



# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER: POTENTIALS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT AMONG BANGLADESH AND THE EU COUNTRIES



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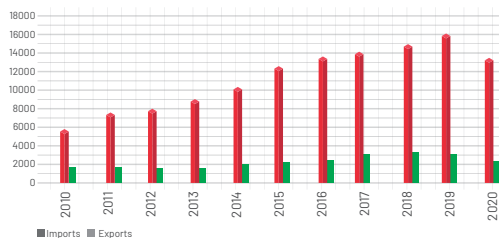


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## POTENTIALS OF TRADE & INVESTMENT AMONG BANGLADESH AND THE EU COUNTRIES

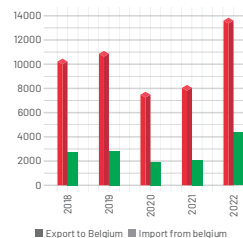
Bangladesh and Belgium maintain an excellent bilateral trade relationship. The Rise of Bengal Tiger: Potentials of Trade & Investment among Bangladesh and the EU Countries will showcase investment potentials for European companies in Bangladesh as well as the potential mutual benefits of a strengthened growth partnership. The occasion will emphasize business opportunities in focus sectors such as RMG, Medical Equipment, Agro-processing, Energy, Electronics, IT, Leather products and more. This unique occasion will help engage European companies in from belgium, Luxembourg and other European Countries discussion with Bangladeshi government and top executives of Bangladeshi Organizations to explore partnership opportunities.

European Union Trade with Bangladesh



EUROPEAN UNION IS THE LARGEST EXPORT DESTINATION FOR BANGLADESH

Bangladesh-Belgium Export/Import (in Millions)



Source: Belgian Foreign Trade Agency

BILATERAL TRADE OF BANGLADESH AND EUROPEAN UNION HAS REACHED OVER \$19 BILLION

# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

**THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMY TILL 2030** **HSBC** 

In 1971, Bangladesh emerged as an independent secular people's republic in South Asia led by Bangladesh's Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. 50 years later on its golden jubilee, Bangladesh stands tall with a track record of unprecedented growth and prosperity under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. It is an economy on the rise that received Bloomberg's top 20 ranking sustaining high-growth rate in Asia in 2020. As the fastest growing economy in South Asia, Bangladesh keeps pushing forward graduating from a Least Developed Country to a Middle-Income nation.

Strategically located between South Asia and South-east Asia, Bangladesh is a significant market player ahead of its time and holds promising opportunities for investors around the world as a production and business hub. With the rapid increase of per capita income and growing purchasing power capacity of people, Bangladesh has become an attractive market. It has turned its large population into great resources, now enjoying a huge demographic dividend with 70 million workforce, 55 million youths and an unbeatable record of gender parity. It is time to witness and be a part of the story of "The Rise of the Bengal Tiger".

USD **470 BILLION** GDP  
DOUBLED IN LAST  
**6 YEARS**

There is a reason why it is called the land of

**ROYAL  
BENGAL  
TIGERS**

**BECAUSE WE ARE INDOMITABLE**



## A TALE OF TRANSFORMATION

Bangladesh has risen from ashes. A long history of imperialism and oppression had forced the country to the edge of hardship. The country struggled and with the sacrifice of lives and blood of the masses, independence was attained in 1971 under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, an unparalleled great leader who united the whole nation to fight against oppression. Just recently, we have celebrated the 100th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation and the Golden Jubilee of independence of Bangladesh. Embracing the ideals of the Father of the Nation, Bangladesh has marked the 50 years of independence with an incredible transformation and has become an example of growth and development for the world. Bangladesh, once undermined by few, is now often being called the “Role Model of Development” or the “Development Wonder”.

