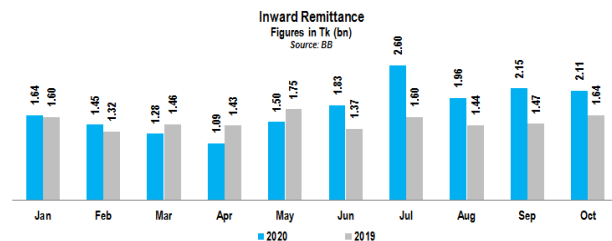


Rule for declaring interim dividend eased

The listed companies will now be able to declare interim cash dividends without auditing financial statements as the securities regulator recently relaxed the obligation after reviewing the proposals made by investors and companies. As per earlier notification issued on 20 June 2018 by the securities regulator, the companies must audit their quarterly financial statement to recommend any interim cash dividend. Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) decided to relax the section of the rule while keeping other provisions unchanged through another notification on 01 November 2020. BSEC further clarified that the companies are allowed to declare and distribute the interim dividend from their retained earnings reported on their last audited financial statement even after reporting loss (if there is any) or accrued expenses or maintaining provision in the respective quarter following the fulfillment of other securities law. According to BSEC, many companies could not recommend expected annual dividend as their businesses were affected during the last quarter due to the countrywide shutdown imposed by the government to contain the spread of COVID-19. As a result, many companies want to declare interim dividends based on their quarterly performance, the BSEC commented.

Remittance grew by 43.24% (Y-o-Y) in Jul-Oct

Inward remittance rose by 43.24% (Y-o-Y) to US\$8.82b in the first four months of the current FY2020-21 compared to that of US\$6.16b in the same period of last fiscal year. At the end of October, the total inward remittance stood at US\$17.6b in 2020, posting a growth of 16.9% (Y-o-Y) against US\$15.08b in the first 10 months of 2019. If the ongoing pace of remittance growth sustains in the coming months, Bangladesh will set record for remittance inflows, economists expect. Based on the current growing trend, the World Bank (WB) projected in its recent report that Bangladesh is likely to be the eighth most remittance receiving country in the world during the year of pandemic. According to the forecast, the remittance inflow in Bangladesh might increase by around 8% (Y-o-Y) in 2020 to approximately US\$20b. Economist attributed the rising remittance inflow to the cash incentive offered by the government alongside disruption in the *hundi* system due to cessation of overseas traveling in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic.



NBFI borrowers not to be classified until Dec 31

Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued a circular on last November 01 extending loan moratorium facility in Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFIs) for the third time so that businesses can recover from pandemic fallout. The central bank instructed the NBFIs not to classify loans when and if borrowers fail to repay installments until December 31, 2020. As per the circular, the borrowers will not be charged any additional fee or penalty for delaying in the repayment during January-December period this year. Earlier on March 24, BB relaxed the loan classification policy for the borrowers in financial institutions till June 30 for tackling the pandemic situation. Later, BB extended the facility up to September 30 on August 26, 2020.

IMF alerts on ballooning default loans

In the draft report titled "Financial Sector Stability Review 2020", the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reiterated that the bulging defaulted loans made the financial sector of Bangladesh vulnerable. The multilateral lending agency sent the report to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) in September for feedback. Economists largely agree with the observations of IMF though the finance ministry and the central bank disagreed with parts of the report. The report claimed that defaulted loans in the banking sector were much higher than the figure released by BB as the banks in Bangladesh concealed their actual defaulted loans. According to the statistics of the Financial Sector Stability Review 2019, actual defaulted loans or problem assets was Tk2.41 trillion in June 2019 while the figure was Tk1.12 trillion according to BB. As per the observation of the agency, there was a deficiency in the autonomous capacity and supervisory action of the central bank. With a view to ensure good governance in the financial sector, the agency called for increasing the number of independent directors in banks, implementing the refinancing schemes of BB through a separate development or fiscal agency, forming a Financial Stability Council and setting up a National Real Estate Taskforce to regularly review the mortgage situation in the real estate sector.

