

Interest spread slightly up in December

Interest rate spread in the banking sector widened to 2.99% in December 2022 from 2.96% a month earlier. As per the Bangladesh Bank (BB) report, the weighted average interest rate on lending rose to 7.22% in December 2022 from 7.18% a month earlier. Such rate on deposit products also rose to 4.23% from 4.22% in November this year. The spread started squeezing from July 2022 when it was 3.12% in June last year. Since then the spread continued to fall and stood at 3.05%, 3.04%, 3.03%, 3.02% and 2.96% in July, August, September, October and November respectively. The central bank on 15 January 2023 raised the lending rate cap for consumer loans up to 12%. Banks have been following a 9% cap on lending since April 2020. It also levied the minimum deposit rate in August 2021. BB has withdrawn the floor on the deposit rate. Earlier on 08 August 2021, BB has set a floor on deposit interest rates and instructed the banks not to fix the rate for deposits below the inflation rate published three months before. In recent months deposit growth tumbled as saving became tough. Not only bank deposits but savers have also been pulling out their funds from government savings certificates. As per the latest figures from the National Savings Directorate (NSD), the net sales of National Savings Certificates (NSCs) remained negative for the fourth consecutive month in December 2022. The net sales of NSCs turned negative at Tk14.90b in December after it was Tk706.3m negative in September 2022. An increasing number of people are currently unable to save because of the rising inflation, which stood at 8.57% in January this year.

| Particulars | Weighted Average Interest Rate | | Spread |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| | Deposits | Advances | |
| 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% |
| September'22 | 4.09% | 7.12% | 3.03% |
| October'22 | 4.13% | 7.15% | 3.02% |
| November'22 | 4.22% | 7.18% | 2.96% |
| December'22 | 4.23% | 7.22% | 2.99% |

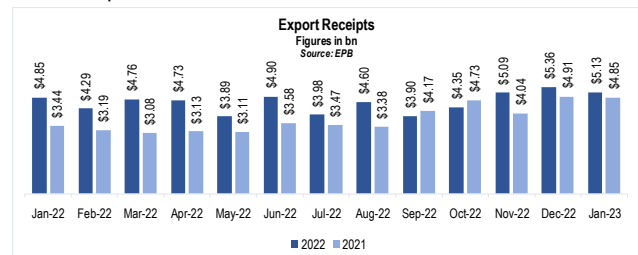
Source: Bangladesh Bank

Agent banking accounts continue to grow

As per a Bangladesh Bank (BB) report, transactions through agent banking rose by 43.34% to Tk5648.44b in FY2021-22 compared to Tk3940.68b in FY2020-21, as a growing number of people are using the new banking window. Agent banking service was launched in 2014. Out of 61 scheduled banks, 29 banks are operating agent banking service and Brac Bank held the leading position in terms of lending with over 60% market share followed by Bank Asia, The City Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank and Al-Arafah Islami Bank. The number of agent banking outlets rose to 19,738 in FY2021-22 from 17,147 in the FY2020-21. Out of a total of 19,738 agent banking outlets, 17,005 were in rural areas while the rest are in urban areas.

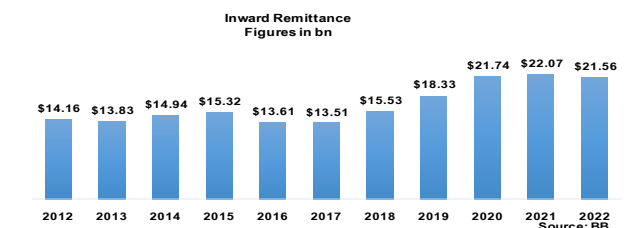
Export receipt rise by 77% in July-January

Promising performance in Ready-made Garments (RMG) sector again provided support to the monthly export earnings to move up another notch. The single month export earnings in January 2023 recorded a growth of 5.77% (Y-o-Y), amounting US\$5.13b against US\$4.85b fetched during the corresponding month of the last year. Since September 2021, the single-month export earnings had been surpassing US\$4b-mark while it crossed US\$5b-mark in November 2022 and the upward trend continued until January 2023. Despite the persisting volatility in the global economy and higher consumer prices in the western markets, export earnings grew 5.89% (Y-o-Y) to US\$5.13b in January. This was the second-highest single-month shipment on record. The previous highest was recorded in December 2022, when exporters brought home US\$5.35b. According to the latest statistics of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), total export earnings in the July to January period of the current fiscal year increased by 9.78% (Y-o-Y) to US\$32.44b from US\$29.55b in the same period of last fiscal year. RMG exports during last July-January period increased by 14.35% to US\$27.42b from US\$23.98b in the same period of last year. Out of the total RMG shipments, US\$14.96b came from knitwear items with 12.74% (Y-o-Y) growth and the woven garment exports earned US\$12.45b with a 16.25% (Y-o-Y) growth. RMG exports in January 2023 grew by 8.24% to US\$4.42b compared with that of US\$4.08b in January 2022. Leather and leather goods exports in July-January of FY2022-23 grew by 7.37% to US\$733.09m from US\$682.74m in the same period of the previous financial year. Export earnings from jute and jute goods in July-January of FY2022-23 fell by 21.22% to US\$548.10m from US\$695.73m in the same period of FY2021-22.



