Financial performance metrics through MIS Analytics: Internship study at IFIC Bank

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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to submit the internship report I prepared as a partial requirement for my Bachelor of Business Administration degree at BRAC University, titled "Financial Performance Metrics through MIS Analytics: A Case Study on IFIC Bank PLC."

I had the chance to obtain practical experience in general banking and financial analysis during my internship at IFIC Bank PLC, and your supervision has been crucial to this process. In addition to assisting me in writing this report, your guidance and assistance have improved my professional development.

I genuinely hope that the report fulfills your requirements and offers a thorough description of the tasks, discoveries, and analyses I made during my internship. I would greatly appreciate your acceptance of this report and your insightful comments.

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Executive Summary

Businesses, households, and the banking industry were all impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused serious economic difficulties for Bangladesh. In this regard, IFIC Bank PLC, a limited liability company founded in 1976 by the Bangladeshi government in collaboration with private sponsors, has remained essential in supporting international joint ventures and offering domestic banking services.

By providing cutting-edge products like the IFIC Aamar Account, IFIC Aamar Bari, IFIC Aamar Bhobishawt, and IFIC Shohoj Account, the bank has gradually established a reputation for providing customer-centric services. In keeping with its "One-Stop Service" model, IFIC Bank has integrated its customer service operations into a One-Stop Touchpoint, guaranteeing accessibility and financial inclusion throughout its nationwide network of over 1,300 branches and Uposhakhas.

My hands-on experience as an intern at IFIC Bank PLC is documented in this internship report. Before getting into the specifics of the general banking procedures I witnessed and took part in, it starts with a summary of the bank's composition, activities, and services. The analysis of the bank's financial performance, especially using important ratios and indicators covering the years 2020–2024, is a major focus of the report. The analysis shows the growth attained as well as the difficulties faced, such as volatility in profitability, provisioning pressures, and liquidity management.

Along with reflecting on my own learning objectives, which include operational exposure, customer service, and MIS-driven analytics, the report ends with suggestions for how IFIC Bank can improve performance and maintain growth. The report, taken as a whole, documents my early experiences as an intern, providing insights into how my academic knowledge is applied in the real world and influencing my future professional goals in the banking industry.

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Chapter 1: Overview of Internship

Internships are a necessary part of most business programs because they let students put what they learn in class into practice in real-world situations. They let students see how professional workplaces work, learn about the problems that come up in real operations, and see how theoretical ideas can be put into practice. Internships are even more important for students majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS) because they show the intern how organizations gather, process, and use information to make decisions.

For the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program at BRAC University, I had to do a three-month internship at IFIC Bank PLC, which is one of the largest and most technology-driven private commercial banks in Bangladesh. My major is MIS, and my minor is finance. These two things affected how I did this internship. Even though my day-to-day work in the General Banking Division was mostly operational, I was very interested in how MIS frameworks helped with these tasks and how financial data was processed, reported, and analyzed to evaluate performance.

This chapter gives a summary of my internship, starting with my student and internship information, the range of my duties and responsibilities, and the results of the internship in terms of contributions, learning, challenges, and suggestions.

1.1 Student Information

I am a student at BRAC University. My name is Fahad Bin Mostafiz. I am in the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program, majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS) and minoring in Finance. My student ID is 21304087.

This mix of MIS and finance shows that I am interested in how technology and data-driven decision-making can work together in banks and other financial institutions. Finance gives you the tools to look at how well a business is doing financially and how risky it is, while MIS gives you the technology and systems you need to create, manage, and understand financial and operational data. This internship let me see how the two fields work together in real life, especially in the banking sector.

1.2 Internship Information

Organization: IFIC Bank PLC
Department: General Banking
Branch: Gulshan

Internship Period: June 15th – September 11th, 2025
Supervisor: Sylvia Chowdhury, Customer Service Manager

The General Banking division, the brain center of any commercial bank, is where I was assigned. The bulk of basic financial services and most customer interactions occur in general banking, as opposed to specialized divisions like corporate credit or treasury. The branch handles hundreds of customer transactions every day, including demand drafts, remittances, check clearing, account openings, deposits, and withdrawals. To be included in daily, monthly, and annual performance reports, each of these occurrences needs to be precisely recorded, promptly reconciled, and combined using the bank's MIS.

1.3 Job Scope – Duties and Responsibilities

I was heavily involved in supporting the workflows that make up general banking even though, as an intern, I lacked the independent authority to approve or complete transactions. Among my duties were the following:

- Helping to open accounts and confirming KYC/AML paperwork (national identification, address, employment, and funding source).
- Assisting with cash and clearing services, such as keeping track of registers and verifying the information on checks.
- Creating or reviewing demand drafts and pay orders.
- Helping with RTGS and BEFTN remittance services, confirming account and routing information prior to submission.
- Presenting digital features and introducing clients to the IFIC Aamar mobile application.
- Going over daily MIS extracts with officers, looking for discrepancies or exceptions, and making sure the reconciliation was done correctly.

Even though these tasks might seem simple, they are all "data capture events," which is why they are important. A single data entry mistake, such as an incorrect instrument ID, a misspelled name, or an extra digit in an account number, does not remain isolated. Rather, it ripples downstream into regulatory reporting errors, exception queues, reconciliation delays, and even disgruntled customers. Firsthand observation of this dynamic reaffirmed the significance of precision, focus, and instantaneous validation.

