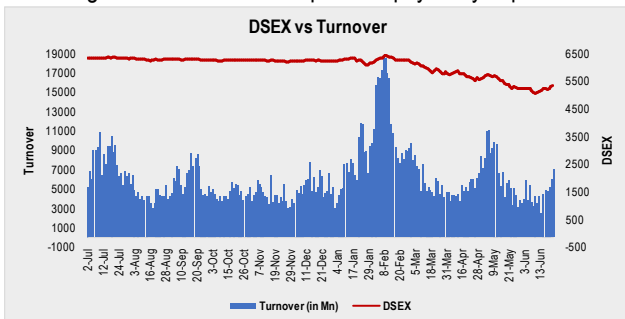


DSE wraps up FY2023-24 on a bearish note

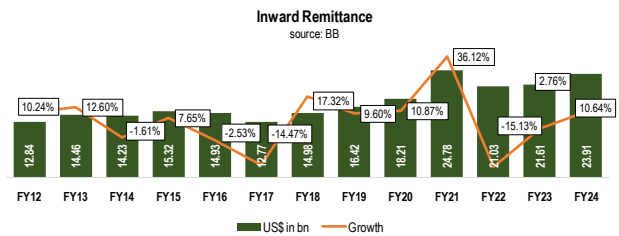
The capital market concluded FY2023-24 with a bear run and volatility. DSEX, the key market index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), lost 1,015.69 points or 16.01% (Y-o-Y) to close at 5,328.40 points on 30 June 2024 against 6,344.09 points on the last trading day of FY2022-23. The market started the fiscal year with a stagnant floor price trap. However, it rebounded for a short while in January 2024 due to somewhat increased participation of investors as the tensions surrounding the national election eased. The DSEX crossed 6,300 points mark during the same month and briefly touched the 6,400 points level in February 2024. It increased by 73.72 points or 1.16% to settle at 6,447.07 points on 11 February 2024, the highest in recent times. Meanwhile, the regulator Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) withdrew the floor price restriction effective from 21 January 2024. The latest stint of floor price mechanism was introduced on 02 March 2023 to prevent a free-fall of the market. All market indicators were bearish and touched historical lows multiple times throughout the year. The Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) reported the number of active Beneficiary Owners' (BO) account at 1.78m on 30 June 2024, down by 0.09m from a year ago. The mutual fund industry faced significant challenges last fiscal year due to regulatory violations, corrupt practices and transparency issues. An investigation by BSEC in September 2023 uncovered irregularities and embezzlement of Tk551.6m in two mutual funds managed by Alliance Capital Asset Management Limited. The AMC was accused of illicit transfers, falsified Net Asset Value (NAV) calculations and misleading financial reporting. In January 2024, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) initiated legal action against 24 officials from Universal Financial Solutions Limited (UFSL), trustee and custodian of the funds under its management- Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), and two audit firms for allegedly embezzling Tk3.11b through fraudulent investment and fixed deposit documents in four mutual funds. Later in June 2024, BSEC transferred control of ten mutual funds managed by Bangladesh RACE Management PCL to trustees and custodians due to irregularities and breaching of rules. It has been quite a topsy-turvy experience.



In FY2023-24, there were 241 trading sessions on the DSE. On the first trading day, turnover was Tk5.16b, rising to Tk7.13b at the end of June 2024. DSEX, witnessed a massive fall on 11 June 2024, when it slipped below the 5,100-mark to close at 5,070.02 points, which was the lowest in the fiscal year. The average daily turnover squeezed to Tk6.22b compared to Tk7.94b in FY2022-23. The two other stock indices - DS30, group of 30 dominant companies and the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) also decreased by 12.91% (Y-o-Y) to 1,909.64 points and 14.31% (Y-o-Y) to 1,180.01 points respectively.

Remittances hit US\$23.91b in FY2023-24

The inward remittance to Bangladesh from expatriate workers increased to US\$23.91b in the immediate past fiscal year from US\$21.61b in the previous year, marking the highest level since FY2020-21 when it hit US\$24.78b, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) figures. Remittance hit a record high with over 36% growth despite the Covid-19 pandemic in the FY2020-21. During the pandemic period, the expatriates wired their earnings by preferring the formal channels over the illegal 'hundi' conduit due to the worldwide movement restrictions. In June 2024 alone, remittances soared to US\$2.54b, up by 12.89% to US\$2.25b in the previous month, driven by a hike in the Dollar rate. Currently, the official exchange rate for remittance is Tk117, in line with the crawling peg system which was introduced in May 2024 following recommendation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Additionally, banks may provide a maximum of 5% incentive, including a 2.5% from the government, contributing to the increased remittance flow. The inflow in June was the highest single-month inflow since July 2020 when it peaked at US\$2.59b. The inflow was US\$2.19b in June 2023. The lowest monthly volume in FY2023-24 was US\$1.33b recorded in September 2023, dropped to a 41-month low. Before that the lowest inflow of remittance was US\$1.09b which was recorded in April 2020.



