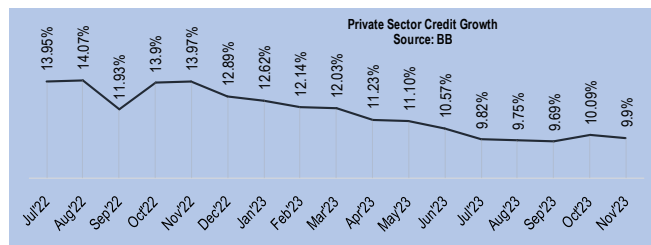


### ACC sues UFSL, Trustee, Custodian and Auditors

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed a case against 24 officials of the asset management company - Universal Financial Solutions Limited (UFSL), trustee and custodian of the funds under its management- Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), and two audit firms - Ahmed Zaker and Co. and Rahman Mostafa Alam & Co. as well as the managing directors of four entities for embezzlement of Tk3.11b. Out of the 24, 14 are from UFSL including chairman, managing director and other officials, 4 from ICB, 2 from the auditors and rest 4 are from Multimax International, Taznin Fashions, Vanguard Traders and R I Enterprise. Earlier, the inquiry committee of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) found that UFSL embezzled the money from UFS Popular Life Unit Fund, UFS-IBBL Shariah Unit Fund, UFS-Bank Asia Unit Fund and UFS-Padma Life Islamic Unit Fund through fake document of investments and fixed deposits with banks.

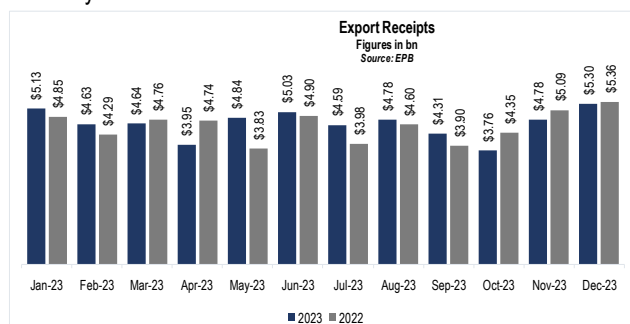
### Private sector credit growth drops in November

Credit disbursement to the private sector dropped in November 2023 due to weak demand. Disbursement decreased to 9.9% in November 2023 from 10.09% a month back, as per Bangladesh Bank (BB) reports. In September, credit flow to private sector was 9.69%, which was the lowest in the calendar year while the peak was recorded at 12.62% in January 2023. BB has fixed the private sector credit growth ceiling at 11% for FY2023-24 against that of 14.01% for FY2022-23.



### Export grew by 1.9% in 2023

The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) revealed that export earnings rose by 1.9% (Y-o-Y) in the last year to stand at US\$55.74b against US\$54.70b in 2022. In the last month of 2023, exporters fetched US\$5.3b, which is 5.69% lower than the monthly target of US\$5.62b. However, export earnings in December was the highest single-month earning in 2023, while the lowest was recorded in October with US\$3.76b. Apparel exports increased by 3.7% to US\$47.39b from US\$45.7b in 2022. Meanwhile, discrepancies in export figures and proceeds realization reported by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) and EPB were at the highest in recent years at US\$9.24b. The central bank figures show that export earnings were US\$46.31b only during the last year.

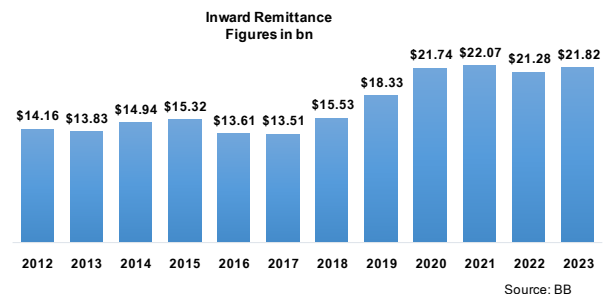


### Banking sector pass a stressful year

The banking sector traversed yet another challenging year with loan irregularities, liquidity crisis and Dollar shortage. According to Bangladesh Bank (BB) reports, the volume of Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) rose to Tk1,560.39b at the end of June 2023 from Tk1,316.21b at the end of March 2023. The June NPL figure is the highest in the history of the banking sector since independence. The second highest was recorded in September quarter of 2022 with Tk1343.96b. Nevertheless, NPLs edged down by a meager Tk6.42b to Tk1,553.97b at the end of September 2023 following two major rescheduling events of about Tk115b by Janata Bank. Several banks, especially Shariah-based banks, are facing severe liquidity shortages. Increased liquidity pressures have led to a steady rise in the weighted average call money rate since June 2023. The interbank call money rate soared to 12.50% on 28 December 2023, the highest in 10 years. The previous highest was recorded way back in 2013, when it was recorded at a peak of 12.82%. The sharp increase in the call money rate correlates with the policy rate rise to 7.75% from 7.25%. The new rate came into effect from 27 November 2023. BB has withdrawn the ceiling on the interest rate of bank lending and deposits last year. Meanwhile, the board of National Bank has been restructured due to deterioration of governance and financial conditions. In another development, Nagad and Kori got digital banking license last year. However, the development is coming at a time when the banking sector is plagued with several challenges.

