

# Asia dividend funds turn to China, India to counter Fed hike



The United States Federal Reserve Board building is shown behind security barriers in Washington.

REUTERS, Singapore

Asian dividend-paying equity funds are reducing investments in traditional safe bets in favour of companies with rising dividend payouts to guard against investors selling out from the funds when US interest rates rise.

Dividend funds usually invest in stable assets that yield more than bonds and pay predictable returns, but these will become less attractive to investors amid rising returns from Treasuries when the Federal Reserve starts to hike rates.

Some fund managers say they are shifting from traditional favourites such as investment trusts, telecoms and utilities to emerging market companies offering faster earnings growth and cheaper valuations.

Dividend funds are buying Chinese state-

owned enterprises, Indian banks and Taiwanese technology firms, where payouts, although currently lower, show promise of rising over time.

"Absolute dividend yields might be slightly lower but the prospects for growth are much better, particularly if the Fed starts to increase rates," said Robert Davis, who manages the Asia and emerging markets high dividend funds of NN Investment Partners.

Companies listed on China's CSI300 index offer an average dividend yield of 1.5 percent and India's Sensex 1.4 percent. In comparison, firms in Australia yield 6 percent, Singapore and Hong Kong 3.3 percent, and Taiwan 3.8 percent.

While funds are nervous about China's turbulent share markets and government intervention to halt plunging prices, dividend funds say they are buying cheaper and less volatile

Hong Kong-listed shares of Chinese companies.

"We still believe in the mid- to long-term structural reform story in China, albeit it will take longer than our original expectations," said Sat Duhra, who manages Henderson's Asia dividend income fund. "We mostly hold H-shares which offer genuine value at this point."

With US rates near zero, it will be sometime before Treasury yields become competitive with dividend funds.

Among NNIP fund's top holdings are Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co, China Petroleum & Chemical Corp - one of China's state-owned enterprises which have paid generous dividends - and Shinhan Financial in South Korea, where a new law taxing excess corporate cash has led to several dividend "surprises."

Dividend funds will

also attract capital as central banks are still easing in Europe and Asia, said Peter Monson, who co-manages Nikko Asset Management's Shenton Asia Dividend Equity Fund in Singapore.

Three of the five Asia ex-Japan equity vehicles with the most investment fund inflows from January to June were dividend funds, drawing \$5 billion between them, according to data from Lipper, a Thomson Reuters unit. That compared with \$241 million a year earlier, when two of them saw net outflows.

The Shenton Asia fund prefers Taiwanese technology companies, whose strong and sustainable cashflows support both investment and payouts, Monson said.

Monson also likes India's "incredibly profitable companies generating substantial amounts of cashflow."

"Asian earnings have continued to grow," said Citi Asian strategist Markus Rosgen. "Not so in Europe, Middle East and Africa or Latin America."

Henderson's fund too is boosting holdings of dividend-growth stocks.

Holdings include Bharti Infratel in India, and Gree Electric Appliances and Zhengzhou Yutong Bus in China.

"Even if bond yields go up, if a stock increases its DPS (dividend per share) by 50 percent, 100 percent, that stock will perform very differently to a stock that's just high yield and doesn't have any kind of growth," Henderson's Duhra said.

"Despite what goes on with bond yields, this is a sustainable process."

## Inflation remains high in Indonesia

AFP, Jakarta

Inflation remained unchanged yet high in Indonesia in July despite predictions of easing, as consumers stocked up on food and transport tickets ahead of the Muslim holiday of Eid, government data showed Monday.

The consumer price index rose 7.26 percent year-on-year, the same increase as the previous month, according to the official statistics agency. Inflation in May was 7.15 percent.

Bank Indonesia, the country's central bank, had expected inflation to ease to 7.13 per cent in July as people pared back their spending after Eid, the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, which fell mid-month.

