

#### MATERIAL MARKET UPDATE

The prime index soared 444 points (6.91%) and reached a historic high of 6,869 points in August as the decision to ease the countrywide lockdown, fresh fund injection in the market by optimistic investors and continuous regulatory moves by BSEC. The decision to ease the lockdown from 11th August, resumption of almost full-fledged economic activities and decline in infection rate and death rate played a major role in restoring investors' confidence. Moreover, the steady inflow of vaccine shipments throughout the month has also been strengthening the prospects of economic recovery. Hopeful investors took positions in the market to participate in the market rally resulting in all indices and market capitalization to reach record highs and average daily turnover increased by 61.35% compared to the previous month with the expectation that the market would cross the 7,000 points mark. Although the central bank's decision to probe the diversion of stimulus funds to the capital market and strictly inspect the banking sector's capital market exposure exerted selling pressure in the market towards the end of the month, overall market sentiment continued to remain positive as the securities regulator continued to take initiatives that kept investors' confidence intact. During the month, BSEC extended the existing credit facility for margin loans till the index goes up to the 8,000 points mark and revised the IPO rules by increasing the allotment quota for general investors to 70%, up from the previous 60%, to encourage higher participation of general investors in the capital market. While the DSEX reached a new historic high, there were concerns that the market was overheated as market PE reached a high of 20.25 and junk scrips have been emerging as the major gainers. In this regard, BSEC formed a committee to investigate the unusual price hike of some junk stocks without any PSI and mandated that companies offload at least 10% of their paid-up capital for IPO issuance.

Forex reserve touched another new record high of USD 48 bn in August, riding on the recent financial support of USD 1.45 bn from the IMF. Such high level of reserve is helping Bangladesh Bank stabilize the interbank foreign currency market, which has recently been destabilized by an all-time high trade deficit of USD 22.8 bn. Apart from the pressure from rising import payments in a recovering economy, lower inflow of remittances in the first two months of the ongoing fiscal year has caused the Bangladeshi Taka to depreciate against the US dollar by 40 bps (BDT 85.20 in August). Remittance inflow in the Jul-Aug period fell 19% compared to the same period of the last fiscal due to job losses decline in manpower export amid the pandemic and increase in usage of informal channels of sending money. Meanwhile, inflation fell to 5.36% in July from 5.64% in June, a decrease of 28 bps from a month ago as both food inflation and non-food inflation decreased by 37 bps and 14 bps consecutively. Export earnings witnessed a YoY growth of 14% in August but still remained short of 8.84% of the strategic target of the same month due to lower RMG exports, especially of woven garments. Moreover, RMG exporters remain in uncertainty as the UK has started formulating its own GSP scheme after Brexit that may cause Bangladesh to lose its duty-free facilities after its graduation from its LDC status in 2026. In addition, while the other sectors of the economy are recovering from the effects of the pandemic, the financial sector is still taking a hit. The central bank has further extended the loan moratorium facility for borrowers, who will need to repay only 25% of loans by December 2021 and the rest of the loans within the next 12 months as the second wave of the pandemic decelerated trade and commerce activities. Although all sectors of the economy are not recovering at the same pace, the supportive regulatory measures being undertaken by policymakers is likely to help restore Bangladesh's economic situation back to normalcy.

#### **KEY NEWS UPDATE**

#### **MACROECONOMY**

- Forex reserves cross record \$48 bn mark: <a href="https://rb.gy/2iozcf">https://rb.gy/2iozcf</a>
- Bangladesh's exports fall 7.84% short of July-August target: <a href="https://rb.gy/pkqfdx">https://rb.gy/pkqfdx</a>
- RMG may lose UK trade benefits post-LDC: <a href="https://rb.gy/i1rznp">https://rb.gy/i1rznp</a>
- Inflation drops in July to 5.36%: https://rb.gy/el3exk
- Trade deficit hits all-time high of US\$ 22.8 bn: <a href="https://rb.gy/rsqx0g">https://rb.gy/rsqx0g</a>
- BB sells US\$ 305 mn in August for import payments: <a href="https://rb.gy/hvmbuf">https://rb.gy/hvmbuf</a>
- Sales of savings tools triple in FY'21: <a href="https://rb.gy/lbhhbd">https://rb.gy/lbhhbd</a>
- Tax revenue receipts up 21%: https://rb.gy/8vua9q
- BB raises banks' leverage ratio by 0.25%: <a href="https://rb.gy/kwqbcv">https://rb.gy/kwqbcv</a>
- No deposit rates below inflation: https://rb.gy/9shudv

