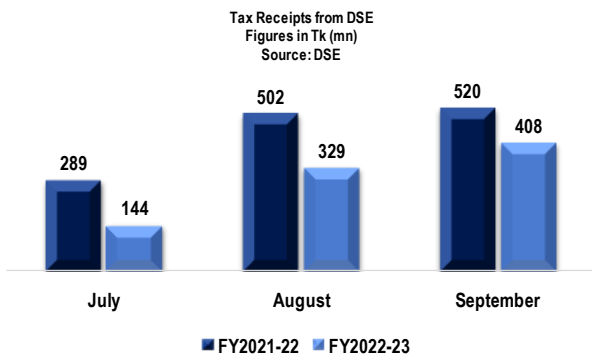


New guidelines for SME companies

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) increased the maximum limit of paid up capital requirement for Small & Medium Enterprises (SME) that wants to raise money from the capital market. The maximum limit of paid-up capital has been increased to Tk500m from existing Tk300m. Ordinary shares held by sponsors, directors or shareholders who hold 10% or more will be locked-in for two years. The shares of Alternative Investment Funds and others, including foreign investors, will be locked-in for one year. The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) commenced trading on the SME platform on 30 September 2021, aiming to create an opportunity for small-cap companies to get listed on the stock market. The platform started trading with six companies, out of which two are newly listed enterprises that raised funds through Qualified Investor Offer (QIO) while four others came from the Over-The-Counter (OTC) market. Any investor registered with the stock exchanges electronic subscription system and maintaining a minimum investment of Tk3m, instead of Tk2m earlier, in listed stocks will be allowed to trade on the small capital board. Currently, there are 13 companies trading on the SME platform. In order to be considered eligible for trading shares in the small capital platform, initially there was an obligation to invest Tk10m in the shares of listed companies in the capital market. To increase participation of investors in the SME platform the investment limit was reduced to Tk5m. Later on 17 February 2022 the minimum investment limit was further reduced to Tk2m.

Tax receipts from DSE drops 33%

Tax receipts from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) dropped by 33% (Y-o-Y) in the July-September period of FY2022-23 owing to a decline in turnover and share sales by sponsor-directors. According to the recent statistics of DSE, earnings from the bourse stood at Tk881m during the period against Tk1,311m in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Of the total earnings, Tk747m came from brokerage commission and the rest Tk134m from the tax on share sales by sponsor-directors and placement holders. The capital market has been struggling for the past couple of months as the general investors were in a crisis of confidence in the midst of economic uncertainties. The daily average turnover at DSE plunged by 44% (Y-o-Y) to Tk12.10b in July-September of the current fiscal year. The DSE statistics reveal that, revenue earnings in FY2021-22 from the DSE hit a 11-year high of Tk2.91b. However, the prime bourse paid tax worth Tk4.47b in the FY2010-11, the highest in its history, when the market witnessed a wild trend before crashing eventually.



Exit procedure of 29 companies starts

Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) began the exit process of removing 29 low-performing companies shares of which were traded on the Over-The-Counter (OTC) market. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) introduced the OTC platform in 2009 with an aim to facilitate trade of the companies that were delisted from the main trading board due to their non-performance in business or non-compliance in the market. The Commission decided to shut down the OTC market entirely in accordance with the exit plan directive it issued on 28 December 2020. To this effect, the BSEC issued an order on 16 September 2021 asking both the exchanges, the companies in the OTC market and Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) to complete dematerialization of the shares and effect transfer from one platform to the other within 30 days. At that time the regulator made a list of 23 out of the 70 OTC companies to shift those to the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) platform of the bourses while another 18 companies would be transferred to the Alternative Trading Board (ATB) and the rest 29 companies be ousted from the market following the applicable rule. BSEC, with the help of the exchanges, decided to transfer the list of companies from the OTC market to the different platforms based on the individual potential and merit they have found through investigating and analyzing financial and non-financial information of those companies.