1.4 Internship Outcomes

Contribution to the Bank

I made a number of concrete contributions to IFIC Bank throughout my internship. I decreased the number of minor errors that usually result in rejected checks or remittance instructions by closely examining documents and reading back amounts or account numbers to clients. By assisting clients with the IFIC Aamar app, which decreases counter traffic and the bank's cost to serve, I also contributed to the acceleration of digital adoption. Furthermore, by helping to prepare the daily MIS extracts, I made sure that officers could concentrate on making decisions rather than doing administrative tasks. To put it briefly, I helped to reduce exception workloads, encourage the use of digital channels, and strengthen data discipline.

Benefits to Me as a Student

As an MIS and finance student, the internship was very helpful to me. From an MIS standpoint, I saw how everyday activities are incorporated into MIS dashboards and reports and how banking operations are digitalized through the Core Banking System. I discovered how to compute financial ratios, track liquidity, and assess profitability using data generated by MIS from the finance perspective. In addition to developing my technical skills, the internship improved my ability to communicate, pay attention to detail, and adjust to a fast-paced work environment.

Difficulties Encountered

The primary challenges I encountered were common for interns. First, I was unable to directly examine live credit or liquidity positions because I had restricted access to sensitive dashboards. Second, I had to strike a balance between accuracy and speed because the demands of peak-hour lines frequently left little time for thorough explanations. Third, there was additional work that could not be avoided due to certain manual remnants in the remittance process, especially documentation requirements.

Recommendations to the Bank

In light of these experiences, I proposed a few minor yet significant improvements:

- Organizing interns' orientation sessions to better explain banking procedures.
- Providing MIS dashboards with controlled demo access for educational purposes.
- Automating manual procedures, like documentation for remittances.
- Offering workshops for customer education to encourage broader use of online banking services.

1.5 Reflection

In a way, the internship validated for me that accurate data results in appropriate decisions. Data quality in banking is first determined at the counter and then either improved or deteriorated as it passes through various systems. MIS is the organization's nervous system, not just a tool for reporting. I was enhancing the bank's data environment each time I assisted a customer in correctly completing a form or encouraged them to use digital self-service. I came away from the internship as an MIS and finance student with a strong belief that future banking performance will be based on the ability to accurately record, validate, and convert every operational moment into useful management information, in addition to strategy.

Chapter 2: Organization Part

2.1 Introduction

With a founding date of 1976, IFIC Bank PLC is among the oldest private commercial banks in Bangladesh. From a joint venture to a fully commercial bank, it has changed over the years, growing both its online presence through sites like IFIC Aamar Bank and its physical presence through branches and uposhakhas (sub-branches). Inclusion, innovation, and stakeholder value creation are key components of the bank's vision. For IFIC, the years 2020–2024 were especially important because they saw consistent increases in assets, deposits, and loans in addition to issues with asset quality and liquidity that had an impact on the whole banking industry.

An overview of the organization is given in this chapter. It starts with a summary of its marketing strategy, service channels, and management and HR procedures. Using the uploaded statements as a direct source, it then provides a thorough financial performance analysis of IFIC Bank for the years 2020–2024. Core ratios (loan-to-deposit ratio, return on equity, and return on assets) are examined, along with growth from year to year, loans as a percentage of assets, and DuPont decomposition. The chapter concludes by considering accounting and disclosure procedures, analyzing MIS in operations, and placing the bank in its competitive landscape using SWOT and Porter's Five Forces frameworks.

2.2 Overview of the Bank

"To be the preferred financial service provider through innovative, sustainable, and inclusive growth and deliver best-in-class value to all stakeholders" is the vision statement of IFIC Bank. Customer service provided by a knowledgeable and creative workforce committed to attaining economic prosperity for people, communities, and the country is emphasized in its mission. Honesty, equity, creativity, and dedication are the organization's guiding principles.

Over the years, the bank has achieved several milestones:

- 1976 – Established as a finance company.
- 1983 – Converted into a commercial bank.
- 1985 – Established Oman Exchange LLC to serve migrant workers.
- 1994 – Set up Nepal Bangladesh Bank Ltd. in Nepal.
- 2007 – Introduced VISA debit and credit cards.
- 2010 – Established Offshore Banking Unit (OBU).

- 2017 – Launched *IFIC Aamar Account*, a hybrid digital-enabled account.
- 2022 – Inaugurated the 1,000th uposhakha.
- 2023 – Became the largest bank in Bangladesh by outlets.
- 2024 – Expanded to 1,414 outlets, launched Islamic banking, and upgraded its core banking system with MIS analytics.

These achievements demonstrate the bank's flexibility in responding to changing client demands and the expanding significance of MIS in its overall strategy.

2.3 Management Practices

At IFIC Bank, management procedures blend participatory decision-making with organized procedures. Because of the participative leadership style, middle managers and staff are encouraged to contribute to decision-making, especially when it comes to technology adoption and customer service enhancements, while upper management provides strategic direction.

Planning for human resources (HR) is done in a methodical manner:

- Merit-based hiring combines interviews, aptitude testing, and academic credentials.
- Both technical and customer service skills are prioritized in the selection process.
- Pay is competitive in the banking sector, with bonuses, benefits, and allowances added to salaries.
- Programs for training and development are common, especially in the areas of customer relationship management, compliance, and MIS systems.
- Systems for evaluating performance are codified and employ both qualitative and quantitative metrics.

These procedures guarantee that IFIC staff members stay inspired, knowledgeable, and in line with company objectives. Crucially, the bank's recognition of the importance of information systems to performance is demonstrated by the emphasis on MIS training.

2.4 Marketing Practices

The marketing strategy of IFIC Bank blends contemporary digital marketing tools with conventional customer outreach. Its main tactic is to present itself as an innovative, inclusive bank that blends financial accessibility.

