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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that I have submitted my internship report (BUS400) on " The rise of young investors: Exploring students' interest in the stock market". It is an enormous honor that I was given the excellent opportunity to work for Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. In the report, I have reflected on my internship experience and analyzed different aspect.

Thank you for providing me with this opportunity and for your guidance and support throughout my internship. Please let me know if you require further information.

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Executive Summary

This paper examines the rising stock market participation of young investors, which is being fueled by technology, easy information access, social media influence, and focused educational initiatives. According to the study, there has been a considerable increase in interest among people of all ages as a result of easier access to financial information via digital platforms and the significant contribution social media has made to the dissemination of investment knowledge. However, the research emphasizes the difficulty of young investors' low financial literacy, calling for improved education to enable informed and ethical investment choices. It underlines how important educational programs, workshops, and resources are in giving the next generation the knowledge and abilities they need to successfully navigate the stock market. Through case studies, the paper also showcases the experiences of young investors, illuminating their accomplishments, setbacks, and growth processes. Additionally, the internship at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. enhances the report's credibility and relevance by providing valuable insights from hands-on experience.

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| Financial education | Market dynamics |
| Educational programs | Financial market trends |
| Investor experiences | Financial literacy enhancement |

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List of Acronyms

BSEC - Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission

CDBL - Central Depository Bangladesh Limited

CSE - Chittagong Stock Exchange

DSE - Dhaka Stock Exchange

EPS - Earnings Per Share

GDP - Gross Domestic Product

IPO - Initial Public Offering

LTP - Last Traded Price

NAV - Net Asset Value

P/E - Price-to-Earnings Ratio

R&D - Research and Development

ROA - Return on Assets

ROE - Return on Equity

ROI - Return on Investment

TREC - Trading Right Entitlement Certificate

UCB - Underlying Clearing House Bank

Glossary

Asset Allocation: The distribution of investments across various asset classes (e.g., stocks, bonds, cash) to achieve a specific risk-return profile.

Bangladesh Economy: The overall economic scenario of the country, including indicators like GDP growth, inflation rates, and trade balances, impacting stock market dynamics.

Block Trade: A large quantity of stock being traded at an arranged price typically outside the open market.

Capital Market: The market for buying and selling long-term financial instruments, including stocks, bonds, and other long-term investments.

Dividend Yield: A financial ratio that indicates the annual dividend income as a percentage of the investment's current market price.

Blue Chip Stocks: Shares of large, well-established, and financially sound companies with a history of stable earnings and dividends.

Market Capitalization (Market Cap): The total value of a company's outstanding shares of stock, calculated by multiplying the share price by the number of outstanding shares.

Options: Financial contracts that give the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined price before or at the contract's expiration date.

Portfolio: A collection of investments held by an individual or institution, including stocks, bonds, and other financial assets.

Secondary Market: The market where existing or already-issued securities are bought and sold among investors, as opposed to the primary market (IPOs).

Short Selling: The sale of borrowed securities or financial instruments with the hope of buying them back at a lower price in the future, profiting from the price difference.

Stock Exchange: A regulated marketplace where financial instruments like stocks, bonds, and commodities are bought and sold.

Stock Split: An action by a company to increase the number of its outstanding shares while maintaining the same market capitalization, usually to lower the stock's price per share.

Stock Trading: The process of buying and selling shares or stocks in the stock market.

Volatility: The degree of variation in the price of a financial instrument over time, indicating the risk level associated with the security.

Chapter 1: Overview of Internship

1.1 Student Information

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1.2 Internship Information

1.2.1 Period, Name, Department, Address

My internship at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. was completed at the Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. head office, Suite# 903, 8th floor, Modhumita Building, 158-160 Motijheel C/A. Additionally, I worked in the Operations Department, and the duration of my internship was three months. The internship term lasted from March 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023.

1.2.2 Line Manager

My internship supervisor's name is Ziauddin Ahmed and he is the Head of Operation at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd.

1.2.3 Job Description

The internship provides the student a great chance to learn more about the financial sector, particularly the stock brokerage industry. The company's operations and the functions of several experts, including traders, analysts, and portfolio managers, were explained to the intern right away. The internship started with a smooth onboarding procedure where the intern filled all the required paperwork and got an official ID badge. The intern was able to focus on the duties at hand because to the effective onboarding, which helped them swiftly adapt to the workplace. The intern received mentorship and advice from their supervisor during the program, and this person was crucial in forming the intern's learning experience. The mentor explained the responsibilities of the position, highlighted the value of professionalism, and urged the intern to uphold a good work ethic. The intern's primary duties included conducting market research and analysis. They were exposed to a range of financial information, such as stock prices, economic indicators, and market movements. For clients and internal stakeholders, this data analysis gave useful insights to support investment decisions. The intern had the chance to speak with clients in a formal setting, both new and old. They listened intently to their clients' financial goals and worries

during meetings, actively interacted with them, and made specialized investment recommendations. This discussion highlighted how important it is to establish a trustworthy connection with customers and provide top-notch customer service. Handling paperwork, including Know Your Customer (KYC) forms, account opening papers, and client agreement forms, was an essential component of the internship. When managing private customer information, the intern discovered how crucial it is to be accurate, pay close attention to detail, and maintain confidentiality. The intern developed understanding of the trading room's operations in the later weeks of the internship. They watched traders and analysts at work, kept an eye on market activity, and saw how trades were executed and risk was managed. The dynamic and quick-paced nature of the trading industry was underscored by this exposure. Although initially using simple tools and software, the intern got the chance to work with a variety of financial tools and software that aided market analysis and risk assessment. This experience gave a glimpse into the financial sector's technologically driven features and the value of seamlessly integrating technology and human skills. The intern's duties increased as the internship went on. They individually attended client meetings, completed paperwork, and gave clients simple direction. This advancement gave the intern more self-assurance in their skills and showed how much their boss and the organization trusted them. A sincere farewell ceremony planned by the team marked the end of the internship. This exemplified the teamwork and encouraging atmosphere at Dhanmondi Securities, where the intern genuinely felt like an important member of the company.

The finance internship with Dhanmondi Securities was a thorough and educational experience. It gave the intern a comprehensive understanding of the financial sector, practical experience with a range of responsibilities, and chances for both personal and professional development. The intern flourished and formed deep bonds with their coworkers and supervisor thanks to the welcoming and inclusive environment provided by Dhanmondi Securities. Their future endeavors in the finance field will benefit greatly from the experience they received during their internship.

1.3 Internship Outcome

1.3.1 Contribution of Student:

I made significant contributions to the company's operations and culture while I was an intern at Dhanmondi Securities. My journey was marked by commitment, excitement, and a strong desire

to advance my knowledge of the finance sector. I made a significant contribution to the company in the following ways:

1. Diligent Work Ethic: I took up my tasks with a strong work ethic and sense of devotion right away. I made sure that every work was carried out precisely and carefully, whether it involved taking notes during client meetings, accurately filling out documents, or participating in trading activities. My dependability and punctuality in completing projects helped the business run more smoothly as a whole.

2. Eager Learning and Adaptability: I kept a passion for information and a proactive attitude toward learning throughout the internship. I actively looked for chances to learn more about the financial sector, and I adapted to new ideas and procedures very fast. I was able to take on new tasks and make a valuable contribution to the team thanks to my curiosity for learning and adaptability.

3. Client Interaction and Relationship Building: As my internship went on, I was given the duty of going to client meetings and communicating with clients on my own. I made careful to engage clients with professionalism, empathy, and good communication since I took this opportunity seriously. Building trusting connections with clients was a top goal, and my client-centered approach and keen listening abilities made clients feel heard and valued.

4. Documenting and Process Improvement: I realized how crucial it was to keep meticulous records and to document everything. I kept meticulous records of my experiences, observations, and learning throughout my internship. This not only aided in my personal development but also provided my coworkers with an invaluable resource for simple information sharing and reference. I also took the initiative to suggest changes to some procedures, such the way forms are filled out and the onboarding of new clients. My views and recommendations were well-received, and some of the changes were put into practice, resulting in greater effectiveness and more seamless operations.

5. Team Collaboration: In team meetings and joint projects, I actively participated, lending my support and adding my special perspective and insights to problem-solving and decision-making. By promoting free communication and the exchange of ideas, I hoped to promote a sense of camaraderie among the team members.

6. Embracing Technology: Despite not being able to utilize the complex trading software on my own, I took advantage of the chances to work with simple tools and spreadsheet applications. I used these tools to evaluate financial data and help with various chores because I was a technology adopter. My eagerness to learn about trading software and other cutting-edge tools demonstrated my capacity to acclimate to the technological facets of the banking sector.

7. Growth Mindset: I kept a growth mentality throughout my internship, viewing obstacles as chances to grow and learn. I welcomed criticism from my boss and my coworkers and used it to improve my abilities and knowledge over time. I was able to advance significantly while working at Dhanmondi Securities thanks to this way of thinking.

Overall, my efforts at Dhanmondi Securities were distinguished by commitment, flexibility, and a willingness to go above and beyond for clients and the team. My internship experiences have been crucial in guiding my professional development, and I am appreciative of the company's chances and the guidance I received from my boss and coworkers.

1.3.2 Benefits to student

My time spent working at Dhanmondi Securities has been incredibly helpful to me personally and professionally. I acquired a variety of advantages from my internship that have improved my knowledge, abilities, and job prospects:

1. Practical Knowledge and Skill Development: I gained practical exposure in the financial sector during my internship, which helped me comprehend the stock trading market better. I developed my practical skills and learned priceless insights into actual financial operations by actively engaging in customer meetings, form-filling procedures, and trading activities. It is impossible to properly gain this practical knowledge through textbooks alone.

