

# Weekly Market Update

## Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+1.17%) gained 67.96 points and closed the week at 5,864.09 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+0.87%) gained 17.45 points and stood at 2,032.37 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+1.25%) gained 15.89 points and stood at 1,282.30 points. The large cap index CDSET (+0.45%) gained 4.90 points and closed at 1,103.63 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of -6.12%, -2.94%, -6.00%, -8.25%, respectively.

**Total Turnover During the Week (DSE):** BDT 8.6 billion (USD 78 million)  
**Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV):** BDT 4.3 billion ( $\Delta\%$  Week: -1.2%)  
**Market P/E:** 16.4x

## Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed two sessions during this this week. The market started on a positive note (+1.11%) on Monday and remained positive on Tuesday (+0.07%).

## Sectoral Performance

• All the financial sectors posted positive performance this week. General Insurance booked the highest gain of 4.66% followed by Life Insurance (+2.75%), Mutual Fund (+2.43%), NBFI (+0.60%), and Bank (+0.39%).

• Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted positive performance this week. Food & Allied booked the highest gain of 1.50% followed by Engineering (+1.13%), Pharmaceutical (+1.11%), Fuel & Power (+0.38%), and Telecommunication (-0.11%).

## Macroeconomic arena

• USD 455 Mn remittance came in five days before Eid. CONSUMER | IFC to invest USD 30 Mn in Pran Group to boost Bangladesh's private sector resilience, job creation. BANK | Loans to become overdue 3 months after repayment date. BANK | Interest spread widens to 4.66% as banks opt for more profit. TELECOM | BTRC to open fresh audits into GP, Robi. Private credit growth 9.96% in February. Govt to gradually hike recurrent expenditure to 9.5% by FY '26. Labour exports slightly improves after three-month decline.

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## Stock Market arena

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**DSEX ended in Green (+1.17%) in the week**

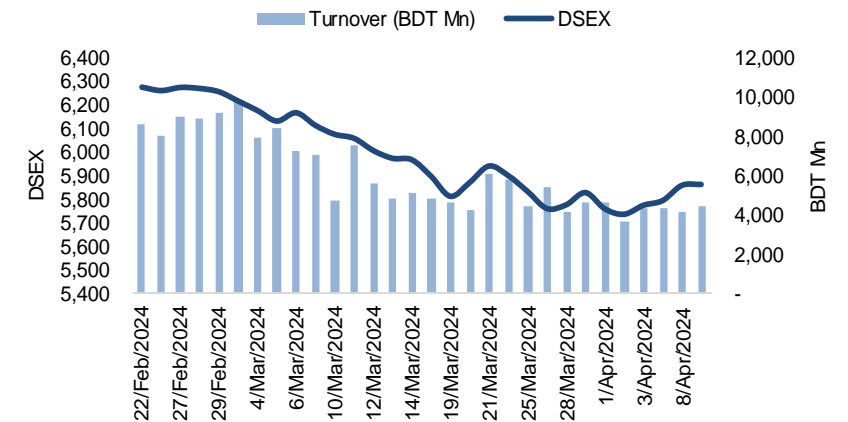
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	$\Delta$ (Pts)	28-Dec-2023	$\Delta\%$ Week	$\Delta\%$ YTD
DSEX	5,864.09	5,796.12	+67.96	6,246.50	+1.17%	-6.12%
DS30	2,032.37	2,014.93	+17.45	2,093.83	+0.87%	-2.94%
DSES	1,282.30	1,266.41	+15.89	1,364.13	+1.25%	-6.00%
CDSET	1,103.63	1,098.73	+4.90	1,202.82	+0.45%	-8.25%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
M cap	M n BDT	6,847,349	6,799,086	+0.7%
	M n USD	62,249	61,810	
Turnover	M n BDT	8,592	21,742	-60.5%
	M n USD	78	198	
Average Daily Turnover	M n BDT	4,296	4,348	-1.2%
	M n USD	39	40	
Volume	M n Shares	265	686	-61.4%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in last four weeks



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**Table 3: Top Ten Gainers**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
DESHBANDHU	35.7	29.6	+20.6%	2,191	62.6	616x	1.1x
FUWANGFOOD	30.0	25.8	+16.3%	3,325	187.2	NM	12.4x
BDTHAI	25.3	22.7	+11.5%	3,233	94.5	NM	0.9x
KARNAPHULI	43.5	39.2	+11.0%	1,952	92.0	25.7x	2.1x
IPDC	27.6	24.9	+10.8%	10,242	80.2	30.0x	15x
EMERALDOIL	58.5	53.0	+10.4%	5,339	203.9	45.2x	NM
PRIMEINSUR	46.0	41.8	+10.0%	1,880	4.4	22.4x	2.1x
UNIONINS	45.9	41.8	+9.8%	2,222	16.4	16.5x	2.4x
REPUBLIC	39.1	35.7	+9.5%	2,037	4.0	19.5x	2.2x
RUPALIINS	31.6	28.9	+9.3%	2,423	6.9	51.0x	1.5x

