

### **AIMS to launch new series of MF**

AIMS of Bangladesh Limited, the first private Asset Management Company (AMC) in Bangladesh, has decided to design and float a multi-scheme and multi-dimensional mutual fund for the local capital market, subject to consent from the Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC). The fund will be named as AIMS Resurrection Series Mutual Fund. It would have both open and closed end Schemes (listed and over-the-counter) of different size and characteristics that is to be floated serially at regular intervals from the first quarter of 2021. The proposed Fund will be solely sponsored as well as managed by AIMS of Bangladesh Limited where Sandhani Life Insurance Company Limited will act as Trustee and Brac Bank Limited as Custodian.

### **Ceiling put on NSCs purchase**

Government has lowered the ceiling for investment in National Savings Certificates (NSCs) under any individual and joint accounts with an aim to discourage wealthy people from pouring fresh investment in the risk-free savings tools, in order to support the banking system. As per the notification, total combined investment in all the three government savings certificates - the Five-year Bangladesh Savings Certificate, the Three-month Profit-bearing Savings Certificate, and the Family Savings Certificate- would not exceed Tk5.0m under a single name and Tk10.0m under joint names from now. Previously, the upper limit of purchasing these savings instruments was at Tk10.5m for an individual and Tk12m for joint account. Economists, however, think that this ceiling might not create any notable impact on the banking sector since depositors are witnessing capital depreciation due to lower deposit rates against rising inflation.

### **Imports by manufacturers yet to pick up**

Imports by local manufacturers dropped significantly during the first four months of FY2020-21 implicating weak economic recovery from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. During the period, capital machinery and industrial raw material imports registered substantial fall compared to the same period previous year, resulting in overall import payments dropping by 13% (Y-o-Y) to US\$17.06b, as per Cost, Insurance, and Freight (CIF) statistics by Bangladesh Bank (BB). Import of raw cotton, the major raw materials for the textile sector, went down by 24.24% (Y-o-Y) to US\$814m in July-October period of the current fiscal year. Additionally, capital machinery and staple fiber import plunged by 31% (Y-o-Y) and 32% (Y-o-Y) to US\$1.08b and US\$267m respectively. Economists think that the sluggish import for manufacturing indicates that the aggregate demand has not yet recuperated to support the anticipated economic recovery during the fiscal year by the government.

### **Inflation eases in November on food prices drop**

The recent hike in inflation slowed down in November as point-to-point general inflation plummeted by 92-basis points to 5.52% during the month from 6.44% in October last. According to Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), food inflation fell by 1.61% to 5.73% in November last from 6.44% in the previous month, contributing mainly to the sharp fall in general inflation. However, non-food inflation rose by 19 basis points to 5.19%, as per the BBS monthly report. During the month the food inflation in urban and rural areas dropped by 1.37%-points and 1.72%-points respectively. The report also showed that the moving average of inflation in the last 12 months from December 2019 to November 2020 was at 5.73% showing a declining trend as the average inflation was 5.77% during the same period in the previous year. As per BBS findings, the wage growth in November stood at 6.1%, up by 7-basis points.

### **BSEC to form special fund with unclaimed dividends**

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is planning to form a special fund, 'Investor Protection & Market Stabilization Fund', with the unclaimed amount of cash and stock dividend against around 35,000 Beneficiary Owners' (BO) accounts. As per the officials of the BSEC, the size of the fund would be up to Tk200b that piled up over the years. According to the officials, amount of unclaimed cash dividend would be worth around Tk30b and market value of stock dividend would be around Tk170b in different suspense BO accounts and bank accounts of the listed companies. The State-run Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) would likely be appointed as asset manager of the fund. The BSEC decided to launch the fund within six months. However, the BSEC Chairman has opined that if any investor claim from the unclaimed amount, the commission will disburse the dividend verifying all documents. Earlier, the BSEC asked all listed companies, stockbrokers and merchant banks to submit information about undistributed and unclaimed cash and stock dividends.