2. Mentorship and Guidance: One of the biggest benefits of the internship was getting to work with knowledgeable experts, like my supervisor and my coworkers. I was able to ask questions, get clarifications, and learn from their experiences because of their mentorship and readiness to share their knowledge. Their advice not only increased my understanding of the finance industry but also motivated me to strive for greatness in all of my future ventures.

3. Networking Opportunities: I had many great networking chances during my stint at Dhanmondi Securities. I was exposed to a wide range of viewpoints and ideas through my

interactions with coworkers, clients, and business gurus. Building these business relationships will be helpful as I advance in my career and may lead to new chances and partnerships in the finance sector.

4. Confidence Building: I was assigned major responsibilities as an intern, including managing client meetings and trading activity under close supervision. These obligations increased my self-assurance and solidified my faith in my talents. I've grown more self-assured as a result of navigating real-life situations and conquering obstacles during my internship, which is a quality that will surely help me in my future career efforts.

5. Exposure to Advanced Technology: Even though I couldn't use sophisticated trading software on my own as an intern, getting to know the advanced equipment and software in the trading room was a useful experience. Seeing how technology and finance are combined has made clear how important it is to stay current with technical developments in the field, which will make me more receptive to future digital transformations.

6. Understanding of Professional Etiquette: Working for a company like Dhanmondi Securities gave me the opportunity to learn and put into practice fundamental business manners. I developed new perspectives on how to behave professionally, dress appropriately, and communicate successfully. These soft skills are essential for developing a fruitful and long-lasting career in any sector.

7. Clarifying Career Aspirations: I used my internship at Dhanmondi Securities as a stage to discuss my professional goals. I was able to assess my interests and passion in this subject because to my immersion in the finance industry and my exposure to various stock trading activities. My ambition to pursue a career in finance and investment was reinforced by the experience.

8. Personal Growth and Character Building: In addition to providing an array of technical knowledge, the internship helped me develop my character and improve personally. My internship taught me resilience, adaptability, and the value of lifelong learning through its challenges and accomplishments. These qualities will be crucial to helping me overcome challenges and succeed in my career journey.

My experience at Dhanmondi Securities had a profound impact on my development both personally and professionally. It provided a solid foundation for my future in investment and finance. I'm grateful for the chance and direction I received from the Dhanmondi Securities team, and I can't wait to apply these valuable skills to the next phase of my professional journey..

1.3.3 Difficulties

I faced a few obstacles and challenges while interning at Dhanmondi Securities, which put my skills to the test and forced me to advance both professionally and personally. Here are some of the main challenges I encountered while working for the company:

Initial Nervousness: On my first day, I couldn't help but feel a mix of excitement and trepidation as I entered the office. I didn't know what to expect because it was a completely unfamiliar setting. But over time, I was able to get past my initial anxiety and embraced the chance to participate and learn.

Adapting to the Trading Room: I was originally struck by the trading room's lively and fast-paced atmosphere. Making rapid choices, executing transactions, and continuously watching market developments were difficult. However, by observing and picking up tips from more seasoned traders, I was able to adjust and grasp the nuances of the trading room.

Learning and Using Specialized Software: The sophisticated instruments and software in the trading room posed a challenging learning curve for me. It took time and practice to become proficient in using these technologies effectively. I had trouble figuring out how to use them in my everyday workflow and comprehending their functions.

Balancing Multiple Tasks: I had to manage a variety of jobs throughout my internship, from form-filling to client interactions to trading operations. It was occasionally difficult to juggle various obligations and fulfill deadlines, but I learned the value of good time management.

Communication and Building Rapport: Another area where I struggled was in good client and workplace communication. I had to practice and gain experience to have the necessary skill and finesse to establish rapport with clients and win their trust.

Handling Feedback: Although important for growth, getting input was not always simple. There were times when I was confused of how to effectively incorporate input. But I eventually came

to appreciate feedback as a chance for growth and accepted it as an important part of my learning process.

Transitioning from Theory to Practice: I found it difficult to bridge the gap between theoretical understanding and real-world application early on in my internship. I learnt to adapt and use critical thinking as I applied what I had learned in real-world situations.

Overall, the challenges I encountered while interning at Dhanmondi Securities helped me learn important lessons. I was able to advance, learn new skills, and comprehend the finance sector better with each challenge. I've become more resilient and prepared for my future professional aspirations as a result of overcoming these challenges. I am appreciative of the help, mentoring, and direction I had while working for the company because it had a big impact on how I developed professionally.

1.3.4 Recommendation

Here are some recommendations for enhancing the Dhanmondi Securities internship experience:

Structured Onboarding Program: Introduce incoming interns to the values, culture, and various departments of the organization by implementing an organized onboarding process. An orientation will clarify situations and alleviate initial concerns, ensuring that interns are ready for and knowledgeable about their internship experience.

Mentorship and Buddy System: Create a special mentoring program for each intern, providing direction and ongoing assistance. Regular updates and criticism from mentors will increase interns' self-assurance and promote a sense of belonging and comfort inside the organization.

Training and Workshops: Provide specialized workshops and training sessions to give interns the knowledge and skills they need for their positions. Training could cover financial software expertise, industry-specific knowledge, and communication skills, improving their capacity to participate.

Rotational Opportunities: Rotational experiences can provide interns the chance to learn about diverse company departments. This exposure gives interns a broader grasp of how businesses operate and aids them in determining possible career options.

Feedback and Evaluation: Implement a methodical strategy for evaluating and providing feedback to interns. Regular feedback sessions help interns identify their areas of strength and improvement, promoting ongoing learning and advancement during their internship.

Engaging Internship Projects: Assign interns to worthwhile initiatives that are consistent with both the company's goals and their interests. Participating in actual projects enables them to put their learning to use and hone their practical skills, positively influencing the objectives of the business.

Encourage Collaboration: Encourage intern participation in group projects, brainstorming sessions, and team meetings to foster a collaborative and inclusive workplace. Interns will feel embraced and respected if they establish relationships and embrace the company's culture.

Networking Opportunities: Arrange networking opportunities so that interns can meet people from all levels and divisions of the workforce. Networking creates doors for potential future collaborations and provides insightful information about various professional routes.

Regular Internship Events: Organize social events and team-building exercises just for interns to foster a welcoming and inclusive workplace. Such gatherings foster a sense of belonging and highlight the interns' value as crucial team members.

Post-Internship Support: Provide assistance after the internship by providing tools like resume critiques, career advice, or references. Showing focus to interns' ongoing professional development.

These suggestions can help Dhanmondi Securities greatly improve the internship experience for new interns. In addition to attracting top talent, creating a friendly and enriching atmosphere will promote the interns' growth and development as potential finance professionals.

Chaper 2: Organization Part

2.1 Introduction:

Leading and well-known financial company Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. has made a name for itself as a reliable participant in the financial sector. Dhanmondi Securities has established a sterling name among its esteemed clients and competitors thanks to its commitment to offering first-rate investment solutions and comprehensive financial services.

I felt comfort in the client-centric philosophy of Dhanmondi Securities as a discerning investor looking for advice in navigating the complexity of the financial world. This study intends to look into the distinctive qualities that make this business unique and investigate the factors that contribute to its ongoing success.

The financial sector is renowned for its dynamic environment and demand for individualized services catered to distinct needs. My attention was aroused by Dhanmondi Securities' dedication to comprehending the particular goals and risk tolerances of their clients, which prompted me to learn more about what makes them distinctive in the fiercely competitive market.

In this research, I will examine the professionalism of their team of experts' expertise and experience, evaluating how their depth of knowledge enables them to make wise judgments and provide clients with great results. Additionally, I will look into how committed the business is to implement cutting-edge technologies that offer real-time market insights and simplify trade execution procedures.

Any financial relationship must be built on trust and openness, so I will examine Dhanmondi Securities' compliance procedures to make sure they follow legal requirements and keep lines of communication open with their clients.

In addition, I'm curious to learn more about the workshops and instructional materials that Dhanmondi Securities offers. I firmly believe that informed investors make wiser choices, thus my goal is to examine how the company equips its customers with the information they need to successfully navigate the financial world.

Building long-lasting relationships with clients is an essential component of every credible financial institution, and I will carefully analyze Dhanmondi Securities' strategy for doing so. It will be helpful to see how they assist clients through various life phases and market changes to better understand their dedication to providing outstanding service.

I want to better understand the company's client-centric ethos and highlight the distinctive advantages of Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. through qualitative and quantitative research. As an investor, this research will give me important information that will help me decide what to do with my money and who to entrust it to, such as Dhanmondi Securities.

2.2 Overview of the Company:

The prestigious financial services firm Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. has distinguished itself in the fiercely competitive financial sector. With a long history and an innovative mindset, Dhanmondi Securities has become a reliable resource for people and companies looking for all-encompassing financial solutions.

Dhanmondi Securities, which was founded with the goal of offering top-notch financial services, has developed a reputation for its unwavering dedication to excellence, ethics, and client happiness. The essential values of the business are based on a client-centric mindset, where recognizing and meeting each client's specific financial needs come first.

Financial planning, portfolio management, trading, and investment consulting are just a few of the many services that Dhanmondi Securities provides. With years of experience and education, their team of seasoned specialists offers clients insights that help them make wise financial decisions. Dhanmondi Securities makes sure that clients obtain real-time market updates, effective trade execution, and customized investment strategies by fusing cutting-edge technology with a personal touch.

The company's strategy is distinguished by its proactive attitude toward market trends, adaptability to shifting economic realities, and dedication to ongoing progress. Dhanmondi Securities places a high priority on moral behavior, observing legal requirements, and keeping open lines of communication with customers.