Foreign aid disbursement drops, commitment rise

Inflow of foreign assistance decreased by 30.57% in the first three months of the current fiscal year compared to the same period of FY22, due to lack of spending capacity of government agencies. As per reports from the Economic Relations Division (ERD), during the period foreign development partners, including the World Bank (WB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) as well as Japan, disbursed US\$1.34b which was US\$1.93b in the same period of FY22. Meanwhile, the foreign-aid commitments during the first quarter of the current fiscal year increased to US\$405m compared to US\$94.03m in the same period last FY22. The government has set a target to secure US\$12b in foreign assistance in the current fiscal year. In the last fiscal year foreign assistance went up by 25.63% to US\$10b compared to the FY21, mostly riding on the pandemic related budget assistance released by the development partners.

Interest spread squeezes

The interest rate spread in the banking sector declined to 3.04% in August, 2022 from 3.05% a month earlier. As per a recent Bangladesh Bank (BB) report, the weighted average deposit rate stood at 4.07%, while such rate on lending was 7.11% in August 2022. The overall interest rate spread declined for the second consecutive month. A surge in inflation compelled the banks to adjust deposit rates as BB in August 2021 barred banks from offering interests lower than the prevailing inflation rate.

Particulars	Weighted Average Interest Rate		
	Deposits	Advances	Spread
January'22	4.01%	7.13%	3.12%
February'22	4.02%	7.10%	3.08%
March'22	4.01%	7.11%	3.10%
April'22	4.02%	7.09%	3.07%
May'22	4.02%	7.08%	3.06%
Jun'22	3.97%	7.09%	3.12%
July'22	4.04%	7.09%	3.05%
August'22	4.07%	7.11%	3.04%

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	3,901.06	3,583.07	8.87
FTSE 100	7,047.67	6,858.79	2.75
Nikkei 225	27,105.20	27,090.76	0.05
SENSEX	59,959.85	57,919.97	3.52
KSE 100	41,140.33	41,948.50	-1.93

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	6,378.00	6,494.25	-1.79
Total Turnover, Tk	35,835,291,956.00	48,329,225,429.00	-25.85
Market Capital, Tk	4,457,009,315,792	4,505,630,293,461	-1.08
No of Issue Gain	71	101	
No of Issue Loss	84	118	
No of Unchanged Issues	229	166	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
Navana Pharma	31.90	51.10	60.19	1,494,000
Sena Kalyan Ins.	48.10	58.60	21.83	255,220,000
Sinobangla Ind.	64.40	78.20	21.43	438,359,000
SEAPPEARL	139.60	169.00	21.06	1,413,013,000
ADN Telecom	97.30	115.70	18.91	1,180,762,000
Intraco Refueling	45.30	51.30	13.25	1,398,375,000
Orion Infusion	867.30	973.90	12.29	875,133,000
Crystal Insurance	36.60	41.00	12.02	29,388,000
Union Insurance	33.00	36.80	11.52	64,271,000
Bashundhara Paper	74.90	83.00	10.81	544,672,000

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (Tk)
JMISMDL	472.70	380.50	-19.50	577,529,000
Aramit	379.40	319.90	-15.68	91,037,000
Apex Footwear	301.80	257.50	-14.68	81,062,000
Bangladesh Lamps	318.90	274.30	-13.99	205,770,000
Rangpur Foundry	223.80	192.60	-13.94	209,527,000
Wata Chemicals	231.10	200.80	-13.11	58,023,000
Eastern Lubricants	2210.2	1939.90	-12.23	95,409,000
AMCL(PRAN)	343.50	302.70	-11.88	156,390,000
JHRML	115.70	103.30	-10.72	853,605,000
Apex Foods	251.10	226.20	-9.92	139,172,000

