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ECONOMY AND BUSINESS

Bangladesh gets sovereign credit ratings from two global credit rating agencies -- Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service

Standard & Poor's assigns BB- with a stable outlook

Bangladesh got its first sovereign credit rating on April 06, 2010, which the government expects will help the country in international transaction and attract more foreign investment. The economic outlook is stable, US-based ratings agency Standard & Poor's (S&P) said in a statement after awarding Bangladesh a 'BB-' for a long term and 'B' for short term. The agency said the rating was boosted by the country's 'strong and stable' economic growth — last year it expanded 5.9% despite global downturn — improved foreign exchange reserves and debt ratios, robust remittance, support of external donors and prudent macro-economic policies. Key problems, as identified in the S&P's rating, include 'high public and external debt', limited revenue generation capacity and fiscal flexibility due to low tax-GDP [gross domestic product] ratio at 8.5% and significant physical and human capital development needs. With Bangladesh, S&P rated 124 sovereigns this year -- the country's position is only next to India (BBB+) but well over Pakistan (B-) and Sri Lanka (B+) in South Asia. Globally reputed S&P has a total of 17 ratings categories ranging from AAA to CCC+, and Bangladesh was placed in the 13th category. There are 11 other countries in the BB- category, including Cambodia, Ghana, Kenya, Lebanon, Paraguay, Serbia, and Venezuela.

Moody's assigns Ba3 rating that shows economy stable

Moody's Investors Service, on April 12, 2010, assigned Bangladesh a sovereign rating of Ba3 with 'stable' economic outlook. 'The Ba3 foreign and local-currency sovereign bond ratings broadly incorporate Moody's assessment of Bangladesh's reasonable degree of financial and balance-of-payments robustness which, coupled with prospects for continued macroeconomic stability, reduces the likelihood of severe stress on the country's creditworthiness,' Moody's said in a statement. Bangladesh's relatively robust external position and its strong foreign currency reserve were reasons behind getting the rating. These reflect Bangladesh's recent dynamic apparel exports, large remittance inflows, minimal foreign commercial borrowing and advantageous external debt servicing profile. However, Moody's found Bangladesh's relatively high industrial and export dependence on the ready-made garments sector as a rating constraint, suggesting broader sustained industrial diversification, supply side and financial sector reforms, and regional economic integration. The company has 21 rating categories ranging between Aaa and C and Bangladesh was placed in 13th position of its rating order. Moody's rating placed Bangladesh four step behind India, which has a Baa2 rating. According to the Moody's rating, Vietnam is at par with Ba3 rating while Pakistan is one step behind with rating B1. Additionally, Moody's has assigned Bangladesh's long-term local currency bond and deposit ceilings of Baa3, reflecting the broader financial, political and legal country risks faced by locally funded or domiciled credit transactions. Moody's also assigned Ba2 to the country's foreign currency bond ceiling and B1 to foreign currency bank deposit ceiling.

Investments in EPZs

- **Ventura (Bangladesh) Ltd**, a Bangladeshi company will invest USD 8.142 mn in setting up a garment-manufacturing factory at Karnaphuli EPZ. The 100% locally owned company will establish a plant to produce garment items employing over 4,000 people, including 132 foreign nationals.

- **Geebee (Bangladesh) Limited**, an Indian company, will invest USD 9.513 mn in setting up a garments manufacturing industry in the Karnaphuli EPZ. The foreign-owned company will create employment opportunity for 2,278 persons including 22 foreign nationals.
- **Yokohama Labels and Printing (BD) Company Limited**, a Japanese company, will invest USD 5.47 mn in setting up a garment labels an accessories manufacturing unit in the Adamjee EPZ. The company will create employment opportunity for 552 Bangladeshi nationals.
- **HKD International Limited**, a Korean company, will invest USD 4.42 mn in setting up a tent manufacturing industries in the Karnaphuli EPZ. The company will create employment opportunity for 1,645 Bangladeshi nationals including 14 foreign nationals.

Industries with BDT 18 bn registered with Bol

A total 104 industrial units involving an investment proposal of BDT 18 bn were registered with the Board of Investment (BoI) in February 2010. Of the total registered units, 95 units with investment of BDT 16.44 bn are local units, while 6 are 100% foreign funded units and 3 are joint ventures. The involvement of investment for foreign and joint venture units totals BDT 1.57 bn. The majority investment during February this year has been registered from textile sector (28.47%), while it was second for service sector (26.65%). The proposals have projected employment of 20,437 people. In January 2010, 95 local industrial units with investment proposal of BDT 11.58 bn and 16 joint venture and 100% foreign funded units with BDT 2.37 bn investment proposals were registered with Bol. The proposal for investment of local funds in February was 42% higher than that in January, but investment proposal for foreign and joint venture units fell by 33.75%.

Farm loan on upward curve

Disbursement of farm loan increased and the amount of default loan in the sector witnessed a fall in the first nine months of the current fiscal year. The agri-loan disbursement went up by 18.13% to BDT 81.59 bn in the July-March period of the current fiscal year, while the amount rose by 9.38% to BDT 69.07 bn in the same period last year. The target of total loan disbursement is BDT 115.12 bn this year – 71% has already been disbursed in the first nine months. The default loan in the sector was 23% or BDT 48.41 bn of outstanding loans at the end of March 2010, down from 26% of the outstanding loans in March 2009. According to Bangladesh Bank statistics, loan disbursement by public sector banks increased by 16.82% in the July-March period and they distributed BDT 61.58 bn, which was BDT 52.71 bn in the same period last year. The private and foreign banks' loan disbursement rose by 22.37% to BDT 20.02 bn in the period, while the amount was BDT 16.36 bn in the same period last fiscal year. The banks realised BDT 74.24 bn in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, up from BDT 65.51 bn in the same period last year.

35% banks and FIs invest in polluting industries

35% of the country's banks and financial institutions have invested in industries that pollute the environment, as they lack mechanism and in-house capacity to check such financing, according to a baseline study - Financial Institutions' exposure to environmental risks in lending: Bangladesh perspective - conducted by SouthAsia Enterprise Development Facility (SEDF), an arm of International Finance Corporation (IFC). The SEDF-IFC study - which aims at ensuring sustainable energy financing in Bangladesh - said although the country's textile sector was the main thrust sector of all financial institutions (FIs), state-owned commercial banks gave the second highest priority - at least 10%

of their loan portfolios - to engineering, paper and pulp sectors. The private commercial banks also considered sugar and food as their second priority sectors, with each bagging 14% of their total loans. The same was true in the case of state-owned banks which also gave priority to chemicals and pesticides, the SEDF study said. The study found only 12% of the clients of private banks complied with the banks' guidelines regarding environmental risk management before going to production, which was only 6.7% when it comes to state-owned commercial banks. The SEDF-IFC study also found that sales of the clients have soared up to 88% after setting up of effluent treatment plants.

Credit rating for large private, public entities likely to be made mandatory

Nearly 20,000 local business firms, companies and public sector entities are required to be rated by credit rating agencies to prove their credit worthiness and meet the financial compliance issues, according to a Bangladesh Bank (BB) report styled, 'Concept Paper on Credit Rating Agency'. BB in its report said a total 10,653 medium enterprises, 8,955 large companies, 310 public sector entities and 33 subsidiary companies of banks require rating by credit rating agencies. The number of business firms and their categories, as suggested by BB for credit rating, have recently been identified by 'Basel-2 Implementation Cell of Banking Regulation and Policy Department'. The report has recently been submitted to the Ministry of Finance as the ministry had earlier asked the central bank to draft credit rating regulations for major investors other than banks and financial institutions.