## GROWING AS AN EXEMPLARY ECONOMY



# BANGLADESH

## A DEVELOPED COUNTRY BY 2041

**USD 40 BN INVESTMENT** IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT **GROWTH**

**RECORD GROWTH OF FOREIGN RESERVE** DURING COVID YEARS

**HIGHEST COVID STIMULUS PACKAGES** IN SOUTH ASIA (ALMOST 5% OF GDP)

PIONEERS **BLUE GROWTH** IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

**2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST** SUPPLIER OF **ONLINE WORKFORCE**

BANGLADESH HAS **ONE OF THE LARGEST DOMESTIC SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMME**

A CENTER OF **REGIONAL** AND **GLOBAL** CONNECTIVITY

**55 MILLION** YOUTH POPULATION

**13 OUT OF THE 15 TOP GREEN GARMENTS FACTORIES** OF THE WORLD ARE IN BANGLADESH.

UN PLANET 50-50 AGENT OF CHANGE

CHAMPION OF THE EARTH

AMONG TOP 10 GLOBAL THINKERS IN DEFENSE AND SECURITY (FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE)

PRESIDENT OF CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM

VACCINE HERO AWARD

UN-SPONSORED SDG PROGRESS AWARD

WITSA EMINENT PERSONS AWARD



**THE LEADERSHIP**  
HONORABLE PRIME MINISTER  
**SHEIKH HASINA**

# EXEMPLINARY MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

**7%+**  
**AVERAGE**  
annual growth in  
the last decade.

**Satisfactory**  
Foreign  
exchange  
reserve

Per capita  
national income  
reached  
**US\$ 2,824,**  
which was  
**US\$860** in  
**2011.**

Non-resident  
**BANGLADESHIS**  
contribute  
significantly to the  
**ECONOMY** and  
the development  
of the country.

**Covid-19  
Resilience:**  
**Bangladesh is  
Best** in dealing  
with Covid in  
South Asia

The industrial  
sector makes up  
**31%** of the  
country's gross  
domestic product  
(GDP), most of  
which is coming  
from SMEs.

Readymade  
Garments  
Export  
**2nd in 2021.**

**3rd** largest  
producer of Rice  
**3rd** largest  
producer of  
vegetables  
**4th** largest  
producer of  
inland freshwater  
fishes.

Bangladesh to achieve  
**GDP OF USD 500BN BY 2026**  
and is likely to cross Hong Kong,  
Singapore and Malaysia, in the process.



**THE FASTEST  
GROWING ECONOMY**  
till 2030



One of the Top Four Fastest Growing  
**DIGITAL ECONOMIES**  
of the world.



**THE 28<sup>TH</sup>  
LARGEST ECONOMY**  
of the world in 2030





# TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS



**09-11 February, 2021**  
**Dubai**



**375** BD participants  
**939** NRBs  
**470** Foreigners  
**1784** Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



**26 July, 2021**  
**New York**




**434** BD participants  
**430** NRBs  
**235** Foreigners  
**1,099** Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



**28 July, 2021**  
**Washington, D.C.**



**178** BD participants  
**152** NRBs  
**71** Foreigners  
**401** Session Total

Stakeholders meeting




**30 July, 2021**  
**Los Angeles**




**193** BD participants  
**72** NRBs  
**162** Foreigners  
**427** Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



**02 August, 2021**  
**Santa Clara**



**222** BD participants  
**42** NRBs  
**162** Foreigners  
**426** Session Total

Us-Bangladesh tech investment summit



**20 September, 2021**  
**Zurich**



**74** BD participants  
**60** NRBs  
**65** Foreigners  
**199** Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh capital markets



## TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

### 04 November, 2021 London



**463**

BD participants

**459**

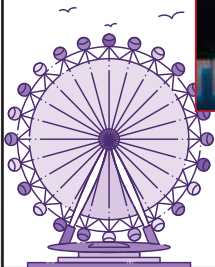
NRBs

**421**

Foreigners

**1343**

Session Total



Building sustainable growth  
partnership

### 22 September, 2021 Geneva



**74**

BD participants

**135**

NRBs

**29**

Foreigners

**238**

Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh  
capital markets



### 08 November, 2021 Manchester



**329**

BD participants

**199**

NRBs

**19**

Foreigners

**547**

Session Total

Investor summit: Bangladesh  
capital markets





## TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

# 06 March, 2023 Doha



**34**  
BD participants

**116**  
NRBs

**276**  
Foreigners

**426**  
Session Total

The Rise of Bengal Tiger:  
Potentials of Trade & Investment in Bangladesh



# 09 March, 2022 Dubai



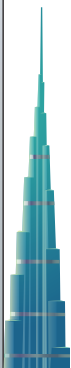
**150**  
BD participants

**70**  
NRBs

**148**  
Foreigners

**368**  
Session Total

Investment Flash Mob :  
Networking Dinner



# 10 March, 2022 Abu Dhabi



**139**  
BD participants

**59**  
NRBs

**154**  
Foreigners

**343**  
Session Total

Investment Flash Mob :  
Networking Dinner





## TRADE, BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

27 April, 2023  
Tokyo



**168**

BD participants

**27**

NRBs

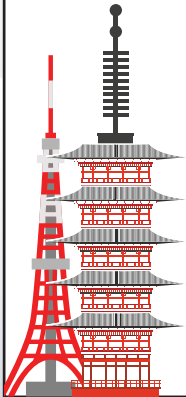
**357**

Foreigners

**552**

Session Total

The Rise of Bengal Tiger: Trade & Investment Opportunities  
Between Bangladesh and Japan



# 23 August, 2023 Johannesburg



**49**

BD participants

**22**

NRBs

**379**

Foreigners

**450**

Session Total



The Rise of Bengal Tiger:  
Bangladesh Trade & Business Summit



# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

Read/download the presentation here



The Rise of Bengal Tiger

A presentation by

**Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam**

(will be available on the event day)

# KNOW BANGLADESH



**BSEC CONTENT HUB**



Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**



**MADE IN BANGLADESH  
CONTENT HUB**



**Bloomberg**

**BLOOMBERG CONTENT HUB**



**CNN CONTENT HUB**



**BIDA One Stop Service (OSS) Portal**





Bangladesh's incredible development into the confident and proud partner today.

### [His Majesty King Charles the Third](#)

King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

Belgium is hoping to further expand its bilateral relations with Bangladesh in the areas of trade, investment, knowledge transfer through academic collaboration, climate change, and many other potential areas.

### [H.E. Alexander De Croo](#)

Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium



The world very much values Bangladesh's peaceful foreign policy and its generous humanitarian engagement, particularly when it comes to taking in hundreds of thousands of Rohingya who have fled their homes.

### [H.E. Frank-walter Steinmeier](#)

President of the Federal Republic of Germany

Bangladesh indeed deserves our admiration for the progress made in economic and human development, including the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### [H. E. Emmanuel Macron](#)

President of the French Republic



I assume a conference like this is one small part of a broader strategy of being on the global radar screen and that would probably be something that I would make central as I thought about the next 20 years.

### [Lawrence H. Summers](#)

Former Secretary of the Treasury,  
Former President of Harvard University,  
Former Chief Economist of the World Bank



Bangladesh, which is located at a key point connecting Southeast Asia and Indian subcontinent and has successfully been achieving high economic growth in recent years, is a very attractive destination for Japanese business community.

**Yoshihide Suga**

Former Prime Minister of Japan.

I've been very privileged to visit Bangladesh several times before the pandemic so I've witnessed firsthand how the sort of successful planned development of the economy has sort of developed especially around textiles and garments.

**Natalie Blyth**

Global Head of Commercial Banking Sustainability at HSBC



With economic growth said to be over 7% for the next five years it is an economy that is not only ascending but in many ways it is outpacing its peers.

**Dr. Jose Vinals**

Group Chairman  
Standard Chartered Bank

Bangladesh has been among the fastest growing economies in the world over the past decade and has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty and improving health.

**Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

WHO Director-General



Promotion

**Bloomberg**



Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

## WHY INVESTORS SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE

# NEW BANGLADESH

**As Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of independence, the country is a rising star for foreign investment, with strong growth, good infrastructure, an enhanced digital presence and a robust response to COVID-19. Looking forward, the country is building a sustainable and inclusive economy to provide more opportunities for everyone.**

Bangladesh's roaring growth was set back by the COVID-19 pandemic, yet it remains resilient and is set to outpace India and China in the coming years.