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	448.99	450.45	-0.33	586.96	841.04	-30.21
Cement	326.03	325.46	0.18	341.06	634.09	-46.21
Ceramic	802.59	810.82	-1.01	517.75	1,167.56	-55.66
Engineering	6,659.11	6,670.96	-0.18	4,428.22	8,399.44	-47.28
Food & Al.	4,847.16	4,878.08	-0.63	1,667.42	3,606.32	-53.76
Fuel & Pow.	3,907.04	3,891.16	0.41	1,936.53	1,951.89	-0.79
Insurance	2,301.91	2,279.60	0.98	1,215.84	2,002.52	-39.28
IT	572.94	541.07	5.89	2,870.76	2,949.48	-2.67
Jute	1,596.68	1,716.83	-7.00	235.73	535.38	-55.97
Misc.	2,597.61	2,690.01	-3.44	5,599.09	7,675.23	-27.05
Mutual Fund	461.17	460.91	0.06	6.23	13.06	-52.27
NBFI	1,168.29	1,168.25	0.00	218.49	580.86	-62.38
Paper	17,183.37	16,277.59	5.56	3,310.12	4,067.66	-18.62
Pharma	1,733.73	1,738.44	-0.27	5,937.21	10,148.10	-41.49
Service	1,955.78	1,955.28	0.03	1,550.91	3,987.80	-61.11
Tannery	1,052.79	1,083.33	-2.82	106.35	376.97	-71.79
Telecom	3,822.47	3,822.47	0.00	15.37	255.81	-93.99
Textile	1,906.66	1,914.65	-0.42	1,020.39	2,542.79	-59.87
Travel & Leis.	994.91	874.69	13.74	1,822.32	1,773.60	2.75

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks closed in red trajectory in the last week ended on Thursday as investors were in a crisis of confidence in the midst of economic uncertainties. Technical glitch halts trading on 24 October 2022, the trading hour reduced to 1:43 hours. BSEC formed a five-member committee to look into the matter. Among the major sectors, Food and Allied decreased by 0.63% followed by Textile 0.42%, Bank 0.33% and Pharma 0.27%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,378 points after decreasing by 116.25 points or 1.79% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk35835.29m, which was 25.85% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization decreased by 1.08% and stood at Tk4457.01b (\$42.16b) at the weekend against Tk4505.63b. DSE 30 decreased by 11.84 points or 0.52% and closed at 2,265.81 points against 2,277.65 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.72 which was 14.73 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 46.56.

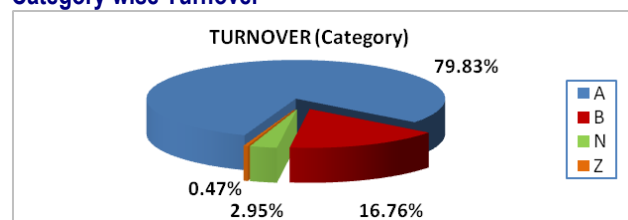
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
BEXIMCO	27,352,691	3,272,151,000	9.13
Orion Pharma	25,912,902	2,053,971,000	5.73
Sonali Paper	2,004,074	1,721,511,000	4.80
Sea Pearl Resort	8,800,343	1,413,013,000	3.94
Intraco Refueling	29,391,535	1,398,375,000	3.90
Anwar Galvanizing	2,589,786	1,395,720,000	3.89

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (Tk)	% of total
GP	386,996	RENATA	139,694
Walton Hi-Tech	317,378	United Power	135,997
BATBC	280,098	BEXIMCO	104,019
Square Pharma	185,977	Beacon Pharma	80,942
Robi	157,138	MARICO	76,277

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	1,644.30	1,650.20	-0.36
Silver (USD/t oz.)	19.20	18.20	5.49
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	94.21	91.72	2.71

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	105.71	105.71	106.65	106.65	-0.88	-0.88
EUR	107.47	107.47	105.77	105.77	1.61	1.61
GBP	125.25	125.25	121.54	121.54	3.05	3.05
AUD	68.13	68.13	66.43	66.43	2.56	2.56
JPY	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.00	0.00
CAD	78.12	78.12	77.22	77.22	1.17	1.17
SAR	28.27	28.27	28.54	28.54	-0.95	-0.95

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)
-	-	-	-