### Remittance rises slightly in 2023

Bangladeshis working abroad sent home a total of US\$21.82b in the just concluded calendar year 2023, up by 2.54% (Y-o-Y) from US\$21.28b in 2022, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) reports. Competitive exchange rates are attributed to this recent positive trend. Additionally, banks may provide a maximum of 5% incentive, including the 2.5% from the government, contributing to the increased remittance flow. The inward flow increased to US\$1.99b in December 2023 compared with that of US\$1.69b in the same month of the past year. The foreign currency reserves stood at US\$17.7b at the end of December 2023.



### Government borrowing continues

In the first half of the fiscal year, the government borrowed Tk279.52b from scheduled banks but repaid Tk357.89b to the central bank. In the FY2022-23, the government borrowed Tk1,241.22b from the banking system against Tk686.52b a year ago. Of the total amount, Tk988.26b was borrowed from the central bank and remaining Tk252.96b from commercial banks. Initially, the target for borrowing from the banking system in FY2022-23 was set at Tk1,063.44b, which was later revised upwards to Tk1,154.25b. For FY2023-24, the government has set a target of borrowing Tk1.32-trillion from the banking system.

## Stock Market Movement



### Global Markets

|            | This Week | Last Week | +/- % |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| S&P 500    | 4,697.24  | 4,769.83  | -1.52 |
| FTSE 100   | 7,689.61  | 7,733.24  | -0.56 |
| Nikkei 225 | 33,377.42 | 33,464.17 | -0.26 |
| SENSEX     | 71,951.44 | 72,240.26 | -0.40 |
| KSE 100    | 64,522.31 | 62,379.41 | 3.44  |

### DSE Indicators

|                        | This Week         | Last Week         | +/- %  |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| DSE Broad Index        | 6,244.17          | 6,246.50          | -0.04  |
| Total Turnover, Tk     | 15,972.77         | 20,164.61         | -20.79 |
| Market Capital, Tk     | 4,466,705,971.919 | 4,464,924,822,420 | 0.04   |
| No of Issue Gain       | 72                | 86                |        |
| No of Issue Loss       | 99                | 83                |        |
| No of Unchanged Issues | 201               | 211               |        |

### Top Gainers

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

| Company              | Last Week | This Week | Change % | Turnover (in BDTmn) |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------------|
| Rupali Insurance     | 27.20     | 31.90     | 17.28    | 158.32              |
| Crystal Insurance    | 85.10     | 98.60     | 15.86    | 190.46              |
| KBPPWBIL             | 103.20    | 112.10    | 8.62     | 325.12              |
| Standard Insurance   | 55.40     | 59.90     | 8.12     | 342.40              |
| Union Insurance      | 56.10     | 60.60     | 8.02     | 243.79              |
| Yeakin Polymer       | 26.60     | 28.70     | 7.89     | 210.72              |
| Republic Insurance   | 40.20     | 43.30     | 7.71     | 119.71              |
| Eastern Insurance    | 67.90     | 72.80     | 7.22     | 300.29              |
| IFIL Islamic M. F. 1 | 7.00      | 7.50      | 7.14     | 235.85              |
| Kay & Que            | 228.00    | 239.80    | 5.18     | 39.81               |

### Top Losers

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

| Company             | Last Week | This Week | Change % | Turnover (in BDTmn) |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------------|
| ICBSONALI1          | 9.40      | 8.00      | -14.89   | 65.36               |
| Olympic Accessories | 18.40     | 15.80     | -14.13   | 522.93              |
| PRIME1ICBA          | 9.30      | 8.10      | -12.90   | 173.91              |
| Khulna Printing     | 29.90     | 26.30     | -12.04   | 448.51              |
| Pacific Denims      | 14.20     | 12.80     | -9.86    | 234.54              |
| Aftab Automobiles   | 30.00     | 27.20     | -9.33    | 78.37               |
| NCCBL Mutual Fund-1 | 8.20      | 7.50      | -8.54    | 24.86               |
| Indo-Bangla Pharma  | 18.90     | 17.30     | -8.47    | 109.24              |
| Central Pharma      | 20.20     | 18.50     | -8.42    | 370.30              |
| GQ Ball Pen         | 138.50    | 127.10    | -8.23    | 67.36               |