BB raises interest rates on govt. bonds to rein in inflation

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has increased interest rates on government securities, particularly bonds, to curb inflation through attracting commercial banks and financial institutions to invest more in the securities. The weighted average yield, generally known as interest rate on 5-year Bangladesh Government Treasury Bills (BGTB) rose to 7.8537% in April from 7.8455% of the previous month while 10-year BGTB increased to 8.7700% from 8.7632% in March. On the other hand, the weighted average yield on 15-year BGTB increased to 8.7692% in April from 8.7488% in March while 20-year BGTB increased to 9.1500% from 9.1100%, BB data showed. BB has also stepped up its efforts along with resuming the auction of 30-Day Bangladesh Bank Bills recently to mop up the excess liquidity from the market. Excess liquidity of the country's scheduled banks stood at BDT 335.03 bn in December 2009 against BDT 347.62 bn in June 2009, according to BB statistics. The country's consumers' price index (CPI) inflation rose to 9.06% in February 2010, up from 8.99% of the previous month, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) data.

NBR surpasses tax collection target by BDT 1.73 bn in July-March 2009-2010

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has surpassed tax collection target by BDT 1.73 bn with 18.31% growth in the three quarters of the current fiscal compared to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. The outstanding performance of the revenue board can be attributed to the Value Added Tax (VAT) and income tax, according to NBR Chief Dr. Nasiruddin Ahmed. NBR has collected BDT 416.48 bn in the three quarters against BDT 352.03 bn in the same period last year. The VAT wing has achieved the highest 25.66% while income tax 20.10% growth in July-March period. Customs revenue collection also achieved double-digit growth in the three quarters despite steep fall in product prices in the international market. NBR has collected BDT 163.42 bn revenue on import stage but failed to achieve target. Revenue collection from domestic VAT was BDT 152.01 bn while

from income tax it was BDT 98.20 bn. Travel tax collection fell short of target by 20% as the revenue board has stuck up taxes with airline companies.

Price war boosts mobile phone growth

Mobile phone operators posted sizzling growth in the first quarter amid one of the fiercest price wars in the sector triggered by acquisition of Warid by Indian low-cost operator, Bharti Airtel. The country's six mobile phone companies added 2.16 mn users in the first quarter to March 2010, clocking a 95% growth over the same period last year. The latest acquisition by operators took the number of subscribers to 54.59 mn at the end of March 2010, according to Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) statistics.

Service Provider	New Subscriber Addition in March 2010 [In Million]	Total Subscribers at the end of March 2010 [In Million]
GrameenPhone	0.15	23.90
Banglalink	0.09	14.22
Axiata (Bangladesh) Ltd [Robi]	0.17	10.48
Warid Telecom	0.01	3.01
PBTL (CityCell)	(0.03)	1.91
Teletalk	0.05	1.07
Total	0.44	54.59

SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Item	Period/As of	Value/bn	Period/As of	Value/bn	+/(-%)
Broad Money (M2)	Feb'10	3,344	Feb'09	2,743	21.90%
Bank deposits	Jan'10	2,864	Jan'09	2,352	21.76%
Bank credit	Jan'10	2,546	Jan'09	2,159	17.89%
Total Domestic Credit	Feb'10	3,118	Feb'09	2,751	13.33%
Revenue Collection	Feb'10	47	Feb'09	38	23.69%
Export	Jul-Feb' 2009-10	10.020	Jul-Feb' 2008-09	10.353	-3.21%
Opening of LC	Jul-Mar' 2009-10	15.490	Jul-Mar' 2008-09	12.760	22.33%
Foreign Exchange Reserve	Apr'10	10.627	Apr'09	6.405	65.93%
Workers' Remittances	Mar'10	0.956	Mar'09	0.886	8.00%
Annual rate of Inflation	Feb'10	5.95%	Feb'09	8.10%	

Source: Selected Indicators: Weekly Update: April 28, 2010; Bangladesh Bank.

EXPORT STATISTICS

Figures in USD mn

Item	Jul-Feb 2009-10	Jul-Feb 2008-09	Change +/(-)
Knitwear	4,024.85	4,270.28	-5.75%
Woven RMG	3,713.38	3,922.79	-5.34%
Frozen Food	274.03	331.01	-17.21%
Home Textile	184.95	215.06	-14.00%
Leather	131.72	124.74	5.60%
Chemical Products	132.45	201.31	-34.21%
Foot Wear	131.29	131.52	-0.17%
Engineering Products	156.26	110.07	41.96%
Agricultural Products	85.58	85.51	0.08%
Raw Jute	128.70	87.83	46.53%
Others	1,057.14	872.96	21.10%
Total	10,020.35	10,353.08	-3.21%

Source: Export performance for the month of July-February 2009-2010; Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh

IMPORT LC STATISTICS

Figures in USD mn

Items	July-March 2009-10			July-March 2008-09		
	FLCO	SOLC	OSTLC	FLCO	SOLC	OSTLC
Capital Machinery	1,316	1,058	1,047	876	1,100	827
Textile Fabrics (B/B & Others)	2,425	2,047	1,658	2,323	2,317	1,419
Rice and Wheat	856	620	315	716	710	231
Chemicals & Chem. Products	1,726	1,472	757	1,883	1,933	578
Petroleum & Petro Products	1,773	1,607	914	1,556	1,674	918
Edible Oil & Oil Seeds	769	818	247	673	731	222
Raw Cotton	1,237	923	751	895	943	379
Scrap Vessels	603	579	33	670	684	15
Pulses	309	254	108	147	117	95
Cotton Yarn	438	315	400	354	395	263
Paper and Paper Board	222	215	90	244	226	92
Synthetic Fibre & Yarn	327	252	168	237	244	129
Sugar and Salt	660	534	201	197	262	107
Others	7,440	5,837	4,390	5,647	5,302	3,023
Total	20,101	16,533	11,079	16,417	16,638	8,299

FLCO = Fresh LC Opening, SOLC = Settlement of LC, OSTLC=Outstanding LC
Source: Major Economic Indicators: Monthly Update; April 2010; Bangladesh Bank.

REGULATORY NEWS

Brick kilns to get bank loan to go green

The central bank will provide each new and old brick kiln with BDT 20 mn loan at 9% interest rate to help it become environment friendly. Commercial banks will disburse the loan under a refinance scheme of Bangladesh Bank (BB), which has already formed a BDT 300 mn fund. BB on April 08, 2010 informed the banks and financial institutions of the matter through a circular that said entrepreneurs who will use Hybrid Hoffman Kiln (HHK) or similar technology in their brickfields will get the loan.

BB bans tobacco lending

Bangladesh Bank (BB) on April 18, 2010 banned lending facilities for the tobacco sector in the interest of public health and environment. BB issued a circular on April 18, 2010 directing all commercial banks for not allocating any fund and credit to the tobacco cultivators across the country as tobacco cultivation causes health hazards, environment degradation and financial crisis. According to the circular, the commercial banks will not reschedule the earlier loans of the tobacco cultivators. The circular directed all the banks to increase credit flow to the tobacco farming areas for growing alternative crops so that farmers get more benefit from their lands.

Government to withdraw additional cash incentive for the frozen shrimp and fish exporters from July

The government has decided to discontinue the additional 2.5% cash incentive for frozen shrimp and fish exporters from the next fiscal. "The extra 2.5% cash support, which was offered to frozen shrimp and fish exporters enjoying loan rescheduling facilities, will be withdrawn from July 2010," according to a Bangladesh Bank (BB) circular issued recently.

Cash incentive doubles for potato export

The government recently doubled cash incentive for potato export to 20% to encourage shipment of the tuber and narrow down the

farmers' losses caused by low price amid a bumper output. The increased incentive will be effective for the period of April 01-June 30, 2010, according to a Bangladesh Bank (BB) circular issued on April 20, 2010. However the cash incentive for potato export will remain 10% in the fiscal 2010-2011.

Bank CEOs to get incentive bonus

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of all banks in the country will, for the first time, be entitled to incentive bonus for encouraging them to perform better. Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued a circular in this connection on April 20, 2010, which says the bonus will, however, not exceed BDT 1 mn.