Remittance inflow dropped in 2022

Bangladeshi working abroad sent home a total of US\$21.56b in the just concluded calendar year 2022, dropping by 2.31% (Y-o-Y) from US\$22.07b in 2021, according to the Bangladesh Bank (BB). After receiving the highest monthly inflow in July when expatriate Bangladeshi workers sent home foreign currencies worth US\$2.09b ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha festival, remittance inflow has been witnessing a declining trend for the last three consecutive months. The inflow increased to US\$1.69b in December 2022 compared with that of US\$1.63b in the same month of the past year. The lowest monthly volume was US\$1.49b in February 2022.



Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

| | This Week | Last Week | +/- % |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| S&P 500 | 4,079.09 | 4,090.46 | -0.28 |
| FTSE 100 | 8,004.36 | 7,882.45 | 1.55 |
| Nikkei 225 | 27,513.13 | 27,670.98 | -0.57 |
| SENSEX | 61,002.57 | 60,682.70 | 0.53 |
| KSE 100 | 41,118.61 | 41,741.78 | -1.49 |

DSE Indicators

| | This Week | Last Week | +/- % |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| DSE Broad Index | 6,246.21 | 6,283.31 | -0.59 |
| Total Turnover, Tk | 21,111,968,839 | 32,436,679,172 | -34.91 |
| Market Capital, Tk | 4,423,288,546,635 | 4,441,311,878,295 | -0.41 |
| No of Issue Gain | 27 | 42 | |
| No of Issue Loss | 151 | 138 | |
| No of Unchanged Issues | 197 | 200 | |

Top Gainers

| Company | Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk) | | | Turnover (Tk) |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| | Last Week | This Week | Change % | |
| Al-Haj Textile Mills | 132.30 | 152.30 | 15.12 | 423,409,000 |
| BENGALWTL | 34.50 | 39.30 | 13.91 | 259,348,000 |
| ADN Telecom | 111.00 | 122.70 | 10.54 | 307,276,000 |
| Monno Agro | 917.50 | 1006.20 | 9.67 | 232,227,000 |
| Beach Hatchery | 35.20 | 38.00 | 7.95 | 292,436,000 |
| Apex Spinning | 114.30 | 123.20 | 7.79 | 36,714,000 |
| Fine Foods | 61.80 | 65.70 | 6.31 | 204,217,000 |
| Apex Footwear | 306.00 | 325.20 | 6.27 | 742,481,000 |
| ICB3RDNRB | 6.50 | 6.90 | 6.15 | 1,715,000 |
| Bangladesh Lamps | 252.80 | 267.40 | 5.78 | 249,742,000 |

Top Losers

| Company | Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk) | | | Turnover (Tk) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| | Last Week | This Week | Change % | |
| GLDNJMF | 9.90 | 7.50 | -24.24 | 1,637,000 |
| Intraco Refueling | 35.70 | 32.20 | -9.80 | 314,248,000 |
| Shinepukur Ceramics | 52.20 | 47.30 | -9.39 | 1,035,732,000 |
| Orion Infusion | 397.50 | 360.50 | -9.31 | 645,596,000 |
| eGeneration | 49.70 | 45.30 | -8.85 | 46,681,000 |
| Eastern Housing | 103.40 | 94.70 | -8.41 | 539,182,000 |
| BGIC | 67.90 | 62.30 | -8.25 | 17,723,000 |
| Pragati Insurance | 67.30 | 61.80 | -8.17 | 23,555,000 |
| BD Thai Food | 38.50 | 35.50 | -7.79 | 72,043,000 |
| Genex Infosys | 106.20 | 98.60 | -7.16 | 1,403,104,000 |