Dhanmondi Securities Ltd stands out for its commitment to empowerment and education. The business provides clients with the information and resources needed to successfully navigate the complexities of the financial world through workshops, seminars, and individualized consultations. Their conviction that knowledgeable clients are better equipped to attain their financial goals is consistent with this empowerment.

Dhanmondi Securities Ltd has created enduring connections with its clients in a sector where trust is crucial. The business clearly cares about fostering these connections, whether it's assisting novice investors or managing the portfolios of seasoned traders.

Dhanmondi Securities Ltd embraces innovation and keeps up with new technology developments as a company that is aware of the changing financial scenario. As a result, they may provide effective, safe, and user-friendly systems for trading and managing investments.

The success of Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is evidence of the potential that can be attained when knowledge, morality, and customer-focused principles come together. The company, which is a pillar of the contemporary financial world, continues to empower people and businesses on their financial journeys with a legacy founded on trust and a future driven by innovation.

2.2.1 Mission and Vision of Dhanmondi Securities Ltd.:

Mission: According to Ziauddin Ahmed, Head of Operation at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd, the goal at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is to be a dependable partner in our clients' financial journeys by giving them the knowledge, direction, and tools they require to realize their financial goals. We provide top-notch financial services built on honesty, openness, and professionalism. The goal is to provide people and organizations with the information and resources they need to make wise financial decisions and successfully manage the intricacies of the constantly shifting financial world.

Vision: As stated by Ziauddin Ahmed, the vision at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is to lead the financial services sector and be known for our constant commitment to innovation and excellence. In our team and with our clients, we want to promote a culture of trust and cooperation. The goal is to build a platform where people can access individualized financial solutions that are tailored to their specific requirements, whether they are just beginning their investment journey or trying to get the most out of their current portfolios.

When it comes to information and empowerment, we picture Dhanmondi Securities as a place where clients and partners may work together to achieve financial success. We work hard to remain on the cutting edge of technological developments, providing innovative solutions that speed up workflows, improve accessibility, and give real-time insights. Our objective includes building enduring connections, promoting financial literacy, and having a beneficial influence on our clients' financial wellbeing.

2.2.2 Core Values:

Integrity: In all of our dealings, we observe the strictest norms of truthfulness, openness, and moral conduct. Our connections are built on trust.

Client-Centric Approach: Everything we do is centered on serving the needs of our clients. We pay attention to what they have to say, we comprehend, and we adjust our services to fit their particular financial needs.

Excellence: We pledge to provide nothing less than the best services possible in every way. We work hard to surpass standards and establish new ones.

Innovation: Adopting cutting-edge technologies and creative approaches enables us to offer effective solutions and maintain a competitive edge in the financial sector.

Teamwork: Mutual respect and cooperation are essential to our success. We value different viewpoints and collaborate to accomplish our common objectives.

Knowledge: Knowledge, in our opinion, is power. We are committed to empowering our clients with knowledge so they may make wise decisions and become financially independent.

Our aim and vision at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. motivate us to go beyond conventional financial services. We want to be a dependable partner, a source of information, and a driver of financial development so that our clients may confidently negotiate the complexity of money.

2.2.3 Organizational Structure:

The Dhanmondi Securities LTD organizational structure is created to support successful and efficient operations while guaranteeing a clear hierarchy of duties and responsibilities. Strategic oversight and guidance are provided at the highest level by the Board of Directors, which is made up of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Independent, and Non-Executive Directors. The

Managing Director and the Executive Management team are in charge of making important decisions and ensuring compliance with the company's mission and vision. Core operations are carried out in an efficient manner thanks to the many divisions, including Finance and Accounting, Investment and Trading, Client Services, Operations, Human Resources, and Marketing and Sales. IT and administrative support services offer crucial assistance. The Advisory Board, which is made up of financial counselors, investment consultants, and sector experts, offers insightful commentary. Collaboration, responsibility, and the capacity to adjust to shifting market dynamics are all ensured by this well-structured framework, which supports the expansion and success of Dhanmondi Securities LTD.

2.3 Management practices:

As part of its management strategy, Dhanmondi Securities LTD adopts a variety of leadership philosophies that are especially suited to the dynamic and customer-focused nature of the company. Even if the organization doesn't completely adhere to a single management style, autocratic leadership traits can be seen occasionally. A more centralized decision-making procedure related to autocratic leadership may be used in situations where quick decision-making is essential, such as during market swings or regulatory changes. This strategy guarantees prompt responses and a distinct line of command, upholding operational effectiveness and risk management. It's important to note, though, that Dhanmondi Securities also values the participation and suggestions of its knowledgeable experts, creating a work environment where fresh ideas and comments are welcomed. The flexible management procedures of Dhanmondi Securities allow for a mix between authoritarian decision-making when necessary and a more participatory approach to encourage innovation and growth.

2.4 Accounting practices

Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. follows comprehensive accounting procedures to guarantee precise financial management and legal compliance. Transactions are rapidly recorded using accrual accounting to provide a clear financial picture. The company has a well-organized chart of accounts and classifies transactions that pertain to brokerage activities for effective tracking. A balanced ledger is ensured by a double-entry bookkeeping system, reducing errors in financial recordkeeping. Standard procedures call for daily reconciliations of assets, securities, and cash, which significantly lowers inconsistencies. In accordance with regulatory standards, the

corporation maintains a transparent distinction between client and firm funds in its records. Industry-specific accounting rules must be complied with, and thorough record-keeping ensures that information is available for audits and internal analysis. Automated accounting solutions expedite operations and contribute to more efficient record-keeping and report creation. Financial analysis, tax planning, and budgeting are standard procedures that offer important insights for growth strategies and well-informed decision-making. Internal controls at the company and regular audits reinforce accuracy and compliance. The accounting team receives ongoing training to keep them informed of industry standards and improve financial procedures. The integrity of financial records and the stability and expansion of Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. within the brokerage sector are both facilitated by these specific accounting procedures.

2.5 Finance practices

At Dhanmondi Securities Ltd., a rigorous approach is preserved in the area of financial practices to ensure exact financial management and regulatory conformance. To improve investing methods, the organization rigorously applies tried-and-true techniques like portfolio diversification and risk analysis. Decision-making is fundamentally influenced by thorough market research and knowledge of current economic trends. Routine financial budgeting and forecasting enable the firm to match financial objectives with actual performance. In order to maintain legal requirements and maximize financial efficiency, tax planning and compliance are carefully managed. A focus on sensible expense control and revenue growth promotes an operational structure that is financially stable. The company actively encourages a culture of perpetual learning and growth among its staff members by providing financial education and training. Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. strengthens its financial stability and puts itself in a position for sustainable growth in the brokerage sector thanks to these all-encompassing financial procedures. A keen eye on emerging financial technology further drives the firm toward creative financial solutions, ensuring a resilient position in the constantly changing market scenario. This goes beyond cautious risk assessment and portfolio diversification. Together with financial forecasting and budgeting, these tactics provide the ability to negotiate difficult markets while pursuing constant improvement and raising the bar for the brokerage sector.

2.6 HRM practices

The HRM practices at Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. are characterized by a methodical and forward-thinking strategy that guides their efforts to foster a vibrant and engaged workforce. Recognizing the crucial role that humans play in an organization's success, the business uses extensive talent acquisition techniques to draw in qualified candidates and cultivate a workforce that harmoniously reflects its guiding principles and broad objectives. Customized onboarding programs are meticulously developed to guarantee a seamless integration process for new employees, familiarizing them with the workplace environment and assisting them in understanding their specific contribution to the organization's growth trajectory.

The HRM framework is built around a constant dedication to staff training and development initiatives. Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is adamant about establishing a culture of ongoing learning and development, giving their staff the tools they need to keep on top of the always changing financial scene. Work-life balance and employee wellbeing are also given a lot of attention, as it is understood that a productive team is built on a happy and motivated workforce. Initiatives to improve one's physical and mental health are actively encouraged, fostering a culture where people may succeed in both their personal and professional lives.

Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity among its staff as it strives for organizational excellence. They truly believe that a diverse staff adds a variety of unique viewpoints and improves the structure of the organization. The organization becomes more adaptive in a global and diversified market by embracing inclusion, which also encourages innovation. The human capital of Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is strengthened by these comprehensive and effective HRM practices, which help the company achieve sustained success, expansion, and a substantial impact in the financial sector.

2.7 Marketing practices

An obvious and conventional approach serves as the foundation for Dhanmondi Securities Ltd.'s marketing operations. Recognizing the long-lasting significance of a strong brand identity, the company invests in thorough branding tactics that demonstrate their dedication to dependability, transparency, and industry knowledge. Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. carefully discovers and understands the distinctive demands and preferences of their target audience through thorough

market research and analysis. This insightful information helps to design specialized marketing initiatives and product offerings. Their marketing strategy is centered on developing trusting relationships with customers. The business places a strong emphasis on individual communication and direct engagement, which helps build client trust and understanding. The regular organization of seminars, workshops, and client appreciation events offers a venue for in-person interaction and the exchange of financial expertise.

Additionally, Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. actively promotes testimonials, reviews, and client success stories because it cherishes consumer input. This helps to increase their trust while also working as a potent weapon for luring in new customers. The business also makes use of print media and trade journals to publicize its products, successes, and market knowledge. Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. uses a practical, conventional approach to marketing, placing emphasis on building a strong brand presence and deepening client connections. The organization wants to broaden its audience and have a significant influence on the financial market through targeted communication, educational events, and conventional marketing channels.