Banks and FIs to face stress test

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has ordered all banks and financial institutions (FIs) to undergo stress tests to check whether they are strong enough to hold up in the face of more difficulties and risks. BB issued a circular on April 21, 2010 asking the banks and FIs to send their respective stress test reports twice a year. BB must get the reports within 45 days after June 30 and December 31. BB has designed a stress testing framework for banks and FIs to proactively manage risks. For this purpose, and to ensure consistency, BB has prepared a Guideline for banks and FIs. This model guideline initially focuses on "Simple Sensitivity and Scenarios Analysis". At institutional level, stress-test techniques provide a way to qualify the impact of changes in a number of risk factor on the asset and liabilities portfolio of the institution.

Banks asked to close operation of EEA

Bangladesh Bank (BB) recently asked the commercial banks to close the operation of Exchange Equalisation Account (EEA), the accounts maintained for depositing profits from foreign exchange transactions. The commercial banks had been maintaining the exchange equalization accounts based of a BB circular issued in March 05, 1979. After the introduction of the floating exchange rate regime in the country on May 31, 2003, maintaining exchange equalization account is no longer necessary, according to a BB circular issued on April 26, 2010. The circular said that the current balance of the exchange equalization account should be incorporated in the extra-ordinary gain account instead of the operating profit of the banks.

BB asks banks not to finance land buying

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked the commercial banks to stop financing for land purchase as increased flow of credit in the unproductive sector is adversely affecting the economy. The central bank issued a circular in this connection on April 27, 2010 and asked the Chief Executives and Managing Directors of all commercial banks to comply with the instructions properly.

BB imposes fee for processing non-MICR cheques

Bangladesh Bank (BB) recently imposed a fee of BDT 100 for processing non-MICR cheques at its Dhaka clearing house. A BB circular issued on April 28, 2010 also re-fixed May 31, 2010 the deadline for clearing non-MICR cheques at the Dhaka clearing house. However Government cheques, refund and dividend warrants, and foreign taka draft will get the fee waiver.

Bangladesh exempts 18 Bhutanese products of duty

The government recently exempted 18 major exportable goods from Bhutan of import duty in order to boost bilateral trade with the neighbouring country. Foreign affairs secretary Mohammed Mijarul Quayes on April 23, 2010 handed over the notification to his Bhutanese counterpart, Daw Panjo, at the latter's office in Thimpu. The duty-free items include all kinds of vegetables (fresh or chilled), fresh fruits (oranges, pears, quinces), cardamom,

ginger, jam, fruit jellies, marmalade, fruits or nut purees and pastes, fruit juice (tinned or bottled, except pineapple), grape and tomato juice, mineral waters, boulders, dolomite, gypsum, limestone, calcium carbonate, particle board, ferro-silicon, billets and semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel.

Companies asked to make public their financials

Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has asked all listed companies to put on view their latest financial statements including balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. The move is aimed at creating a wider access to information for investors and helping them take their investment decisions based on facts. DSE has also asked the listed issues to update their sites with their annual and interim financial statements and all price sensitive information. All the listed companies and securities are also asked to link their websites with that of the DSE to allow investors' easy access to those company sites.

SEC slaps caps on private placement of mutual funds

The securities regulator has slapped curbs on private sale of mutual funds to individuals and companies in a bold move to boost small investors' stake in the capital market. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently made the decision, under which an individual can buy a maximum of BDT 1 mn worth of units in the private placement of a mutual fund. A listed company would be able to buy BDT 10 mn worth of units and a non-listed company BDT 5 mn worth of units - under the revised placement rules.

SEC staff barred from applying for IPO

The stock market regulator has barred its employees from taking part in the primary share market business. The employees from now on cannot apply for shares of any initial public offering (IPO). The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has recently issued an office order to this effect.

SEC amends OTC market rules to woo unlisted companies

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has amended 'over the counter (OTC)' rules, allowing unlisted companies with minimum paid up capital of BDT 50 mn and also electronic shares to trade. Under the amended rules, the paid up capital criteria has been increased from BDT 10 mn to BDT 50 mn for an unlisted public limited company willing to be listed with OTC market.

INTERNATIONAL

IMF draft raises 2010 world growth forecast

The world economy could grow 4.1% this year, 0.2 points more than previously forecast, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) says in the latest draft of its World Economic Outlook. The US economy is now expected to grow 3% this year, instead of the 2.7% forecast in the IMF's January report. According to the draft, euro zone growth this year is now forecast to be 0.8%, down 0.1 points from January's estimate. In 2011, the figure is seen at 1.5%, also down 0.1 points. Europe 'is coming out of recession more slowly than other regions,' the draft said. Europe's biggest economy, Germany, is expected to report a 1.2% rise in gross domestic product in 2010 and 1.7% in 2011. The figures are down 0.3 points and 0.2 points, respectively from the January forecast.

OECD sees slower growth in US, Europe, Japan

Economic growth is likely to slow in advanced nations in the first half of this year, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said on April 07, 2010. The OECD forecast that the US economy in the first half would nonetheless grow

faster than that of Japan, Germany — where growth would likely be negative in the first quarter — and France. But it found that Britain would likely stand out as an exception to the slowing trend. The OECD report coincided with an estimate from the European Union's statistics office Eurostat saying that growth in eurozone ground to a halt in the fourth quarter of 2009. Growth in the 16 eurozone nations stagnated at 0% in the final three months of last year, compared to 0.4% in the third quarter. After expanding 5.6% in fourth quarter 2009, the US economy is projected to grow 2.4% in the first quarter this year and 2.3% in the second. Germany, the eurozone's biggest economy, would suffer a 0.4% contraction in the first quarter before rebounding with growth of 2.8% in the second. The Japanese economy was projected to expand 1.1% in the first quarter and 2.3% in the second after 3.8% in fourth quarter 2009. Bucking the trend among developed countries was Britain, where growth was forecast by the OECD to rise to 2% in the first quarter and 3.1% in the second after 1.8% in the final three months of 2009.

Global IT spending expected to rise 5.3% in 2010

Global IT spending will increase 5.3% this year to USD 3.39 TN, boosted by strong consumer demand for PCs and a weakening US dollar, research firm Gartner said on April 12, 2010. According to Richard Gordon, Research Vice President at Gartner, nearly 4 percentage points of the growth will be the result of a projected decline in the value of US dollar, with spending in exchange-rate-adjusted dollars to rise 1.6% in 2010, after a 1.4% fall in 2009.

MARKET ROUNDUP

WEEKLY CURRENCY ROUNDUP (25-29 April, 2010)

Global Markets, Standard Chartered Bank

Money Market

Money market rates traded around 3.25%. The market was liquid.

Foreign Exchange Market

Local: The local interbank market was trading actively on April 29, 2010. USD/BDT rates were trading higher. The market was liquid.

International: The euro hit a one-year low against the dollar on April 28, 2010 as investors fretted the euro zone debt crisis could spread after Tuesday's (April 27, 2010) downgrades of Greece and Portugal's credit ratings.