After expanding at an average rate of close to 7% per year in the decade leading up to the crisis, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts growth will climb back towards 6% this year, compared to 3.8% in 2020.

While the pandemic-related shutdowns damped the domestic economy and prompted a sharp decline in exports of ready-made garments and a decrease in remittances from abroad, the IMF says a return to more normal global economic conditions should mean Bangladesh "quickly" reaches its previous growth rate. That puts it on track to become the 28<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world by 2030, a climb from 41<sup>st</sup> last year.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is implementing a strategy to tackle the pandemic by carefully balancing the need to protect people's lives with that of safeguarding their livelihoods. It is also rolling out vaccinations and prioritizing a green recovery. As it shifts to the next phase – striving to become a developed country by 2041 – the government seeks to build on its success in alleviating poverty, improving employment opportunities and fostering women's economic participation and empowerment.

The local consumer market is expanding as the middle and affluent classes grow and offer more disposable income. Combined with a relatively young and skilled workforce and a stable political outlook, this underscores reasons to be optimistic for the future.



# KNOW BANGLADESH

## CAPITAL MARKET REVIVAL

Trade and foreign investment potential are clear for all to see, attracting interest from international venture capital, private equity and impact funds.

New capital market products will help broaden the appeal. Products like Sukuk and Exchange Traded Funds offer scope to develop and expand the Bangladesh bond market, which is relatively small. Derivative products are also being introduced, making this an exciting place to be an investor.

What's more, the nation offers opportunities to participate in sustainable investment in emerging Asia, such as through the green bond market. Environmental, social and

governance concerns and attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are a focus for the government of Bangladesh. With nine of the world's top 10 green garment factories and 40 of the top 100 green industrial projects, the ready-made garment industry of the country is already leading the way.

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is actively promoting the country's investment opportunities around the world. Already, BSEC has successfully organized roadshows in the UAE, U.S. and Switzerland. Looking ahead to roadshows in the UK, it will hold the "Bangladesh invest summit 2021: Building Sustainable Growth Partnership" in London on November 4<sup>th</sup> and in Manchester on November 8<sup>th</sup>.



## EASING THE WAY

A number of other government initiatives are helping entice international finance and bolster investor confidence. And Vision 2041 sets out ambitious plans to transform many parts of the economy and revolutionize the way work and business are conducted.

For example, the development of infrastructure is being prioritized, with projects like Bangladesh's first Mass Rapid Transit System, connecting Uttara and Modjheel in Dhaka, and the construction of the Padma

multipurpose road-rail bridge. At the same time, Digital Bangladesh has overseen an exponential increase in internet penetration over the past decade alongside falling costs for internet access.

And, as home to the world's largest river delta, the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 is another key plank of the government's strategy: it aims to eliminate extreme poverty, create more jobs and bolster growth, while also increasing trade and strengthening food security.

## LOWERING BARRIERS TO BUSINESS

These positive factors suggest that Bangladesh deserves increased attention from international investors.

It currently has a low rate of foreign direct investment relative to its regional peers, attracting \$1.6 billion in 2019, compared with \$3.7 billion to Cambodia and \$2.8 billion in Myanmar. The improvements in access, taking down of regulatory barriers and reforms are set to pave the way for this ratio to improve.

In addition, Bangladesh is proud to offer the most liberal foreign direct investment regime in South Asia, underpinned by the work of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), which aims to smooth the path for investors.

While the country is among the top 20 for reform initiatives, according to the World Bank's Doing Business report, there is still room for improvement, underscoring the importance of BIDA's work.

As Bangladesh marches rapidly towards becoming an advanced economy, the potential for trade and investment is vast. The business-friendly government, skilled labor force, and focus on strategies aligned with the UN SDGs and environment-related targets, make it a force to be reckoned with.

Strong growth, infrastructure development and policy reforms underscore how enriched the opportunities are for foreign investors. This is the time to know Bangladesh better – and to invest in its future.