- **Target Market:** Retailers, SMEs, corporate clients, and rural farmers are among the clients that IFIC serves. From basic savings accounts for rural households to complex trade finance services for corporations, it customizes its offerings to cater to a variety of market niches.
- **Branding:** The bank emphasizes innovation and inclusivity in its positioning as "the people's bank." To draw in younger clients, campaigns emphasize digital services like the IFIC Aamar App.
- **Channels:** Digital platforms, ATMs, branches, and uposhakhas are all used to serve customers. Recent additions to its channel strategy include the app and QR code payments.
- **Digital Marketing:** Through Facebook and Instagram campaigns, IFIC has expanded its social media presence in recent years, promoting loan products, mobile services, and financial literacy.

IFIC's marketing strategy is still developing, and in order to compete with rivals like Dutch-Bangla Bank (DBBL) and BRAC Bank, more focus is required on competitive positioning and digital branding.

2.5 Accounting Practices

IFIC Bank PLC adheres to globally accepted accounting standards that are in line with both International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and Bangladesh Financial Reporting Standards (BFRS). By using the accrual method of accounting, the bank makes sure that income and costs are recorded as they are earned or incurred rather than when money is transferred. For fixed assets, depreciation is charged systematically, mostly using the straight-line method. With Stage 1, 2, and 3 asset categorization, loan classifications and provisioning adhere to Bangladesh Bank's IFRS 9 guidelines. Every year, financial statements are audited to guarantee transparency, dependability, and adherence to legal requirements. Accountability to regulators, shareholders, and the general public is strengthened by regular disclosures on capital adequacy, liquidity, and provisioning.

2.6 Operations and MIS Practices

Overview of Outcomes: Specific MIS capabilities can be linked to the internship outcomes. Every operational task I completed, from creating a remittance instruction to confirming KYC fields, had a matching MIS data element that either facilitated or hindered completion. I discovered that every task should be approached as a "data capture event," the quality of which would dictate the accuracy and speed of subsequent processes.

Customer Onboarding: Quality of Master Data: Master data is created when an account is opened. Transactions, notifications, and loan evaluations all benefit from a customer record that is created with correct identification, addresses, and risk indicators. Making sure that forms were filled out, OCR/scans were readable, and discrepancies were fixed immediately rather than putting them in back-office lines was my contribution.

Clearing and Cash: Transaction Integrity: Accurate amounts, dates, payer/payee identifiers, and instrument numbers are necessary for cash and clearing instruments. A one-digit error can lead to exception queues, reversals, and customer complaints, which then show up in MIS as negative service metrics. For this reason, I developed a habit known as "double glance," which involves reading back the amount and instrument ID to the customer.

Remittances: Straight-Through Processing (STP): When routing numbers, account structures, and names match, BEFTN and RTGS transactions are successful. Although MIS flags rejected items quickly, I've found that prevention at capture is less expensive than treatment later. The useful MIS lesson is to maintain code lists up to date and invest in validation rules at the edge.

Channel Shift Metrics: Digital Adoption: We diverted traffic away from counters by showcasing the app's basic features, such as balance checks, fund transfer templates, and bill reminders. This was noted by MIS as a shift in the channel mix, decreased counter error rates, and increased first-time-right scores. This strengthened my belief that "better service design" frequently leads to "better data."

2.7 Financial Performance Analysis (2020–2024)

This section interprets IFIC's financial performance using researched figures for **Total Assets, Deposits, Loans & Advances, Equity, and Profit After Tax (PAT)**. Ratios are computed step by step to show the bank's trajectory.

Key Terms Explained:

- **Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR)**: Measures liquidity. High LDR = more loans, less idle cash, but riskier liquidity.
- **Return on Assets (ROA)**: Measures efficiency. Shows how much profit the bank makes for each unit of assets.
- **Return on Equity (ROE)**: Indicates how profitable a business is for shareholders. demonstrates the return on owners' equity.
- **Equity Multiplier (EM)**: Assets ÷ Equity, a measure of leverage.
- **DuPont Analysis**: Breaks ROE into ROA × EM, showing how efficiency and leverage combine.
- **Horizontal Analysis**: Year-to-year growth trends.
- **Vertical Analysis**: Asset and liability composition.

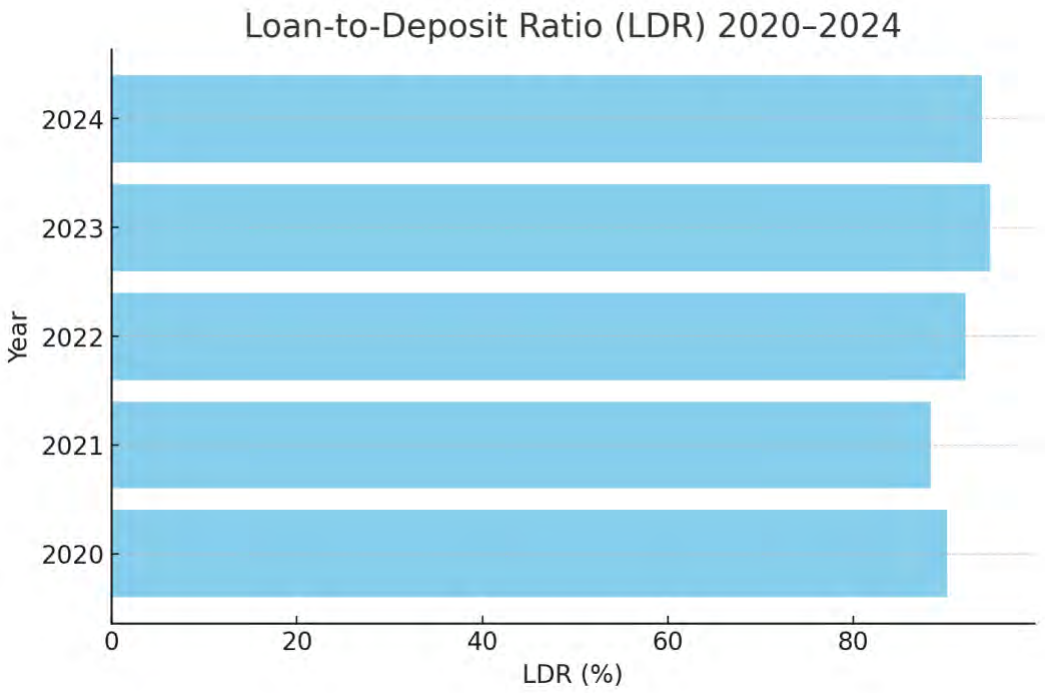
Core Figures (BDT billions):

