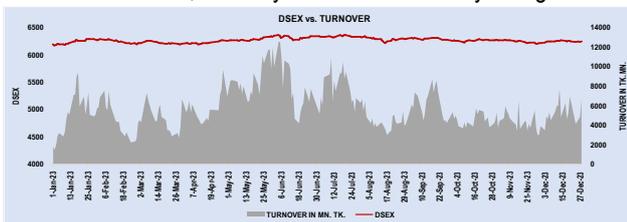


Stagnant stocks end 2023

The trading day of the stock market was 28 December 2023 ending the year with moderate gain though the market suffered on all indicators throughout the year. The key market index DSEX of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rose slightly by 0.64% (Y-o-Y) to close at 6,246.49 points against 6,206.81 points on 29 December 2022. The capital market has been in the doldrums due to liquidity crunch and lack of good governance in the financial sector. The market is stuck in a stagnant floor price trap. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) re-imposed floor prices on 169 listed securities through issuing an Order on 01 March 2023. Earlier, on 21 December 2022, the BSEC lifted the floor price from these 169 listed securities. On 19 March 2020, the BSEC fixed the floor price of the stocks to prevent massive fall of the index at the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. However, junk shares or loss-making companies have mostly dominated the market in 2023. On the other hand, blue-chip stocks were destined backstage. The Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) reported the number of active Beneficiary Owners' (BO) account at 1.77m on 27 December 2023, down by 0.09m from 1.86 a year ago.



DSEX, dropped to 6,177.88 on 03 January 2023, which was the lowest in the calendar year while the peak was recorded at 6,367.42 points on 16 July 2023. Average daily turnover plunged by 39.78% (Y-o-Y) to Tk5.78b in 2023 from Tk9.60b the previous year. Apart from the broad index, the two other indices – the DS30, group of 30 dominant companies, decreased by 4.62% (Y-o-Y) to 2,093.834 points and the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) slightly increased by 0.39% (Y-o-Y) to 1,364.13 points.

Fund raising through IPOs down in 2023

Fund-raising through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) plunged by 58.24% (Y-o-Y) in 2023. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) allowed four companies to raise Tk1.12b under fixed price method in 2023. According to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) reports, earlier in 2022, the BSEC allowed eight companies to raise Tk9.64b under fixed price method while one company raised Tk750m under book building method. Last year, Union Bank- a fourth generation private commercial bank raised Tk4.28b, which is the largest ever IPO in the banking sector till date. Meanwhile, four perpetual bonds got listed at the DSE in 2023.

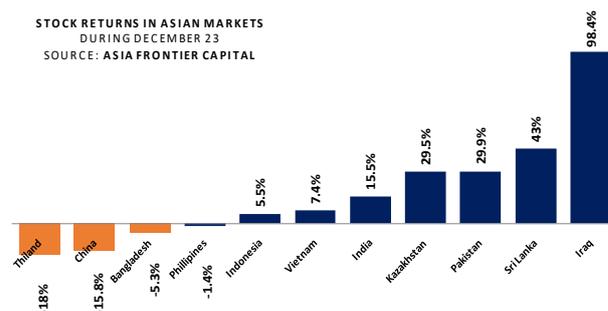
IPO in 2023 (Figures in Tk mn)		
	Issuer	Amount (Tk mn)
Fixed Price	Midland Bank Limited	700
	Trust Islami Life Insurance Limited	160
	Capitec Grameen Bank Growth Fund	100
	Sikder Insurance Company Limited	160
Bond	Dhaka Bank Perpetual Bond	200
	AB Bank Perpetual Bond	600
	Mercantile Bank Perpetual Bond	500
	Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond	500
SME	IMK Footwear PLC	100
	Al-Madina Pharmaceuticals Limited	50
	Agro Organica PLC	50
Total		3,120

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

Bangladesh lags behind frontier market peers

According to Asia Frontier Capital, the Bangladeshi stock market performed poorly with a negative return of 5.3% for the period 30 December 2022 to 14 December 2023, even though most Asian frontier stock markets performed well during the period. The local capital market experienced persistent crises of confidence and bear-run. Volatility infested the market sentiment hence a significant portion of the investors has been showing reluctance to actively involve in the market. Bangladesh is far behind the frontier markets in terms of return but ahead of emerging markets - China and Thailand. Iraq was the best performer with 98.4% return, followed by Sri Lanka (43%), Pakistan (29.9%) and Kazakhstan (29.4%).