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# BSEC: THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER SOCIAL MEDIA



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# INVEST IN GROWTH INVEST IN BANGLADESH

As the next investment destination for the global investors, Bangladesh welcomes all the investors and investees in a simple and prompt platform. log in to the website to create your investor/investee profile to explore the opportunities, join the conversation and invest in Bangladesh.



## Investee Signup

Find Your Investment Opportunity



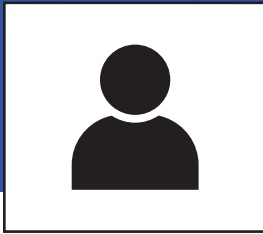
## Investee Signup

Find Your Investment Opportunity

**Create your Investor/Investee Profile**



<https://roadshow.sec.gov.bd/>



## Investor Profile



\* Name

\* Email address

Country

\* Phone

\* Password

I hereby declare that the above information is true and correct

CREATE ACCOUNT

Already have an account? [Sing in](#)



## Investee Profile



Name

Email address

Country

Phone

Password

I hereby declare that the above information is true and correct

CREATE ACCOUNT

Already have an account? [Sing in](#)



918+

foreign & domestic  
companies registered



100000+

employment opportunities  
created



806+

domestic companies with  
proposed investment worth  
\$485 billion



112+

foreign companies with  
proposed investment worth  
\$226 billion

## Vision

To become a world class investment promotion agency for achieving economic progress.

## Mission

Attraction domestic and foreign investment in the private sector, providing improved services, effective coordination and creating an investment-friendly environment

## Our Services

### One stop Service (OSS)

The One Stop Services under BIDA shall ultimately serve as a single window and the only point of contact between the Government and investors for investment related services who are operating outside special economic zones established by BEZA, BEPZA and BHTPA.

### Doing Business

BIDA has been coordinating targeted reforms for the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business with technical assistance from the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

### Setting up in Bangladesh

BIDA offers investment roadmap for proprietorship & partnership and also for local and foreign limited companies.

### Aftercare

BIDA provides aftercare services to investors to support the smooth entry, operation and growth of businesses. Foreign and domestic industries and Branch/Liaison/Representative Offices registered with BIDA are eligible for BIDA's aftercare services.

## BIDA Mandate and Activities

- » Pre-investment counseling services
- » Registration and approval of private industrial projects
- » Approval of branch/liaison/representative offices
- » Visa recommendations, work permits for foreign nationals
- » Approval of royalty remittances, technical know-how, technical assistance fees
- » Facilitation of import of capital machinery and raw materials
- » Approvals of foreign loans and supplier credits
- » Aftercare facilities

## The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority

The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) is the apex investment promotion agency (IPA) of Bangladesh which is responsible for helping foreign investors to set up investments in the country. BIDA promotes and facilitates private investment and advocates business-friendly policies. BIDA provides regulatory services including registration, approvals and recommendations.

# BANGLADESH CAPITAL MARKET

Bangladesh's capital market is currently dominated by equity instruments with the potential to expand its fixed income instruments and add derivatives instruments as well. According to the market classification of Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI), Bangladesh's capital market falls in the category of frontier markets - less advanced capital markets in the developing world.

## TWO STOCK EXCHANGES

**DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE  
(DSE)**

**CHITTAGONG STOCK EXCHANGE  
(CSE)**

**BANGLADESH HAS  
LAUNCHED  
FIRST GREEN BOND,  
TO FINANCE  
ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY  
PROJECTS INCLUDING  
RENEWABLES\*\***

## INCENTIVES FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS:

- LIBERALISED INDUSTRIAL POLICY
- PRIVATE SECTOR-LED STRATEGY
- FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS PROTECTED
- 100% FOREIGN EQUITY IS ALLOWED
- PRESENCE OF UNRESTRICTED EXIT POLICY
- TAX HOLIDAY FOR 5-7 YEARS FOR 23 SELECTED SECTORS
- PRIVATE POWER COMPANIES TAX HOLIDAY FOR 15 YEARS
- ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE (ADA)
- CONCESSIONARY DUTY ON IMPORTED MACHINERY
- NO VAT FOR IMPORTED CAPITAL MACHINERY AND SPARES
- AND MANY MORE...

