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Market Review & Outlook

From the CIO's Desk

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Nonetheless, the decision to reduce retail fuel prices by PKR 10 and electricity tariff by PKR 5 should allay inflationary pressures over the next few months.

As per SBP data, Pakistan's current account deficit surged by 37% M/M to a record USD 2.6 billion in Jan-22. The key takeaway was weakening support from remittances (-14.9% M/M) and exports (-16.6% M/M) amid flattish imports (-2.8% M/M). This took the deficit during 7MFY22 to a whopping USD 11.6 billion (against a surplus of USD 1.0 billion SPLY). With recent upsurge in global commodity prices and still formidable domestic demand, external account pressures are likely to continue over the rest of the fiscal year. To note, Crude oil (Arab Light)/Palm Oil and Coal (R-Bay) prices rose 9.7/29.3/51.4% M/M in Feb-22.

In its latest review document, the IMF has alluded to serious lapses in implementation of fiscal and structural reforms warranting action in fiscal discipline, creating external buffers, improving viability of the energy sector and reforms to overcome deficiencies in SOE governance. However, the tone remained soft on implementation of the necessary conditions/benchmarks to address the structural issues besetting domestic economy probably due to little time left in the completion of the current program.

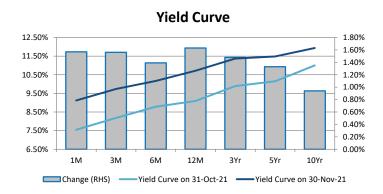
In the coming month, the market will take direction from developments in the Russian Ukraine conflict, opposition moves on no confidence motion against the PM and any progress on resolution of gas sector circular debt. From a fundamental perspective, we maintain a positive outlook on equities as the local bourse is currently trading at much discounted forward PE multiple of 5.0x as compared to historical PE of 8.0x. Also, market's current earnings yield differential with 10Y PIB yield is 8.9% (20.0% vs. 11.1%) which is much higher than the average yield gap of 1.1% over the last 15 years. Further, earnings growth is also expected to remain robust during the next 12 months. Large cap stocks in the banking, oil exploration, fertilizer and power sectors are trading at huge discount to their fundamental valuations. For patient investors, potential catalysts should eventually unlock enormous value in the above names.

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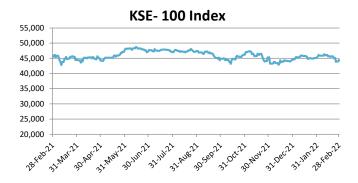


Money Market Review & Outlook



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Equity Market Review & Outlook



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UBL Pakistan Enterprise Exchange Traded Fund

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Investment Objective

UBL Pakistan Enterprise Exchange Traded Fund (UBLP-ETF) aims to track the performance of the benchmark index in order to provide long-term capital appreciation and dividend yields to its investors

Fund Performance			
		UBLP-ETF	Benchmark
FY-YTD		-9.08%	-8.31%
February 2022		-2.88%	-2.86%
Since Inception (CAGR)***		10.03%	12.08%
Standard Deviation*		14.99%	15.70%
Sharpe Ratio**		(1.10)	(0.95)
Expense Ratio ¹		1.06%	
	Jan'22	Feb'22	%
Fund Size (PKR Mn)	45	43	-4.54%
NAV (PKR)	12.7964	12.4279	-2.88%
* 12m Trailing ** 12m Trailing, 3M PKRV yield is use	d as a risk-free rate		
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^{***}Returns have been annualized using Morningstar Methodology

Selling & Marketing Expense PKR 0.00 mn.

Fund Information Fund Type Open End Fund **Fund Categorization Exchange Traded Fund** Risk Profile **Launch Date** 24-Mar-20 **Benchmark** UBL PSX Pakistan Enterprise Index Listing Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) Trustee Central Depository Company Pakistan Limited Auditor EY Ford Rhodes **Authorised Participant** JS Global, MRA Securities, ASL **Management Co.Rating** AM1 (VIS) (31-Dec-2021) **Dealing Days** As per PSX Cut off times As per Market Hours **Pricing Mechanism** Backward Management Fee **Fund Manager** Mubashir Anis, CFA (Equity Specialist)

Technology & Others, 3% Commerical Banks, 29% Communication, 6% Power Generation & Distribution, 14% Cement, 17% Fertilizer, 26%

Asset Allocation (% of Total Assets)			
	Dec'21	Jan'22	Feb'22
Equities	94.2%	93.0%	95.9%
Cash	5.0%	4.8%	1.8%
Others	0.9%	2.2%	2.4%
Leverage	Nil	Nil	Nil

Top Ten Holdings (% of Tot	al Assets)	
Engro Corporation Ltd.	15.80% Engro Fertilizers Ltd.	10.31%
Habib Bank Ltd.	15.20% TRG Pakistan Ltd.	6.26%
United Bank Ltd.	14.11% The Searle Co. Ltd.	3.43%
Lucky Cement Ltd.	13.89% D.G. Khan Cement Co. Ltd.	3.24%
The Hub Power Co. Ltd.	13.63%	

Return v	s Benchma	rk					
	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception	
UBLP-ETF	-2.41%	-9.15%	-8.33%	-	-	20.33%	
Benchmark	-2.18%	-8.60%	-6.68%	-	-	24.72%	
Returns are or	absolute basis						

Value of 100 Rupees invested 12 months ago
130
120
110
100
90
80
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Disclosures regarding Sindh Workers Welfare Fund

During the month of August 2021, provisioning against Sindh Workers Welfare Fund by UBLP-ETF amounting to Rs. 0.05 million had been reversed on the basis of clarification received from Sindh Revenue Board vide letter No. SRB/TP/70/2013/8772 dated August 12, 2021 addressed to Mutual Funds Association of Pakistan, received on August 13, 2021. This reversal of provision has contributed towards an unusual increase in NAV of the UBLP-ETF 0.11%. This is one-off event and is not likely to be repeated in the future.

Tracking Error Risk	
Tracking Error (Absolute)	0.04%

Monthly Yield													
	Mar'21	Apr'21	May'21	Jun'21	Jul'21	Aug'21	Sep'21	Oct'21	Nov'21	Dec'21	Jan'22	Feb'22	CYTD
UBLP-ETF	-4.02%	1.88%	7.49%	-4.07%	0.34%	-0.26%	-5.92%	4.76%	-5.55%	-0.15%	0.63%	-2.88%	-2.26%
Benchmark	-4.00%	2.10%	8.21%	-4.04%	0.47%	-0.15%	-6.04%	5.11%	-5.39%	-0.04%	0.73%	-2.86%	-2.14%

For periodic returns as per SECP's SCD Cirular No. 16 of 2014, refer to the end of this FMR $\,$

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