Deadline for 30% shareholding by sponsors extended

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) extended the deadline for complying with collectively holding minimum 30% shares by sponsor-directors of listed companies up to December 09, 2020 as the previous deadline ended on October 27. Earlier on July 29, the BSEC gave an ultimatum to 44 listed companies to fulfil the condition of holding minimum 30% shares collectively within 60 working days. The regulator allowed the extension following requests from some companies as many sponsor-directors are yet to fulfill the condition. As per reports from Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), only 3 companies complied with the directive. BSEC showed determination to strictly enforce the provision that also requires the directors of the listed companies to hold minimum 2% of the shares individually. The Commission recently declared casual vacancy in the posts of 17 directors of 9 listed companies who failed to comply with the shareholding requirement for individual directors.

BB dole additional Tk70b for business in economic zones

Bangladesh Bank (BB) further expanded the size of the stimulus package by Tk70b to Tk400b for large industries and services sector firms located in the economic zones to ensure low-cost funds. As per the BB circular, the units of the large companies that are operating under Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA) can avail the extended fund of the stimulus package. There are three types of industries in the economic zones, of which, only "Type-C" industries under 100% local ownership are allowed initially to get the support from the fund and the remaining two other categories can gradually avail the fund. BB also asked the scheduled banks to submit the loan disbursement plans under the stimulus package by November 05, 2020. Earlier, BB announced stimulus fund of Tk300b as on April 12 this year to facilitate both local and foreign industries during the pandemic period. Later, the size of the fund was increased by Tk30b on July 23 to support the export-oriented firms. As per the officials of the BB, around 86% of Tk330b has already been disbursed from the package to accelerate the ongoing economic revival.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	3,509.44	3,269.96	7.32
FTSE 100	5,910.02	5,577.27	5.97
Nikkei 225	24,325.23	22,977.13	5.87
SENSEX	41,893.06	39,614.07	5.75
KSE 100	40,731.61	39,888.00	2.11

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	4,942.12	4,846.10	1.98
Total Turnover, Tk	42,224,532,249.00	39,622,853,887.00	6.57
Market Capital, Tk	3,385,235,791,149	3,317,448,328,873	2.04
No of Issue Gain	171	106	
No of Issue Loss	121	210	
No of Unchanged Issues	69	44	

Top Gainers

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Associated Oxygen	27.10	50.20	85.24	390,722,000
Shinepukur Ceramic	16.60	26.60	60.24	460,566,000
CAPM IBBL Is. MF	11.50	15.80	37.39	183,843,000
Summit Alliance Port	21.30	27.30	28.17	239,894,000
Eastern Insurance	78.50	99.60	26.88	225,953,000
Asia Insurance Co.	78.10	96.20	23.18	386,725,000
Bangladesh Nat. Ins	37.50	45.80	22.13	885,019,000
Peoples Insurance	39.50	48.00	21.52	820,600,000
BDCOM Online Ltd.	24.00	28.50	18.75	182,056,000
CAPM BDBL MF01	8.70	10.30	18.39	47,268,000

Top Losers

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills	213.10	142.20	-33.27	21,984,000
Global Insurance Co.	57.10	44.20	-22.59	660,504,000
Eastland Insurance	38.60	33.60	-12.95	374,211,000
Express Insurance	40.50	35.40	-12.59	650,623,000
Fine Foods Limited	64.80	57.60	-11.11	77,263,000
Prime Islami life	55.70	49.80	-10.59	13,847,000
Agrani Insurance Co	39.40	35.30	-10.41	184,196,000
International Leasing	6.40	5.80	-9.38	77,079,000
Stylecraft Limited	183.00	166.10	-9.23	45,333,000
Rupali Life Insurance	59.40	54.20	-8.75	150,511,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	380.83	375.22	1.50	3,333.92	1,700.45	96.06
Cement	229.88	232.98	-1.33	327.18	271.66	20.44
Ceramic	582.27	540.60	7.71	698.84	200.07	249.30
Engineering	4,671.35	4,504.60	3.70	2,772.05	2,703.05	2.55
Food & Al.	3,617.44	3,592.59	0.69	665.59	561.96	18.44
Fuel & Pow.	3,939.66	3,889.14	1.30	1,469.75	1,066.33	37.83
Insurance	2,146.98	2,110.26	1.74	14,097.17	17,749.52	-20.58
IT	372.64	359.60	3.62	1,473.33	794.85	85.36
Jute	1,114.12	1,075.57	3.58	78.66	60.67	29.65
Misc.	1,182.03	1,143.54	3.37	1,883.35	1,343.73	40.16
Mutual Fund	520.21	518.31	0.37	3,233.43	3,103.19	4.20
NBFI	1,098.96	1,078.75	1.87	1,906.93	2,306.36	-17.32
Paper	6,609.10	6,493.33	1.78	86.98	63.52	36.92
Pharma	1,252.32	1,223.42	2.36	5,652.65	3,509.25	61.08
Service	1,031.02	913.85	12.82	347.03	103.25	236.10
Tannery	590.42	586.08	0.74	282.10	202.88	39.05
Telecom	3,136.99	3,077.78	1.92	503.48	624.76	-19.41
Textile	1,175.34	1,162.20	1.13	1,758.28	1,927.71	-8.79
Travel & Leis	594.38	587.04	1.25	378.73	254.49	48.82