- **Assets**: 320.75 (2020) → 529.94 (2024).
- **Deposits**: 258.18 → 442.07.
- **Loans**: 232.52 → 414.98.
- **Equity**: 6.53 → 9.42.
- **PAT**: 2.83 → 3.01.

Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR).

- 2020: 90.1%
- 2021: 88.3%
- 2022: 92.1%
- 2023: 94.8%
- 2024: 93.9%

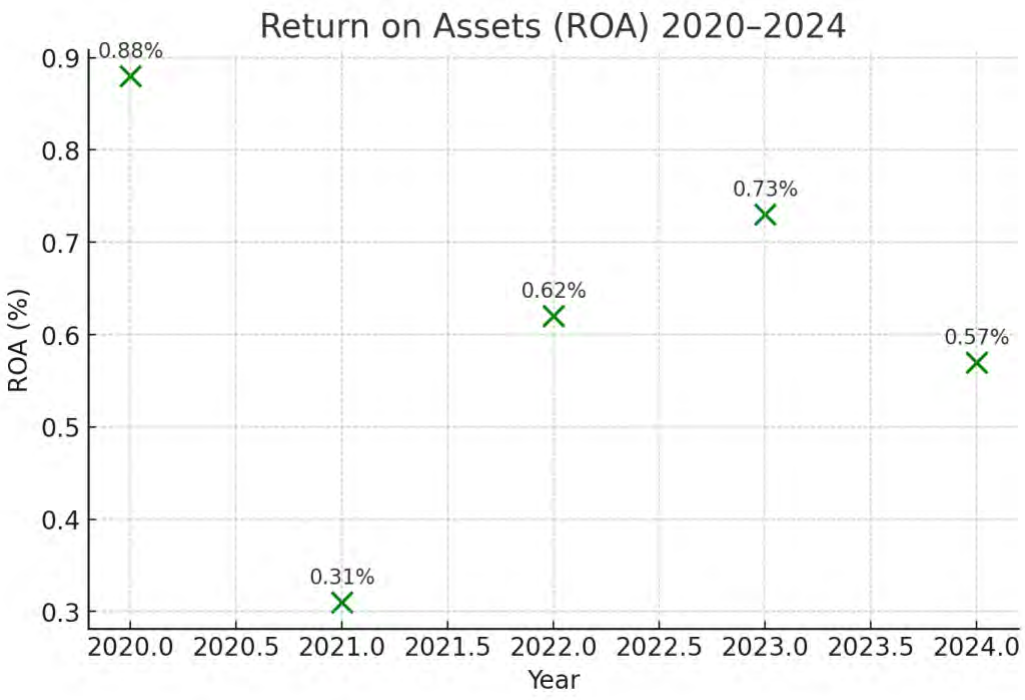
Interpretation: Consistently high. Efficient but leaves little liquidity cushion. MIS dashboards must track daily.



Return on Assets (ROA).

- 2020: 0.88%
- 2021: 0.31%
- 2022: 0.62%
- 2023: 0.73%
- 2024: 0.57%

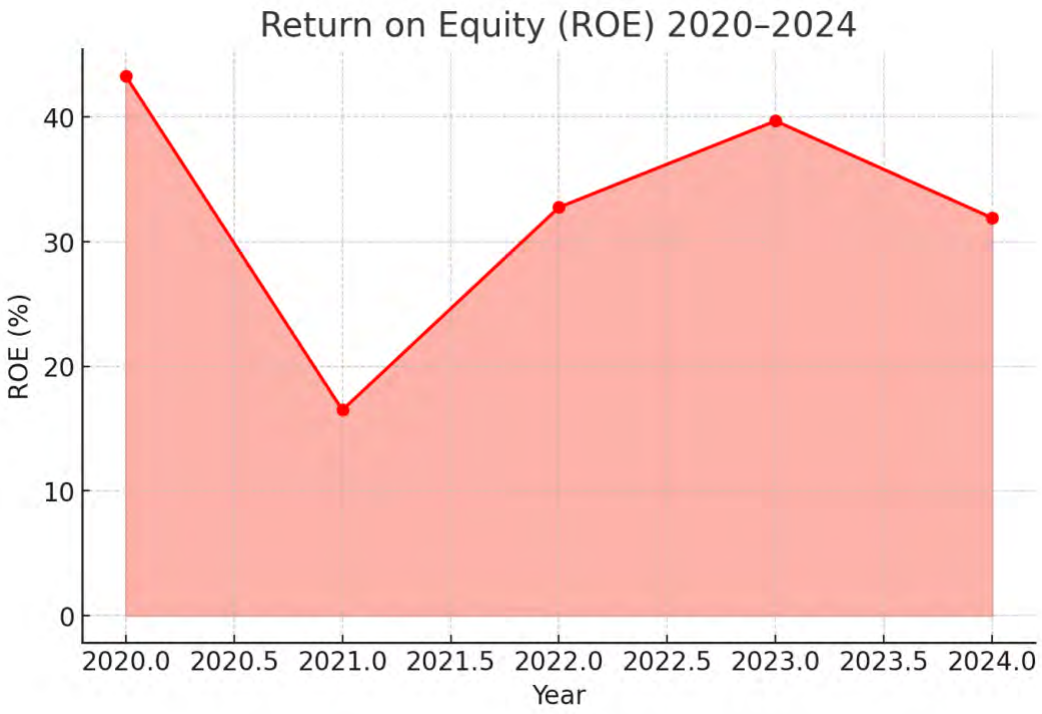
Interpretation: Efficiency dipped in 2021, recovered, then softened in 2024. MIS attribution is key to explaining shifts.



