50	26%	40%	54%	68%	82%	96%	110%	124%
<u>USDRUB</u>	60	5%	17%	28%	40%	52%	63%	75%	87%
	70	-10%	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%
	80	-21%	-12%	-4%	5%	14%	23%	31%	40%
	90	-30%	-22%	-14%	-7%	1%	9%	17%	25%
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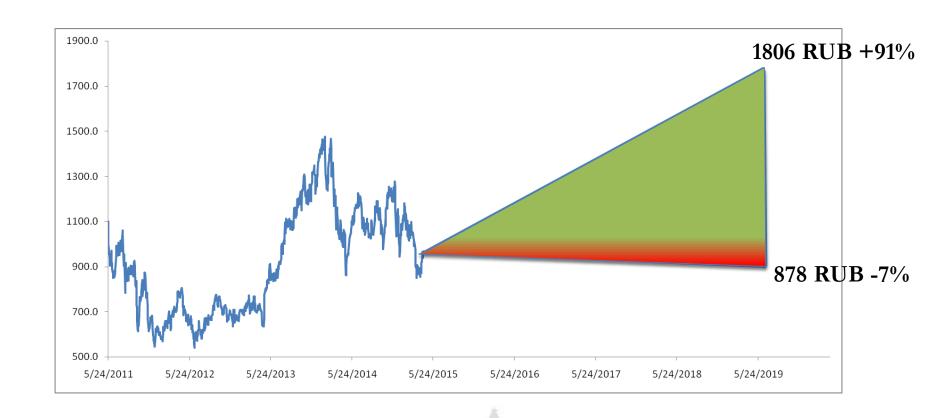
## **ROI** vs USDRUB Rate



Investment makes sense even if the ruble declines 40% from current levels



## Recommendation



Enter into a 5% long position in YNDX with a 3 year price target of 1806 RUB



# Questions?