#### **CAPITAL MARKET**

- BSEC to reinstate mandatory IPO issuance rules: <a href="https://rb.gy/fqpuc7">https://rb.gy/fqpuc7</a>
- DSE turnover hits decade high: <a href="https://rb.gy/tzimvl">https://rb.gy/tzimvl</a>
- Tax receipts from DSE jump 54pc in July: https://rb.gy/93nkxm
- Now general investors to get 70% IPO shares: <a href="https://rb.gy/zion30">https://rb.gy/zion30</a>
- BSEC approves Capital Market Stabilization Fund governing board: https://rb.gy/vjfal7

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

- British retail sales dropped 2.5% in July: https://rb.gy/ubnmog
- U.S. retail sales fall 1.1% in july: <a href="https://rb.gy/kly3px">https://rb.gy/kly3px</a>
- The global economy is shrugging off the delta variant: <a href="https://rb.gy/nvxvbs">https://rb.gy/nvxvbs</a>

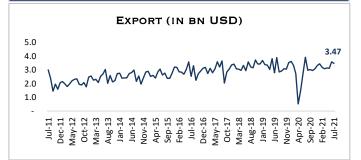


#### **MACRO UPDATE**

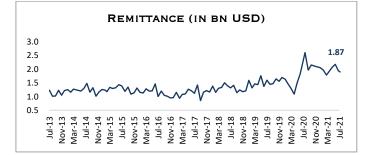
	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21	% CHANGE
EXPORT (MN \$) (JULY)	3,473	3,911	-11.19%
REMITTANCES (MN \$) (JULY)	1,872	2,598	-27.97%
	FY 2020-21	FY 2019-20	% CHANGE
IMPORT (MN \$) (JULY-JUNE)	65,595	54,571	20.2%
NET SALES OF NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES (MN \$) (JULY-JUNE)	4,954	1,701	191.2%
TAX REVENUE (NBR) (MN \$) (JULY-JUNE)	32,251	25,752	25.2%
TOTAL DOMESTIC CREDIT (MN \$) (JUNE)	169,704	153,613	10.5%
CREDIT TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR (MN \$) (JUNE)	140,195	129,395	8.3%
BROAD MONEY M2 (MN \$) (JUNE)	184,023	161,997	13.6%
LC OPENING OF INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIAL (MN \$) (JULY-JUNE)	24,419	20,160	21.1%
LC OPENING OF CAPITAL MACHINERY (MN \$) (JULY-JUNE)	5,703	4,937	15.5%
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE (MN \$) (JULY-JUNE)	(3,808)	(4,724)	-19.4%
	August'21	JULY'21	% CHANGE
FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVE (MN \$)	48,030	45,783	4.9%
CALL RATE (WEIGHTED AVERAGE RATE)	1.65	2.20	-25.0%
TAKA-DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE (AVG)	84.80	84.81	0.0%
	JULY'21	JUNE'21	% CHANGE
US RETAIL SALES (MN \$)	617,719	624,731	-1.1%
UK RETAIL SALES (MN \$)	12,578	12,899	-2.5%

SOURCE: BANGLADESH BANK, US CENSUS BUREAU, UK OFFICE FOR NATIONAL STATISTICS

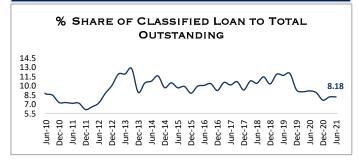
EXPORT EARNINGS FELL 11.19% IN JULY FY22 COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN FY21 DUE TO EID HOLIDAYS AND LOCKDOWN.



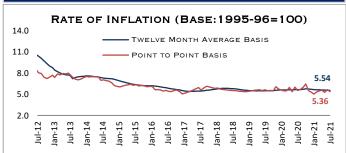
REMITTANCE FELL BY 27.97% IN JUL YOY DUE TO INCREASE IN HUNDI AND LOWER WORKER MIGRATION.