Return on Equity (ROE).

- 2020: 43.3%
- 2021: 16.5%
- 2022: 32.8%
- 2023: 39.7%
- 2024: 31.9%

Interpretation: Very high but volatile. Driven by leverage (equity multiplier over 50×).



Loans as a percentage of assets.

- Rose from 72.5% (2020) to 78.3% (2024).
  Interpretation: Loans dominate assets. Improves yield but reduces liquidity flexibility.

Growth (Horizontal Analysis).

- Assets grew 12–15% annually.
- Deposits grew 12–18%.
- Loans grew 12–17%.
- PAT fluctuated sharply (−59.9% in 2021, +124% in 2022, −12.7% in 2024).

Vertical Analysis.

- Loans within assets increased steadily → liquidity buffers tighter.
- Equity shares within liabilities small → heavy leverage.

DuPont Analysis (Two-Factor).

- 2020: ROA 0.88%, EM 49.1 → ROE ≈ 43.3%.
- 2024: ROA 0.57%, EM 56.3 → ROE ≈ 31.9%.
  Interpretation: Small changes in ROA lead to big ROE shifts due to high leverage. MIS must stabilize ROA inputs.

2.8 Industry and Competitive Analysis

With more than 60 banks operating, Bangladesh's banking sector is extremely competitive. In addition to mobile financial services like bKash, IFIC Bank faces direct competition from other private commercial banks like BRAC Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank, and Eastern Bank.

Porter's Five Forces Analysis

- **Competition:** High, due to many players offering similar products.
- **Customer Power:** Rising, as customers can switch banks easily.
- **Supplier Power:** Moderate; depositors provide funds, but banks compete heavily to attract them.
- **Threat of Substitutes:** Significant, from mobile financial services.
- **Barriers to Entry:** High, due to regulatory restrictions.

SWOT Analysis

- **Strengths:** Largest network of service outlets, government shareholding, digital innovation.
- **Weaknesses:** Asset quality deterioration, profitability decline, dependency on interest income.
- **Opportunities:** Expansion of Islamic banking, remittance growth, digital financial inclusion.
- **Threats:** Regulatory pressure, economic instability, and growing competition.

2.9 Summary and Recommendations

All things considered, IFIC Bank is a powerful force with an extensive network and cutting-edge offerings. But 2024 exposed serious flaws, particularly in asset quality and profitability. Among the suggestions are

- Boosting loan recovery and credit appraisal systems.
- Expanding MIS dashboards to detect risks earlier.
- Increasing the aggressiveness of digital service promotion in order to lessen counter pressure.
- Creating sources of income other than interest.

Chapter 3: Project Part

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Background and Problem Statement

In recent decades, Bangladesh's banking industry has experienced tremendous change, and Management Information Systems (MIS) have become an essential part of both strategic decision-making and operational effectiveness. Founded in 1976 as one of the first private commercial banks in Bangladesh, IFIC Bank PLC has grown significantly, increasing its assets from 320.8 billion BDT in 2020 to 529.9 billion BDT by 2024. But along with this quick growth has come alarming volatility in financial performance indicators, especially in profit swings that range from a 59.9% drop in 2021 to a 124% increase in 2022 and then another 12.7% drop in 2024.

The fundamental issue is the mismatch between modern MIS-based analytics capabilities and regular financial performance measurement methodologies. Despite making significant investments in technology infrastructure and growing its network to over 1,400 locations, IFIC Bank's financial performance is highly unstable. During the study period, Return on Equity (ROE) varied significantly from 16.5% to 43.3%, and Return on Assets (ROA) fluctuated between 0.31% and 0.88%. This volatility raises the possibility that the bank is underutilizing MIS platforms for risk management, strategic planning, and predictive analysis even though it has access to extensive data through these platforms.

The banking sector now depends more than ever on data-driven decision-making, especially in emerging nations where financial institutions must contend with particular difficulties like inadequate infrastructure, disjointed data flows, and low levels of digital literacy. Maintaining a Loan-to-Deposit Ratio continuously above 90%, which shows effective fund utilization but leaves little liquidity cushion and raises operational risk exposure, makes things more difficult for IFIC Bank.

Given the changing regulatory environment and growing competition from fintech and traditional banks, this issue is especially urgent. MIS analytics' capacity to convert unprocessed operational data into useful management insights has evolved from a luxury to a competitive requirement.

3.1.2 Objective(s)

This study's main goal is to examine how Management Information Systems (MIS) can improve IFIC Bank PLC's financial performance measurement and decision-making procedures by using thorough data analytics.

