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KSE-100 index upbeat on strong earnings May 4, 2021 and impressive data

Domestic equities ended Tuesday's trading session on a bullish note with banking and technology sectors reversing yesterday's bearish close. Bourse settled the index at 44,563.59 points with the gain of 487.39 points as KSE-100 consequents recorded stellar growth of ~82% in their quarterly earnings. Major trigger for today's rally was a 57%YoY improvement in local oil sales in April which depicts strong economic activities despite virus spread. Investors' confidence in bourse was also upbeat on newly appointed Finance Minister, Shaukat Tarin's plans to renegotiate IMF's stringent conditions attached to the USD 6bn package. Minister hinted at seeking relaxation on the impending tariffs hike, which will provide major relief to domestic as well as industrial sectors. Going forward, we expect trading to remain range-bound in the remaining two sessions of the week before extended Eid holidays.

During the session, the index found its support and resistance at 44,076.20 ppts and 44,620.41 ppts, respectively. Some of the major scrips responsible for keeping the index in the green zone were TRG (+PKR 10.72), LUCK (+PKR 14.53), HBL (+PKR 1.90), UNITY (+PKR 2.40) and MCB (+PKR 2.43), adding ~240ppts in the index cumulatively.

The bourse witnessed volumes of 221mn shares, while the traded value clocked in at PKR 10.08bn. The advance to decline ratio remained in the favour of bulls where 112 closed red, 211 scrips closed green and 19 remained unchanged.

Technology & communication sector was the top traded sector in today's session with the share volumes of 64.82mn shares followed by Food & Personal (37.39mn shares), Chemicals (25.93mn shares), Commercial banks (11.95mn shares) and OMCs (11.06mn shares).

News & Corporate Announcements:

Pakistan Petroleum Limited, the operator of Block 2467-16 (Shah Bandar) has notified the PSX that it has commenced the commercial gas production from Benari Development & Production Lease (Benari D&PL) in Shah Bandar Block w.e.f May 3, 2021. The Block is operated by PPL with 63% working interest (WI) along with its Joint Venture Partners, Mari Petroleum having 32% WI, Sindh Energy Holding Company Limited (SEHCL) and Government Holdings Private Limited (GHPL) with 2.5% WI each.

Meezan Bank, Pakistan's leading Islamic bank, has recently signed an agreement with Export-Import (EXIM) Bank of Pakistan to act as its consultant for developing Islamic Trade Finance, Takaful Insurance / Guarantee Products and Services for Corporate and SME (Small Medium Enterprises) Exporters under a Technical Assistance Grant provided by Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).

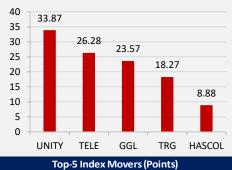
The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) conducted an Open Market Operation on Tuesday in which it injected Rs.148.00 Billion into the market for 3 Days.

Headed by Shaukat Tarin, the National Price Monitoring Committee (NPMC) took the decision to import four million metric tons of wheat. A summary will now be presented before the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet for formal approval.

Market Highlights	
Current Index	44,563.59
Change	487.39
Percent change	1.11
High	44,620.41
Low	44,076.20
Volume traded (mn shares)	108.32
Value traded (PKR mn)	7.27
Source: PSX and AAH Research	



Top-5 Volume Leaders (mn shares)







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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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