Sectoral Index & Turnover

| Sector | Sectoral Index | | | Turnover (Tk.M) | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| | This Week | Last Week | Change % | This Week | Last Week | Change % |
| Bank | 455.23 | 455.70 | -0.10 | 253.59 | 344.24 | -26.33 |
| Cement | 320.97 | 321.87 | -0.28 | 12.15 | 281.11 | -95.68 |
| Ceramic | 823.34 | 840.70 | -2.07 | 1,278.24 | 2,314.42 | -44.77 |
| Engineering | 6,620.50 | 6,613.81 | 0.10 | 680.52 | 728.72 | -6.61 |
| Food & Al. | 4,903.53 | 4,885.41 | 0.37 | 3,089.51 | 2,820.54 | 9.54 |
| Fuel & Pow. | 3,867.66 | 3,874.19 | -0.17 | 477.41 | 917.64 | -47.97 |
| Insurance | 2,370.25 | 2,436.03 | -2.70 | 1,594.95 | 2,819.91 | -43.44 |
| IT | 663.86 | 678.45 | -2.15 | 3,271.02 | 5,206.84 | -37.18 |
| Jute | 2,036.73 | 2,062.58 | -1.25 | 171.80 | 279.85 | -38.61 |
| Misc. | 2,477.22 | 2,498.28 | -0.84 | 1,598.49 | 3,314.16 | -51.77 |
| Mutual Fund | 450.26 | 459.32 | -1.97 | 65.29 | 17.12 | 281.32 |
| NBFI | 1,179.24 | 1,181.13 | -0.16 | 69.64 | 112.90 | -38.32 |
| Paper | 15,103.87 | 15,095.30 | 0.06 | 1,463.91 | 1,732.77 | -15.52 |
| Pharma | 1,642.00 | 1,650.83 | -0.53 | 2,446.00 | 4,090.92 | -40.21 |
| Service | 1,809.05 | 1,888.89 | -4.23 | 861.43 | 1,541.04 | -44.10 |
| Tannery | 1,170.43 | 1,157.27 | 1.14 | 817.74 | 475.79 | 71.87 |
| Telecom | 3,822.47 | 3,822.47 | 0.00 | 5.08 | 7.78 | -34.65 |
| Textile | 1,842.47 | 1,843.07 | -0.03 | 681.19 | 473.27 | 43.93 |
| Travel & Leis. | 1,292.41 | 1,360.97 | -5.04 | 1,121.27 | 1,588.21 | -29.40 |

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks extended the losing streak for the third straight week as the investors followed a cautious stance amid the liquidity crisis in the market. The market lost in most of the sessions in the past week. Among the major sectors, Insurance decreased by 2.70% followed by IT 2.15%, Mutual Fund 1.97% and Pharma 0.53%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,246.21 points after decreasing by 37.10 points or 0.59% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk21111.97m, which was 34.91% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization decreased by 0.41% and stood at Tk4423.29b (\$41.67b) at the weekend against Tk4441.31b. DSE 30 decreased by 11.16 points or 0.50% and closed at 2,224.20 points against 2,235.36 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 14.38 which was 14.43 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 44.33.

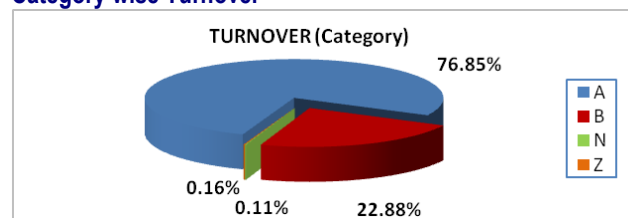
Top Turnover Companies

| Company | Volume | Value (Tk) | % of total |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| BSC | 10,413,668 | 1,438,177,000 | 6.81 |
| Genex Infosys | 13,885,019 | 1,403,104,000 | 6.65 |
| Shinepukur Ceramics | 21,012,645 | 1,035,732,000 | 4.91 |
| Olympic Industries | 6,343,086 | 952,660,000 | 4.51 |
| Sonali Paper | 1,286,564 | 898,270,000 | 4.25 |
| Sea Pearl Resort | 3,006,266 | 853,163,000 | 4.04 |

Top 10 Market Capital

| Company | Volume | Value (Tk) | In million |
|----------------|---------|---------------|------------|
| GP | 386,996 | RENETA | 149,467 |
| Walton Hi-Tech | 317,378 | United Power | 135,475 |
| BATBC | 280,098 | BEXIMCO | 103,571 |
| Square Pharma | 185,977 | MARICO | 76,277 |
| Robi | 157,138 | LafargeHolcim | 75,257 |

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

| | This Week | Last Week | Change % |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Gold (USD/toz) | 1,851.30 | 1,876.40 | -1.34 |
| Silver (USD/toz) | 21.72 | 22.01 | -1.30 |
| Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl) | 83.04 | 86.45 | -3.94 |

Exchange Rate

| | This Week | | Last Week | | Change % | |
|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|
| | TT | BC | TT | BC | TT | BC |
| USD | 106.16 | 106.16 | 106.31 | 106.31 | -0.14 | -0.14 |
| EUR | 115.81 | 115.81 | 116.36 | 116.36 | -0.47 | -0.47 |
| GBP | 130.36 | 130.36 | 130.98 | 130.98 | -0.47 | -0.47 |
| AUD | 73.41 | 73.41 | 74.32 | 74.32 | -1.22 | -1.22 |
| JPY | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.82 | -2.44 | -2.44 |
| CAD | 79.21 | 79.21 | 79.51 | 79.51 | -0.38 | -0.38 |
| SAR | 28.45 | 28.45 | 28.48 | 28.48 | -0.11 | -0.11 |

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) |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Grameen Bank-AIMS | 22 Jan-07 Mar, 2023 | 10 | 362 |
| First Unit Fund | | | |
| Midland Bank | 16 Feb-23 Feb, 2023 | 10 | 700 |