

## MARKET REVIEWS



## **Economic Review**

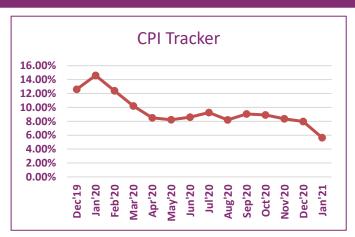
With the start of yet another year lacking a probable sign of an ending pandemic, global recovery remains uncertain. CPI for the month dropped to 5.65%, largely owing to a fall in food prices during the month. A fall of 1.7% was observed in the forex reserves, as it declined from USD 20.5 billion to USD 20.15 billion over the month. The Current Account Deficit (CAD) for the 1HFY21 stood at USD 1.1b compared to USD2bn, last year. The foreign remittances witnessed a reduction of 6.8% compared to the previous month, being recorded at USD 2.27 billion for the month. Tax collection amounted to PKR 363 billion which surpassed the target set for the month at PKR 340 billion, by approximately 6.8%, illustrating strengthening growth in revenue collection. It is apparent that improvements in policy making are likely to strengthen the economic landscape.

Economic Indicators-January 2021		
CPI Inflation Rate	5.65%	
SBP Interest Rate	7.00%	
Net Tax Collection (PKR bn)	364	
Forex Reserves (USD bn)	20.1	
Remittances (USD mn)	2,274	



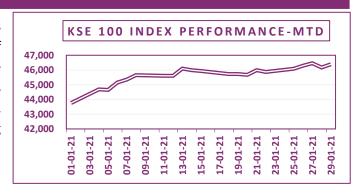
### Money Market Review

State Bank announced a policy rate of 7.00% for the month of January, in accordance with the market expectations. The Treasury bill auction conducted by SBP witnessed a total maturity of PKR 471 billion, higher than its target of PKR 400 billion. In the primary money market, the recent weighted average yields for T-Bills were 7.15%, 7.4%, 7.7% for 3, 6 and 12-month tenors respectively with the realized amount of PKR 487,219 mn. We expect that SBP's policy rate will remain 7% for the following month in the face of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of COVID and to address any upward pressures on the level of inflation.



#### **Stock Market Review**

KSE-100 Index grew by 6.0% last month and currently stands at 46,386 points. The improved performance is the result of controlled interest rates, Corona Virus vaccines and positive future expectations. Average volume and trade figures increased over the month by 26.5% and 7.3%, respectively. The stock market depicts a positive trend indicating promising future expectations.



# **UNIVERSAL LIFE INVESTMENT FUND**



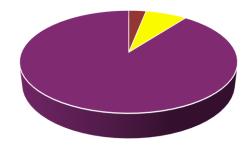
### **Investment Objective**

Achieve a high rate of return through market risk management, liability hedging, portfolio construction, comprising both income and capital appreciation.

Investment Committee		
Members	Designation	
Malik Riffat Mahmood	Chairman	
Maj Gen Akhtar Iqbal (Retd)	Member	
Jehanzeb Zafar	CEO (Member)	
Noman Noor Muhammad	COO (Member)	
Rehan Mobin	CFO (Member)	

Terms and Conditions		
Name of Fund	Universal Life Investment Fund	
Type of Scheme	Balanced Fund	
Nature of Scheme	Income Scheme	
Inception Date	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	
Fund Size	PKR 390,235,596	
Auditor	RMS Awais Hyder Liaquat Nauman	
	(chartered accountants)	
Legal Advisor	M/s Saiduddin & Co.	

Asset Mix	
Mutual Funds	3.08%
Cash and Short Term Deposit	7.36%
Government Securities	89.57%



- Mutual Funds
- Cash and Short Term Deposit
- **Government Securities**

Investment Return		
1 Month	6.90%	
3 Months	6.86%	
YTD	9.67%	