2.8 MIS practices

A methodical and technology-driven strategy underpins Dhanmondi Securities Ltd.'s operational strategies in the area of management information systems (MIS) practices. The business has made substantial investments in building a solid MIS framework because it recognizes the crucial role that information and data play in making well-informed decisions. This system enables effective information collection, processing, analysis, and distribution across many departments. The incorporation of cutting-edge programs and platforms that automate data collecting and reporting procedures is fundamental to their MIS operations. This not only simplifies processes but also guarantees timely and accurate reporting. To make sure that personnel are capable of making the most of these MIS technologies, regular training programs are held. They incorporate data security and privacy into their MIS framework. To protect sensitive information and ensure compliance with any regulatory standards, Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. implements strict security measures. Backup systems and disaster recovery strategies are also in place to ensure business continuity in the event of unforeseen events.

In addition, ongoing MIS evaluation and improvement are given priority in order to stay up with evolving organizational requirements and technical improvements. Employee feedback tools are

aggressively encouraged in order to pinpoint problem areas and improve the system's functionality. Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. bases its business operations on a methodical and technologically focused MIS approach. The company's dedication to utilizing technology for the best decision-making and sustainable growth is reflected in the emphasis placed on effective data management, security, regular training, and flexibility.

2.9 Operations Management and Information System Practices:

Information systems (IS) are strategically integrated by Dhanmondi Securities LTD to improve decision-making, streamline processes, and offer top-notch customer service. The business efficiently uses IS for a variety of tasks, including data collection and archiving, information processing, and facilitating smooth client interactions.

Data Collection and Storage: Many different types of financial data, such as market trends, historical performance data, and client-specific data, are gathered and stored by Dhanmondi Securities using information systems. This information is necessary for creating individualized investing plans and making well-informed decisions. These datasets are organized and securely stored using cutting-edge databases and data warehouses to facilitate easy retrieval and analysis.

Data Processing and Analysis: For effective data processing and analysis, information systems are essential. Dhanmondi Securities processes market data in real-time using software and analytical tools, making it simple to identify investment opportunities, evaluate risk, and make portfolio modifications. The combination of algorithms and machine learning improves pattern recognition and predictive analysis, allowing for the discovery of patterns and correlations that can guide investment choices.

Client Interaction and Communication: Dhanmondi Securities makes use of information systems to provide smooth client contact. Clients can access their investment portfolios, monitor performance, and get updates on market developments using user-friendly web interfaces. Automated notifications and alerts advise clients of changes that can affect their investments, promoting openness and confidence.

Personalized Investment Strategies: Information systems are used by Dhanmondi Securities to create individualized investment plans for clients. By examining clients' financial profiles, risk tolerance, and investment objectives, IS helps to create suggestions that are suited to certain

tastes. This personalization raises client happiness and increases the likelihood that clients will reach their financial goals.

Real-time Market Insights: Information systems give Dhanmondi Securities' specialists access to real-time market information so they may make fast and knowledgeable investment decisions. The organization can quickly take opportunities and reduce risks because to this access to current market data, news, and trends, which improves performance and customer results.

Security and Compliance: Information systems are essential for guaranteeing data security and regulatory compliance. Sophisticated firewalls, encryption, and authentication methods protect critical client data. IS also helps with transaction monitoring and assuring compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

In conclusion, Dhanmondi Securities LTD efficiently uses information systems to gather, store, process, and communicate with clients. By utilizing the power of IS, the business improves operational effectiveness, offers individualized services, and gives customers access to real-time analytics. The position of Dhanmondi Securities in the financial industry is strengthened by this strategic technology integration, which also enables it to provide a competitive edge in the quickly changing financial industry.

2.10 Porter's Five Forces Analysis for Dhanmondi Securities LTD:

1. Threat of New Entrants: There is a moderate threat of new players entering the financial securities market. Regulatory restrictions and the requirement for specialized knowledge serve as entry obstacles, notwithstanding the industry's high capital investment requirements. It is challenging for new players to establish a major foothold fast because established companies like Dhanmondi Securities enjoy economies of scale and a strong reputation.

2. Bargaining Power of Suppliers: In the context of financial services, suppliers are usually thought of as data and technology providers. Since Dhanmondi Securities can readily swap suppliers and there are many options available, these suppliers' bargaining strength is quite modest. Technology developments have also lowered switching costs and improved information accessibility, reducing supplier power.

3. Bargaining Power of Buyers: Customers seeking investment services are included in the purchasers' moderately strong bargaining position. Clients can evaluate and negotiate conditions because they have access to a variety of financial service providers. However, Dhanmondi Securities can set itself apart through superior customer service, customized solutions, and solid connections, somewhat limiting buyer power.

4. Threat of Substitutes: In the financial securities sector, the threat of substitutes is moderate. Alternative investment platforms, self-directed investing, and conventional investment choices are possible replacements. By exhibiting its knowledge, individualized services, and value-added offers, Dhanmondi Securities can counter this challenge by setting itself apart from generic competitors.

5. Industry Rivalry: The financial securities industry has a lot of companies competing for market share, which can lead to severe competition within the industry. Both established competitors and newly developing fintech firms compete with Dhanmondi Securities. The business prioritizes innovation, first-rate customer service, and ongoing adaptability to shifting market circumstances in order to maintain its competitive edge.

2.11 SWOT analysis for Dhanmondi Securities LTD:

Strengths:

Expertise and Reputation: Dhanmondi Securities has established a solid reputation in the financial industry for its knowledge and dependability. Clients find it credible and trustworthy thanks in part to its skilled team of specialists.

Personalized Services: The business excels at delivering custom investment solutions to satisfy diverse client requirements. This tailored strategy improves customer loyalty and happiness.

Advanced Technology Infrastructure: Dhanmondi Securities has a strong technology foundation that makes it possible for it to offer seamless customer interactions, quick trading, and real-time market analysis.

Strong Client Relationships: Years of delivering high-quality service have aided the business in developing strong and long-lasting connections with a wide range of clients.

Weaknesses:

Geographically restricted: Dhanmondi Securities may only have restricted market reach because most of its clients are located in a single area. This can limit chances for future market expansion.

Dependence on Market Conditions: Dhanmondi Securities' performance is highly correlated with market changes, much like any other financial organization. Market volatility or economic downturns may influence the company's revenue and profitability.

Opportunities:

Expansion into New Markets: Dhanmondi Securities has a chance to take its services to underserved areas by diversifying its investment options or by doing so locally.

Rising Demand for Financial Services: Dhanmondi Securities is in a good position to expand its clientele as a result of rising interest in investing and financial planning.

Technological Innovation: As a result of ongoing technological developments, the business has the chance to improve its online platforms and give customers easier methods to communicate and transact.

Alliances and Partnerships: Working together with other financial institutions or fintech businesses may result in the development of novel products and a broader customer base.

Threats:

Intense Competition: Traditional companies and new fintech startups are battling for market share in the highly competitive financial sector. Pricing pressure and client retention may result from this.

Regulatory Changes: The operations of the organization are at risk due to recurring changes in financial regulations and compliance standards, necessitating ongoing legal framework adaptation.

Cybersecurity Risks: As technology is used more often, the possibility of cyberattacks and data breaches might erode customer confidence and harm a company's reputation.

Economic Volatility: Financial services demand may be impacted by economic downturns and market volatility that lower investor confidence.

Particularly strong points of Dhanmondi Securities LTD include their knowledge, individualized services, and technology foundation. It must, however, overcome its geographical restrictions and reliance on market conditions. The business may further solidify its place in the financial industry by utilizing possibilities like market expansion, technological advancement, and strategic collaborations while proactively addressing concerns like fierce competition and regulatory changes.

2.12 Summary and Conclusion:

A recognized and dependable participant in the financial sector, Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. is renowned for its client-centric philosophy and dedication to providing first-rate financial services. The study explores the fundamental features that set the business apart and support its success. Dhanmondi Securities has established itself as a go-to partner for people and companies looking for all-encompassing financial solutions because to an emphasis on individualized services, knowledge, and cutting-edge technology integration. The study investigates the company's strategy for encouraging loyalty, compliance, knowledge, and enduring connections while embracing technology changes.

The success of Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. in the financial sector can be ascribed to its steadfast dedication to clients, extensive network of resources, and incorporation of cutting-edge technologies. The organization gives its customers the tools they need to effectively navigate the complexity of finance by providing specialized investment options and instructional materials. Dhanmondi Securities is prepared to seize chances for growth, innovation, and strategic alliances despite difficulties from competing forces and potential market vulnerabilities.

The goal of Dhanmondi Securities to be a dependable partner and a leader is highly relevant in the current financial environment. The organization is well-positioned for long-term growth and ongoing performance in the financial services industry thanks to its commitment to upholding a client-centric philosophy, encouraging transparency, and embracing technology.

2.13 Recommendations:

Geographic Diversification: Dhanmondi Securities should think about extending its services to other geographical areas to reduce the risk of a constrained market reach. By investigating

potential in several areas, the business can reach a wider clientele and become less dependent on the economic conditions of a single market.

Enhancing technology: Although the business has already incorporated cutting-edge technology into its operations, further innovation is essential. Dhanmondi Securities has to make investments to improve its mobile apps, analytical tools, and internet platforms. The user experience will be enhanced, real-time insights will be offered, and tech-savvy customers will be drawn in.

Collaborations and Partnerships: Establishing strategic alliances with other financial institutions or fintech firms can open up new business prospects. Collaborations may result in new product offerings, the sharing of resources, and a broader market. Partnerships can aid in maintaining competitiveness versus new companies.

Regulatory Compliance: Dhanmondi Securities should create a specialized team to monitor and swiftly apply regulatory updates in light of the regular changes in financial legislation. This minimizes the danger of legal problems and disruptions while ensuring the business's operations stay compliant.