**Table 4: Top Ten Losers**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
PLFSL	4.4	4.6	-4.3%	1,256	3.9	NM	NM
PUBALIBANK	28.6	29.6	-3.4%	29,409	0.3	4.5x	0.6x
BRACBANK	38.5	39.7	-3.0%	61,940	58.9	8.1x	0.9x
IDLC	36.3	37.3	-2.7%	15,090	9.2	10.0x	0.8x
KAY&QUE	273.2	280.1	-2.5%	1,873	15.9	NM	3.0x
HRTEX	812	832	-2.4%	2,373	32.3	NM	19x
DSSL	12.6	12.9	-2.3%	2,656	13.6	36.0x	0.7x
VFSTDL	16.8	17.2	-2.3%	1,774	15.2	33.5x	0.8x
CITYBANK	22.4	22.9	-2.2%	27,431	87.1	4.3x	0.7x
PRIMETEX	18.6	19.0	-2.1%	711	0.7	NM	0.3x

**Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
AIL	109.4	110.3	-0.8%	4,841	291.7	52.1x	4.5x
MALEKSPIN	38.4	37.9	+1.3%	7,434	286.6	17.1x	0.8x
LOVELLO	61.6	59.6	+3.4%	5,236	274.1	57.0x	4.9x
SPCERAMICS	43.8	42.8	+2.3%	6,437	270.4	NM	14x
CENTRALPHL	27.4	26.7	+2.6%	3,283	226.3	NM	5.0x
FUWANGCER	25.1	23.9	+5.0%	3,420	204.8	93.0x	2.1x
EMERALDOIL	58.5	53.0	+10.4%	5,339	203.9	45.2x	NM
FUWANGFOOD	30.0	25.8	+16.3%	3,325	187.2	NM	12.4x
BESTHLDNG	36.7	36.5	+0.5%	38,874	167.4	29.5x	0.7x
FORTUNE	44.2	41.5	+6.5%	7,543	164.3	42.3x	2.9x

**Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
SHAHJABANK	20.8	+13.7%	23,150	6.3x	10x
BRACBANK	38.5	+7.5%	61,940	8.1x	0.9x
CITYBANK	22.4	+4.7%	27,431	4.3x	0.7x
JAMUNAOIL	176.3	+4.6%	19,468	5.2x	0.8x
PRIMEBANK	219	+4.3%	24,797	5.3x	0.7x
UNIQUEHRL	59.0	+4.1%	17,370	10.2x	0.7x
SQURPHARMA	217.5	+3.4%	192,803	9.8x	16x
BATASHOE	994.8	+2.9%	13,609	24.4x	3.7x
RECKITBEN	4,804.3	+0.9%	22,700	27.7x	19.0x
OLYMPIC	153.0	+0.7%	30,591	18.5x	3.1x

**Table 7: Sector Indices**

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,423.5	1,418.0	1,455.32	+0.39%	-2.19%
NBFI	1,308.8	1,301.0	1,902.52	+0.60%	-31.21%
Mutual Fund	730.9	713.6	876.90	+2.43%	-16.65%
General Insurance	3,547.5	3,389.5	3,489.09	+4.66%	+1.67%
Life Insurance	2,149.4	2,091.9	2,637.78	+2.75%	-18.52%
Telecommunication	4,208.4	4,213.1	4,945.60	-0.11%	-14.91%
Pharmaceutical	3,389.1	3,351.9	3,732.58	+1.11%	-9.20%
Fuel & Power	1,318.2	1,318.2	1,691.80	+0.38%	-21.78%
Cement	2,467.2	2,452.7	2,523.22	+0.59%	-2.22%
Services & Real Estate	1,704.6	1,692.0	1,518.57	+0.74%	+12.25%
Engineering	3,346.1	3,308.7	4,520.40	+1.13%	-25.98%
Food & Allied	18,205.5	17,936.4	21,180.76	+1.50%	-14.05%
IT	2,958.5	2,877.8	2,894.80	+2.80%	+2.20%
Textile	1,387.5	1,421.6	1,658.23	-2.40%	-16.33%
Paper & Printing	9,132.6	9,065.0	10,093.63	+0.75%	-9.52%
Tannery	2,688.7	2,634.3	3,103.94	+2.07%	-13.38%
Jute	17,717.5	18,071.6	17,683.51	-1.96%	+0.19%
Ceramics	634.5	611.5	694.56	+3.76%	-8.65%
Miscellaneous	4,453.7	4,451.0	4,265.32	+0.06%	+4.42%

**Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix**

Sector Name	Daily average this Week	Daily average last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	266.0	260.4	+2.17%	+7.05%	11.7x	0.7x
NBFI	77.0	80.2	-3.93%	+2.04%	NM	NM
Mutual Fund	49.4	51.9	-4.68%	+1.31%	NM	0.7x
General Insurance	244.0	182.3	+33.88%	+6.47%	18.7x	1.6x
Life Insurance	53.5	87.7	-38.97%	+1.42%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	57.3	88.3	-35.10%	+1.52%	12.7x	3.3x
Pharmaceutical	628.4	758.8	-17.18%	+16.65%	17.6x	2.0x
Fuel & Power	87.5	69.3	+26.32%	+2.32%	24.8x	0.8x
Cement	60.3	63.5	-5.03%	+1.60%	16.5x	2.4x
Services & Real Estate	150.4	148.3	+1.46%	+3.99%	23.8x	0.7x
Engineering	395.6	406.3	-2.62%	+10.48%	17.6x	1.3x
Food & Allied	505.5	403.5	+25.26%	+13.39%	17.3x	5.5x
IT	125.2	147.1	-14.95%	+3.32%	32.3x	2.6x
Textile	647.5	662.3	-2.24%	+17.16%	NM	10x
Paper & Printing	38.3	47.1	-18.56%	+1.02%	61.4x	2.0x
Tannery	85.3	88.5	-3.71%	+2.26%	38.8x	2.7x
Jute	12.1	9.6	+26.00%	+0.32%	NM	NM
Ceramics	242.0	343.9	-29.63%	+6.41%	42.5x	1.7x
Miscellaneous	48.8	60.7	-19.54%	+1.29%	39.4x	1.9x

**Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	27.6	-52.1%	10,242	30.0x	1.5x
ACI	157.0	-39.7%	11,964	NM	1.6x
DOREENPWR	37.4	-38.7%	6,774	6.9x	0.7x
UPGDCL	144.2	-38.3%	83,592	12.2x	2.7x
BSCCL	138.4	-36.8%	22,823	10.4x	1.5x
WALTONHIL	673.9	-35.7%	204,143	18.4x	1.9x
TITASGAS	26.6	-35.0%	26,313	NM	0.4x
RENATA	806.9	-33.7%	92,549	43.7x	2.9x
GPHISPAT	29.6	-30.7%	14,323	10.9x	0.6x
RUNNERAUTO	33.8	-30.2%	3,838	NM	0.6x

## Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

### USD 455 Mn remittance came in five days before Eid

- Expatriate Bangladeshis have sent USD 455.42 Mn in remittances between 1 and 5 April ahead of Eid, according to the Bangladesh Bank. According to central bank data, March remittances were 1.24% lower than the USD 2.02 Bn received in the same month a year ago.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/455-million-remittance-sent-five-days-eid-825731>

### CONSUMER | IFC to invest USD 30 Mn in Pran Group to boost Bangladesh's private sector resilience, job creation

- The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has earmarked a USD 30 Mn investment for Pran Dairy Limited (PDL) and Habiganj Agro Limited (HAL), subsidiaries of PRAN Group, a leading entity in Bangladesh's food and beverage sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ifc-invest-30m-pran-group-boost-bangladeshs-private-sector-resilience-job-creation-825461>

### BANK | Loans to become overdue 3 months after repayment date

- In a circular, the central bank said that lenders will treat a loan as overdue if a borrower does not make an instalment payment within three months after the due date of repayment. Under existing rules.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/loans-become-overdue-3-months-after-repayment-date-3585131>

### BANK | Interest spread widens to 4.66% as banks opt for more profit

- The spread – the gap between lending and deposit rates – increased to 4.66% in December last year from 3.31% in September, indicating increased profitability for banks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/interest-spread-widens-466-banks-opt-more-profit-825396>

### TELECOM | BTRC to open fresh audits into GP, Robi

- The telecom regulator has decided to carry out information system audits into Grameenphone and Robi Axiata in the years since 2015 and form committees to start the process of appointing auditors. The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), at a meeting last month, approved the setting up of two committees in order to hire the audit firms.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-open-fresh-audits-gp-robi-3585171>