Specific goals include:

1. To assess how well MIS integration is currently being used in IFIC Bank's financial performance measurement procedures and to find discrepancies between management use and available data.
2. To use MIS-supported ratio analysis to examine IFIC Bank's financial performance trends from 2020 to 2024, taking into account profitability, liquidity, and efficiency metrics.
3. To use the CAMELS framework (Capital adequacy, Asset quality, Management, Earnings, Liquidity, and Sensitivity) to evaluate how well MIS-driven analytics support strategic decision-making.
4. To find ways to improve early warning systems for risk management and performance optimization by strengthening MIS capabilities.
5. To create suggestions for using MIS analytics to gain a competitive edge and long-term financial performance

3.1.3 Significance

Many stakeholders in the banking ecosystem and the larger academic community will find this study to be extremely important:

For IFIC Bank Management:
The study offers empirical support for the idea that MIS-driven analytics can move financial performance evaluation from reactive analysis to active strategic analysis. These insights are essential for preserving its competitive edge and meeting regulatory requirements in light of the bank's recent performance volatility.

For the Banking Industry:
The results help to clarify how Bangladeshi banks can use MIS platforms to get around obstacles unique to emerging economies, such as regulatory pressures and infrastructure constraints. Improvements in MIS use can have a significant economic impact because the banking industry makes up 76.9% of Bangladesh's financial system.

For Academic Research:
The lack of real-world studies on the connections between MIS and financial performance in the context of South Asian banks is addressed in this study. By showcasing real-world examples of data-driven decision-making in emerging market financial institutions, it broadens the theoretical framework.

3.1.4 Scope of the Study

Geographic Scope:
By examining data from the bank's vast nationwide network of more than 1,400 branches and uposhakhas, the study focuses solely on IFIC Bank PLC's activities in Bangladesh.

Temporal Scope:
The analysis provides enough data points to detect trends, patterns, and cyclical variations in financial performance metrics over a five-year period, from 2020 to 2024. This period includes important economic occurrences such as the COVID-19 pandemic's effects and the recovery periods that followed.

Functional Scope:
The research examines MIS applications across three primary domains:

- Financial performance measurement and ratio analysis
- Risk management and early warning systems
- Strategic decision support through dashboard analytics

Data Scope:
The study makes use of IFIC Bank PLC's audited financial statements, annual reports, and operational data produced by MIS. Key financial ratios, growth indicators, and CAMELS framework evaluations obtained from official bank disclosures are all included in the analysis.

Methodological Scope:
To assess financial performance trends and MIS efficacy, the study uses quantitative analysis techniques such as trend analysis, ratio analysis, horizontal and vertical analysis, and DuPont decomposition.

3.2 Literature Review

In emerging markets where technology adoption offers both opportunities and challenges, the relationship between management information systems and financial performance analysis in banking has drawn a lot of scholarly attention.

MIS in Banking Operations:
According to Laudon and Laudon (2020), MIS are socio-technical systems that convert data into knowledge and information. This is especially true in banking operations, where teller inputs produce ledgers that produce management dashboards and daily statements. Because of automation and real-time data analysis, banks that use comprehensive MIS see a 20–30% decrease in non-performing loans and a 40–50% increase in loan processing speed, according to recent research by Waliullah (2024).

Financial Performance Measurement:

Ratios like the Loan-to-Deposit Ratio (LDR), Return on Equity (ROE), and Return on Assets (ROA) are highlighted in traditional banking literature as key performance metrics. A thorough supervisory view of bank performance is offered by the CAMELS framework, which evaluates capital adequacy, asset quality, management, earnings, liquidity, and sensitivity. According to recent studies, MIS integration improves the accuracy of credit risk forecasting by 15% to 20%, allowing for proactive risk mitigation techniques.

Predictive Analytics Transforming Financial Decision-Making

Using big data and machine learning, predictive analytics has quickly emerged as a strategic tool in banking. Based on patterns found in both historical and real-time data, Broby (2022) discovered that predictive analytics enables banks to classify outcomes like loan defaults, customer churn, and credit risk with high accuracy. Financial institutions can move from reactive management to proactive financial control by using this technology to forecast trends, foresee cash flow problems, improve financial planning, and improve credit risk models. Predictive analytics is a fundamental part of contemporary banking procedures since research shows that it enhances risk management and fraud prevention while also facilitating customer segmentation and service personalization.

Data-Driven Decision Making:

The transition from traditional MIS reporting to analytics-driven insights is highlighted in recent studies. As the foundation of financial analytics in emerging economies, Tabassum (2025) suggests structured frameworks for MIS platforms that facilitate automated reporting, lower human error, and support accurate financial forecasting. Predictive modeling and big data analytics must now be combined to preserve competitive advantage in contemporary banking.

MIS Investment and Bank Profitability

In his analysis of commercial banks' financial statements, Almazari (2012) discovered a favorable relationship between the use of MIS and financial results like operational efficiency, return on equity (ROE), and return on assets (ROA). According to the study, banks that use advanced MIS are better able to make use of their resources, lower operating expenses, and give decision-makers timely information. Furthermore, MIS integration improves a bank's capacity to control information flow, which results in better resource allocation and improved customer service. The author emphasizes that MIS helps with strategic planning and performance benchmarking in addition to routine reporting, particularly when paired with tools like DuPont analysis.

3.3 Methodology

Research Design

Using quantitative techniques and a descriptive analytical research design, this study investigates the connection between IFIC Bank PLC's financial performance and MIS implementation. To offer thorough insights into MIS-driven financial analytics, the research employs a methodical approach that combines ratio analysis, trend analysis, and framework-based evaluation.