STOCK RETURNS IN ASIAN MARKETS
DURING DECEMBER 23
SOURCE: ASIA FRONTIER CAPITAL



DSE register low net profit in FY2022-23

According to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), in FY2022-23 the revenue of DSE fell by 25% to Tk2.38b, hitting the lowest since FY2019-20, due to volatile market condition and low transactions amid floor price regulations. Net profit after tax of DSE also declined to Tk800m, 35% lower than the previous fiscal year. The financial year 2022-23 had a total 241 trading sessions when floor price mechanism squeezed average daily turnover by 40.27% (Y-o-Y) to Tk7.93b from Tk13.27b of the previous fiscal year. DSEX, lost 32.85 points or 0.52% (Y-o-Y) to close at 6,344.09 points against 6,376.94 points on 30 June 2022. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the DSE experienced a significant setback in FY2019-20. Owing to lower number of trading sessions as the market remained closed during the long countrywide shutdown, net profit of the premiere bourse tumbled by 75% (Y-o-Y) to Tk270m in FY2019-20, hitting the lowest since FY2006-07.

Revenue collection up by 14.26% in Jul-Nov

Revenue collection by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) went up by 14.26% (Y-o-Y) in July-November of the current fiscal year. However, the aggregate tax revenue collection in the said period fell short of target by Tk160b. The NBR collected Tk1,323.35b against Tk1,158.18b in the corresponding period of last year. Among the three wings of the NBR, income tax saw the highest jump at 17.45% followed by Value-Added Tax (VAT) by 16.5% while import-duty collection grew by 8.84%. The income-tax wing collected Tk393.84b against target of Tk454.96b and VAT collection amounted Tk515.1b against target of Tk560.75b. The revenue-collectors accumulated Tk414.39b in customs duty against target of Tk472.22b. Meanwhile, the total revenue earnings have been estimated at Tk5-trillion for FY2023-24. Of this, NBR will collect Tk4.30-trillion and further Tk700b will be collected from other sources. In FY2022-23, NBR collected Tk3.25-trillion in revenue, registering a 7.84% growth against 15.26% in the previous fiscal year.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	4,769.83	4,754.63	0.32
FTSE 100	7,733.24	7,697.51	0.46
Nikkei 225	33,464.17	33,169.05	0.89
SENSEX	72,240.26	71,106.96	1.59
KSE 100	62,379.41	61,608.15	1.25

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	6,246.50	6,249.29	-0.04
Total Turnover, Tk	20,164.61	29,278.60	-31.13
Market Capital, Tk	4,464,924,822,420	4,463,781,288,295	0.03
No of Issue Gain	86	49	
No of Issue Loss	83	133	
No of Unchanged Issues	211	206	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (in BDTmn)
Bd.Thai Aluminium	21.20	27.90	31.60	1,009.59
Golden Jubilee M F	11.70	14.90	27.35	298.61
PRIME1ICBA	7.70	9.30	20.78	90.50
Sonali Bank 1st M F	7.80	9.40	20.51	76.17
1STPRIMFMF	28.20	32.30	14.54	366.13
Rupali Bank	27.70	31.50	13.72	232.70
Rupali Life Insurance	105.00	119.00	13.33	483.60
Intraco Refueling	35.80	40.50	13.13	534.99
ICBPMF1S1	7.10	7.90	11.27	21.26
IFILISLMF1	6.40	7.00	9.38	84.43

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (in BDTmn)
Libra Infusions Limited	1457.2	920.70	-36.82	135.84
Gemini Sea Food	557.10	353.30	-36.58	131.81
Sea Pearl Beach Resort	124.00	99.70	-19.60	921.71
Standard Ceramic	171.30	148.90	-13.08	113.01
Orion Infusion	413.20	361.30	-12.56	1,023.49
Anlima Yarn	40.20	35.40	-11.94	81.48
CAPITECGBF	14.40	12.80	-11.11	226.65
ATCSLGF	11.30	10.20	-9.73	282.94
Beach Hatchery	51.10	46.50	-9.00	180.33
WMSHIPYARD	13.80	12.60	-8.70	229.66