"Inflation was high because of increased spending on foodstuffs and transport for the fasting month and Eid," Suryamin, the agency chief who like many Indonesians goes by one name, told reporters.

Prices on a month-on-month basis rose 0.93 per cent, compared to 0.54 per cent in June.

Food prices typically rise during Ramadan in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, as people stockpile food both for the less fortunate and to break their daily fast with lavish meals.

Spending on transport also spikes, with tens of millions of Indonesians taking cars, buses, planes and trains back to their hometowns for the Eid holiday.

Prices in Java -- home to more than half of Indonesia's 250 million people -- were relatively restrained in July compared to outside the island, where prices were less stable, Suryamin added.

## Apple pushed down to 3rd place in China smartphone market

AFP, Shanghai

Two Chinese smartphone makers pushed US technology giant Apple into third place in the world's biggest market in the second quarter, an independent analyst firm said Monday.

Upstart Xiaomi, known for delivering high-performance products at cheap prices, was the largest smartphone vendor in China based on shipments with a 15.9 percent market share in the April-June period, Canalsys said in a press release.

Telecom equipment maker Huawei was

close behind at 15.7 percent, it said, followed by Apple, South Korea's Samsung and Chinese firm Vivo, without giving the percentages for those three.

US technology giant Apple had taken top spot in the Canalsys rankings for the first three months of 2015, and its third place showing came despite the launch of its large-screen iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus last autumn.

"Competition among major brands has never been so intense," Wang Jingwen, an analyst at Canalsys, said in the statement. "Xiaomi is under immense pressure to maintain its top position in the quarters to come."



AB Mirza Azizul Islam, a former adviser to the caretaker government, poses with the participants of a two-day training programme on the capital market organised by Financial Excellence (FinExcel) recently.

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০৪	দরদাতার ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা
০৫	দরপত্র আহ্বান প্রকৃতি
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১৩	মূল্যায়ন কমিটির সভা অনুষ্ঠানের সময়
১৪	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য
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১৬	কার্যাবসানের সময়সীমা
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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Cultural Affairs

Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 43.00.0000.111.44.001.15(Part-5) Date: 30-07-2015

### Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
2	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).
3	Source of fund	GOB (Revenue).
4	Procurement entity	Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
5	Tender package name	Supply the stationery goods and computer accessories of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
6	Tender publication date	30-07-2015
7	Last selling date of tender schedule	25-08-2015
8	Closing date and time of tender dropping schedule	26-08-2015, 12.00 noon.
9	Tender opening date and time	26-08-2015, 3.00pm.
10	Name & address of the office dealing tender document	Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin-1), Room-1017, Building-6, 10 Floor, Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
11	Place of selling tender document	1. Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin-1), Room-1017, Building-6, 10 Floor, Ministry of Cultural Affairs. 2. Secretary, Bangla Academy, Shahabag, Dhaka.
12	Place of receiving tender document	1. Senior Assistant Secretary (Admin-1), Room-1017, Building-6, 10 Floor, Ministry of Cultural Affairs. 2. Secretary, Bangla Academy, Shahabag, Dhaka.
13	Opening tender document	Room-1017, Building-6, 10 Floor, Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

14	Brief description of the goods or works	Supply of stationery goods of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
15	Tender document price	500/- taka (not refundable).

#### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer should be well-experienced with (1) Trade License (2) Income Tax certificate (TIN) (3) Bank solvency certificate etc. 9540190
17	Contact details of official inviting tender	
18	Name of official inviting tender	Sarder Motiar Rahman.
19	Designation of official inviting tender	Senior Assistant Secretary, Admin-1, Ministry of Cultural Affairs.
20	Earnest money	Tk. 10,000/-
21	Special condition	1. If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue. 2. The procurement entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sarder Motiar Rahman  
Senior Assistant Secretary  
Ph: 9540190



**Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Director, CEMSU, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