BANGLADESH BOURSES SAW

**THE HIGHEST  
RETURN IN  
2020** AMONG ITS PEERS\*

\* The best performing indexes in the AAFF universe in December 2020 and May 2021

\* <https://www.pv-magazine.com/2021/04/12/bangladesh-launches-first-green-bond/>

# TRADE & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN BANGLADESH



Leather And Footwear



Light Engineering



Electronics Equipment



Plastics



Automobile



Motorcycle And Parts



Shipbuilding



Construction Materials



Infrastructure



Healthcare



Information Technology



Readymade Garments



Pharmaceuticals



Medical Equipment



Agribusiness



Jute And Jute Products



## ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT



**6bn US\$**  
Estimated Market Size 2019



**15%**  
Compounded Annual Growth  
Rate 2014-2020



**2bn US\$**  
Annual market demand for  
electronic appliance 2020



**10bn US\$**  
Forecasted market size for  
electronic appliance 2030



**1bn US\$**  
Accumulator market size 2018



**20%**  
Growth rate of accumulator  
2013-2018



**180Mn+**  
Wireless phone subscribers  
September 2021



**90Mn+**  
Unique mobile phone  
subscribers



**128Mn+**  
Internet users September 2021



**68Mn+**  
Smart phone users 2020



**35Mn**  
Estimated mobile phone  
annual demand in units



The 5th largest mobile phone  
market in the Asia Pacific



9th largest market in the world by  
unique mobile phone subscribers



9th highest internet users in the world



Smart phone base expected to reach  
75 million by 2025 with 5G rollout  
beginning in 2021





## TEXTILE & READYMADE GARMENTS



2nd Largest exporter of RMG products



Exports to more than 150 countries



13 out of 15 top LEED Certified green garment factories of the world are in Bangladesh



Leading in compliance and factory safety



Exports to more than 150 countries



## FOOD & AGRO PROCESSING



**3rd**  
largest producer of  
Rice



**3rd**  
largest producer  
of vegetables



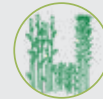
**4th**  
largest producer of  
inland freshwater fishes.



**18%**  
Agricultural export from  
Bangladesh growing at a CAGR



**8%**  
Domestic market for agro  
processed market stood at  
2.8 billion in 2018 and growing



70 million metric tons of  
agricultural output per year



More than 700 basic and processed  
food products exported to more  
than 140 countries



Agro & food processing sector  
employs about 40% of the labor force  
and contributes 16% to the country's  
GDP

# THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER

## POTENTIALS OF TRADE & INVESTMENT WITH BANGLADESH

Over the past decade, Bangladesh has witnessed a sustained economic growth at an average rate of 6.5%. Even during the pandemic, it has shown tremendous resilience and continued to grow at the rates of 5.2% in 2019-20 and 6.1% in 2020-2021 respectively. Bangladesh has come up as a growth leader not only in South Asia but also in the Asia.

The economy of Bangladesh is currently the 37th largest in the world in nominal terms, and 31st largest by purchasing power parity. Bangladesh has also been an incredible success story in the areas of health, education, women empowerment, infant mortality, life expectancy and poverty alleviation over the years, thereby reducing its economic vulnerabilities. With robust national growth and fast developments in various economic sectors, Bangladesh economy craves for huge long-term financing. Subsequently, its vibrant private sector is looking to the money market for harnessing its ever-growing equity needs.

Bangladesh stock markets witnessed the highest returns in 2020 among regional peers while its total market capital now stands at USD 61 billion, which is 16.8% of Bangladesh's GDP. With robust market growth and regulatory initiatives of the Bangladesh Securities Exchange Commission (BSEC), Bangladesh is now aspiring to become an emerging market for foreign portfolio investments. It is, therefore, no surprise that 25% ownership of Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. is currently owned by the Shenzhen and Shanghai Stock Exchange consortium, as its strategic partner

BSEC is working relentlessly for the development of Bangladesh's capital market so as to make it the main source of long-term financing. It has undertaken several steps to develop the bond markets and have introduced new products, such as Sukuk, Exchange Traded Funds, Venture Capital, Private Equity and Impact Funds, which will open diversified investment windows. Shortly, BSEC is going to introduce derivative products in the capital markets which will, in turn, help manage the investment risks through hedging.

