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## ECONOMY

#### Remittance Rises YoY

- Remittance inflows reached USD 2.39 billion in October
- > 21.32% year-on-year increase from USD 1.97 billion
- > Remittances from August to October totaled USD 7.03 billion, a 43% increase from the same period last year 1

#### Saudi Recruits Highest from Bangladesh

- > 1.04 lakh Bangladeshis travelled abroad for employment last month
- > Saudi hired **83,582** Bangladeshis in October, marking the highest job placement to a single country
- > After Saudi, Qatar recruited the second-highest number of workers, followed by Singapore, Kuwait, and Jordan <sup>2</sup>





## **VENTURE CAPITAL**

#### 2 Unicorn Startups in Bangladesh



- Founded in 2018
- □ Primary Sector: Banking Tech and Payments
- □ Time to Unicorn: 5 years 5 months
- □ Top investors : Inclusive Fintech 50 <sup>3</sup>



- □ Primary Sector: Payments and Digital Remittance
- □ Time to Unicorn: 10 years 10 months

□ Founded in 2011

- D Top investors : IFC, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- □ Total Funding till date: USD 261 million





## **VENTURE CAPITAL**

#### Top 10 Healthcare startups in Bangladesh

#### Praava Health

□ Founded Year: 2014

- General Stage: Series A
- General Funding: USD 10.6 million

#### Beximco Pharma Founded Year: 1976

□ Stage: Public

#### Stage: Seed

□ Founded Year: 2012

Square Pharmaceuticals

□ Investors: IFC

#### The Ibn Sina Trust Ev

□ Founded Year: 1980 □

□ Stage: Unfunded

#### **Evercare Hospital Dhaka**

980 🛛 Founded Year: 1976

Stage: Public

#### Nuvista Pharma

#### □ Founded Year: 1964

□ Stage: Acquired

#### Incepta Pharma

- □ Founded Year: 1999
- □ Stage: Unfunded

#### Orion Pharma

- □ Founded Year: 1965
- □ Stage: Unfunded

## Labaid CancerPopular PharmaceuticalsImage: Founded Year: 2020Image: Founded Year: 2002Image: Stage: UnfundedImage: Series A





## **CAPITAL MARKET**

#### DSE to Source Funds Locally & Globally

- > Plans to improve liquidity management
- Enhance efficiency and transparency
- > Focus on legal structural improvements
- Address current tax issues
- Avoidance of regulatory intervention in daily market operations 5

#### DSE Urges NBR to Repeal 15% Capital Gains

- DSE has called on the NBR to withdraw the 15% capital gains tax imposed on individual investors to stabilise and strengthen the stock market
- Individual investors are now taxed on capital gains exceeding BDT 50 lakh from the sale of listed shares or units, leading to an effective tax rate of up to 40.5% <sup>6</sup>



## BANK AND NBFI

#### S Alam Group's First Auction of Mortgaged Assets for Defaulting Loans

- First loan was **BDT 650 crore** in 2012 from Janata Bank
- > Its unpaid loan with Janata Bank balloons to **BDT 1,850 crore**
- > Janata to auction off 1,860-decimal land in Ctg, Gazipur
- > Market value of the lands is **BDT 358 crore**, four times less than total due <sup>7</sup>

#### 8 Banks Face Losses Against Bad Loans Rises

#### **Reasons behind losses:**

- Higher provision against classified loans
- > Non-recovery from loan defaulters
- Higher interest in deposits 8



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## BANK AND NBFI

#### Islami Bank Incurs Loss of BDT 100 Crore in Q3



- > The bank suffered a **BDT 0.62** loss per share during the quarter
- > Its first quarterly loss in decades
- > EPS BDT 1.66
- Total loan portfolio stood at BDT 1.5 lakh crore 9

#### DBH Finance Profit Grows by 40%



- EPS BDT 1.68
- > Reported a profit of **BDT 33 crore**
- Loan disbursement increased by 18% <sup>10</sup>



## CORPORATE

#### Linde Bangladesh Posts Profit

- A profit of BDT 608.74 crore in Q3
  - ➢ EPS to BDT 400.01
  - > NAV per share **BDT 220.31** as of September 30, 2024 <sup>11</sup>

#### **Duncan to Sell United Insurance, United Finance Shares**



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- > Duncan Brothers owns **53.23%** shares in United Insurance and **34.91%** in United Finance
- Estimated value of deal would be BDT 200 crore
- Duncan Brothers (Bangladesh) Limited > They inked share purchase deal with local entrepreneurs on 30 October <sup>12</sup>

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## CORPORATE

#### Robi Posts Profit in Q3

- > Robi Axiata secured a 78% YoY growth in profit to BDT 1.89 billion
- > Nine months' revenue rose more than 2% year-on-year to BDT 75.95 billion
- > 10% cash dividend in 2023 <sup>13</sup>

#### Shipping Corp Sees Record Profit

- > Posts highest profit of **BDT 250 crore** last fiscal year
- Recommends 25% cash dividend
- Planning to buy 2 ships with own funds <sup>14</sup>

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