Measures for Cybersecurity: With our reliance on technology growing, it is critical to prioritize effective cybersecurity measures. Investing in cutting-edge cybersecurity solutions, educating employees, and routine audits will help protect client data and uphold trust.

2.14 Implications:

Enhanced Competitive Edge: The competitive edge of Dhanmondi Securities will be boosted by putting the suggested strategies into practice. The organization will be able to stand out from rivals and draw in a bigger clientele with geographic expansion and technology developments.

Sustained Growth: Dhanmondi Securities might experience growth through entering new markets and establishing key alliances. These actions will increase the company's long-term success by creating new revenue streams and prospective business prospects.

Client Loyalty and Trust: Prioritizing regulatory compliance and cybersecurity promotes client trust while also ensuring legal conformance. Customers' trust in the company will increase knowing that their data is secure.

Innovation Leadership: Dhanmondi Securities may position itself as an industry leader in terms of innovation by continually improving its technology infrastructure. This portrayal will draw in tech-savvy investors and enhance the company's brand.

Resilience to Market changes: Geographic diversification and a solid technological base can lessen the effects of market changes. The business can operate steadily and weather economic downturns better.

Dhanmondi Securities Ltd. will be able to solidify its position in the financial industry, achieve sustainable growth, and carry on providing first-rate financial services to its clients by putting into practice the recommendations and implications mentioned above. These strategic moves support the organization's client-centric ethos and aim of leading the industry.

Chapter 3: The rise of young investors: Exploring students' interest in the stock market

3.1 Introduction:

The growing involvement of young students in the stock market is an intriguing trend that is emerging in the field of finance in an era marked by rapid technology breakthroughs and unheard-of access to information. The stock market has long been thought of as a realm reserved for seasoned professionals and seasoned investors, but this perception is changing as its demographic makeup changes. Young people's interest and involvement, especially that of students, has increased, which has led to a reevaluation of the forces influencing current investment behavior.

This study aims to explore the complex environment of students' stock market interest, revealing the causes, impacts, and underlying variables causing this rise in participation. A favorable environment for the emergence of young investors has been created by the convergence of the changing role of technology, modifications in financial education, and alterations in public conceptions of investing. We seek to get a thorough grasp of the mechanisms underlying these phenomena and its potential effects on the direction of finance by examining these dynamics.

For people without substantial financial backgrounds, investment used to be frequently linked with a certain amount of ambiguity and difficulty. However, the development of online trading platforms, learning tools, and social media groups has opened up access to financial markets and allowed students to take an active role in investment operations. As entry hurdles have come down, more and more college students are dabbling in the stock market as a way to learn, make money, and safeguard their financial futures.

This study will look into the reasons why students are drawn to the stock market, including the appeal of possible gains, the need to develop financial literacy, and the impact of family, peers, and the media. We will also explore the difficulties and dangers they believe they face, including market volatility, information overload, and the fine line between speculating and making well-informed decisions. We seek to offer insights into the psychology of young investors and the elements that influence their investment behaviors by looking at these complex topics.

Additionally, this study report aims to add to the broader discussion on investor support and financial education. Understanding the preferences and requirements of young investors is essential for educators, financial institutions, and politicians as the investing landscape continues to change. We can better tailor educational initiatives, support systems, and regulatory frameworks to match with the ambitions and concerns of this growing generation by identifying the elements that influence students to embrace the stock market.

3.1.1 Background:

Technology improvements and changes in public views toward investing have sparked a dramatic transition in the financial environment in recent years. The spike in young people's interest in the stock market, especially among students, is one of the most exciting developments. In the past, investment was frequently seen as the domain of seasoned experts who needed a substantial amount of wealth and a thorough comprehension of intricate financial principles. The development of internet trading platforms, the availability of financial education, and increased exposure via social media, however, have democratized access to investment options and turned the stock market into a place where a new generation may explore.

Exploration is necessary to understand the triad of elements driving these phenomena. Students now have access to investing opportunities thanks to shifting perceptions of personal finance, developments in financial technology, and an expanding global economy. Opportunities for wealth creation and financial education that were previously out of reach for people without significant financial backgrounds have been made possible by the democratization of investment access. The appeal of learning by experience, coupled with the possibility of long-term financial success, has fueled an increase in interest in the stock market as students begin their educational journeys.

3.1.2 Literature Review:

Scholars and practitioners alike have been interested in the growth of young investors and their interest in the stock market. Numerous facets of this phenomenon have been studied by researchers, who have provided insights into the causes, influences, difficulties, and possible outcomes of this trend. The literature reveals the following major themes:

Technology and Access: The environment of investing has changed as a result of the advent of mobile applications and internet trading platforms. These platforms have simplified entrance requirements for users, including students, making it very simple for them to trade stocks and other financial assets. Due to its increased accessibility, investing is now seen as a common activity rather than an exclusive one.

Financial Education: The current emphasis on financial literacy and education has been a noticeable development. Schools, colleges, and universities are becoming more aware of how crucial it is to give students a solid foundation in finance. The goal of financial literacy programs is to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make wise financial decisions.

Social Influence: It is important to recognize the importance of social influence, which includes peer groups, families, and online communities. Platforms and forums on social media offer channels for information exchange, idea sharing, and investment conversations. These platforms may alter how college students think about investing, which may affect their choices and approaches to making investments.

Goals & Motivations: Students' reasons for investing in the stock market can differ greatly. While some are attracted by the possibility of large profits, others are looking to develop their practical skills and financial independence. It is essential to comprehend these motives in order to customize instructional materials and support systems.

Challenges and risks: The stock market brings dangers, such as market volatility and potential losses, as well as growth prospects. It may be difficult for students to deal with these problems, so it is important to have a balanced strategy that promotes risk management and well-informed decision-making.

Impact on Future Financial Behavior: Students' early exposure to the stock market may have long-lasting effects on their future financial conduct. Young people who experience investing may grow to manage their financial portfolios in a more proactive and deliberate manner throughout their lives.

A complicated phenomenon, the rise of young investors and their interest in the stock market has significant effects on both individuals and the larger financial environment. Understanding the processes underlying the increase of young investors is essential for developing effective

educational programs, support networks, and legislative frameworks as the investment landscape continues to change.

3.1.3 Objective

- To examine the current notion of students about stock market.
- To investigate the motivations driving students to invest in the stock market.
- To identify the challenges faced by the students when entering the stock market.

3.1.4 Significance:

It is crucial to comprehend how students currently view and believe in the stock market for a number of reasons. In the first place, it sheds light on the degree of understanding and expertise that students have regarding investing and financial markets. For educators and policymakers to create efficient financial literacy programs that address potential comprehension gaps, they may need to use this information. Researchers can also spot any biases or misconceptions that may influence students' investment choices by probing their perceptions. This knowledge is important for creating educational interventions that can assist students in selecting investments in a way that will benefit their long-term financial stability. Students' reasons for being interested in investing might provide important information about their financial objectives, risk tolerance, and attitudes toward wealth acquisition. This data is essential for financial institutions, investment advisers, and educators who want to customize their services and advice to match the individual needs of pupils. Stakeholders who want to promote responsible and goal-oriented investing might develop strategies by comprehending the factors that influence students' investment choices. Additionally, this information might help illuminate broader cultural patterns like the rising emphasis of financial independence among younger generations. The difficulties that new stock market participants face have an impact on both individual investors and the financial sector as a whole. This goal may draw attention to potential obstacles that prevent students from participating in the market, such as a lack of finances, a limited comprehension of financial jargon, or worries about risk and volatility. By addressing these issues, instructional resources, tools, and platforms that make the investment process simpler and more approachable for students may be created. Recognizing and overcoming these obstacles can also assist inexperienced investors avoid typical traps and errors, promoting a more ethical and sustainable investment culture.

3.2 Methodology:

Objective 1: To examine Students' Notions about the Stock Market.

Literature Review: To fully grasp the prevailing beliefs students have regarding the stock market, an extensive assessment of academic writing, reports, and reliable online sources was carried out. The later research goals were built on the results of this phase. Thematic analysis of the literature review results revealed recurrent ideas and patterns on the stock market among students.

Objective 2: Investigate Motivations for Student Stock Market Investment.

Survey Development: To learn more about students' reasons for making stock market investments, a standardized survey questionnaire was developed. Financial aspirations, risk tolerance, and the variables affecting their investing choices were all covered in the questionnaire.

Participants: For the survey, a broad sample of students from various educational backgrounds was aimed at. This ensured a thorough understanding of various reasons.

Objective 3: Identify Challenges in Student Stock Market Entry

Survey Modification: The survey was changed to concentrate on difficulties students face when they first enter the stock market. To preserve consistency, the survey's participants were the same as those in Objective 2. Survey responses were submitted to both quantitative and qualitative analysis, which drew out nuanced insights from open-ended questions and involved statistical summaries of motives and challenges.

3.2.1 Ethical Considerations:

Prior to their involvement in the survey, participants' informed consent was requested. To ensure their privacy, confidentiality was upheld throughout the whole research procedure.

This extensive research effort used a mixed-methods strategy to achieve its three main goals. The knowledge gained from the literature study and survey responses has helped to advance our understanding of how students view the stock market and their motivations and obstacles. The research has implications for educators, decision-makers, and financial institutions as they work

to develop specialized financial education programs and support systems that cater to the requirements and worries of young investors. In the end, this research has shed light on the complex processes behind students' participation in the stock market, making significant contributions to the fields of financial literacy and investment behavior.