### **Net FDI dives by 50.16% in Jul-Oct period**

Inflows of net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to Bangladesh plunged by 50.16% (Y-o-Y) to US\$153m in the July-October period of FY2020-21 as the pandemic fallout slowed investment venture of foreign investors. In the period, gross FDI dropped by 31% (Y-o-Y) to US\$720m, according to the latest statistics from Bangladesh Bank (BB). Earlier, net FDI declined by 18.98% (Y-o-Y) to US\$1.16b in the first half (January-June) of 2020. Additionally, proposals of foreign investment registered with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) also decreased by about 93% in the first quarter of FY2020-21. According to BIDA, proposed investment in 20 registered foreign industries amounted to Tk12.85b in the July-September period as against Tk174.01b in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year. Economists opined that it was a global phenomenon as most other countries faced dearth of foreign investment during the pandemic. However, the state of FDI in Bangladesh was never satisfactory due to issues over gas, electricity, ports and other infrastructural problems. As per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the FDI scenario would remain highly uncertain, depending on the duration of the health crisis and the effectiveness of policy interventions to mitigate the economic effects of the pandemic.

### **Export receipts up only 0.93% during Jul-Nov**

Export receipts registered a minimal growth of 0.93% (Y-o-Y) in the July-November period of FY2020-21 on the back of positive growth in garments, home textile and jute goods shipments. Exporters fetched US\$15.92b during the period, which was US\$15.77b in the same period of FY2019-20, according to the latest statistics of Export Promotion Bureau (EPB). Volume of Readymade Garments (RMG) shipments in the first five months of FY2020-21 stood at US\$12.89b, posting 1.48% (Y-o-Y) growth. Additionally, export earnings from jute and jute goods rose by 36.72% (Y-o-Y) to US\$553.43m followed by pharmaceutical products by 17.36% (Y-o-Y) to US\$69.82m and agricultural products by 0.25% (Y-o-Y) to US\$447.42m during the period. On the flip side, leather and leather goods shipment declined by 8.32% (Y-o-Y) to US\$358.57m in the period, as per EPB statistics. In November, merchandise shipments registered growth of 0.76% (Y-o-Y) and earned US\$3.07b in the midst of the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

## Stock Market Movement



### Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	3,663.46	3,699.12	-0.96
FTSE 100	6,546.75	6,550.23	-0.05
Nikkei 225	26,652.52	26,751.24	-0.37
SENSEX	46,099.01	45,079.55	2.26
KSE 100	42,470.39	42,207.00	0.62

### DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	5,094.66	4,974.84	2.41
Total Turnover, Tk	41,734,123,833.00	38,979,901,893.00	7.07
Market Capital, Tk	3,510,925,502,170	3,396,752,773,880	3.36
No of Issue Gain	195	206	
No of Issue Loss	107	88	
No of Unchanged Issues	60	68	

### Top Gainers

#### Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Dominage Steel	22.50	35.90	59.56	16,828,000
Unilever Consumer	2742.60	3500.00	27.62	208,040,000
Fortune Shoes	17.30	21.70	25.43	967,150,000
Rupali Insurance	36.10	44.30	22.71	1,036,589,000
Fine Foods Limited	60.20	72.80	20.93	142,186,000
Active Fine	14.20	16.80	18.31	256,720,000
Maksons Spinning	6.80	8.00	17.65	202,312,000
Republic Insurance	53.10	61.30	15.44	1,375,540,000
Miracle Industries	26.40	30.40	15.15	293,031,000
Aftab Automobiles	24.20	27.80	14.88	133,622,000

### Top Losers

#### Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
CAPM IBBL Is. MF	23.60	20.50	-13.14	197,015,000
Bangladesh Lamps	213.10	194.60	-8.68	175,868,000
CAPM BDBL MF	10.60	9.70	-8.49	53,294,000
Eastern Insurance Co.	116.90	107.40	-8.13	40,238,000
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	135.40	125.00	-7.68	116,034,000
Pragati Insurance Ltd.	72.70	67.40	-7.29	379,187,000
Asia Insurance Co. Ltd.	116.20	108.20	-6.88	66,693,000
GQ Ball Pen Industries	204.00	190.60	-6.57	67,436,000
Nitol Insurance Co. Ltd.	71.00	66.50	-6.34	404,792,000
Central Insurance	60.70	57.10	-5.93	126,508,000

### Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	397.21	390.32	1.76	3,794.51	2,797.44	35.64
Cement	242.67	236.37	2.67	624.81	395.68	57.91
Ceramic	596.72	575.60	3.67	575.93	292.70	96.76
Engineering	5,368.49	4,993.25	7.51	3,790.44	2,740.36	38.32
Food & Al.	3,549.15	3,540.36	0.25	922.11	634.53	45.32
Fuel & Pow.	3,716.48	3,706.48	0.27	1,787.80	1,673.42	6.84
Insurance	2,276.37	2,267.47	0.39	9,247.29	12,703.71	-27.21
IT	396.80	394.91	0.48	1,437.17	1,587.20	-9.45
Jute	1,100.75	1,087.43	1.22	82.09	80.86	1.52
Misc.	1,285.64	1,212.05	6.07	4,030.44	3,118.38	29.25
Mutual Fund	519.60	530.01	-1.97	2,064.49	3,269.30	-36.85
NBFI	1,060.66	1,049.32	1.08	1,779.29	988.21	80.05
Paper	6,630.96	6,584.46	0.71	202.41	162.06	24.90
Pharma	1,330.70	1,281.33	3.85	5,042.97	3,906.93	29.08
Service	1,086.82	1,048.05	3.70	507.47	357.64	41.90
Tannery	620.82	591.39	4.98	1,002.07	212.39	371.80
Telecom	3,184.70	2,995.28	6.32	743.66	957.26	-22.31
Textile	1,203.08	1,177.61	2.16	2,436.11	1,718.65	41.75
Travel & Leis	588.40	587.85	0.09	186.76	235.22	-20.60

## Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks continued the winning streak in the last week thanks to regulatory moves and improvement of economic activities. The bargain hunters showed their buying appetite on large-cap companies. Among the major sectors, Engineering increased by 7.51% over the week followed by Telecom 6.32%, Pharma 3.85%, Textile 2.16% and Bank 1.76%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 5,094.66 points increased by 119.82 points or 2.41% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk41,734.12m which was 7.07% higher than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 3.36% and stood at Tk3,510.93b (\$41.35b) at the weekend against Tk3,396.75b. DSE 30 increased by 48.03 points or 2.78% and closed at 1,775.16 points against 1,727.13 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 13.73 which was 13.30 previous week.

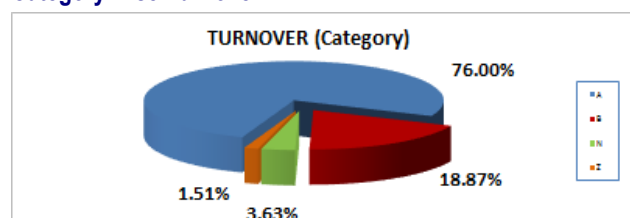
### Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
Beximco	85,050,835	2,440,443,000	5.85
Beximco Pharma	13,476,281	1,923,454,000	4.61
Republic Insurance	23,719,417	1,375,540,000	3.30
IFIC Bank Ltd.	100,800,813	1,177,412,000	2.82
Rupali Insurance	25,586,101	1,036,589,000	2.48
Fortune Shoes Limited	49,103,992	967,150,000	2.32

### Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Value (Tk)	% of total
GP	461,127	104,786
Walton Hi-Tech	267,940	70,589
BATBC	190,800	67,275
Square Pharma	174,542	65,402
United Power	153,271	65,088

### Category wise Turnover



### Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t.oz)	1,833.60	1,836.80	-0.17
Silver (USD/t.oz)	24.03	24.09	-0.23
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	50.25	48.71	3.16

### 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	104.91	104.98	104.99	105.05	-0.07	-0.07
GBP	115.10	115.17	116.51	116.57	-1.20	-1.20
AUD	64.29	64.33	63.25	63.29	1.65	1.65
JPY	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.41	0.41
CAD	66.84	66.88	66.15	66.08	1.05	1.20
SAR	22.75	22.76	22.75	22.76	-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)
Robi Axiata Limited	Nov 17-23, 2020	10	5,237
Mir Akhter	Dec 24-30, 2020	54	560.83
Energypac Power	Dec 07-13, 2020	31	1,500
Taufika Foods and Agro	Jan 03-07, 2021	10	300