EXCHANGE AND FORWARD RATES: (As on April 29, 2010)

Major Currency Exchange Rates			Exchange Rate of Some Currencies		
Currency	BC Sell BDT	TT Buy BDT	Currency	Currency Per USD	BDT per Currency
USD	69.62	68.62	INR	44.55	1.55
EUR	93.38	89.27	PKR	84.05	0.82
GBP	107.81	103.50	LKR	113.85	0.61
AUD	65.58	61.88	THB	32.29	2.14
JPY	0.77	0.72	MYR	3.20	21.60
CHF	65.36	62.46	USD forward rate against BDT		
SEK	9.84	9.19			
CAD	70.05	66.92			
HKD	8.99	8.82			
SGD	52.05	49.86			
AED	19.06	18.58	1 Month	Buy 68.67	Sell 69.78
SAR	18.66	18.20	2 Months	68.73	70.34
DKK	12.86	12.01	3 Months	68.82	70.66
KWD	237.77	234.06	6 Months	69.22	71.75

Source: Standard Chartered Bank

TREASURY BILL/BOND AUCTION INFORMATION

Auction Date	Tenure & Name of the Securities	Sale Value (in BDT mn)	Weighted Average Yield (%)
03-May-2010	91 days T. Bill	198.824	2.37
26-Apr-2010	182 days T. Bill	982.958	3.50
03-May-2010	364 days T. Bill	412.234	4.25
21-Apr-2010	5 years T. Bond	1,136.305	7.86
07-Apr-2010	10 years T. Bond	1,200.000	8.77
15-Apr-2010	15 years T. Bond	568.056	8.77
28-Apr-2010	20 years T. Bond	564.000	9.17

Source: Bangladesh Bank Website

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Commodity	Unit	Price on April 23, 2010 (USD/unit)	Price on March 26, 2010 (USD/unit)	Change +/-
Platinum	Ounce	1,725	1,596	8.08%
Gold	Ounce	1,140	1,096	3.97%
Palladium	Ounce	555	456	21.71%
Silver	Ounce	17.89	16.85	6.17%
Nickel	Tonne	27,000	23,700	13.92%
Tin	Tonne	18,910	17,650	7.14%
Lead	Tonne	2,305	2,120	8.73%
Aluminium	Tonne	2,340	2,225	5.17%
Zinc	Tonne	2,415	2,235	8.05%
Copper	Tonne	7,765	7,515	3.33%
Crude Oil	Barrel	83.96	79.82	5.19%
Sugar	Pound	0.1617	0.1715	-5.71%
Maize	Bushel	3.68	3.57	3.08%
Wheat	Bushel	5.09	4.66	9.23%

Source: The Financial Express

IDLC NEWS

Md. Saifuddin joins IDLC Securities Ltd as Managing Director

Md. Saifuddin has recently joined as the Managing Director of IDLC Securities Limited (IDLC SL), a fully owned subsidiary of IDLC Finance Limited. IDLC Securities Limited is a corporate member of both Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange Limited (CSE) and a full service depository of Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL).



Saifuddin is a Bachelor in Finance & Banking and Masters of Business Studies from University of Rajshahi. He subsequently obtained an MBA from Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka. Saifuddin began his career in IDLC Finance Limited as a Management Trainee in 2001 and has worked in the company in various positions over the past few years.

IDLC declares stock dividend @ 100% (one share for every one share held) and 10% cash dividend at its 25th AGM

The 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the shareholders of IDLC Finance Limited was held on Monday, April 19, 2010 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Agargaon, Dhaka. Anwarul Huq, Chairman of the Company presented the Directors' Report, Auditors' Report and audited Financial

Statements for the year 2009 before the shareholders. Selim R. F. Hussain, CEO & Managing Director of the Company replied to the shareholders' queries. The shareholders approved stock dividend @ 100% and cash dividend @ 10% for the year 2009. Despite intense competition from other players in the field, including banks, IDLC continued to maintain its growth in terms of both business volumes and profitability. IDLC's consolidated equity stood at BDT 2,393 mn at the end of 2009 -- grew by an impressive 49% over 2008. Total assets of the Company stood at BDT 22.68 bn at the end of 2009, which is 31% higher than the previous year. The market capitalization at the end of 2009 was BDT 11.11 bn compared to BDT 5.7 bn at the end of 2008.



Anwarul Huq, Chairman of the Company, presided over the meeting. The AGM was also attended by A. K. M. Shaheed Reza, Md. Rezaul Karim, Habibur Rahman Mollah, Rubel Aziz, Farooq Sobhan, Meherun Haque and Yongbok Jo, Directors and Selim R. F. Hussain, CEO & Managing Director. A large number of shareholders were present at the meeting. During the discussions, the IDLC CEO & Managing Director mentioned that these achievements were possible only because of the strong support of the shareholders, clients, relevant government agencies, Board members and a competent and professional work force. The shareholders appreciated the operational and financial performance during the period under review.

IDLC celebrates 2009 performance

IDLC Finance Limited recently organized a gala night to celebrate its 2009 achievements and 25 years of successful operation in the Financial Institution (non-bank) industry of the country. The celebration party was held on April 23, 2010 at "Bangabandhu International Conference Centre" at Agargaon in Dhaka.



At the ceremony, IDLC CEO & Managing Director Selim R. F. Hussain handed over awards to nineteen employees for their outstanding performance in 2009. All permanent employees from all the branches and offices of IDLC located in Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet and Bogra attended the celebration ceremony.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ECONOMY

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently projected a decline in Bangladesh's GDP growth to 5.5% in the current fiscal from 5.9% of the last fiscal (2009-10).** The slowdown in growth will be partly due to lagged effects of depressed external demand for Bangladesh's mainly low-end garment exports, ADB said in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2010 released on April 13, 2010. The Manila-based lender said Bangladesh's economy would start to rebound from the fiscal year 2010-2011 when the economy will grow to 6.3%.
- **The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected Bangladesh's GDP (gross domestic product) growth at 5% for the current fiscal year** against the government's anticipated rate of 6%. The country's GDP growth might rise to around 6% in FY2010-2011 with more supportive external conditions anticipating. The multilateral lender also projected the rate of Bangladesh's annual average inflation at 8% for the FY2009-2010 due largely to higher food and fuel prices.
- **Bangladesh has received a record USD 1.50 bn in foreign aid in the first three quarters of the current fiscal** defying the global economic meltdown that sharply slashed aid to poor nations. The amount of assistance is USD 64 mn over what the country received during the same period last financial year 2009. Economic Relations Division (ERD) statistics showed Asian Development Bank and World Bank are on the top two positions in terms of aid disbursement till March 2010, whereas the largest bilateral donor Japan's support has dipped.
- **Overseas employment in the first quarter** hit a four-year low, as new work opportunities almost dried up in Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. According to Bureau of Manpower and Employment Training data, 99,140 Bangladeshis found jobs in the January-March first quarter, declining by 27.9% than the same period last year, 56% than 2008 and 22% than 2007.
- **The government has spent only 44% from the total development budget in the first nine months of the current fiscal** against the total of BDT 285 bn allocation in the revised current annual development programme (ADP) offering an unimpressive picture of public investment. In the same period last FY2008-09, the public investment scenario was also bleak since at that time only 39% money was spent by the implementing agencies.

BUSINESS-GENERAL

- **The government has decided to offset any possible budget deficits expected next fiscal year from the domestic resources**, 80% of which would be raised from loans against treasury bonds and the rest against treasury bills. The decision was taken at a meeting of the cash and debt management committee held on April 01, 2010 at the finance ministry.
- **Bangladesh was the top export performer in the European Union market in 2009** with more than 6% growth, when all other countries, except for Qatar, suffered an export fall in the common market due to a global financial contraction. The country's exports to the Common Market of 27 European Union countries stood at 5.8 bn euros in the calendar year of 2009, up by 6.3% from the exports valued at 5.46 bn euros in the previous year. During the time, Bangladesh outperformed its global competitors: China, India and Vietnam. In 2009, China posted a 13.4% export fall in the EU market compared to 2008, while India sustained 13.9% and Vietnam 9.5%.

- **Four state-owned banks opened 1,85,499 farmers' savings accounts in Brahmanbaria** district up till April 08, 2010. Farmers had to deposit BDT 10 only for opening of the accounts as per the instruction of Bangladesh Bank (BB). Bangladesh Krishi Bank opened 68,000 farmers' accounts through its 23 branches, Sonali Bank opened 47,280 accounts through its 22 branches, Janata Bank opened 50,000 through its 16 branches and Agrani Bank opened 20,219 farmers account through its 10 branches in the district.