3.3 Findings and Analysis

3.3.1 Survey Analysis:

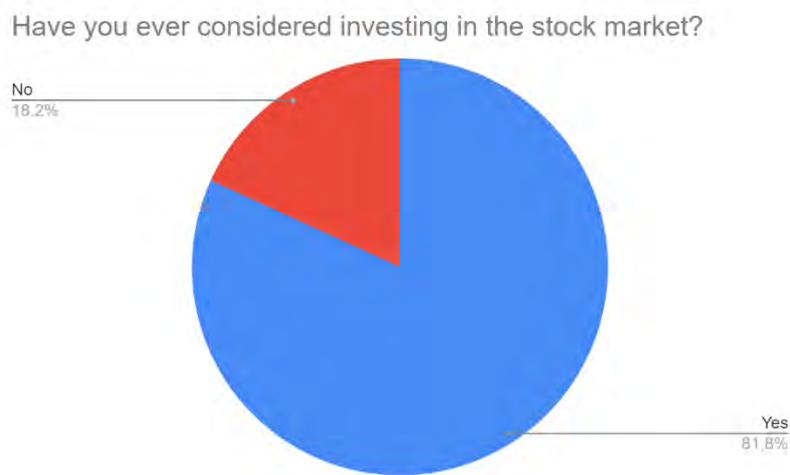


Figure 1: Investment Consideration

Responses indicate that out of the 22 participants, 18 have contemplated investing in the stock market, while 4 have not considered it.

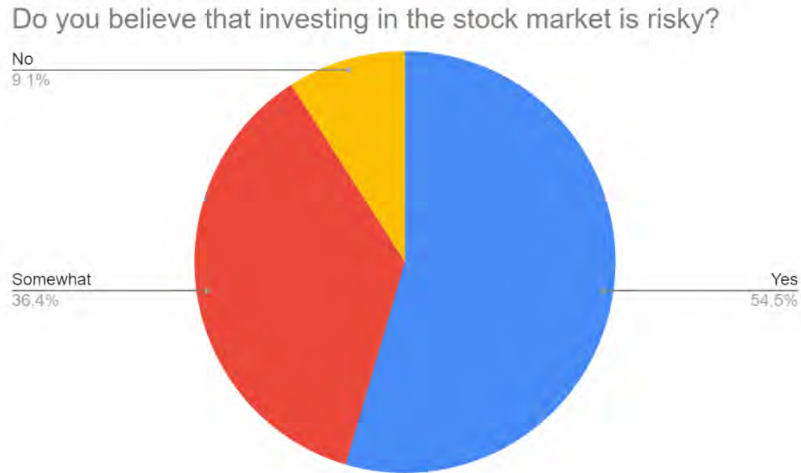


Figure 2: Risk Association

When asked about their perception of risk in stock market investment, 12 participants responded affirmatively, 2 participants indicated no perception of risk, and 8 participants held a somewhat uncertain view.

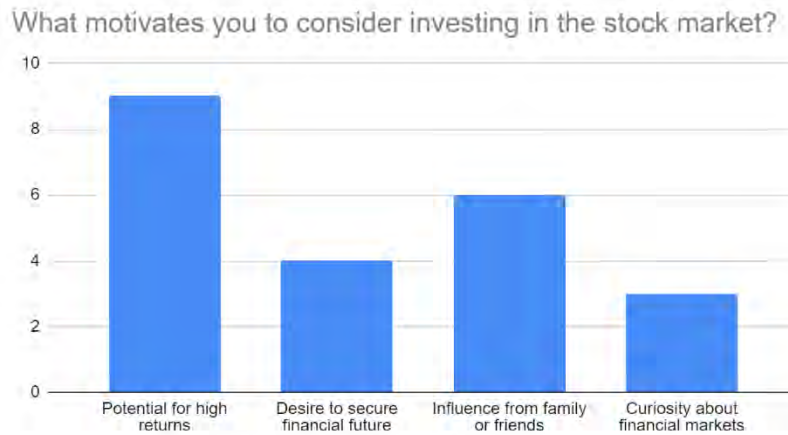


Figure 3: Motivating Factors

Among the motivating factors for considering stock market investment, the potential for high returns was endorsed by 9 participants, the desire to secure their financial future was chosen by 4 participants, and 6 participants cited influence from family or friends. Additionally, 3 participants expressed curiosity about financial markets.

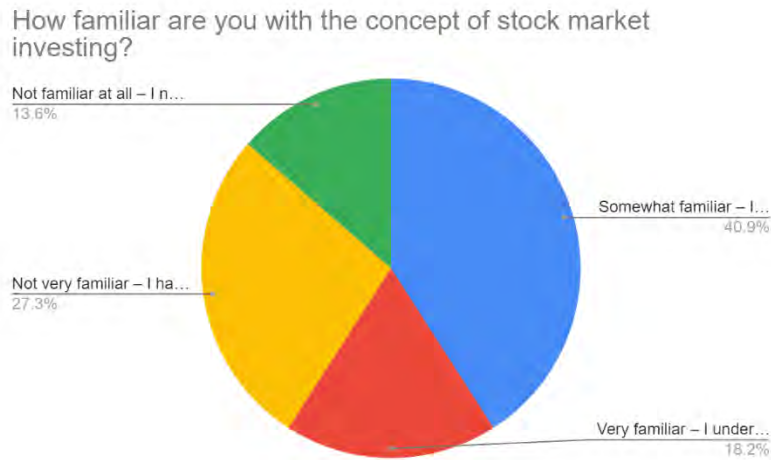


Figure 4: Concept Familiarity

Participants' familiarity with stock market investing revealed that 4 participants claimed to be very familiar with the concept, 9 participants were somewhat familiar with the basics, 6 participants felt not very familiar but had some idea, and 3 participants acknowledged being not familiar at all and desiring more information.

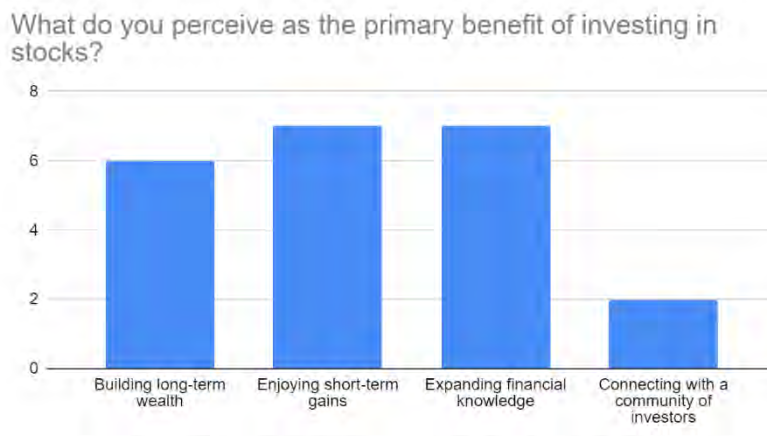


Figure 5: Perception of Benefits

Responses indicated that 6 participants perceived building long-term wealth as the primary benefit of stock investing, 7 participants recognized the enjoyment of short-term gains, 7 participants saw it as a means to expand their financial knowledge, and 2 participants associated it with connecting to a community of investors.

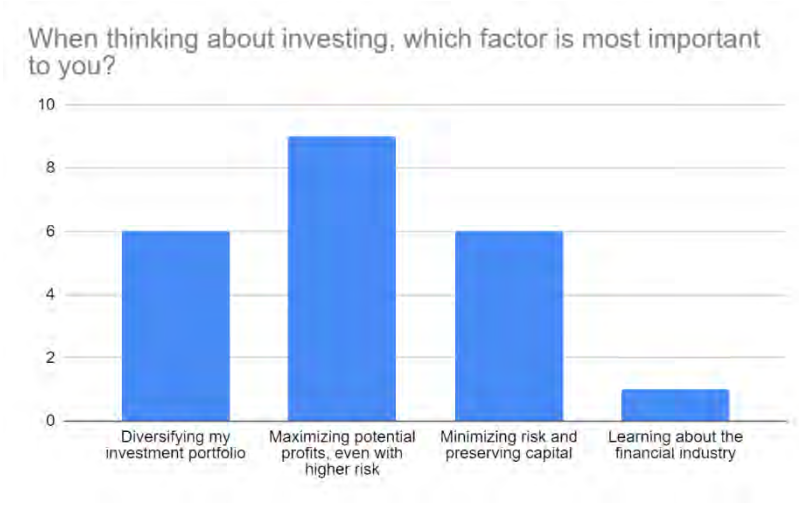


Figure 6: Importance Factors

Participants' priorities when considering investment were as follows: 6 participants placed importance on minimizing risk and preserving capital, 9 participants prioritized maximizing potential profits even with higher risk, 1 participant indicated interest in learning about the financial industry, and 6 participants emphasized the importance of diversifying their investment portfolio.

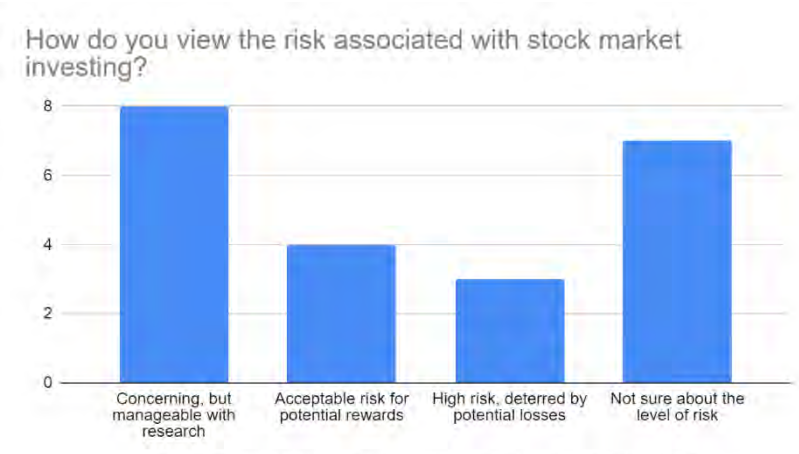


Figure 7: Risk Association

In terms of risk perception associated with stock market investing, 4 participants found the risk acceptable for potential rewards, 8 participants expressed concern but believed it to be manageable with research, 3 participants viewed it as high risk and were deterred by potential losses, and 7 participants were unsure about the level of risk.