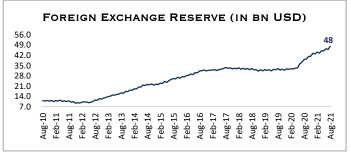
CLASSIFIED LOANS INCREASED TO 8.18% DUE TO EXPECTATION OF POOR FUTURE OUTLOOK.



FOOD INFLATION DECREASED BY 37 BPS AND NON-FOOD INFLATION DECREASED BY 14 BPS IN JULY, BRINGING DOWN OVERALL INFLATION BY 28 BPS.



FOREX RESERVE DECREASED BY 4.9% IN AUGUST FROM PREVIOUS MONTH DUE TO INCREASED REMITTANCE AND A FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY IMF.



CALL MONEY RATE DECREASED BY 55 BPS IN AUGUST COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

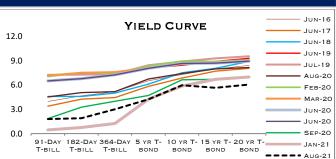




SPREAD HAS DECREASED BY 6 BPS IN JUNE'21 AS AGAINST MAY'21 AS LENDING RATES ARE FALLING HIGHER THAN THE DEPOSIT RATES.



YIELD CURVE'S SHORT-TERM RATES FLATTENED AS THE GOVERNMENT MOPPED UP LIQUIDITY FROM THE BANKING SYSTEM.



SOURCE: BANGLADESH BANK, THE FINANCIAL EXPRESS

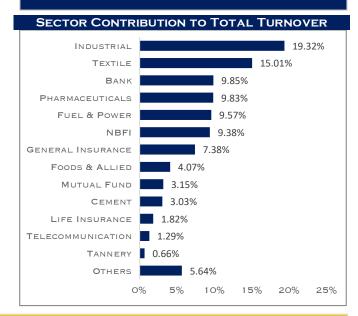
### **CAPITAL MARKET UPDATE**

THE DSEX SOARED BY 444 POINTS (6.91%) DUE TO POSITIVE REGULATORY MEASURES, EASE OF LOCKDOWN AND DECLINE IN VIRUS CASES.

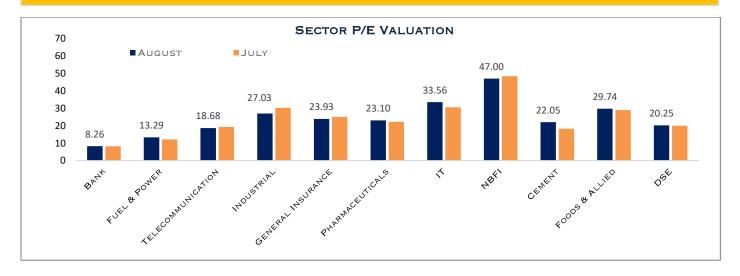
THE CEMENT SECTOR POSTED THE HIGHEST PRICE RETURN DUE TO RESUMPTION OF CONSTRUCTION AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.



THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WAS THE MOST HEAVILY TRADED SECTOR OWNING TO TAX CUTS FOR BOTH LISTED AND NON-LISTED COMPANIES.



THE P/E RATIO OF MAJORITY SECTORS INCREASED SLIGHTLY WITH THE OVERALL MARKET. STOCKS STILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES.





AVERAGE DAILY TURNOVER IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE MONTH AS OPTIMISTIC INVESTORS KEPT INJECTING FRESH BETS IN THE MARKET TO BENEFIT FROM THE RECENT BULLISH RALLY AND REOPENING OF ECONOMY AFTER THE LOCKDOWN.

MARKET LIQUIDITY							
	This Month	Last Month	CHANGE				
TOTAL TURNOVER (BDT MN)	451,186.93	233,033.87	93.61%				
AVG. DAILY TURNOVER (BDT MN)	25,065.94	15,535.59	61.35%				

BEXIMCO CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ITS TOP POSITION IN THE TURNOVER LEADERS' CHART, FOLLOWED BY LHBL.