Net forex reserve disclosed for the first time

The Bangladesh Bank (BB), for the first time, disclosed the net Foreign Exchange (forex) reserve figure. The net reserve stood at US\$16.77b on 30 June 2024, surpassing the US\$14.7b target set for June 2024 by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as a condition of the US\$4.7b loan package. Meanwhile, the gross reserve as of 30 June 2024 was US\$21.83b. Gross reserve crossed the US\$48.04b mark on 24 August 2021, the highest ever in the history of Bangladesh. The reserve has been on the decline since then. Under the IMF's condition, the central bank needs to follow the net calculation method instead of the gross one to determine the forex reserves. The gross reserves are calculated by including spending for the Export Development Fund (EDF) and loans to Sri Lanka.

Revenue collection up by 12.94% in July-May

According to the latest figures from the National Board of Revenue (NBR), revenue collection for the July-May period of FY2023-24 totaled Tk3,243.78b, which is roughly 79% of the revised target. The initial target was Tk4,300b, which was later revised down to Tk4,100b. Meanwhile, revenue collection went up by 12.94% (Y-o-Y) during July-May period of FY2023-24. In the first eleven months of FY2023-24, the Value-Added Tax (VAT) wing boasted the highest collection of revenue worth Tk1,277.63b marking a 14.05% growth over the corresponding period of last year. Income tax receipts stood at Tk1,050.54b, jumping 15.32% (Y-o-Y) while Customs tariff collection grew 8.64% (Y-o-Y) to Tk915.6b.

Stock Market Movement



Global Markets

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
S&P 500	5,567.19	5,460.48	1.95
FTSE 100	8,203.93	8,164.12	0.49
Nikkei 225	40,912.37	39,583.08	3.36
SENSEX	79,996.60	79,032.73	1.22
KSE 100	80,285.88	78,373.13	2.44

DSE Indicators

	This Week	Last Week	+/- %
DSE Broad Index	5,497.56	5,355.41	2.65
Total Turnover, Tk	24,633.04	28,021.34	-12.09
Market Capital, Tk	3,693,346,412,839	3,602,293,445,599	2.53
No of Issue Gain	329	300	
No of Issue Loss	40	64	
No of Unchanged Issues	24	32	

Top Gainers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (in BDTmn)
Aftab Automobiles	30.90	37.50	21.36	227.09
Silco Pharma	17.40	21.00	20.69	63.47
RSRMSTEEL	13.30	15.70	18.05	6.86
Gemini Sea Food	239.00	280.90	17.53	240.29
Desh General Ins.	27.30	32.00	17.22	18.07
Deshbandhu Polymer	24.60	28.80	17.07	66.43
SAIF Powertec	21.20	24.60	16.04	386.72
Heidelberg Cement	229.20	265.30	15.75	134.74
Navana CNG	22.00	25.40	15.45	32.41
ADN Telecom	92.70	107.00	15.43	145.34

Top Losers

Weighted avg. Closing Price (Tk)

Company	Last Week	This Week	Change %	Turnover (in BDTmn)
CAPITECGBF	17.40	15.60	-10.34	103.05
Rupali Life Insurance	202.50	187.30	-7.51	265.09
Atlas Bangladesh	75.10	69.60	-7.32	7.19
Pragati Life Insurance	144.80	135.70	-6.28	190.36
Al-Haj Textile Mills	153.90	145.40	-5.52	33.26
BIFC	9.50	9.00	-5.26	2.87
Linde Bangladesh	1286.5	1230.50	-4.35	256.49
MBL 1st Mutual Fund	4.90	4.70	-4.08	1.75
Trust Islami Life Ins.	47.30	45.50	-3.81	21.02
Jute Spinners	297.20	286.10	-3.73	0.72