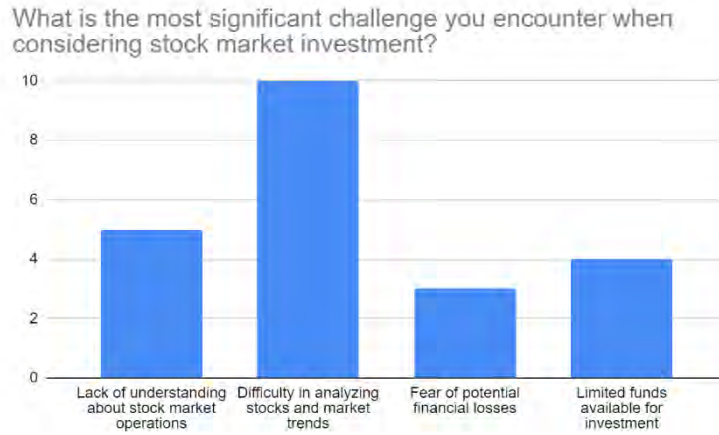


Figure 8: Challenges Faced

Regarding significant challenges in considering stock investment, 5 participants highlighted a lack of understanding about stock market operations, 10 participants expressed difficulty in analyzing stocks and market trends, 4 participants cited limited available funds for investment, and 3 participants mentioned fear of potential financial losses.



Figure 9: Discouraging Aspects

Participants found aspects of stock market investing daunting in the following proportions: 6 participants were challenged by selecting the right stocks to invest in, 6 participants faced difficulty in keeping up with market volatility and news, 6 participants struggled with deciding when to buy or sell stocks, and 4 participants found understanding complex financial terms and metrics challenging.

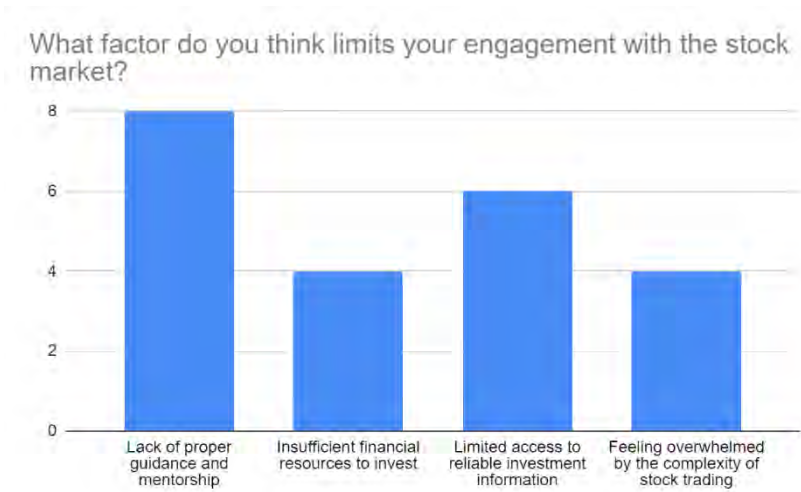


Figure 10: Limitations

Limiting factors in engagement with the stock market were identified as follows: 8 participants stated a lack of proper guidance and mentorship, 6 participants cited limited access to reliable investment information, 4 participants expressed insufficient financial resources to invest, and 4 participants felt overwhelmed by the complexity of stock trading.

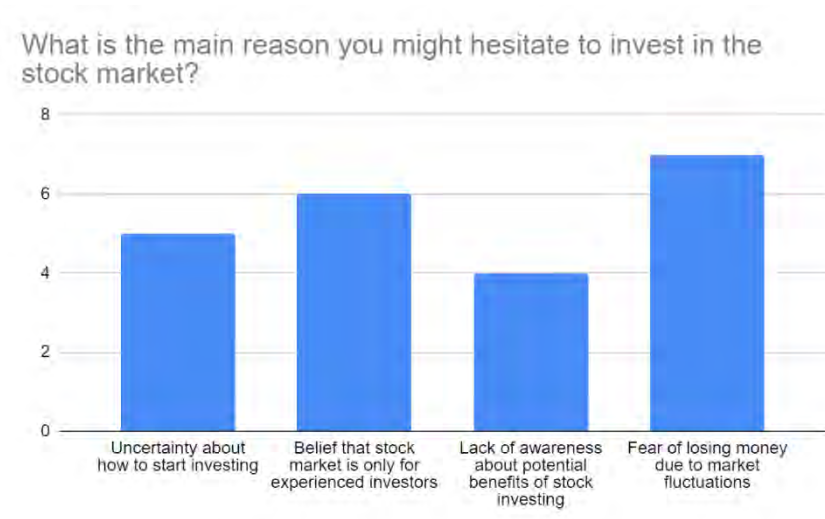


Figure 11: Investment Hesitation

Participants' hesitation to invest in the stock market was attributed to various reasons: 7 participants were concerned about the fear of losing money due to market fluctuations, 5 participants hesitated due to uncertainty about how to start investing, 6 participants believed that the stock market was primarily for experienced investors, and 4 participants mentioned a lack of awareness about the potential benefits of stock investing.

3.3.2 Findings

Objective 1: what are students' notion about the stock market

Depending on their background, education, and exposure to financial matters, students' ideas about the stock market might differ greatly. Here are some common misconceptions regarding the stock market that students could hold:

- **Finding 1:** Uncertainty and Risk: The narratives presented in the media frequently influence people's perceptions of the stock market as a place rife with risk and uncertainty. The stock market is often depicted in the media as being inherently risky due to the emphasis placed on market collapses, extremely high volatility, and financial losses. A diversified portfolio, a long-term investing horizon, and smart investment strategies can greatly reduce these risks and possibly produce favorable returns, despite the fact that the stock market does involve some risk..
- **Finding 2:** Wealth Creation and Quick Returns: The idea that the stock market is a quick way to accumulate riches is frequently based on success stories or anecdotes of people or corporations who made large financial gains quickly. However, these narratives frequently oversimplify the difficulties and dangers associated with stock investing. It is crucial to stress that thorough study, thoughtful planning, and a patient approach are necessary for successful investing. When they do, quick gains are frequently the product of well-informed choices and good market circumstances.
- **Finding 3:** Inaccessibility and Complexity: Due to the complicated nature of financial language and a lack of knowledge of market mechanics, many people, especially students who have had little exposure to financial education, believe that the stock market is unreachable. The stock market may seem intimidating due of financial jargon. To address this, it is necessary to deconstruct complex ideas, clarify the underlying principles of the

stock market, and offer concrete examples. We can demystify the market and make it more approachable by doing this.

- **Finding 4:** Lack of Influence and Control: Some students could mistakenly think that stock market investing requires giving up control, leaving them vulnerable to unpredictability of market forces. The strength of diversification, risk management techniques, and basic and technical analysis can all be used to dispel this myth. Knowing that investors may exercise some influence through well-informed decision-making and a diversified portfolio can give them a lot of power..
- **Finding 5:** Long-Term Investment: A widespread misconception relates the stock market largely to long-term investing and retirement planning. The possibility of using the stock market for several investment perspectives, including short- and medium-term ones, is overlooked by this perception. This myth is dispelled and the stock market's adaptability is demonstrated by exposing students to diversified investing strategies that support various financial objectives, such as saving for college or a down payment on a home.

It's crucial to remember that these ideas are not shared by all students, and their views on the stock market can differ greatly. Students' perspectives on the stock market can be shaped more intelligently and nuancedly with the help of financial education and exposure to real-world investing experiences.

Objective 2: To investigate the motivations driving students to invest in the stock market

- **Finding 1:** Financial Growth and Wealth Accumulation: The desire for financial advancement and wealth building is a major factor encouraging college students to make stock market investments. Many young people believe that investing is a good way to fulfill their long-term financial goals, such as buying a home, paying for their education, or becoming financially independent. Students must comprehend how investments fit into and support their own financial goals. This study emphasizes the value of educating students about the possibilities of investments to support their unique financial goals.
- **Finding 2:** Learning and Skill Development: The chance to get practical experience and improve financial and investing skills is a major incentive for students to make stock market investments. Students see investing as a useful way to learn about business analysis, comprehend economic patterns, and develop risk management skills. This

research suggests that for some students, the financial rewards of investing are just as significant as the educational advantages they enjoy. The need of emphasizing the educational benefits of investing and its role in skill development in educational programs is emphasized.

