

First ever mutual fund for micro-savers by AIMS

AIMS of Bangladesh Limited, the first private Asset Management Company (AMC) in Bangladesh that pioneered private mutual funds in the country more than two decades ago is now poised to launch their first open-end mutual fund. The size of the scheme of the fund is targeted to be Tk1.575b. Of this, fund sponsor Grameen Bank, the micro-credit pioneers Nobel laureate, has already given Tk1 billion. Besides, pre-IPO private placement of the fund is Tk181.2m and Tk393.8m will be reserved for general investors. Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the draft prospectus on 27 December 2022. The fund is titled “Grameen Bank-AIMS First Unit Fund” the first initiative of which is the “Micro-Savers Special Purpose Growth Scheme”. Sandhani Life Insurance Company is the Trustee of the Fund and BRAC Bank is the Custodian. It is the second mutual fund sponsored by Grameen Bank after “Grameen Mutual Fund One” which launched two closed-end listed Schemes under the management of AIMS. The vision of the new fund is to achieve financial inclusion through the mutual fund vehicle by creating a reliable and affordable financial instrument for the micro-savers and middle-class cluster of the society and integrating them with the national capital market in a structured and responsible way. Along with the growing risk averse retiree senior citizen segment of the community, institutional investors would also find the scheme a safe sanctuary for predictable income stream and capital gains. The scheme of the fund is focused specially to attract rural micro-savers of Grameen Bank and came with a unique provision of Entitlement for the existing unitholders of Grameen One: Scheme Two to subscribe in the new scheme. The public subscription of the fund is expected to commence in the later part of January next.

Revenue falls short by Tk97.13b of target

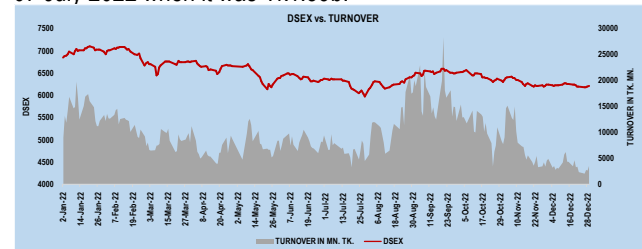
The National Board of Revenue (NBR) missed the target once again. As per latest figures, revenue collection in July-November period of FY2022-23 was Tk1156.21b registering a growth of 13.06% (Y-o-Y) from Tk1022.65b in the same period of the last fiscal year. However, total tax receipts fell short of target set for the five-month period by Tk97.13b. Among the three wings of the NBR, Value Added Tax (VAT) wing fetched the highest revenue of Tk441.84b while collection from customs and income tax stood at Tk380.60b and Tk333.77b respectively. Total revenue earnings have been estimated at Tk4.33-trillion for the current fiscal year. Out of this, NBR will collect Tk3.70-trillion and another Tk630b will be collected from other sources. Out of Tk3.70-trillion NBR revenue, the income tax wing will collect Tk1.22-trillion, the customs wing Tk1.11-trillion and VAT wing Tk1.37-trillion.

DSE can access CIB database directly

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) from now on can access the Credit Information Bureau (CIB) database directly to verify the credit status of sponsors and directors for listing companies in the Alternative Trading Board (ATB). Previously DSE used the CIB database through the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC). BSEC on 03 December 2019 approved the BSEC (Alternative Trading Board) Rules. However, the securities must meet some requirements and eligibilities to be traded on the board. Trading of shares of delisted companies will also be allowed on the board on some conditions.