BSEC has planned to organize series of roadshows in different countries and cities throughout the world portraying Bangladesh and its capital market as an attractive place for foreign investment with lucrative returns. The roadshows would showcase the robust economic growth and investment potential of Bangladesh, available facilities, products and services for the NRBs and foreign investors. The first roadshow was successfully held in Dubai, UAE, the second roadshow took place in the USA at New York, Washington D.C., Silicon Valley and Los Angeles, from July 25 to August 3, 2021, the third roadshow was held in Zurich and Geneva of Switzerland from September 20 to September 22, 2021 and the fourth destination of the roadshow was London and Manchester in the United Kingdom from November 04 to November 08, 2021. Following that, the Roadshow was held in Dubai and Abu Dhabi on March 09 and 10, 2022, Tokyo on 29th November 2022, Johannesburg on 23rd August 2023, Paris and Toulouse, France on 23rd October and 25th October, 2023 and Berlin & Frankfurt on 30<sup>th</sup> October & 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023. The next destination of visit for the roadshow is Brussels, Belgium. A delegation will visit Brussels on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 to strengthen the Trade and business relations between two countries.



## HER EXCELLENCY SHEIKH HASINA

Honorable Prime Minister  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, assumed office on 7 January 2019 for the fourth time after her party Awami League-led grand alliance won the 11th Parliamentary elections. Earlier, she served as Prime Minister in 1996-2001, 2009-2013 and in 2014-2018. Sheikh Hasina was the Leader of the Opposition in the 4th, 5th and 8th Parliaments.

Sheikh Hasina is the eldest daughter of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Sheikh Hasina was unanimously elected as president of Bangladesh Awami League in 1981 while she was in forced exile since the assassination of her father and family. She finally returned home on May 17, 1981 ending her six years in exile.

Bangladesh achieved tremendous success in socio-economic fronts during her tenure. Sheikh Hasina's achievements include 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India, the Peace Accord on Chittagong Hill Tracts, construction of Bangabandhu Bridge, ensuring food security, increasing power production capacity manifold, GDP growth over 8%,

resolving maritime boundary dispute with Myanmar and India, slumping poverty level to 22.4 percent which was 38.4 in 2006, adopting Land Boundary Agreement by Indian parliament resolving the 68 years long border dispute, raising per capita income to USD 2,227, raising forex reserve over USD 48 billion, building Padma bridge with own fund, sending Bangabandhu Satellite-1 in the orbit, leading Bangladesh's graduation to developing country from LDC, establishing Ruppur Nuclear Power plant and more.

Sheikh Hasina was honoured with UNESCO's Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize 1998; Pearl S Buck Award 1999; CERES Medal by FAO; Mother Teresa Award; MK Gandhi Award; Paul Harris Fellow; Indira Gandhi Peace Award 2009; Indira Gandhi Gold Plaque in Kolkata; Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Medal of Distinction in 1996-97 and 1998-99 and Head of State Medal in 1996-97 by the International Association of Lions Clubs, Global Diversity Award in the UK, two South-South Awards. "Tree of Peace" by UNESCO, United Nation's highest environmental accolade 'Champion of the Earth Award 2015' in policy leadership category for her forefront role at home and abroad to face the adverse impacts of climate change. The International Telecommunication Union gave her the 'ICTs in Sustainable Development Award 2015' for her outstanding contributions in spreading information technology in the country. Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been conferred with 'SDG Progress award' for Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the UN sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).



### **Lokman Hossain Miah**

Executive Chairman (Senior Secretary)  
Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)

Lokman Hossain Miah has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) on Sept 4, 2022. Prior to this, he served as the Senior Secretary and Secretary of the Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Affairs, Secretary of Ministry of Textile and Jute, Divisional Commissioner of Khulna and other capacities and responsibilities in different ministries. He also served as Director of many different government boards and authorities. With a distinct career, he has earned numerous success and appreciations throughout his career.