- **Finding 3:** Exposure to Financial Markets: In order to learn more about financial markets and take an active role in the economy as a whole, many students are motivated to make stock market investments. They see investment as a chance to comprehend and interact with actual economic processes while keeping up with current events and market trends. The importance of investing as a way for students to stay connected to the larger financial landscape is highlighted by this discovery. Students can better understand the significance of their investments in the broader economic context if this component is encouraged.
- **Finding 4:** Influence of Social Factors: Social factors, such as recommendations from family, classmates, and media exposure, have a substantial impact on students' decisions to invest in the stock market. The influence of social networks on students' financial decisions is clear given how frequently they rely on recommendations or guidance from friends, family, or other significant people. The necessity of taking into account the social and interpersonal context while assessing investing behavior is highlighted in this conclusion. Students may make better decisions if they are informed about how social influence affects financial decisions.
- **Finding 5:** Long-Term Financial Security: The desire for long-term financial security is an important motivator for students trading stocks. They see investing as a way to protect their financial future, especially in a competitive job market and in the face of inflationary dangers. This study emphasizes the necessity of investment as a method for building a safety net, preparing for retirement, or preparing for unforeseen financial demands. Financial literacy programs that include the topic of long-term financial security might influence students to see investing as a means of laying a solid financial foundation.

All of these data shed light on the various motives that influence student stock market investment. The creation of focused financial education programs, investment advice, and support networks that address the varied needs and objectives of young investors can be influenced by an understanding of these reasons.

Objective 3: Identifying the challenges faced by the students when entering the stock market.

- **Finding 1:** Lack of Financial Knowledge and Literacy: Lack of proper financial knowledge and expertise is a common problem among students who try their hand at the stock market. This deficiency frequently involves a basic comprehension of the vocabulary, ideas, and tactics related to investment. This conclusion emphasizes how important it is to improve financial education and give students the knowledge and skills they need to properly navigate the intricacies of investments.
- **Finding 2:** Risk Aversion and Fear of Loss: Numerous young adults struggle with risk aversion and worry about possible financial losses, which prevents them from making investing decisions. They may refrain from investing if they have worries about market volatility and the chance of losing their initial investment. This study emphasizes the significance of removing psychological barriers and educating people about risk management techniques in order to encourage educated and risk-aware decision-making.
- **Finding 3:** Limited Financial Resources: Many students who want to make stock market investments face considerable obstacles due to their limited financial means. Students who are struggling financially frequently believe that the stock market is unattainable because it requires a big capital investment. This conclusion underlines the need of promoting low-risk investment strategies and emphasizing the potential benefits of compounding over time.
- **Finding 4:** Complexity of Investment Options: The complexity of the many platforms, products, and investment options that the stock market offers usually causes students to struggle. The vast selection of stocks, bonds, ETFs, and other investment products can make it difficult to make decisions and cause confusion. This result emphasizes the need for simple, user-friendly services that can help students choose smart investments without feeling overly burdened.
- **Finding 5:** Emotional Biases and Impulsive Behavior: Students starting out in the stock market frequently run into issues with emotional biases and impulsive behavior. Inexperienced investors could struggle with overconfidence and psychological issues like FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out), which could cause them to make rash financial decisions that don't necessarily fit with a well-thought-out strategy. In order to help students

properly identify and manage their own biases, this conclusion underlines the vital importance of incorporating behavioral finance ideas into investment education.

These results collectively provide light on the difficulties that college students have when they first enter the stock market. A generation of young investors who are better informed and more self-assured can result from addressing these issues through focused education, assistance, and resources.

3.3.3 Summary

While a sizable portion of participants have not thought about investing in the stock market, many have. Different risk perceptions surrounding stock market investment are evident from the responses. It is risky in the eyes of some participants, not risky in the eyes of others, and ambiguous in the eyes of others. The possibility of significant profits, the need for financial security, the influence of family or friends, and the interest in financial markets are all driving forces behind stock market investing consideration. Participants' levels of familiarity with stock market investment range from being very familiar to being completely unfamiliar. The main advantages of stock investing, according to perception, include increasing financial literacy, creating long-term wealth, taking advantage of short-term gains, and interacting with other investors. Participants give top priority to aspects including reducing risk and protecting cash, increasing possible rewards despite greater risk, learning about the financial sector, and stressing portfolio diversification when thinking about investments. Investment in the stock market is connected with a variety of risk perceptions, from low risk deterred by prospective losses and ambiguity about the risk level to high risk considered acceptable for potential rewards and worries manageable with research. Lack of knowledge about stock market operations, difficulties analyzing equities and market trends, a lack of accessible funds, and concern over potential financial losses are among the major obstacles to thinking about investing in stocks. Participants in the stock market find it challenging to choose the correct stocks to invest in, monitor market volatility and news, choose whether to buy or sell stocks, and comprehend complicated financial words and measurements. Lack of suitable mentoring and advice, restricted access to trustworthy investment information, a lack of financial means to invest with, and feeling overwhelmed by the complexity of stock trading are all reasons that limit participation in the stock market. Fear of losing money as a result of market swings, uncertainty about how to begin investing, the notion

that the stock market is primarily for seasoned investors, and a lack of knowledge about the possible rewards of stock investment are all reasons why people hesitate to invest.

3.4 Conclusion

In summary, this study reveals diverse perspectives and motivations driving student involvement in the stock market. Participants vary in their perception of stock market investment, seeing it as risky or a source of potential high returns. Reasons for investing include financial stability, wealth accumulation, social influence, and interest in financial markets. Participants' levels of stock market knowledge vary, underscoring the need for specialized training to enhance financial literacy. While they recognize the benefits of stock investing, risk control through techniques like portfolio diversification is a priority. Psychological barriers like fear of market fluctuations and uncertainty about initiating investments hinder potential investors. Addressing these barriers through targeted educational programs and mentorship is crucial for encouraging more engagement in the stock market. Additionally, challenges include limited understanding of market operations, interpreting market patterns, financial constraints, and fears of potential losses. Overcoming these challenges necessitates accessible and comprehensive educational resources. Understanding these perspectives, motivations, and obstacles is vital for effective educational initiatives, fostering a more informed and confident generation of investors and maintaining a thriving stock market environment.

3.5 Recommendations:

- **Enhanced Financial Education Programs:** Create thorough, student-specific financial education programs that cover the basics of stock market investing. These seminars ought to put a strong emphasis on demystifying investment ideas, outlining risk management techniques, and offering helpful advice.
- **Interactive Learning Platforms:** Construct interactive workshops or online platforms that mimic stock market conditions. These tools can aid students in developing their analytical skills, understanding trading dynamics, and making wise judgments in a risk-free setting.
- **Access to Reliable Resources:** Create a centralized clearinghouse for trustworthy and understandable investing information. This might include videos that cater to various degrees of investment experience, simpler guidelines, and financial terms glossaries.

- **Mentorship and Guidance:** Establish mentorship programs that pair students with seasoned investors. This would create a welcoming environment for education, experience sharing, and mentoring from people who have successfully traded stocks.
- **Financial Literacy in Curriculum:** Work with educational organizations to incorporate financial literacy into the curriculum. Students might be better prepared to make wise financial decisions by include investment, risk assessment, and personal finance themes in their education.
- **Real-world Case Studies:** Develop case studies showcasing real-world stock market scenarios, including both successes and failures. These case studies can provide valuable insights into decision-making processes and outcomes.

3.6 Implications:

- **Informed Investment Decisions:** The results of the survey emphasize the significance of making informed investing decisions. Students can make decisions that support their financial goals by correcting misconceptions and raising awareness.
- **Reduced Risk Aversion:** Students' risk aversion can be reduced through comprehending their reasons and anxieties. They can overcome their anxieties and engage with confidence in the stock market with the help of customized education on risk management techniques.
- **Equity and Inclusivity:** The survey emphasizes the importance of ensuring equal access to financial knowledge. The financial sector can become more inclusive and open to a wider demography by eliminating resource constraints and streamlining information.
- **Behavioral Finance Insights:** The research on behavioral biases sheds light on how emotions affect financial choices. These realizations can direct the creation of tactics that support students in making sensible decisions even in choppy markets.
- **Long-term Financial Security:** Institutions can provide goods and services that address students' needs for long-term financial stability by taking note of their wants in this regard. Giving students financial options with different risk profiles can aid them in making future plans.
- **Collaboration for Change:** Collaboration between educators, policymakers, financial institutions, and technology suppliers is also affected by the results of this poll. Stakeholders may improve the environment for young investors by cooperating.

The survey indicates a chance to increase students' interest in the stock market. Through specialized education, addressing problems, and promoting diversity, the financial sector can empower them and raise a generation of knowledgeable investors.

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Appendix

The rise of young investors: Exploring students interest in the stock market

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* প্রয়োজনীয় প্রশ্ন নির্দেশ করে

Have you ever considered investing in the stock market? *

- Yes
- No

Do you believe that investing in the stock market is risky? *

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

What motivates you to consider investing in the stock market? *

- Potential for high returns
- Desire to secure financial future
- Influence from family or friends
- Curiosity about financial markets

How familiar are you with the concept of stock market investing? *

- Very familiar – I understand how it works
- Somewhat familiar – I know the basics
- Not very familiar – I have some idea, but not clear
- Not familiar at all – I need more information

What do you perceive as the primary benefit of investing in stocks? *

- Building long-term wealth
- Enjoying short-term gains
- Expanding financial knowledge
- Connecting with a community of investors

When thinking about investing, which factor is most important to you? *

- Minimizing risk and preserving capital
- Maximizing potential profits, even with higher risk
- Learning about the financial industry
- Diversifying my investment portfolio

How do you view the risk associated with stock market investing? *

- Acceptable risk for potential rewards
- Concerning, but manageable with research
- High risk, deterred by potential losses
- Not sure about the level of risk

What is the most significant challenge you encounter when considering stock market investment? *

- Lack of understanding about stock market operations
- Difficulty in analyzing stocks and market trends
- Limited funds available for investment
- Fear of potential financial losses

Which aspect of stock market investing do you find most daunting? *

- Selecting the right stocks to invest in
- Keeping up with market volatility and news
- Deciding when to buy or sell stocks
- Understanding complex financial terms and metrics