Stocks end terrible 2022 with apathy

The local stock market endured an upsetting year ending on 29 December 2022 suffering deterioration in all indicators. DSEX, the key market index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), plummeted by 549.84 points or 8.14% (Y-o-Y) to close at 6,206.81points as against 6,756.66 points on 30 December 2021. Throughout the year, the bear-run and volatility infested the market sentiment. The capital market experienced persistent crises of confidence due to liquidity crunch and lack of good governance in financial sector, cloudy macro-economic outlook and sluggish investment activities. Additionally, soaring inflation, widening trade deficit, energy crisis, increasing external debts, depleting foreign exchange reserve, bulging bad loans have together hurt the sentiment. DSEX, witnessed a massive fall on 28 July 2022 when it slipped below the 6,000-mark to close at 5,980.51points on that day, which was the lowest in this year. The turnover declined 43% to Tk4.41b from the previous session on 28 July 2022. However, the market started to rebound when the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) set the floor prices again for all listed securities through issuing an Order on 28 July 2022 to prevent free-fall of stock prices. Nevertheless, fears of a looming global recession continue to haunt the capital market. Investors’ participation in DSE declined as many were looking for an exit having no optimism to hold on but could not sell shares at their expected prices. As per the Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) reports, the number of active Beneficiary Owners’ (BO) account stood at 1.86m as on 28 December 2022, down by 0.17m from 2.03m as on 28 December 2021. BSEC removed the floor prices of 169 listed securities on 21 December 2022, but the move failed to put any impact on the market. The turnover tumbled to a 29-month low and stood at Tk2.27b on 22 December 2022 despite the fact that the securities regulator partially relaxed floor prices. It had been the lowest single-day transaction since 16 July 2020 when it was recorded at Tk2.26b. Later on 26 December 2022 the turnover in the DSE fell to Tk1.99b which was the lowest since 07 July 2022 when it was Tk1.39b.



Average daily turnover plunged by 34.9% (Y-o-Y) to Tk9.60b in 2022 from Tk14.75b previous year. Only 9 new companies got listed on the DSE in 2022. Union Bank-a fourth generation private commercial bank listed in 2022 raised Tk4.28b, which is the largest ever Initial Public Offering (IPO) in the banking sector till date. Meanwhile, two perpetual bonds and a golden jubilee fund got listed at the DSE in 2022. In contrast, 13 companies got listed in 2021. The capital market regulator has once again extended the time for adjusting overexposure in stock investments by the banks up to 31 December 2023. The decision came after a longstanding demand from stock market intermediaries and the stock exchanges. Apart from the broad index, the two other indices - the DS30, group of 30 dominant companies, and the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) decreased by 13.32% (Y-o-Y) to 2,195.30 points and 5.05% (Y-o-Y) to 1,358.84 points respectively.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	3,839.50	3,844.82	-0.14
FTSE 100	7,451.74	7,473.01	-0.28
Nikkei 225	26,094.50	26,392.48	-1.13
SENSEX	60,840.74	60,364.82	0.79
KSE 100	40,420.45	40,349.12	0.18

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	6,206.81	6,202.21	0.07
Total Turnover, Tk	10,723,366,208	16,812,007,652	-36.22
Market Capital, Tk	4,396,720,548,906	4,391,896,575,838	0.11
No of Issue Gain	67	19	
No of Issue Loss	117	147	
No of Unchanged Issues	197	215	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Islami Commercial Ins.	19.30	28.10	45.60	550,000
Union Capital	8.40	9.90	17.86	18,112,000
Kohinoor Chemicals	412.50	469.30	13.77	36,737,000
International Leasing	5.60	6.20	10.71	13,358,000
Desh General Ins.	29.80	32.50	9.06	18,774,000
Anwar Galvanizing	217.30	236.20	8.70	116,794,000
Chartered Life Ins.	56.80	61.40	8.10	102,922,000
BENGALWTL	28.00	30.10	7.50	71,824,000
FAS Finance	5.40	5.80	7.41	4,048,000
BGIC	59.00	62.40	5.76	24,013,000