Turno	VER LEADERS
TICKER	TURNOVER (BDT MN)
BEXIMCO	14,070.08
LHBL	4,286.36
SAIFPOWER	4,213.74
BATBC	3,397.89
POWERGRID	3,156.83
FUWANGCER	3,088.99
ACTIVEFINE	2,805.49
LANKABAFIN	2,767.82
BDFINANCE	2,626.63
KEYACOSMET	2,622.17

JUNK STOCKS WERE MOSTLY THE TOP GAINERS THAT SOARED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH WITHOUT ANY PSI.

TOP TEN GAINERS					
TICKER	% CHANGE				
SBACBANK	130.00%				
MEGHNAPET	126.14%				
SHYAMPSUG	75.19%				
MEGCONMILK	72.97%				
METROSPIN	72.77%				
MITHUNKNIT	69.23%				
CVOPRL	62.89%				
TALLUSPIN	60.26%				
AZIZPIPES	58.74%				
SPCL	54.86%				

MUTUAL FUNDS WERE MOSTLY AMONG THE TOP LOSERS DURING THE MONTH.

TICKER	% CHANGE
PRIMEINSUR	-17.32%
ATCSLGF	-14.67%
FBFIF	-13.04%
EBLNRBMF	-12.82%
EXIM1STMF	-12.77%
PF1STMF	-12.61%
CAPMIBBLMF	-11.11%
ACTIVEFINE	-10.89%
SEMLIBBLSF	-10.77%
FUWANGCER	-10.07%

#### NOTABLE EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE MONTH

BERGERPBL'S EPS SURGED BY 594% DUE TO A RECORD HIGH QUARTERLY SALES GROWTH OF 153% SUPPORTED BY STRONG DEMAND FOR ITS PRODUCTS, COUPLED WITH 617% INCREMENTAL OPERATING INCOME, AND LOWER TAX RATE. BRACBANK'S EPS SURGED BY 357.14% AS INCOME FROM INVESTMENT, COMMISSION & BROKERAGE, AND OTHER OPERATING INCOME INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. WALTONHIL POSTED AN OUTSTANDING EPS GROWTH OF 124% IN 2021 AS SALES OF REFRIGERATORS AND ACS (ITS MAIN REVENUE GENERATING PRODUCTS) PICKED UP AFTER AN INITIAL

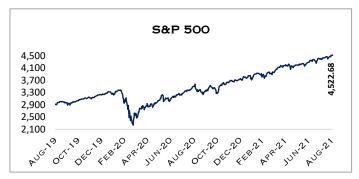
TICKER	COMPANY NAME	SECTOR	EPS 2021 (JAN-MAR)	EPS 2020 (JAN-MAR)	CHANGE
BERGERPBL	BERGER PAINTS BANGLADESH LTD.	INDUSTRIAL	16.09	2.32	593.53%
BRACBANK	BRAC BANK LIMITED	BANK	0.96	0.21	357.14%

TICKER	COMPANY NAME	SECTOR	EPS 2020 (JuL-Jun)	EPS 2019 (JULY-JUN)	CHANGE	DIVIDEND
WALTONHIL	WALTON HI-TECH INDUSTRIES LTD.	INDUSTRIAL	54.21	24.21	123.92%	250% cash

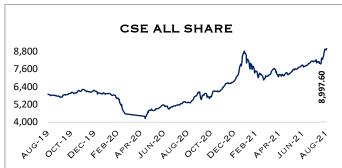
SOURCE: LR GLOBAL RESEARCH AND DSE

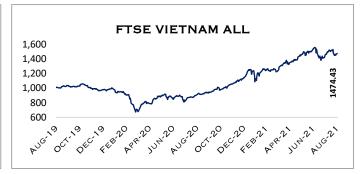


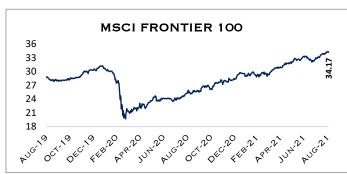
#### **WORLD MARKET**













## **INDICES, COMMODITIES & CURRENCIES**

Indices	1-YEAR	6-Month	3-Монтн	1-Month	1-WEEK
S&P500	29.41%	18.32%	7.26%	2.04%	0.66%
SENSEX	43.49%	14.31%	9.14%	7.02%	0.98%
CSE ALL	67.46%	19.46%	21.79%	10.30%	12.52%
FTSE VTNM	62.65%	17.48%	0.49%	2.94%	-3.90%
MSCI FRONTIER 100	36.10%	18.75%	6.63%	4.61%	1.00%
FTSE 100	19.13%	10.25%	1.79%	0.98%	-0.08%
DSEX	40.02%	26.25%	13.90%	6.20%	0.93%

\*Note: Returns have been calculated on the basis of trading days as several exchanges across the globe remained closed for varying periods due to lockdowns.