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	466.31	465.11	0.26	581.37	682.22	-14.78
Cement	352.29	350.30	0.57	304.81	370.52	-17.73
Ceramic	809.18	809.53	-0.04	437.02	864.83	-49.47
Engineering	6,671.28	6,658.56	0.19	3,176.41	4,604.05	-31.01
Food & Al.	5,019.73	5,051.12	-0.62	1,222.17	1,966.03	-37.84
Fuel & Pow.	3,884.08	3,880.94	0.08	652.19	376.44	73.25
Insurance	2,555.62	2,525.34	1.20	2,633.34	2,192.92	20.08
IT	604.96	599.80	0.86	448.73	595.94	-24.70
Jute	2,188.77	2,301.41	-4.89	117.38	237.53	-50.58
Misc.	2,542.68	2,526.38	0.65	561.38	1,463.14	-61.63
Mutual Fund	494.70	487.61	1.45	2,100.23	2,221.97	-5.48
NBFI	1,184.71	1,197.36	-1.06	80.97	348.53	-76.77
Paper	13,530.75	13,565.93	-0.26	939.14	1,193.76	-21.33
Pharma	1,637.60	1,642.69	-0.31	2,799.55	4,873.65	-42.56
Service	1,722.90	1,694.44	1.68	240.18	196.62	22.15
Tannery	1,192.29	1,200.64	-0.70	55.83	149.21	-62.58
Telecom	3,822.47	3,822.47	0.00	5.90	3.74	57.69
Textile	1,904.25	1,912.17	-0.41	1,160.90	4,368.95	-73.43
Travel & Leis.	745.38	805.27	-7.44	984.53	744.44	32.25

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks ended in red in the last trading session of 2023. The capital market had a rough ride due to liquidity crunch and lack of good governance in financial sector, cloudy macro-economic outlook and sluggish investment activities. Among the major sectors, NBFIs decreased by 1.06% followed by Food & Allied 0.62% and Textile by 0.41%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,246.50 points after decreasing by 2.79 points or 0.04% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk20164.61m, which was 31.13% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.03% and stood at Tk4464.92b (\$40.59b) at the weekend against Tk4463.78b. DSE 30 decreased by 0.75 points or 0.04% and closed at 2,093.83 points against 2,094.58 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 13.12 which was 13.16 in 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 45.31.

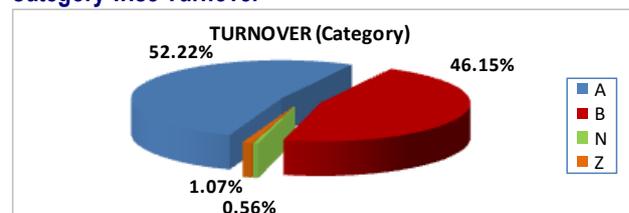
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (BDT mn)	% of total
Orion Infusion	2,528,370	1,023.49	5.08
Bd.Thai Aluminium	39,036,958	1,009.59	5.01
Sea Pearl Resort	9,189,267	921.71	4.57
Olympic Accessories	45,281,370	868.61	4.31
Khulna Printing	24,503,058	764.97	3.79
Central Pharma	26,600,865	577.13	2.86

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Value (BDT mn)	% of total
GP	386,996	139,689
Walton Hi-Tech	317,378	135,475
BATBC	280,098	103,571
Square Pharma	186,421	82,274
ROBI	157,138	80,483
RENETA		139,689
United Power		135,475
BEXIMCO		103,571
Berger Paint		82,274
LafargeHolcim BD		80,483

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t oz.)	2,071.80	2,064.50	0.35
Silver (USD/t oz.)	24.03	24.47	-1.82
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	76.90	78.64	-2.21

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
EUR	127.22	127.22	126.00	126.00	0.97	0.97
GBP	144.50	144.50	143.23	143.23	0.89	0.89
AUD	75.82	75.82	75.19	75.19	0.84	0.84
JPY	0.79	0.79	0.78	0.78	1.28	1.28
CAD	83.78	83.78	83.23	83.23	0.66	0.66
SAR	29.48	29.48	29.48	29.48	0.00	0.00

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)
Sikder Insurance	21 Dec-28 Dec, 2023	10	160