BUSINESS - FIRM SPECIFIC

- **LR Global Bangladesh, an asset management company, and some leading financial institutions signed a trust deed for a BDT 3 bn closed-end mutual fund in Dhaka on April 27, 2010.** LR Global is the manager of fund, the largest ever 10-yearly fund -- approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission recently. On behalf of the sponsors, Selim R. F. Hussain, Chief Executive Officer and MD of IDLC Finance Limited, Kaiser A Chowdhury, President and MD of AB Bank, Shah A Sarwar, MD of Trust Bank, BM Yusuf Ali, MD of Popular Life Insurance Company, Farzana Chowdhury, Additional Managing Director of Green Delta Insurance Company, Mustafizur Rahman, MD of International Leasing and Financial Services, Sohail RK Hussain, Deputy Managing Director of City Bank, and as a trustee Md. A.K.A.H. Chaudhuri, Managing Director of Bangladesh General Insurance Company, signed the deed.
- **Bank Asia**, as the lead arranger, raised a syndicated term loan of BDT 1,200 mn and working capital facility of BDT 720 mn (totaling BDT 1,920 mn) for Bashundhara Industrial Complex Ltd, a sister concern of Bashundhara Group. The signing ceremony of the loan was held in Dhaka on April 12, 2010.
- **ONE Bank** has recently arranged BDT 514.50 mn for Pran Confectionery Limited under syndication. The fund will be utilized for expansion of confectionery production facility of Pran to meet the growing demand of the market.
- **Dhaka Bank Ltd and Eastern Bank Ltd with telecom partner Banglalink on April 13, 2010 introduced the country's first mobile-based remittance service**, aiming to provide easy remittance service to all mobile subscribers at any part of the country. The service is working through a 'Bank-led' model whereby the banks will offer mobile wallet accounts to the mass through Banglalink and will ensure the business processes are in line with the financial regulations of the country. The new mobile remittance service was formally introduced in Dhaka recently in presence of Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr. Atiur Rahman.
- **Japan's NSK Group**, a leading bearing maker, on April 10, 2010 launched its distributorship in Bangladesh to tap into BDT 2 bn-a-month business, by teaming up with Azam Enterprise. Azam Enterprise will initially work as the sole distributor of NSK's industrial bearings, according to Saiful Azam, Managing Director of the local company.

TRAINING / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

- **A five-day training course organized by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) on "Use of IT for Banking Business Enhancement"** concluded in Sylhet recently. A total of 30 persons from different banks (including Bangladesh Bank) and financial institutions took part in the course. Director General of the BIBM Dr. Bandana Saha distributed certificates among the participants at the concluding session as the chief guest, while General Manager of

Bangladesh Bank, Sylhet office Md Jahangir Alam was present as the special guest. Associate Professor of BIBM Md. Shihab Uddin Khan and Assistant Professor Md. Mahbubur Rahman Alam jointly coordinated the course.

- **A seminar jointly organized by Southeast Bank Limited (SEBL) and Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS)** on "Automation in Banking-Creating enabling environment for e-banking and m-commerce" was held at BCS Digital Expo-2010 in Dhaka recently. President of the BCS Mostafa Zabbar delivered welcome speech at the seminar. Senior Executive Vice President and Head of Information Technology (IT) of SEBL and Deputy Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited Abul Kashem Md Shirin jointly delivered the keynote presentation at the seminar. Senior Vice President and Head of Marketing and Training of the SEBL Mustafizur Rahman conducted the seminar and gave vote of thanks. Managing directors, Heads and experts of information and communication technology (ICT) of different banks and organizations attended the seminar.
- **Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) organized a seminar on 'Sovereign Credit Ratings'** at the chamber's conference room on April 25, 2010. Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Dr. Atiur Rahman was present at the seminar as the chief guest. Citi Country Officer Mamun Rashid presented the keynote paper on 'Sovereign Credit Ratings: Global Recognition and Benefits for Bangladesh Economy. M Fauzul Kabir Khan, former Power Secretary, Hossain Khaled, former DCCI President, Dr. Salahuddin Ahmed Khan, former Chief Executive Officer of Dhaka Stock Exchange, also spoke.

REWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- **Nagar Homes Ltd has received the best real estate company award for the year 2009-10.** Industries minister Dilip Barua handed over the award to Nagar Homes Managing Director Abdur Rahman at the Business Award 2009-10 ceremony organized by business magazine the Financial Mirror at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka on April 15, 2010. A total of 18 companies received the Business Award 2009-10 for their performance in different sectors of business, commerce and industry.
- **American Express ranked highest in customer satisfaction among credit card issuers in 2009**, according to the third annual nationwide study by JD Power and Associates. The study, released earlier in New York, ranks American Express highest in overall satisfaction among 21 of the largest card issuers in the US.
- **Pubali Bank Limited** recently won the DHL-Daily Star Bangladesh Business Awards 2009 as the "Best Financial Institution". The award celebrates the bank's efforts to take banking services to the masses through its 386 branches across the country and its role in socio-economic, industrial and agricultural development.
- **Southeast Bank Limited has been awarded by Citibank NA as the largest contributor of foreign trade business in greater China-Bangladesh trade corridor.** Southeast Bank Limited Managing Director Mahbubul Alam received the award from James F Moriarty, US Ambassador in Bangladesh, at a function organized by Citibank NA in Dhaka recently.
- **Noted economist Prof Nurul Islam**, who led the Planning Commission of new-born Bangladesh, has got the Bangladesh Bank Award 2009 for his lifelong contribution to theoretical and applied development economics in domestic, regional and global arena. The award was handed over in Dhaka recently. Finance minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, as Chief Guest at

the distribution ceremony of Bangladesh Bank Award 2009 recently held in Dhaka, handed over a gold medal and BDT 0.2 mn to the renowned economist. Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr. Atiur Rahman, who chaired the function, handed over the Bangladesh Bank crest to Nurul Islam.

- **Five Bangladeshi exporters have recently been awarded with the "HSBC Export Excellence Awards 2009"** by the HSBC, in recognition of their extraordinary contribution in achieving the country's export targets for years. DBL Group was awarded under the RMG and Textile: Group A category, Interfab Shirt Manufacturing Ltd under the RMG and Textile: Group B category, Youngone Group was awarded under the Exporters in the Export Processing Zones (EPZ) of Bangladesh category, Nasir Group under the Exporters in the Traditional and Emerging sectors category and Creation (Pvt.) Ltd under the Small and Medium Enterprises category. Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Atiur Rahman handed over the awards as chief guest.

CSR ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH

- **Mutual Trust Bank Limited (MTB)** has recently extended financial grants to underprivileged children, afflicted with autism, intellectual and multiple disabilities, who are being taken care of by SEID Trust, a non-governmental voluntary development organization.
- **Pubali Bank Ltd has donated BDT 0.5 mn to Sena Sahayak School**, an institute run under the patronisation of Sena Paribar Kalyan Samiti for the well-being of children with special needs. Chairman, Board of Directors of the bank Hafiz Ahmed Mazumder MP, handed over the donation cheque to Brig Gen Sharafat Hossain, Chairman, Governing Body of the school.
- **Prime Bank Foundation**, the non-profit subsidiary of Prime Bank Limited, is going to establish a state-of-the-art hospital-Prime Bank Eye Hospital-in Dhaka. An agreement was signed in this regard between Prime Bank Foundation and India's Tamilnadu-based Aravind Eye Care System as its Technical Assistance & Management Partner on April 02, 2010 in Dhaka.
- **Citycell and Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development** has recently signed an agreement for undertaking a joint initiative named "Batighar project". This is a social business initiative under Citycell's Corporate Social Responsibilities Umbrella. The objective of this project is to implement the facets of ICT for improving the life of the country's rural people and encourage developing local entrepreneurship. Key working areas of the project will be agriculture, farmer counselling, SME, tele-medicine etc.