**Re-Tender Notice of Auction Sale**  
**No. CEMSU-1/2015-2016**

1.	Selling entity	Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).
2.	Invitation of auction notice reference & date	সিএএবি/এ-এ/এরোঃ/১টি-৩৩/সংঃ-১৩/২০৭ তারিখঃ ২৮-১-২০১৫খ্রিঃ
3.	Description of auction	হযরত শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দরের এমটি পুলের অধীনস্থ অকেজো ও পুরাতন ২ (দুই)টি যানবাহন (Single Lot) নিলামে বিক্রয় (Mitsubishi Pickup No. Dhaka-Metro-Tha-11-1401, Purchase year: 1997, Salon Nissan Car No. Dhaka-Metro-Kha-11-8996, Purchase year: 2001).
4.	Completion time	7 (seven) working days from the date of submission of bid money.
5.	Eligibility of auctioneers	Auctioneer/Contractor/Businessmen.
6.	Price of auction schedule	Tk. 1000/- (Taka one thousand) only (non-refundable).
7.	Earnest money	10% (ten percent) of quoted auction value (refundable) must be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
8.	Name & address of the offices selling auction schedule	Cash Section of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.
9.	Name & address of the offices receiving auction schedule	Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.
10.	Name & address of the offices opening auction schedule	Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.
11.	Last date & time for selling auction schedule	19/08/2015 during office hour.
12.	Date & time for submission auction schedule	20/8/2015 on or before 12-00 noon.
13.	Date & time for opening auction schedule	20/08/2015 at 12-15pm.
14.	Designation & address of official inviting auction	Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229.
N.B.	<p>1. The selling entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all auction schedule without assigning any reason.</p> <p>2. If any unavoidable circumstances arises at the date of submitting/opening of the auction schedule, the next working day will be scheduled for submitting/opening the schedule.</p> <p>3. Other terms &amp; conditions can be seen at the Office of the Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Dhaka.</p>	
CAAB/PR-93/2015/595 Date: 30-7-15 GD-2543		<p><b>Md. A Hamid Zamadder</b> Director, CEMSU CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka</p>

## German carmakers buy Nokia maps to fend off digital rivals

REUTERS, Frankfurt

German carmakers BMW, Audi and Mercedes, will pay around 2.5 billion euros (\$2.8 billion) to buy Nokia's maps business, beating out high-tech rivals for location services seen as key to the future of self-driving cars.

Germany's three premium carmakers joined forces and will hold equal stakes in the business, known as HERE, clubbing together to keep the assets from falling into the hands of Internet rivals in Silicon Valley or China.

The deal has an enterprise value of 2.8 billion euros, including liabilities worth nearly 300 million euros, for which Nokia will compensate the carmakers, the Finnish company said on Monday. The transaction is likely to close in the first quarter of 2016.

The deal allows the auto makers to offer new premium features, like autonomous driving, in their luxury cars, shaking up the pecking order between car makers, their parts suppliers and software rivals like Uber, Google or Apple. "With the joint acquisition of HERE, we want to secure the independence of this central service for all vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and customers in other industries," said Chief Executive Dieter Zetsche of Daimler, which invented the motor car in 1886.

## Snapdeal to raise \$500m from Alibaba, SoftBank, Foxconn

REUTERS, Beijing

Indian online marketplace Snapdeal is set to raise \$500 million in investment from Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, SoftBank Group Corp and Foxconn, the trading name of Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd, a person familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The person, who declined to say how much Snapdeal would be valued after the investment, said the deal could be finalised within a few days at the earliest though it may also take weeks.

Online tech publication Re/code first reported the investment on Sunday citing multiple sources, saying the deal had already concluded.

The move is a show of faith from three of Asia's - and the world's - biggest technology companies in fast-growing Snapdeal.

The Indian firm competes with Flipkart Online Services Pvt Ltd and the local subsidiary of Amazon.com Inc in the country's online shopping market, which Morgan Stanley estimates will be worth \$102 billion by 2020.