# **Closing Note**



# Earnings expectation boost stocks; benchmark jump ~200 points

Bourse completes two-day winning streak on Tuesday as KSE-100 index benchmark gains over 199.74 points on earnings optimism. Analysts expects construction, textile and energy sector to post stellar improvement in their financial results, while banking sector is expected to perform on its payout resumption story. Agreement between government-IPPs and rumored price hike by northern cement manufacturers also added to investors' confidence in bourse. Going forward, we expect earnings optimism and government's uplift effort on vaccines procurement will drive investors' sentiments.

The major scrips that added to the index were TRG (37pts), PSO (26 pts), PIOC (22 pts), LUCK (21 pts), and POL (17 pts). The index found its support and resistance at 46,087.64 points and 46,398.01 points, respectively.

Sector-wise, Technology & Communication sector took the spotlight today, generating a volume of 89mn shares. Commercial banks sector was the runner up, clocking in a total volume of 87mn shares. Cement sector was the third-most traded sector amassing a volume of 71mn shares.

The bourse witnessed a volume of 603mn shares, with the value traded clocking in at PKR 26.8bn. The advance-to-decline ratio favored the bears as 176 scrips closed green, 193 closed red and 11 remained unchanged.

#### **News & Corporate Announcements:**

The opposition-dominated Senate on Monday rejected a bill proposing to give powers to the Pakistan Electronic Media Regularity Authority (Pemra) to look into the complaints of violation of contractual obligations by private TV channels.

The World Bank (WB) is preparing a new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for the next five years from fiscal year 2022 to 2026 with possible portfolio of \$10 to \$12 billion for different sectors of economy of Pakistan.

The Executive Management of Hi-Tech Lubricants Limited (HTL) has initiated expansions at the Plant Site of Hi-Tech Blending (Pvt.) Ltd. (HTBL) (a wholly-owned subsidiary of HTL) considering future high volumes of sales projections and increase in demand of locally blended products.

Rousch (Pakistan) Power Limited (RPPL), a subsidiary of Power Management Company (Private) Limited (which in turn is a subsidiary company of Altern Energy Limited —AEL), and the Central Power Purchasing Agency (Guarantee) Limited (CPPA-G) have initialled a Master Agreement and a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Amendment Agreement in furtherance to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) executed on August 12, 2020, between the Company and the Committee for negotiating with IPPs.

To further improve the security of electronic filings and the company registration process, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) has integrated its e-Services with Pakistan Mobile Number Portability (MNP) Database (Guarantee) Limited to verify the cell number of applicants against their CNICs.

Japan committed to providing JPY 1.986 billion (PKR 3.078 billion) grant assistance for the Installation of Weather Surveillance Radar in Sukkur. This project will help deliver reliable and timely meteorological services to prevent damage to life and property caused by disasters. The grant agreement was signed by Mr. Noor Ahmad, Secretary EAD, and H.E. Mr. Matsuda Kuninori, Ambassador of Japan on behalf of their Governments on January 25, 2021..



| Market Summary            |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Current Index             | 46,287.38 |
| Change                    | 199.74    |
| Percent change            | 0.43      |
| High                      | 46,398.01 |
| Low                       | 46,087.64 |
| Volume traded (mn shares) | 341.57    |
| Value traded (PKR mn)     | 18.58     |
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Source: PSX and AAH Research









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Rating - Expected Total Return Buy - Greater than 10% Hold - Neither Buy nor Sell Sell - Less than and equal to -10%

## Valuation Methodology

To arrive at our 12-months Price Target, ABA Ali Habib Research uses different valuation methods which include: 1). DCF methodology, 2). Relative valuation methodology, and 3). Asset-based valuation methodology. In this report, our PT is founded on FCFF based DCF methodology.

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