COMMODITIES RETURN	1-YEAR	6-Монтн	3-Монтн	1-Month	1-WEEK
GOLD	-5.85%	5.25%	-4.50%	0.83%	1.66%
COPPER	45.98%	5.85%	-7.39%	-3.28%	3.00%
CRUDE OIL	59.71%	11.77%	3.65%	-5.04%	2.15%
SUGAR	56.93%	14.32%	15.44%	9.51%	0.05%
WHEAT	32.52%	8.99%	8.27%	4.11%	-1.99%

CURRENCIES RETURN*	EXCHANGE RATE	1-YEAR	6-Month	3-Монтн	1-Month	1-WEEK
Euro	0.85	0.2%	2.4%	3.4%	0.4%	-0.1%
INR	73.47	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	-1.2%	-1.2%
YEN	109.82	3.1%	3.0%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.5%
CNY	6.47	-5.5%	0.1%	1.6%	0.2%	-0.5%
VND	22,789.00	-1.7%	-1.0%	-1.2%	-0.9%	-0.2%
BDT	84.91	0.3%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%

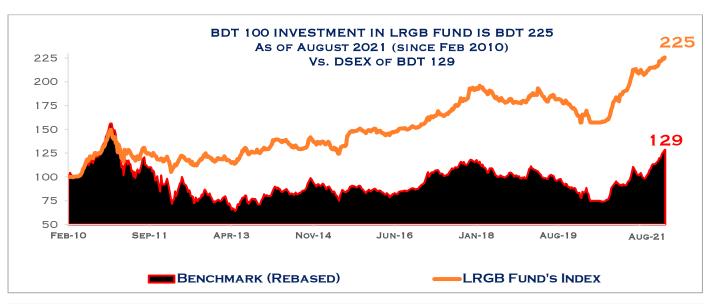
\*CALCULATED AGAINST USD, POSITIVE RETURN DENOTES DEPRECIATION AGAINST USD



#### LR GLOBAL PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

CONSISTENTLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX ACROSS ALL FUNDS SINCE INCEPTION DUE TO OUR SECURITY SELECTION, ASSET ALLOCATION, MARKET TIMING, AND RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS.

\*Note: DSE remained closed from 26<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 due to lockdown.



LR GLOBAL MANAGED FUNDS HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEAT THE MARKET WITH OVER 40% CASH DIVIDENDS ON AVERAGE. DESPITE A FLAT MARKET SINCE 2010, LR GLOBAL MANAGED FUNDS HAVE MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX.

VALUE ADDITION HISTORY	SINCE INCEPTIO N	10-YR	9-YR	8-YR	7-YR	6-YR	5-YR	4-YR	3-YR	2-YR	1-YR
CUMULATIVE RETURN LR GLOBAL	125.39%	79.56%	100.97%	77.83%	74.51%	52.87%	49.12%	29.02%	24.20%	26.88%	26.54%
CUMULATIVE RETURN (DSEX)	28.53%	14.74%	75.66%	75.04%	53.81%	43.04%	50.02%	16.87%	23.47%	37.03%	40.96%
LR GLOBAL VALUE ADDITION	96.85%	64.82%	25.32%	2.79%	20.70%	9.83%	-0.90%	12.14%	0.74%	-10.15%	-14.42%
MA	TERIAL V	ALUE A	DDITIO	N IN AN	UP & D	M NWC	ARKETS	(ANN	UALIZI	ED)	
LR GLOBAL RETURN	7.37%	6.03%	8.06%	7.46%	8.28%	7.33%	8.32%	6.58%	7.49%	12.64%	26.54%
DSEX RETURN	2.22%	1.38%	6.46%	7.25%	6.34%	6.15%	8.45%	3.97%	7.28%	17.06%	40.96%
LR GLOBAL VALUE ADDITION	5.15%	4.64%	1.60%	0.21%	1.94%	1.18%	-0.13%	2.60%	0.21%	-4.42%	-14.42%
ACTIVE	MANAGE	MENT H	HISTORY	(LOW	BETA &	GENER	ATED C	ONSIS	TENT A	ALPHA	.)
BETA (LR GLOBAL VS DSEX)	0.32	0.29	0.38	0.42	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.46	0.44	0.46	0.36
LR GLOBAL ALPHA VS DSEX	4.62%	3.50%	3.75%	2.68%	3.76%	2.91%	2.85%	3.13%	2.59%	3.18%	9.69%
	CUMULATIVE CASH DIVIDEND HISTORY										
	2021 - SINCE INCEPTIO N	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
DIVIDEND (BDT MN)	4,249.21	3,687.71	3,609.04	3,108.61	2,469.41	1,833.27	1,263.90	766.79	727.04	378.00	378.00
DIVIDEND % OF PAR	48.84%	42.39%	41.48%	35.73%	28.38%	21.07%	14.53%	8.81%	8.36%	8.04%	8.04%