### Sectoral Index & Turnover

| Sector         | Sectoral Index |           |          | Turnover (Tk.M) |           |          |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
|                | This Week      | Last Week | Change % | This Week       | Last Week | Change % |
| Bank           | 466.59         | 466.31    | 0.06     | 490.45          | 581.37    | -15.64   |
| Cement         | 349.77         | 352.29    | -0.72    | 222.83          | 304.81    | -26.90   |
| Ceramic        | 803.18         | 809.18    | -0.74    | 278.17          | 437.02    | -36.35   |
| Engineering    | 6,662.05       | 6,671.28  | -0.14    | 2,019.46        | 3,176.41  | -36.42   |
| Food & Al.     | 5,026.24       | 5,019.73  | 0.13     | 872.78          | 1,222.17  | -28.59   |
| Fuel & Pow.    | 3,883.66       | 3,884.08  | -0.01    | 521.55          | 652.19    | -20.03   |
| Insurance      | 2,580.51       | 2,555.62  | 0.97     | 3,358.13        | 2,633.34  | 27.52    |
| IT             | 598.82         | 604.96    | -1.02    | 437.12          | 448.73    | -2.59    |
| Jute           | 2,221.26       | 2,188.77  | 1.48     | 68.77           | 117.38    | -41.41   |
| Misc.          | 2,568.20       | 2,542.68  | 1.00     | 654.54          | 561.38    | 16.60    |
| Mutual Fund    | 485.52         | 494.70    | -1.86    | 1,660.03        | 2,100.23  | -20.96   |
| NBFI           | 1,185.41       | 1,184.71  | 0.06     | 72.22           | 80.97     | -10.81   |
| Paper          | 13,351.14      | 13,530.75 | -1.33    | 565.35          | 939.14    | -39.80   |
| Pharma         | 1,636.52       | 1,637.60  | -0.07    | 1,533.60        | 2,799.55  | -45.22   |
| Service        | 1,719.56       | 1,722.90  | -0.19    | 236.28          | 240.18    | -1.62    |
| Tannery        | 1,192.59       | 1,192.29  | 0.03     | 33.11           | 55.83     | -40.70   |
| Telecom        | 3,822.47       | 3,822.47  | 0.00     | 1.71            | 5.90      | -71.04   |
| Textile        | 1,898.02       | 1,904.25  | -0.33    | 659.74          | 1,160.90  | -43.17   |
| Travel & Leis. | 749.12         | 745.38    | 0.50     | 757.82          | 984.53    | -23.03   |

## Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks closed in red trajectory in the last week ended on Thursday, the first trading week of the year 2024 amid poor participation of investors. The capital market has been in the doldrums due to liquidity crunch and lack of good governance in the financial sector. Among the major sectors, Mutual Fund decreased by 1.86% followed by IT 1.02% and Textile by 0.33%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 6,244.17 points after decreasing by 2.33 points or 0.04% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk15972.77m, which was 20.79% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 0.04% and stood at Tk4466.71b (\$40.61b) at the weekend against Tk4464.92b. DSE 30 decreased by 0.43 points or 0.02% and closed at 2,094.26 points against 2,093.83 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 13.13 which was 13.12 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 45.77.

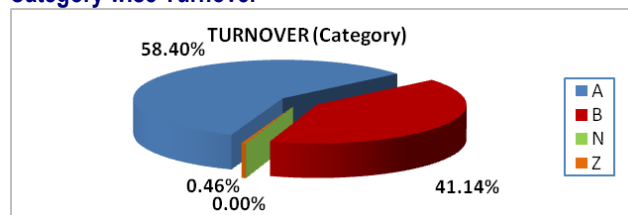
### Top Turnover Companies

| Company             | Volume     | Value (BDT mn) | % of total |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Sea Pearl Resort    | 7,268,821  | 714.54         | 4.47       |
| Bd.Thai Aluminium   | 22,507,736 | 652.82         | 4.09       |
| Olympic Accessories | 32,155,642 | 522.93         | 3.27       |
| Orion Infusion      | 1,374,730  | 499.68         | 3.13       |
| Khulna Printing     | 16,216,922 | 448.51         | 2.81       |
| Intraco Refueling   | 10,899,754 | 443.88         | 2.78       |

### Top 10 Market Capital

|                |         |                  | In million |
|----------------|---------|------------------|------------|
| GP             | 386,996 | RENETA           | 139,689    |
| Walton Hi-Tech | 317,378 | United Power     | 135,475    |
| BATBC          | 280,098 | BEXIMCO          | 103,842    |
| Square Pharma  | 186,332 | Berger Paint     | 83,995     |
| ROBI           | 157,138 | LafargeHolcim BD | 80,367     |

### Category wise Turnover



### Commodity Price

|                            | This Week | Last Week | Change % |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Gold (USD/t oz.)           | 2,042.20  | 2,071.80  | -1.43    |
| Silver (USD/t oz.)         | 23.21     | 24.03     | -3.41    |
| Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.) | 77.86     | 76.90     | 1.25     |

### 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 | 125.07    | 125.07 | 127.22    | 127.22 | -1.69    | -1.69 |
| GBP | 143.24    | 143.24 | 144.50    | 144.50 | -0.87    | -0.87 |
| AUD | 74.07     | 74.07  | 75.82     | 75.82  | -2.31    | -2.31 |
| JPY | 0.77      | 0.77   | 0.79      | 0.79   | -2.53    | -2.53 |
| CAD | 82.67     | 82.67  | 83.78     | 83.78  | -1.32    | -1.32 |
| 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) |
|---------|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| -       | -                   | -           | -          |