### **Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam**

Chairman (Senior Secretary)  
Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)

Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam has been serving as Chairman of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission since May 17, 2020. Professor Islam has been in the field of Finance, Banking and Insurance for more than two decades. He is a Professor of Banking & Insurance of the University of Dhaka. He served as Chairman of the Department, Director of MBA Program and as the Dean of Faculty of Business Studies. He was the Chairman of Sadharan Bima Corporation. Professor Islam has more than 16 research publications, 8 international conference papers and 3 text books. He has been appointed as a 'Visiting Professor' at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China. He has also served as Director of SME Foundation, Secretary General of "Switzerland Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SBCCI)" and Director of Community Bank Limited and Uttara Bank Limited.



### **Mr. Shaikh Yusuf Harun**

(Senior Secretary)  
Executive Chairman  
Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA)

Shaikh Yusuf Harun has taken over the charge of the Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) on July 7, 2021. Prior to that he discharged his duties with a distinguished career spanning over three decades during which he held various high level positions including Senior Secretary at the Ministry of Public Administration, as Secretary at the Medical Education & Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Additional Secretary at Appointment, Promotion & Deputation (APD) wing of the Ministry of Public Administration for more than two years



### **Md. Mokammel Hossain**

Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism

Mr. Md. Mokammel Hossain, Secretary to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh took charge as the Secretary Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism on 05 January 2021. Prior to joining as Secretary he served as Additional Secretary (APD) in the Ministry of Public Administration.



**Mr. Md. Abdul Halim**

Commissioner

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)



**Ms. Nasreen Afroz**

Executive Chairman (Secretary)

National Skills Development Authority (NSDA)

Mrs. Nasreen Afroz took the charge as Executive Chairman (Secretary) of National Skill Development Authority (NSDA) on 4th August 2022. On Immediately before assuming the charge of Executive Chairman (Secretary), she was working as the Managing Director of Prime Minister's Education Assistance Trust.



**Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman**

Chairman, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB)



**H. E. Mr. Mahbub Hassan Saleh**

Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Belgium  
the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union, Brussels





**Mr. Ali Reza Mazid**

Additional Secretary & Member (Investment Promotion)  
Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA)



**Mr. Shafiul Azim**

Managing Director and CEO (Additional Secretary)  
Biman Bangladesh Airlines



**Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood**

Chairman and CEO  
Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited

# BRUSSELS

## THE RISE OF BENGAL TIGER: POTENTIALS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT AMONG BANGLADESH AND THE EU COUNTRIES

Date: 03 November 2023

Venue: Hotel Steigenberger Icon Wiltcher's, Av. Louise 71, 1050, Brussels, Belgium (Ball Room)

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 09:30 hrs - 10:00 hrs Guest arrival and Registration
- 10:00 hrs - 10:10 hrs Welcome Speech by H. E. Mr. Mahbub Hassan Saleh, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Mission to the European Union, Brussels
- 10:10 hrs - 10:15 hrs Audio-visual on economic development of Bangladesh
- 10:15 hrs - 10:25 hrs Speech by Guest of Honor from Belgium/Luxembourg/EU
- 10:25 hrs - 10:40 hrs Presentation on Potentials of trade and investment in Bangladesh by Professor Shibli Rubayat-UI-Islam, Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)
- 10:40 hrs - 10:50 hrs Video message from Her Excellency Sheikh Hasina, Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh
- 10:50 hrs - 11:00 hrs Speech by the Special Guest from Bangladesh: Mr. Salman Fazlur Rahman, MP, , Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh
- 11:00 hrs - 11:05 hrs Closing remarks by Mr. Lokman Hossain Miah, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)
- 11:05 hrs - 12:00 hrs Breakout Sessions:  
Session-1: Advancing with textile and leather products  
Session-2: Agriculture and Agro-processing  
Session-3: Towards Smart Bangladesh  
Session-4: Accelerating investment and trade
- 12:00 hrs - 13:30 hrs Lunch & Networking
- 13:30 hrs - 14:30 hrs B2B Meetings



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