# LR GLOBAL INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO DIVIDEND HISTORY

# CONSISTENT PERFORMANCE ACROSS ALL FUNDS INCLUDING CASH DIVIDEND HISTORY DESPITE BEAR MARKETS OVER LAST 10 YEARS RETURNED OVER 40% CASH OF INITIAL INVESTMENT TO UNIT HOLDERS

DIVIDEND HISTORY	DBHISTMF	GREENDELMF	AIBLISTIMF	MBLISTMF	LRGLOBMF1	NCCBLMF1
FUND INCEPTION DATE	4-Feb-10	23-Sep-10	6-Jan-11	3-Feb-11	15-Sep-11	24-May-12
INITIAL FUND SIZE (BDT MN)	1,200	1,500	1,000	1,000	3,000	1,000
TL CASH DIVIDEND (BDT MN)	811.20	652.50	537.50	485.00	1,250.33	512.68
% TOTAL DIVIDEND TO PAR	68%	44%	54%	49%	42%	51%

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>INCLUDES REINVESTMENT UNITS

# ALL INDIVIDUAL FUNDS MATERIALLY OUTPERFOMED THE BENCHMARK (DSEX) AND RETURNED OVER 40% CASH DIVIDEND ON AVERAGE.

CUMULATIVE DIVIDEND YIELD	DBH1STMF	GREENDELMF	AIBL1STIMF	MBL1STMF	LRGLOBMF 1	NCCBLMF 1
5 YEAR	32.99%	34.12%	44.58%	46.17%	30.98%	37.05%
4 YEAR	26.83%	27.93%	35.98%	36.07%	24.10%	31.38%
3 YEAR	21.79%	22.84%	26.03%	26.94%	13.86%	18.75%
2 YEAR	10.58%	10.72%	15.44%	15.93%	5.93%	10.25%
1 YEAR	0.00%	0.00%	14.02%	14.60%	0.00%	9.01%

CUMULATIVE DIV. YIELD (ANNUALIZED)	DBH1STMF	GREENDELMF	AIBL 1 STIMF	MBL1STMF	LRGLOBMF 1	NCCBLMF 1
5 YEAR	6.60%	6.82%	8.92%	9.23%	6.20%	7.41%
4 YEAR	6.71%	6.98%	8.99%	9.02%	6.02%	7.84%
3 YEAR	7.26%	7.61%	8.68%	8.98%	4.62%	6.25%
2 YEAR	5.29%	5.36%	7.72%	7.97%	2.97%	5.12%
1 YEAR	0.00%	0.00%	14.02%	14.60%	0.00%	9.01%

Note: The most recent dividend data used for MBL1STMF and AIBL1STMF is for 2021 while the rest are for 2020.

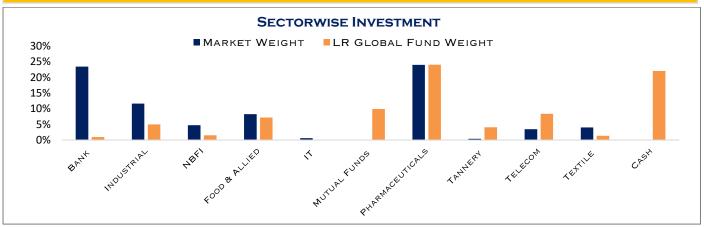
#### ALL LR GLOBAL MANAGED FUNDS MATERIALLY INCREASED DURING THE MONTH.