INTERNATIONAL

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on April 13, 2010 Asia's developing economies this year would grow 7.5%**, with the region on track for a "robust recovery." Growth was expected to outpace a 5.2% rise in 2009, marking a healthy rebound from last year's global economic slowdown. For 2011, growth is forecast to slow slightly to 7.3%.
- **India's inflation rate** crept closer to double digits, data showed on April 15, 2010. Annual wholesale price inflation, the main cost-of-living measure, edged up to 9.90% in March, holding at a 17-month high, according to commerce ministry figures. Inflation stood at 9.89% the previous month.
- **The annual inflation rose sharply in the 16-nation eurozone to 1.5% in March**, according to official estimates released recently. The unexpectedly high flash estimate, by the EU's Eurostat agency, showed a significant rise on the 0.9% inflation recorded in February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Period	Location
Single Country Trade Fair	24-25 May 2010	Sweden
Expo Bangladesh 2010	26-28 May 2010	Toronto, Canada
Bangladesh Clothing Show 2010	28-29 May 2010	London
Amar Panya Amar Desh 2010 Fair	10-12 June 2010	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Single Country Trade Fair	25-27 June 2010	Italy
Hong Kong Fashion Week for Spring/Summer	05-08 July 2010	Hong Kong
Bangladesh Property Fair 2010	10-12 July 2010	London, United Kingdom
Texworld USA	13-15 July 2010	New York, United States
Bangladesh Property Fair 2010	17-19 July 2010	Rome, Italy
Hong Kong International Tea Fair	12-14 August 2010	Hong Kong
Food Expo	12-16 August 2010	Hong Kong
Bangladesh International Travel and Tourism Fair, EBL BTTF 2010	30 September-02 October 2010	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Eco Expo Asia	03-06 November 2010	Hong Kong

MANAGEMENT CHANGE - BANKS & FIS

Organization	Position	Name
Dhaka Bank Ltd	Chairman	Reshadur Rahman Shaheen
Social Islami Bank Ltd	Chairman	Sultan Mahmood Chowdhury
Eastern Bank Ltd	Chairman	Mohammad Noor Ali
Islamic Finance and Investment Ltd	Chairman	Anis Salauddin Ahmed
Jamuna Bank Limited	Chairman	Md Rezaul Karim Ansari
IDLC Securities Limited	MD	Md Saifuddin
MIDAS Financing Ltd	MD	Shafique-ul-Azam

MANAGEMENT CHANGE - OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Organization	Position	Name
Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)	President	Abul Barkat
Thakurgaon Chamber of Commerce and Industries	President	Mahmud Hasan Raju
Bangladesh Society for Human Resources Management	President	Abdus Salam Bhuiyan
Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira)	President	Mohammad Abul Bashar
Primary Dealers Bangladesh Ltd (PDBL)	Chairman	Mohammed Nurul Amin

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CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

DSE * TOP 15 APPRECIATING ISSUES IN THE MONTH

DSE CODE	SECTOR	MONTHLY APPRECIATION	MONTHLY Av. P/E RATIO	LAST TRADING DAY P/E RATIO	LAST TRADING DAY PRICE	STD. DEV. OF PRICES/ Av. PRICE	Av. MARKET CAPITALIZATION BDT mn	CASH DIV. IN BDT	STOCK DIV.
IFIC1STMF	MUTUAL FUNDS	62.3%	na	na	16.0	2.1%	1,917.60	-	-
NATLIFEINS	INSURANCE	45.0%	na	na	6,770.0	15.5%	8,178.03	-	50%
KOHINOOR	PHARM. & CHEM.	37.2%	39.1	51.5	3,267.3	15.4%	1,241.72	40.0	-
POPULARLIF	INSURANCE	34.2%	na	na	4,437.3	12.6%	4,430.31	-	26%
SANDHANINS	INSURANCE	33.9%	na	na	3,386.0	12.8%	2,848.30	-	35%
KPCL	FUEL & POWER	33.5%	79.7	76.0	253.7	2.9%	55,500.34	-	-
SIBL	BANK	32.1%	52.6	59.7	333.0	10.0%	7,894.90	-	10%
PRIMEFIN	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	30.9%	18.4	not traded	not traded	9.6%	12,539.00	10.0	40%
MIDASFIN	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	30.8%	39.6	50.8	1,027.5	10.6%	3,241.43	2.5	15%
EXIMBANK	BANK	30.7%	13.7	16.7	544.0	11.8%	15,057.14	-	26%
ALARABANK	BANK	29.8%	16.6	19.5	722.8	10.7%	11,065.36	-	30%
PLFSL	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	26.3%	30.3	35.8	922.8	10.7%	5,636.84	-	38.5%
BIFC	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	25.5%	56.1	64.9	853.3	8.5%	2,666.15	10.0	22.5%
DHAKAINS	INSURANCE	23.6%	na	na	947.5	6.8%	1,141.01	15.0	-
BAYLEASING	FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	22.6%	78.2	64.9	1,431.8	9.5%	3,520.64	-	50%

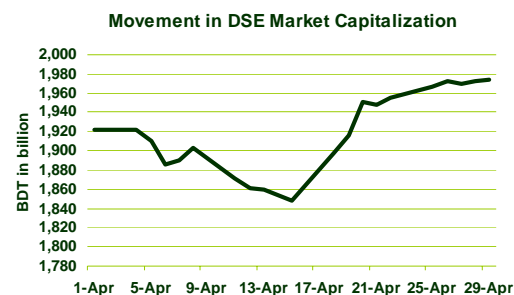
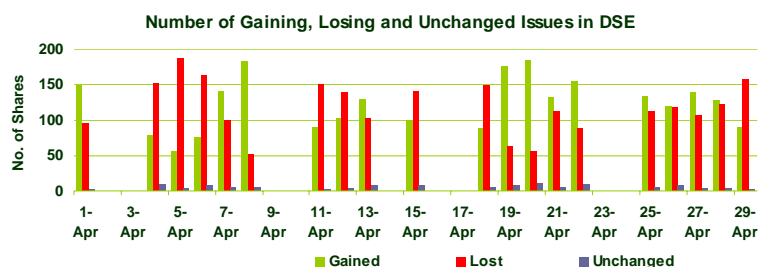
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DSE * TOP 15 DECLINING ISSUES IN THE MONTH

DSE CODE	SECTOR	MONTHLY DECLINE	MONTHLY Av. P/E RATIO	LAST TRADING DAY P/E RATIO	LAST TRADING DAY PRICE	STD. DEV. OF PRICES/ Av. PRICE	Av. MARKET CAPITALIZATION BDT mn	CASH DIV. IN BDT	STOCK DIV.
BANGAS	FOOD & ALLIED	-29.8%	81.6	74.8	1,679.5	13.3%	164.93	15.0	-
GRAMEENS2	MUTUAL FUNDS	-23.6%	31.7	26.4	30.4	7.0%	4,552.50	1.15	-
KEYACOSMET	PHARM. & CHEM.	-17.1%	34.1	30.1	94.8	4.3%	3,087.94	1.5	-
ACI	PHARM. & CHEM.	-13.1%	15.5	14.4	439.9	5.1%	9,225.34	10.5	-
MAKSONSPIN	TEXTILE	-12.9%	69.9	64.8	92.5	3.5%	5,230.37	-	20%
PRIME1ICBA	MUTUAL FUNDS	-11.3%	na	na	15.6	3.7%	1,623.00	-	-
DBH1STMF	MUTUAL FUNDS	-11.1%	na	na	17.8	4.0%	2,233.20	-	-
ACIFORMULA	PHARM. & CHEM.	-10.7%	31.8	29.7	157.2	4.3%	5,048.25	2.5	-
KEYADETERG	PHARM. & CHEM.	-10.6%	27.2	25.0	78.2	2.6%	1,522.26	1.0	-
TRUSTB1MF	MUTUAL FUNDS	-10.6%	na	na	16.0	3.3%	3,355.00	-	-
OCL	SERVICES & REAL ESTATE	-9.3%	4.4	4.1	223.6	5.6%	5,789.79	1.0	10%
STYLECRAFT	TEXTILE	-9.2%	33.2	31.8	3,400.0	4.3%	194.94	30.0	-
NAVANACNG	ENGINEERING	-9.2%	36.2	34.1	229.5	3.0%	8,856.66	-	-
GP	TELECOMMUNICATION	-9.0%	155.5	146.9	324.7	4.6%	463,906.23	6.0	-
FUWANGFOOD	FOOD & ALLIED	-8.6%	62.9	58.9	62.8	2.5%	1,357.70	-	10%

