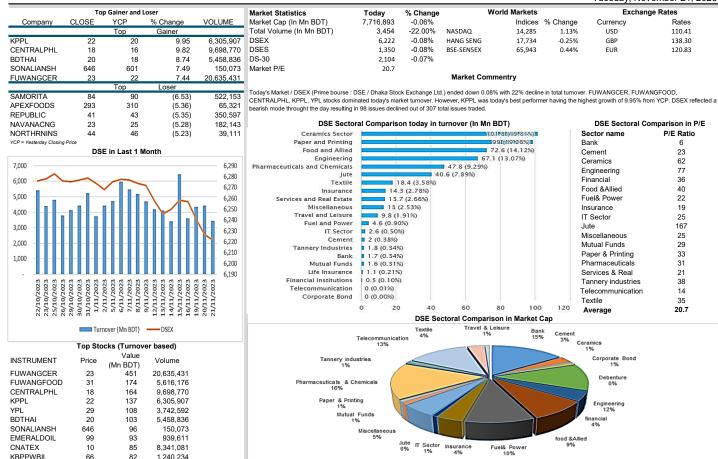
# **Daily Market Summary**

Tuesday, November 21, 2023



The Board of Directors has recommended 20% Cash Dividend for general shareholders (excluding Sponsors and Directors) for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Sponsors and Directors hold 18,410,596 shares out of total 30,064,767 shares of the company and Cash Dividend payable to general shareholders is Tk. 23,308,342.00. Date of AGM: 31.12.2023, Time: 11:30 AM, Venue: Digital Platform. Record Date: 10.12.2023.

DSE's Important News Today

Regarding ownership in new Subsidiary Company
The company has informed that the Board of Directors of the Company has decided to create a new Subsidiary Company where it will retain 98% ownership of the new subsidiary with an initial investment of BDT 980,000.00 (Nine Lacs eighty thousand). The subsidiary company's focus will specialize in manufacturing of shoes and leather goods, primarily targeting the local market for distribution. Considering the management's proficiency in this sector, the establishment of the new company is anticipated to substantially enhance the overall profitability of the organization.

## NITOLINS

Credit Rating Result

Credit Rating Information and Services Limited (CRISL) has assigned rating of the Company as "AA+" in the long term along with Stable outlook in consideration of its audited financials up to December 31, 2022 also unaudited financials up to September 30, 2023 and other relevant quantitative as well as qualitative information up to the date of rating declaration

### ONEBANKPLC

Name Change of the Company

Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) has approved the proposed change of name and trading code of the Company. Accordingly, the name of the Company will be 'One Bank PLC' instead of 'One Bank Limited', and the trading code will be 'ONEBANKPLC' instead of 'ONEBANKLTD' with effect from November 21, 2023. Other things (except name and trading code) will remain unchanged.

Name Change of the Company

Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) has approved the proposed name change of the Company. Accordingly, the name of the Company will be 'Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC.' instead of 'Al-Arafah Islami Bank Limited' with effect from November 21, 2023. Other things (except name) will remain unchanged

## Other News Today

# Dollar drain through 'travels' strains reserves - Source: The Financial Express

Unrelenting outflow of the US dollars through travel ploys put an extra pressure on Bangladesh's depleting foreign-currency reserves, officials and market analysts say, as crisis-time restraint goes unheeded. They say the uptrend in using the American greenback outside the forex-strapped country goes on as the volume of overseas travels by Bangladeshi citizens on different purposes keep rising in recent months. Even a year ago, outbound people mostly used to take the bullish American currency in cash with them before travelling to other countries. But things have changed amid persisting forex dearth--now majority of them use credit card and meet their overseas payment obligations. According to statistics of Bangladesh Bank (BB), the monthly average of cash dollar outflows due to overseas travel was US\$ 8.66 million from January to June 2023. But it rose to \$14.50 million during the last four months to October. In terms of credit-card usages outside, the average monthly dollar spending was recorded at \$57.75 million from January to June this calendar year. The dollar spending using credit card by outbound Bangladeshi people rose to \$68.50 million per month in July-October period in 2023. Seeking anonymity, a BB official said the flow of overseas travels by Bangladeshi people continued burgeoning in recent months, which increases the volumes of forex outflow in the current macroeconomic context. The official said the maximum annual ceiling of using dollars outside now is \$12,000, which was revised up twice from \$5000 in recent years considering demand of the travelers. "As the country's falling foreign-currencies' reserves are under pressure amid forex dearth, the authorities concerned should check necessities of the travels to save the forex," the central banker said. Spokesperson for BB Md. Mezbaul Haque says people's foreign travels had been severely affected for more than two years since early 2020 when the Covid-19 hit the steadily growing economy. But, after middle of 2022, the overseas trips started getting the momentum. As people's lifestyle continues improving and the travel restrictions are being completely lifted, the volume of travels keeps increasing, he said. "As getting required amount of dollars is tougher, people are now relying more on using credit cards," he added. Managing Director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd (MTB) Syed Mahbubur Rahman said they were not allowing people to get dollars in cash on travel purposes from their bank. "We're giving dollars considering creditworthiness of our credit-cardholders. For example, if the creditcardholder has a creditworthiness of Tk 0.5 million, the client will get dollars equivalent to Tk 0.5 million," he said. If anyone requires more dollars than that of the creditworthiness, he or she will have to deposit additional credit with the bank, the experienced banker said