### Private credit growth 9.96% in February

- Private sector credit growth slightly increased to 9.96% in February, up 0.01 basis points from January. Bangladesh Bank data shows that private credit growth was 9.95% in January. And 10.13% in December 2023, the highest in six months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-credit-growth-inches-996-february-823041>

### Govt to gradually hike recurrent expenditure to 9.5% by FY '26

- The government is set to increase its recurrent expenditure from 8.7% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the current fiscal year 2023-24 to 9% in 2024-25, with a further rise to 9.5% in 2025-26, reports UNB.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-to-gradually-hike-recurrent-expenditure-to-95pc-by-fy-26-1712512127>

### Labour exports slightly improves after three-month decline

- Labour migration has ended a three-month downturn, with a slight increase of 0.50% registered in March compared to February. However, the country saw a 32% year-on-year decrease in labour migration in March, with 74,679 workers flying abroad for overseas employment, according to data from BMET.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/migration/labour-exports-slightly-improves-after-three-month-decline-822551>

### BANK | BDBL to be merged with Sonali Bank, Rakub with Krishi Bank

- Bangladesh Development Bank Ltd (BDBL) will be merged with Sonali Bank while Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (Rakub) will be taken over by Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), according to a central bank official.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bdbl-be-merged-sonali-bank-rakub-krishi-bank-3582336>

### BANK | Banks to get policy support, regulatory relaxations for mergers

- According to the guidelines, the Bangladesh Bank will offer incentives, including regulatory relaxations regarding Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR), provisioning, Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR), Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) requirements, Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR), and Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR). The central bank issued a circular on Thursday introducing guidelines for mergers, both voluntary and compulsory.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-get-policy-support-regulatory-relaxations-mergers-824796>

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**RMG | RMG export to US down 19% in January-February**

- Garment exports to the US, the country's single largest export destination, declined 19.24% to USD 1.18 Bn in January and February, according to the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA), a body under the American Commerce Department. The collective shipments of textile and garment slipped 18.88% to USD 1.21 Bn in the first two months of 2024.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rmg-export-us-down-19-january-february-3583331>

**LEATHER | Leather shipment recovers, fetches USD 100 Mn in 9 months**

- The shipment of leather has started to revive as Bangladesh fetched USD 100.40 Mn from the sales of the semi-finished raw materials in July-March of 2023-24, data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) showed. The exports were up 9.8% from the identical period a year prior.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/leather-shipment-recovers-fetches-100-million-9-months-3584231>

**CONSUMER | Unilever Bangladesh to acquire 20 acres of land to scale up production**

- Unilever Bangladesh is in talks to purchase a 20-acre industrial plot in Chattogram's Kalurghat as part of its plan to expand production capacity and reduce dependency on imports for its eight categories of products marketed here, ranging from soap and moisturizing cream to water purifier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/unilever-bangladesh-acquire-20-acres-land-scale-production-824376>

## Important News: Capital Market

### **CITYBANK | City Bank likely to take over BASIC Bank**

- Troubled state-owned BASIC Bank is likely to be acquired by private sector lender City Bank as the central bank is forging full steam ahead with its plan to engineer the takeover of weak banks with stronger ones.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/city-bank-likely-take-over-basic-bank-3585221>

### **EXCHANGE | 2024 IPO outlook bullish as bank borrowing cost remains elevated**

- Four companies have already raised funds worth BDT 5.50 Bn through initial public offerings (IPOs) in the first three months through March, a sign that public listing regains allure as means for fund collection.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/2024-ipo-outlook-bullish-as-bank-borrowing-cost-remains-elevated>

### **RENATA | Renata starts directly exporting medicines to US**

- Renata PLC has begun exporting medicines to the US market, becoming the sixth pharmaceutical manufacturer from Bangladesh to directly ship products to the world's largest market. In its first shipment, Renata dispatched 12.8 Mn Metoprolol Tartrate tablets for the US market today, according to a press release of the company.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/renata-starts-directly-exporting-medicines-us-3581936>

### **PARAMOUNT | Paramount Ins profit drops 7.5% on premium income decline**

- Paramount Insurance saw its net profit drop by 7.5% year on year to BDT 70.35 Mn in 2023, primarily due to a decline in premium income amidst persistent macroeconomic challenges. In 2022, the company turned a profit of BDT 76.04 Mn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/paramount-ins-profit-drops-75pc-on-premium-income-decline>

### **BDPLANT | Bangladesh Plantation approved to exit stock market**

- Listed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange since 1991, the tea producer will now have to buy back a 29.12% stake from general investors at the prevailing market rate of BDT 240 per share. The face value of the share is BDT 10.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-plantation-approved-exit-stock-market-825216>

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