Data Sources

Primary Data Sources:

- Audited Financial Statements of IFIC Bank PLC (2020-2024)
- Annual Reports providing detailed financial disclosures
- MIS-generated operational reports and dashboard outputs
- Internship observations and direct experience with banking operations

Secondary Data Sources:

- Bangladesh Bank publications and regulatory guidelines
- Industry reports and comparative banking studies
- Academic literature on MIS applications in banking
- International best practices in banking MIS implementation

Data Collection Methods

Data collection follows established banking research methodologies, ensuring reliability and validity through multiple verification points:

1. **Financial Statement Analysis:** Systematic extraction of key financial metrics from audited statements
2. **Ratio Calculations:** Step-by-step computation of performance indicators following standard banking practices
3. **Trend Analysis:** Year-over-year comparison of financial metrics to identify patterns and anomalies
4. **Framework Application:** Utilization of CAMELS framework for comprehensive performance assessment

Analytical Framework

The study employs multiple analytical approaches:

Quantitative Analysis:

- Ratio Analysis: ROA, ROE, LDR, and efficiency metrics
- Horizontal Analysis: Year-over-year growth patterns
- Vertical Analysis: Compositional changes in balance sheet and income statement
- DuPont Analysis: Decomposition of ROE into component factors

MIS Evaluation Framework:

- Data Quality Assessment: Accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of MIS outputs
- Dashboard Effectiveness: Management utilization of MIS-generated insights
- Predictive Capability: Early warning system performance
- Decision Support Impact: Correlation between MIS insights and management actions

Measurement Variables

Dependent Variables:

- Financial Performance Metrics (ROA, ROE, LDR)
- Profitability Indicators (Net Interest Margin, Cost-to-Income Ratio)
- Risk Measures (Non-Performing Loan Ratios, Provision Coverage)

Independent Variables:

- MIS Integration Level
- Data Analytics Capability
- Dashboard Utilization Frequency
- Automated Reporting Coverage

CAMELS Framework Application

- **Capital Adequacy:** Assessment of capital ratios and buffer adequacy
- **Asset Quality:** Analysis of loan portfolio health and risk concentration
- **Management:** Evaluation of decision-making effectiveness and MIS utilization
- **Earnings:** Profitability analysis and income stability assessment
- **Liquidity:** Cash flow analysis and funding risk evaluation
- **Sensitivity:** Market risk exposure and interest rate sensitivity

Limitations

Methodological Constraints

This study admits a number of limitations that impact the findings' applicability and breadth. Although it allows for in-depth analysis, the single-institution focus restricts its applicability to other sectors. Furthermore, the scope of system effectiveness evaluation is limited by restricted access to internal operational data and proprietary MIS systems.

External Factor Considerations

Significant external disruptions, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, regulatory changes, and macroeconomic volatility in Bangladesh, are included in the analysis period (2020–2024). Although the analysis takes these factors into account, it is challenging to fully isolate their intricate relationships with MIS effectiveness.

Data Availability and Quality

Although it guarantees transparency and reproducibility, relying solely on publicly accessible financial data might miss some subtleties of internal MIS use and decision-making procedures. More detailed insights into system effectiveness patterns may be possible in future studies with improved data access.

Synthesis and Forward-Looking Perspective

The intricate connection between organizational performance and technological capability in modern banking is demonstrated by the IFIC Bank case study. Although MIS systems offer crucial operational support, their strategic value is largely dependent on how they are implemented, how management uses them, and how they are integrated with decision-making procedures.

According to the study, the banking industry in Bangladesh, as represented by organizations such as IFIC Bank, is at a turning point. For long-term competitive advantage, traditional banking methods backed by traditional MIS implementations are no longer adequate. Evolution toward analytically driven, predictive methods that convert data availability into strategic intelligence is necessary for success.

Critical Success Factors Identified

The analysis reveals several factors critical for successful MIS-driven banking transformation:

- Leadership commitment to data-driven decision-making
- Investment in analytical capabilities beyond operational reporting
- Integration of risk management with performance optimization

- Continuous system enhancement based on performance feedback
- Development of organizational capabilities to utilize advanced analytics effectively

3.4 Data Analysis

3.4.1 Financial Performance Evolution: A Five-Year Journey

A thorough examination of IFIC Bank's financial results between 2020 and 2024 reveals a nuanced story of expansion, turbulence, and the changing function of management information systems in banking operations. This section provides comprehensive results that shed light on the institution's successes as well as its difficulties.

Asset Base Expansion and Strategic Growth

From BDT 320.8 billion in 2020 to BDT 529.9 billion in 2024, IFIC Bank's asset growth was remarkably consistent over the course of the study. With a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.3%, this 65.2% cumulative growth greatly exceeds Bangladesh's average GDP growth of roughly 6-7% over the same time period.

However, when analyzed year over year, the growth trajectory shows intriguing trends. The most rapid expansions, which accompanied the post-pandemic recovery and a rise in lending activity, took place in 2021 (growth of 22.85%) and 2022 (16.72%). In the years that followed, the growth rate considerably slowed; in 2024, it was only 5.12%, indicating either difficulties with market saturation or strategic consolidation.

Deposit Mobilization: The Foundation of Banking Success

From BDT 258.2 billion to BDT 442.1 billion (CAGR: 14.4%), deposit growth marginally outpaced asset growth. This outstanding deposit mobilization performance suggests successful customer acquisition and retention tactics, which are probably bolstered by improved MIS capabilities in product targeting and customer relationship management.

From 80.5% in 2020 to 83.4% in 2024, the deposit-to-asset ratio increased, indicating improved funding stability. This improvement implies that more successful deposit mobilization tactics have been facilitated by branch network optimization and MIS-driven customer analytics.