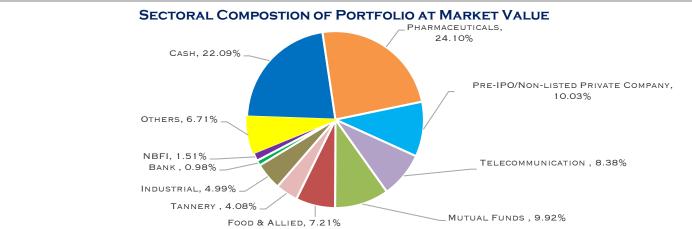
MONTHLY MARKET PERFORMANCE							
	Aug'21	Jul'21	CHANGE				
DSEX	6,869.25	6,425.26	6.91%				
DBH1STMF	12.32	12.17	1.23%				
GREENDELMF	12.26	12.11	1.24%				
AIBL1STIMF	11.19	10.99	1.82%				
MBL1STMF	11.78	11.56	1.90%				
LRGLOBMF1	12.93	12.68	1.97%				
NCCBLMF1	12.45	12.25	1.63%				



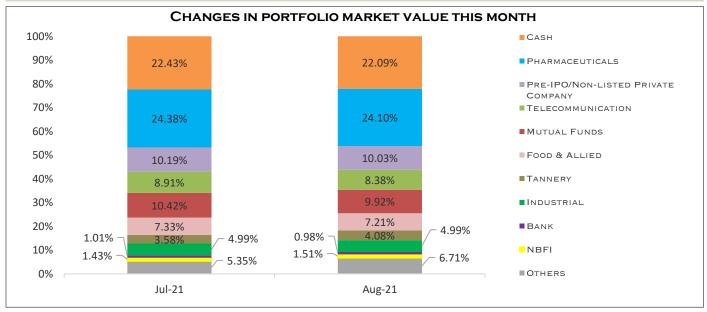
#### LR GLOBAL PORTFOLIO UPDATE

LR GLOBAL'S PORTFOLIO IS UNDERWEIGHT IN ALL SECTORS COMPARED TO THE BENCHMARK INDEX, EXCEPT THE PHARMACEUTICALS, TELECOMMUNICATION, MUTUAL FUNDS, AND TANNERY SECTOR. MOREOVER, WE ARE ALSO WELL POSITIONED TO BUY UNDERVALUED SECURITIES WHEN APPROPRIATE.





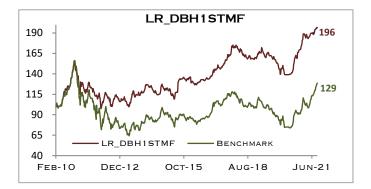
WE ARE TAKING SELECTIVE POSITIONS IN WELL CAPITALIZED AND FOCUSED COMPANIES AND ALSO EVALUATING DISCOUNTED AND TRANSPARENT MUTUAL FUNDS TO GAIN EXPOSURE. WE PRIMARILY BOOKED PROFITS FROM FEW STOCKS AND ARE BUYING BACK THE SAME AT MORE ATTRACTIVE PRICES.



SOURCE: LR GLOBAL



DBH1STMF MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 67.9% AND DISBURSED 67.6% CASH DIVIDEND SINCE INCEPTION.



GREENDELMF MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 56.9% AND DISBURSED 43.5% CASH DIVIDEND SINCE INCEPTION.



AIBL1STIMF MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 91.2% AND DISBURSED 53.8% CASH DIVIDEND SINCE INCEPTION.



MBL1STMF MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 84.9% AND DISBURSED 48.5% CASH DIVIDEND SINCE INCEPTION.



LRGLOBMF1 MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 77.8% AND DISBURSED 41.7% CASH DIVIDEND SINCE INCEPTION.



NCCBLMF1 MATERIALLY OUTPERFORMED THE BENCHMARK INDEX BY 52.2% AND DISBURSED 51.3% OF CASH DIVIDEND SINCE INCEPTION.