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DSE CAPITALIZATION AND GAINING, LOSING & UNCHANGED ISSUES

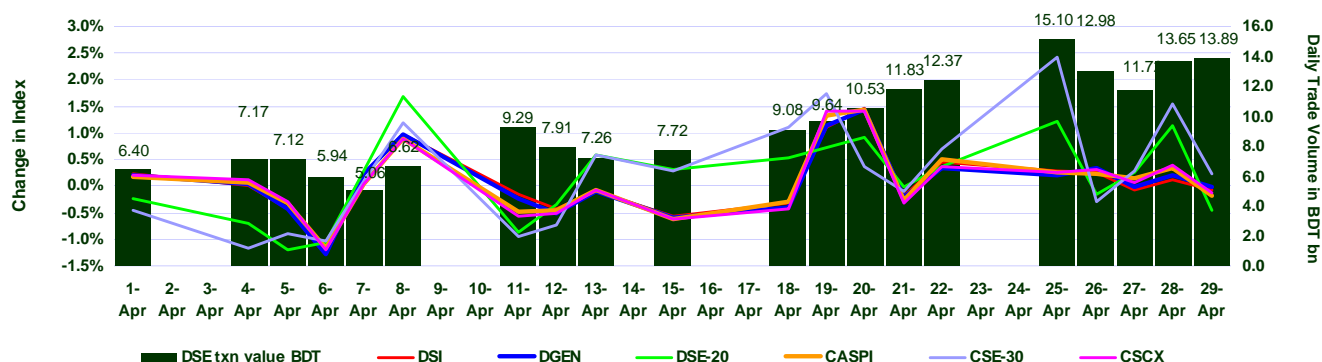


DSE* INDUSTRY-WISE STATISTICS

Sector/Industry	Capitalization BDT mn (Avg.)	% Sector Caps	Number	Simple Av. Price Change in Period	Simple Av. P/E Ratio	Weighted Av. P/E Ratio
Bank	394,415	20.97%	30	9.95%	16.89	14.90
Cement	45,320	2.41%	4	-0.96%	22.99	33.90
Ceramic	9,296	0.49%	3	5.61%	242.67	(123.27)
Corporate Bond	3,822	0.20%	2	0.64%	-	-
Engineering	66,220	3.52%	15	2.06%	47.76	64.26
Financial Institutions	180,296	9.59%	21	13.26%	35.87	26.61
Food & Allied	34,565	1.84%	9	-1.70%	65.49	35.04
Fuel & Power	255,914	13.61%	10	8.70%	53.71	27.09
Insurance	83,483	4.44%	40	11.16%	33.09	96.59
IT-Sector	4,263	0.23%	5	-3.33%	76.10	68.41
Jute	285	0.02%	2	-3.10%	18.17	60.19
Miscellaneous	65,122	3.46%	9	3.32%	40.88	49.40
Mutual Funds	25,629	1.36%	24	-2.44%	18.42	36.21
Paper & Printing	4	0.00%	1	0.00%	-	-
Pharm. & Chem.	161,694	8.60%	18	2.76%	51.93	29.21
Services & Real Estate	30,301	1.61%	6	2.59%	34.39	32.37
Tannery	12,273	0.65%	3	-1.58%	15.27	15.24
Telecommunication	463,906	24.66%	1	-8.98%	155.47	155.47
Textile	44,127	2.35%	15	-0.97%	33.88	47.26
TOTAL	1,880,933	100.0%	218	5.16%		

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MOVEMENT OF DSE AND CSE INDICES



FORTHCOMING IPO APPROVED BY SEC

Name of the issue	Pre-IPO Paid-up Capital (BDT mn)	IPO Amount (BDT mn)	Public Offer (in unit)	Date for subscription
United Airways (BD) Limited	1,000.00	1,000	10,000,000	16-20 May 2010
Malek Spinning Mills Limited	1,200.00	400.00	40,000,000	06-10 June 2010

Source: DSE Website

INTERNATIONAL MARKET MOVEMENTS

Markets	Index Apr 14 th	% Change on		
		One Week	Dec 31 st 2009 In local currency	In USD
United States (DJIA)	11,123.1	+2.1	+6.7	+6.7
United States (S&P 500)	1,210.7	+2.4	+8.6	+8.6
United States (NAScomp)	2,504.9	+3.0	+10.4	+10.4
Japan (Nikkei 225)	11,204.9	-0.8	+6.2	+5.9
China (SSEA)	3,319.8	+0.6	-3.4	-3.4
Britain (FTSE 100)	5,796.3	+0.6	+7.1	+2.5
Canada (S&P TSX)	12,204.4	+0.8	+3.9	+9.2
Germany (DAX)	6,278.4	+0.9	+5.4	+0.1
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	22,121.4	+0.9	+1.1	+1.0
India (BSE)	17,822.0	-0.8	+2.0	+6.8
Pakistan (KSE)	10,570.9	+0.5	+12.6	+13.2
Singapore (STI)	3,019.7	+1.1	+4.2	+6.4

Source: The Economist

YEARLY PROFIT & DIVIDEND DECLARATIONS IN APRIL

DSE Code	Latest Financial Year		Dividend Declaration		
	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)	Cash	Stock	Right
ACI	594.00	30.64	105.00%	-	-
ACIFORMULA	159.00	5.30	25.00%	-	-
BDFINANCE	80.47	21.93	-	20.00%	-
BDTHAI	69.56	40.82	5.00%	20.00%	-
BERGERPBL	579.68	25.00	150.00%	-	-
HEIDELBCEM	850.88	151.00	38.00%	-	-
IPDC	110.74	14.13	-	10.00%	-

DSE Code	Latest Financial Year		Dividend Declaration		
	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)	Cash	Stock	Right
KPCL	696.09	2.79	-	-	-
MONNOFABR	(324.82)	(28.25)	NO DIVIDEND		
MONNOSTAF	1.55	38.82	10.00%	-	-
NHFIL	104.04	20.01	17.50%	-	-
RELIANCINS	119.75	51.17	-	30.00%	-
RENATA	660.11	456.52	60.00%	25.00%	-
UTTARABANK	1105.23	69.19	-	50.00%	-

DIVIDEND DECLARATIONS IN APRIL

DSE Code	Dividend Declaration		
	Cash	Stock	Right
ALARABANK	-	30.00%	-
AMBEEPCHA	30.00%	-	-
APEXDELFT	35.00%	-	-
ARAMIT	15.00%	50.00%	-
ARAMITCEM	12.00%	-	-
ASIAINS	-	10.00%	-
BANKASIA	-	40.00%	-
BATASHOE	105.00%	-	-
BAYLEASING	-	50.00%	-
BDLAMPS	35.00%	-	-
BEXIMCO	-	60.00%	-
BEXTEX	-	15.00%	-
BGIC	-	10.00%	-
BIFC	-	22.50%	-

DSE Code	Dividend Declaration		
	Cash	Stock	Right
BSRMSTEEL	-	15.00%	-
BXPHERMA	-	15.00%	-
CENTRALINS	-	15.00%	-
CITYGENINS	-	10.00%	-
DHAKAINS	15.00%	-	-
EASTERNINS	-	20.00%	-
FEDERALINS	-	12.00%	-
FIDELASSET	-	15.00%	-
FLEASEINT	-	75.00%	-
GLOBALINS	-	10.00%	-
GQBALLPEN	35.00%	-	-
GRAMEEN1	71.00%	-	-
GRAMEENS2	11.50%	-	-
GREENDELTA	25.00%	-	-