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Monno Ceramic Ind.	130.70	122.70	-6.12	444,710,000
Eastern Lubricants	1670.7	1605.00	-3.93	715,000
Northern Islami Ins.	41.20	39.60	-3.88	96,000
Savar Refractories	261.10	251.00	-3.87	1,100
Beach Hatchery	41.70	40.10	-3.84	37,000
Imam Button Industries	125.40	120.60	-3.83	1,000
Stylecraft	104.80	100.80	-3.82	2,312,000
Continental Insurance	31.50	30.30	-3.81	3,035,000
Standard Ceramic	147.30	141.70	-3.80	939,000
Bangas	126.50	121.70	-3.79	1,093,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	453.45	452.86	0.13	154.98	169.91	-8.78
Cement	322.31	322.05	0.08	16.94	46.03	-63.19
Ceramic	821.04	829.56	-1.03	446.47	1,444.34	-69.09
Engineering	6,574.01	6,558.42	0.24	450.20	1,495.65	-69.90
Food & Al.	4,862.59	4,856.41	0.13	408.76	1,185.26	-65.51
Fuel & Pow.	3,873.73	3,875.15	-0.04	593.67	1,032.59	-42.51
Insurance	2,362.79	2,364.32	-0.06	799.02	758.71	5.31
IT	623.07	561.01	11.06	943.52	1,414.20	-33.28
Jute	1,282.40	1,266.52	1.25	86.00	210.72	-59.19
Misc.	2,435.63	2,426.69	0.37	432.74	615.23	-29.66
Mutual Fund	459.61	460.43	-0.18	5.76	5.74	0.40
NBFI	1,178.29	1,150.42	2.42	64.40	22.00	192.72
Paper	14,066.97	13,928.27	1.00	527.32	1,105.07	-52.28
Pharma	1,644.73	1,638.24	0.40	1,422.82	1,806.67	-21.25
Service	1,704.56	1,680.98	1.40	289.51	395.45	-26.79
Tannery	1,160.62	1,158.74	0.16	25.95	136.94	-81.05
Telecom	3,822.47	3,822.47	0.00	6.40	3.35	91.15
Textile	1,889.71	1,892.28	-0.14	65.18	235.85	-72.36
Travel & Leis.	993.14	998.82	-0.57	332.85	370.97	-10.27

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks ended in green in the last trading session of 2022. The capital market, however, had a rough ride in the outgoing year due to liquidity crunch and lack of good governance in financial sector, cloudy macro-economic outlook and sluggish investment activities. Among the major sectors, IT increased by 11.06% followed by NBFIs 2.42%, Pharma by 0.40% and Engineering by 0.24%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,206.81 points after increasing by 4.60 points or 0.07% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk10723.37m, which was 36.22% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.11% and stood at Tk4396.72b (\$41.47b) at the weekend against Tk4391.89b. DSE 30 increased by 0.79 points or 0.04% and closed at 2,195.30 points against 2,194.51 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.38 which was 14.34 previous week.

Based on the daily charts of DSE movement, which is used to track short-term trend, technical readings are as under:

Relative Strength Index (RSI)

The RSI indicator illustrates if the change of price movements is in overbought or oversold territory. RSI stood at 41.24.

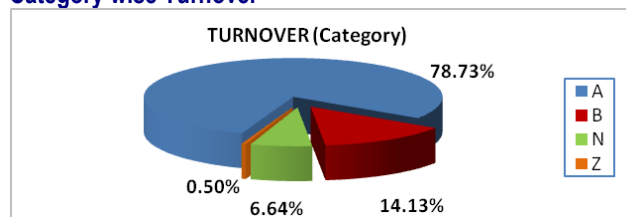
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
Orion Infusion	1,170,280	545,402,000	5.09
Intraco Refueling	12,916,708	513,807,000	4.79
Monno Ceramic	3,595,259	444,710,000	4.15
Orion Pharma	4,518,570	365,418,000	3.41
Bashundhara Paper	4,808,341	350,992,000	3.27
Genex Infosys	4,108,353	322,249,000	3.01

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Market Capital (In million)
GP	139,689
Walton Hi-Tech	135,475
BATBC	101,302
Square Pharma	76,277
Robi	75,257

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,830.10	1,806.00	1.33
Silver (USD/t oz.)	24.18	23.92	1.09
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	86.23	84.12	2.51

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	106.02	106.02	106.73	106.73	-0.67	-0.67
EUR	114.88	114.88	115.46	115.46	-0.50	-0.50
GBP	130.17	130.17	132.60	132.60	-1.83	-1.83
AUD	71.86	71.86	72.02	72.02	-0.22	-0.22
JPY	0.80	0.80	0.79	0.79	1.27	1.27
CAD	78.48	78.48	78.51	78.51	-0.04	-0.04
SAR	28.35	28.35	28.52	28.52	-0.60	-0.60

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)
-	-	-	-