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks rebounded in the last week, after a single-week break, as bargain hunters went on buying spree on large-cap issues as per latest corporate declarations. Investors were active in the week on stocks declaring encouraging dividend and quarterly earnings. Among the major sectors, Engineering increased by 3.70% over the week followed by Pharma 2.36%, Telecom 1.92%, NBFI 1.87%, Insurance 1.74%, Bank 1.50% and Fuel & Power 1.30%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 4,942.12 points increased by 96.02 points or 1.98% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk42224.53m which was 6.57% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 2.04% and stood at Tk3385.24b (\$39.87b) at the weekend against Tk3317.45b. DSE 30 increased by 45.51 points or 2.71% and closed at 1,725.64 points against 1,680.13 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 13.49 which was 13.20 previous week.

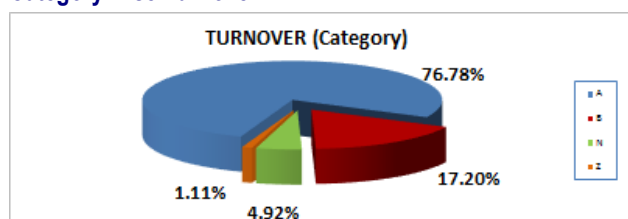
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
Beximco Pharma	29,459,436	3,814,652,000	9.03
Asia Pacific Gen. Ins	16,454,045	1,280,637,000	3.03
Beximco	50,288,816	1,156,975,000	2.74
BRAC Bank Ltd.	22,913,294	984,578,000	2.33
Bangladesh Nat. Ins	18,767,371	885,019,000	2.10
Peoples Insurance	17,757,815	820,600,000	1.94

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
GP	453,836	RENATA	103,215
Walton Hi-Tech	218,987	ICB	75,823
BATBC	197,532	Marico	67,360
Square Pharma	183,196	Berger Paint	61,696
United Power	166,214	Brac Bank	58,206

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,945.30	1,865.60	4.27
Silver (USD/t oz.)	25.17	23.34	7.85
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	40.93	38.26	6.98

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	84.90	84.95	84.90	84.95	0.00	0.00
EUR	101.63	101.69	101.79	101.85	-0.15	-0.15
GBP	112.77	112.84	113.16	113.22	-0.34	-0.34
AUD	61.25	61.28	60.30	60.33	1.57	1.57
JPY	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.15	0.16
CAD	64.92	64.95	64.20	64.24	1.11	1.11
SAR	22.75	22.76	22.75	22.77	-0.01	-0.01

Based on Standard Chartered selling rates to public in Taka. Notes: USD-US Dollar, GBP-Great Britain Pound, AUD-Australian Dollar, JPY- Japanese Yen, CAD-Canadian Dollar, SAR-Saudi Riyal.

Last Public Offerings

Company	Subscription Period	Offer Price	IPO (M.Tk)
Dominance Steel	Oct 19-25, 2020	10	300
Crystal Insurance	Nov 10-16, 2020	10	160
Robi Axiata Limited	Nov 17-23, 2020	10	5,237