DSE Code	Dividend Declaration		
	Cash	Stock	Right
INTECH	-	10.00%	-
JAMUNABANK	-	37.50%	-
KAY&QUE	-	5.00%	-
NITOLINS	-	12.00%	-
NORTHNRINS	-	15.00%	-
PIONEERINS	-	25.00%	-
PLFSL	-	38.50%	-
PRAGATIINS	20.00%	10.00%	-
RANFOUNDRY	20.50%	-	-
RECKITT BEN	250.00%	-	-
RUPALIINS	-	20.00%	-
SPCERAMICS	-	15.00%	-
SQUARETEXT	16.00%	15.00%	-
STANDARINS	-	10.00%	-

UN-AUDITED HALF YEARLY RESULTS DECLARED IN APRIL

DSE Code	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)
GEMINISEA	2.98	27.09
HRTEX	11.12	5.56

DSE Code	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)
MAKSONSPIN	105.29	2.01
MARICO	261.70	8.31

DSE Code	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)
QSMSILK	(3.05)	(1.53)
SALAMCRST	65.02	12.19

UN-AUDITED QUARTERLY RESULTS DECLARED IN APRIL

DSE Code	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)
AGNISYSL	24.21	1.18
AMCL(PRAN)	9.04	7.37
APEXDELFT	12.38	11.00
APEXFOODS	3.07	5.39
ARAMIT	23.66	5.91
ARAMITCEM	15.23	10.88
ATLASBANG	45.83	3.44
AZADIPRIN	0.09	1.37
BANGAS	0.54	5.95
BATBC	623.91	10.40
BDAUTOCA	0.15	0.45
CITYBANK	242.91	15.46
DAFODILCOM	3.54	0.15
DBH	28.23	6.37
DELTASPINN	6.32	4.13

DSE Code	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)
DESCO	324.73	20.27
DSHGARME	0.12	0.34
ECABLES	2.18	0.91
FINEFOODS	8.13	0.96
GEMINISEA	2.33	21.16
GLAXOSMITH	126.87	10.53
ICB	815.84	40.79
JUTESPINN	1.61	9.46
KEYACOSMET	34.93	1.21
KEYADETERG	21.94	1.23
LIBRAINFU	0.95	7.57
MARICO	133.80	4.25
MIDASFIN	89.44	22.09
MITHUNKNIT	2.68	5.36
MONNOJTX	0.37	6.13

DSE Code	Profit (BDT mn)	EPS (BDT)
NBL	671.04	15.21
NPOLYMAR	3.83	4.77
NLTUBES	7.33	4.88
POWERGRID	1068.53	29.33
PRIMEFIN	364.81	56.59
RECKITT BEN	40.57	8.59
RNSPIN	56.97	5.86
SAIHAMTEX	6.06	4.85
SAMORITA	7.99	10.52
SINGERBD	51.46	22.93
SUMITPOWER	261.39	11.75
TALLUSPIN	2.39	1.41
ULC	37.71	7.14
UNITEDINS	13.68	5.47
USMANIAGL	1.35	2.37

MUTUAL FUNDS VALUE DECLARED IN APRIL

DSE Code	NAV (BDT/Unit)	Face Value (BDT/Unit)	DSE Code	NAV (BDT/Unit)	Face Value (BDT/Unit)	DSE Code	NAV (BDT/Unit)	Face Value (BDT/Unit)
1STBSRS	1,375.56	100	ICB2NDNRB	170.69	100	First ICB	9,519.14	100
1STPRIMFMF	16.67	10	ICBAMCL1ST	509.58	100	Second ICB	2,731.65	100
AIMS1STMF	5.22	1	ICBAMCL2ND	121.38	100	Third ICB	2,080.05	100
DBH1STMF	10.43	10	ICBEPMF1S1	10.41	10	Fourth ICB	2,157.88	100
EBL1STMF	13.91	10	ICBISLAMIC	292.16	100	Fifth ICB	1,952.51	100
GRAMEEN1	55.76	10	IFIC1STMF	11.57	10	Sixth ICB	719.83	100
GRAMEENS2	19.54	10	PRIME1ICBA	10.21	10	Seventh ICB	1,173.94	100
ICB1STNRB	364.23	100	TRUSTB1MF	11.72	10	Eighth ICB	843.97	100

SELECTED DSE NEWS OF THE MONTH

DSE CODE	NEWS
AFTABAUTO	The Board of Directors of the Company has decided to invest a sum of BDT 20 mn in Navana Real Estate Limited for acquisition of 20,000 shares of BDT 1,000 each (i.e., 20% of total holding) of that Company at par.
BDWELDING	The Board of Directors of the company has accepted the second revaluation report of the fixed assets of the company carried out by G.K Adjusters Limited. The assets have been revalued at BDT 448.97 mn against the written down value of BDT 146.709044 mn resulting a net surplus of BDT 302.26 mn. This information will appear in the Financial Statements for the year ended 2009 as post balance sheet item, as the report reached to company after the closing of accounts as on December 31, 2009.
BDTHAI	SEC has given consent to the company, under the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission (Issue of Capital) Rules, 2001, for raising the paid-up capital through issuance of 7.5 mn Fully Convertible, 5% Dividend Preference Shares of BDT 100 each at par totalling BDT 750 mn only through private placement to the existing shareholders and others. The consent has been accorded subject to the condition that the company shall comply with the relevant laws and Regulatory Requirements. The subscription period shall be from April 07-13, 2010.
CITYBANK	The Board of Directors has decided to issue bond to raise Tier-II capital subject to approval by the shareholders and regulatory authorities. Major features of the bond are as follows: Issue Size: BDT 2 bn, Tenor: 7 years (84 months), Interest Rate: 12% to 13%. The rate may change subject to market liquidity at the time.
DSE NEWS	All the Member Companies of DSE are requested to submit MICR cheque to the clearing-house of DSE. Submission of Non-MICR cheque will cause the Issuing Bank/ Paying Bank to pay a processing fee of BDT 100 per instrument as per Bangladesh Bank circular dated 01 Apr'10.
JAMUNABANK	The Board of Directors of the Bank has decided in principle to change the denomination of shares of the Bank from BDT 100 to BDT 10 each and determined the market lot of shares from 50 to 250 shares per lot subject to approval from Regulatory bodies and by the shareholders in the 10 th EGM of the Bank which will be held on June 13, 2010.
MARICO	The current accounting year of the Company spans for a period of 12 months from October 1 st to September 30 th . It has now been approved by the Board to change the accounting year of the Company to commence from April 1 st and end on March 31 st , so as to align the same with the accounting year of the holding Company, Marico Limited. Therefore it is proposed to consolidate the period from October 2009 to March 2011(18 Months) for this year and subsequently commence the new accounting year from April 2011 onwards for 12 months each.
SEC NEWS	For the expansion of capital market as well as for the interest of small investors in the capital market, Bangladesh Bank, under special consideration, has withdrawn the processing fee on Non-MICR refund warrant and dividend warrant which will be submitted to Dhaka Clearing House up to April 30, 2010. In this circumstance, all the listed companies have to encode their refund warrant and dividend warrant in MICR form within April 30, 2010. (Ref: Bangladesh Bank letter No. DCMPS/PSD/43/2010-370 dated April 11, 2010).
SOUTHEASTB	The Board of Directors of the Bank has taken the following decisions: a) Approved allotment of shares to the concerned shareholders resulting from the Bank's declaration of 35% bonus shares in the 15 th AGM held on March 29, 2010. b) Since the audited financial accounts of the Bank as on December 31, 2009 is available and approved by the shareholders in the 15 th AGM with 35% stock dividend, the Board of Directors approved revised submission of application to the Securities & Exchange Commission for Rights Issue of Shares @ 1R: 2 with proposal for enhanced Rights Shares considering 35% bonus shares approved by the shareholders in the 15 th AGM held on March 29, 2010.

FINANCIAL GLOSSARY

Less developed countries (LDCs)	Also known as emerging markets. Per capita GDP is below a World Bank determined level.
Letter of credit	A form of guarantee of payment issued by a bank used to guarantee the payment of interest and repayment of principal on bond issues.
Leverage	For corporations, property of rising or falling at a proportionally greater amount than comparable investments. The use of debt financing.

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