Sectoral Index & Turnover

Sector	Sectoral Index			Turnover (Tk.M)		
	This Week	Last Week	Change %	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Bank	424.90	415.03	2.38	1,165.69	1,709.83	-31.82
Cement	332.99	323.63	2.89	421.84	443.73	-4.93
Ceramic	595.80	563.85	5.67	324.29	219.58	47.69
Engineering	4,608.49	4,492.84	2.57	2,021.82	1,540.47	31.25
Food & Al.	3,874.66	3,804.76	1.84	2,372.44	4,058.32	-41.54
Fuel & Pow.	2,905.53	2,814.61	3.23	680.77	804.63	-15.39
Insurance	2,153.79	2,080.23	3.54	1,951.78	2,705.33	-27.85
IT	568.05	524.95	8.21	939.83	618.38	51.98
Jute	1,274.78	1,215.43	4.88	218.20	199.22	9.52
Misc.	2,546.86	2,512.52	1.37	530.45	382.98	38.51
Mutual Fund	381.32	375.31	1.60	738.65	1,211.65	-39.04
NBFI	749.63	713.75	5.03	386.82	393.75	-1.76
Paper	9,225.84	8,585.84	7.45	618.74	401.08	54.27
Pharma	1,403.95	1,389.68	1.03	3,647.61	4,104.16	-11.12
Service	1,552.91	1,422.60	9.16	517.48	153.44	237.25
Tannery	912.74	885.97	3.02	366.62	445.88	-17.78
Telecom	3,152.78	3,086.29	2.15	365.55	377.69	-3.21
Textile	1,465.71	1,409.88	3.96	2,157.13	2,032.43	6.14
Travel & Leis.	1,473.44	1,388.22	6.14	680.66	1,004.67	-32.25

Technical Talk

Dhaka stocks extended the gaining streak for the third straight week, riding on selective large-cap issues. The Dhaka bourse remained closed on 01 July due to bank holiday. Out of its four trading days, three ended higher while one ended lower. Among the major sectors, IT increased by 8.21% followed by NBFI 5.03%, Textile 3.96%, Insurance 3.54% and Fuel & Power by 3.23%.

DSE Broad Index (DSEX) stood at 5,497.56 points after increasing by 142.15 points or 2.65% from the previous week. Total turnover reached at Tk24633.04m, which was 12.09% lower than the previous week. Market capitalization increased by 2.53% and stood at Tk3693.35b (US\$31.31b) at the weekend against Tk3602.29b. DSE 30 increased by 28.77 points or 1.50% and closed at 1,951.34 points against 1,922.57 points. Last week's weighted average Market PE was 10.46 which was 10.21 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 41.21.

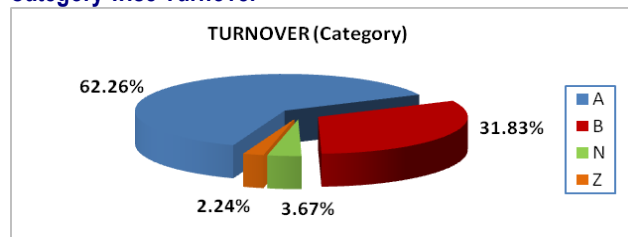
Top Turnover Companies

Company	Volume	Value (BDT mn)	% of total
Beacon Pharma	5,955,557	862.12	4.58
Taufika Foods	7,758,299	708.62	3.76
Asiatic Laboratories	12,533,032	688.91	3.66
Sea Pearl Resort	5,590,190	527.12	2.80
Central Pharma	22,188,497	471.18	2.50
Orion Pharma	6,433,336	459.82	2.44

Top 10 Market Capital

Company	Volume	Value (BDT mn)	% of total
GP	331,634	BEXIMCO	103,842
Walton Hi-Tech	199,357	Renata	87,123
Square Pharma	187,750	Berger paint	83,772
BATBC	178,362	United Power	81,331
Robi	126,758	LafargeHolcim	73,747

Category wise Turnover



Commodity Price

	This Week	Last Week	Change %
Gold (USD/t.oz.)	2,399.80	2,336.90	2.69
Silver (USD/toz.)	31.53	29.33	7.48
Brent Crude Oil (USD/bbl.)	86.97	84.90	2.44

Exchange Rate

	This Week		Last Week		Change %	
	TT	BC	TT	BC	TT	BC
USD	117.95	118.00	117.95	118.00	0.00	0.00
EUR	134.25	134.31	132.98	133.03	0.96	0.96
GBP	158.67	158.74	157.40	157.46	0.81	0.81
AUD	80.03	80.06	78.99	79.03	1.32	1.30
JPY	0.74	0.74	0.75	0.76	-1.33	-2.63
CAD	86.91	86.95	86.41	86.44	0.58	0.59
SAR	31.60	31.61	31.60	31.61	0.00	0.00

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)
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