### **PIONEERING** FINANCIAL

Inclusion

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Unlike in the past, banks are now consistently striving to offer a wide range of products and services tailored to individual customer segments such as retail, initiatives have elevated service standards, enhancing customer convenience.

To foster financial growth for both the bank and its customers, Bank Asia offers an extensive range of conventional and Shariah-based Islamic products and services. These include deposit schemes, account services, card services, digital banking, and loans tailored for large corporates, SME entrepreneurs, and retail clients.

For retail customers, we offer a variety of deposit and financing solutions such as current accounts, savings accounts, deposit schemes, home financing, auto loans, personal loans, consumer durable loans, and various digital banking services. Additionally, we are in the process of introducing priority banking services to cater to the wealth management needs of high-net-worth (HNW) retail customers.

SME clients have access to a diverse selection of financial services, including overdrafts unbanked individuals—half of for trading, collateral-free term loans, secured overdrafts, demand loans, lease financing, and letters of credit and guarantee, among

pioneer in promoting financial inclusion and improve customer inclusion through agent banking, convenience. The Digital Nano delivering essential services Loans App was launched to to unbanked and underserved SMEs, and large corporates. populations via 5,028 outlets Automation and digitisation across 64 districts. With 84% of deposits from rural areas, strengthen the SME segment, we 86% of loan disbursements to introduced an automated Supply rural customers, and over 64%

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of customers being women, the platform has significantly reduced the gender gap in financial access. It has brought over 21 million unbanked populations and them women-into the financial

the way in digital transformation sustainable financial services to introducing

Bank Asia has also been a solutions to expand financial provide financial access to individuals traditionally excluded from formal banking services. To Chain Finance (SCF) system, a robust API-integrated platform that seamlessly connects VEEFIN with iStelar-CBS.

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To reach marginalised, deliver social safety payments in rural areas, Bank Asia introduced the Micro Bank Asia continues to lead Merchant Mobile App, providing innovative underserved communities.

## HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY

for better service delivery

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focused on basic services such as deposits and loans. However, with advancements in technology, evolving customer needs, and regulatory developments, banks have become comprehensive financial advisors.

At Prime Bank, we have embraced this transformation by continuously innovating and introducing tailored services that cater to our customers' needs. From digital banking solutions to financial advisory, we aim to empower our clients with the tools and knowledge to achieve their financial goals.

As the landscape becomes more competitive with fintech and nonbanking financial institutions, banks have adapted by leveraging data and technology to deliver personalised and impactful services. It's a journey that not only enhances the customer experience but also promotes financial literacy and inclusion across the nation.

Wearecommittedtosupporting our customers in achieving financial growth and effective wealth management through a diverse range of products and services. These include investment solutions such as treasury bills and bonds, corporate bonds, commercial papers, and equity investments through our sister technology to deliver seamless, concerns, Prime Bank Investment efficient, and inclusive financial

has transformed significantly comprises discretionary and nonover the years. Initially, banks discretionary portfolio options opening platform that makes tailored to individual financial banking more accessible. Our designed with savings and investment-focused plans offered expert relationship managers in

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The role of banks in Bangladesh Ltd. Portfolio Management For instance, we introduced PrimePlus, a digital account goals. Insurance products are comprehensive internet banking platform, MyPrime, serves retail, MSME, and Hasanah Islamic through our Bancassurance Banking customers, enabling partnership with National Life them to perform various Insurance Company. On the transactions and services such other hand, Portfolio Advisory as activating cards, changing Services are designed to facilitate PINs, and enabling international transactions—all from the comfort of their homes.

> We've also introduced innovative solutions like cardless cash withdrawals, allowing customers to withdraw cash from ATMs without needing a physical card. This service enhances convenience while reducing wait times at branches. Additionally, we've integrated Bangla QR payments into MyPrime, enabling contactless transactions via smartphones. As part of our payroll banking service, we have introduced our digital lending solution 'PrimeAgrim' to empower partner employees to withdraw salary in advance as well. Prime Bank has also introduced its own web-based digital solution named 'PrimePay' to enable employees to manage seamless corporate and SME payments. These initiatives reflect our commitment to Prime Bank, we are leveraging harnessing technology for better service delivery while contributing to the broader goal of financial inclusion in Bangladesh.



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- Debit Card and Cheque Book facility.
- Upto 80% loan facility on total deposited amount.

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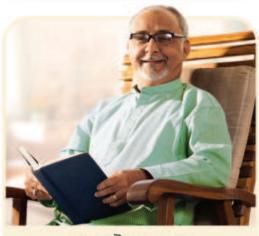


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