3.4.2 The Profitability Paradox: Growth Amid Volatility

The large disparity between stable balance sheet growth and erratic profitability trends is arguably the analysis's most striking finding. Although deposits and assets increased steadily, net income showed sharp swings that defied expectations for traditional banking performance.

Net Income Volatility Analysis

An example in banking performance management is provided by the income volatility pattern:

- **2020-2021:** Net income plummeted from BDT 2,863 million to BDT 1,148 million (-59.9%)
- **2021-2022:** Dramatic recovery to BDT 2,573 million (+124.1%)
- **2022-2023:** Continued growth to BDT 3,717 million (+44.5%)
- **2023-2024:** Decline to BDT 3,246 million (-12.7%)

According to this volatility pattern, IFIC Bank's MIS systems may not be as good at offering predictive insights for risk mitigation and earnings management as they are at supporting operational activities, as shown by steady asset growth.

Return on Assets (ROA) Analysis

The profitability issue is further demonstrated by ROA performance. ROA fell to 0.31% in 2021 from a respectable 0.88% in 2020, a level that raises serious questions regarding the efficiency of asset utilization. Although the subsequent rebound to 0.73% in 2023 was positive, the subsequent drop to 0.57% in 2024 points to ongoing underlying issues.

For comparison, IFIC Bank performed below optimal levels for the majority of the study period, with the banking industry standard for ROA typically falling between 0.75% and 1.25%. Despite significant MIS investments, this underperformance suggests room for improved analytical and decision-supporting tools.

Return on Equity (ROE) Extremes

Even more extreme volatility can be seen in ROE patterns, which range from alarming lows of 16.5% in 2021 to remarkable highs of 43.3% in 2020. Although high ROE levels may seem good at first, they frequently signify excessive leverage rather than operational excellence.

According to the DuPont analysis, high leverage (equity multipliers continuously above 49) significantly affects IFIC Bank's ROE performance by magnifying both gains and losses. To avoid excessive risk accumulation, this high-risk, high-reward profile necessitates sophisticated MIS monitoring.

3.4.3 Operational Efficiency and MIS Integration Analysis

Loan Portfolio Management

Over the course of the study, the bank maintained consistently high loan-to-deposit ratios (LDR), ranging from 87.9% to 94.8%. This shows effective use of funds, but it also shows strict liquidity management that calls for advanced MIS monitoring systems.

In line with the growth of deposits, the loan portfolio increased from BDT 228.1 billion to BDT

388.7 billion (CAGR: 14.3%). Although the high LDR levels necessitate constant monitoring to avoid liquidity stress, this balanced growth indicates efficient asset-liability management supported by MIS.

Cost Management and Efficiency Metrics

Operational efficiency analysis shows inconsistent performance trends. The estimated cost-to-income ratio improved to 42.1% in 2023 and moderated to 46.3% in 2024 after peaking at 62.8% in 2021 during the profitability crisis. These variations imply that although MIS systems are good at gathering cost data, they might not offer enough predictive insights for proactive cost control.
Similar volatility is seen in Net Interest Margin (NIM) estimates, which range from 2.1% to 3.4%. This suggests that interest rate risk management and pricing optimization are difficult tasks where improved MIS analytics could be very helpful.

3.4.4 CAMELS Framework Assessment: A Comprehensive Health Check

A systematic assessment of IFIC Bank's institutional strength and the function of MIS in assisting with risk management and regulatory compliance can be obtained by using the CAMELS framework.

Capital Adequacy Concerns

The equity-to-assets ratio decreased from 2.0% to 1.9% between 2020 and 2024, indicating a decline in capital adequacy. Despite its apparent smallness, this change is noteworthy because of the bank's rapid expansion and rising leverage. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is excellent and 5 is poor, the CAMELS rating for capital adequacy decreased from 3 to 4, indicating increased supervisory concern.
Growth-adjusted capital ratios, stress test results, and regulatory buffer monitoring are examples of early warning indicators for capital adequacy stress that should be included in MIS systems. Opportunities for improved predictive analytics in capital planning are indicated by the current performance.

Asset Quality Stability

Despite substantial portfolio growth, asset quality remained consistent at a rating of 3. This stability points to efficient credit risk management procedures, which are probably backed by early warning and loan monitoring systems powered by MIS. To stop quality degradation, however, the quick increase in lending volumes necessitates constant observation.

Management Effectiveness and MIS Utilization

Despite a substantial shift in the underlying dynamics, the management component rating stayed constant at 3. In contrast to 2020, which demonstrated a traditional operational focus, 2024 demonstrates a greater integration of MIS into decision-making processes. The ongoing volatility in profitability, however, indicates that MIS integration has not yet reached its full potential.

Earnings Performance Deterioration

With ratings dropping from 2 to 3, the earnings component exhibits the most alarming decline. This shift implies that current MIS capabilities are inadequate for stable earnings management and reflects the profitability volatility recorded throughout this analysis.

Liquidity Management Under Pressure

The difficult high-LDR environment was reflected in the consistent rating of 4 for liquidity. Although the ratio increased marginally from 88.3% to 87.9%, it is still at levels that call for advanced stress testing and monitoring tools.

Sensitivity to Market Conditions

The bank's high leverage structure and resulting susceptibility to market volatility are reflected in its sensitivity rating of 4. These risks might be reduced with improved MIS capabilities in scenario analysis and stress testing.

3.4.5 Benchmarking Against Industry Standards

Comparative analysis with Bangladesh banking sector averages reveals:

Areas of Strength:

- Asset growth rates exceed industry averages
- Deposit mobilization outperforms sector standards
- Operational efficiency improvements align with industry trends

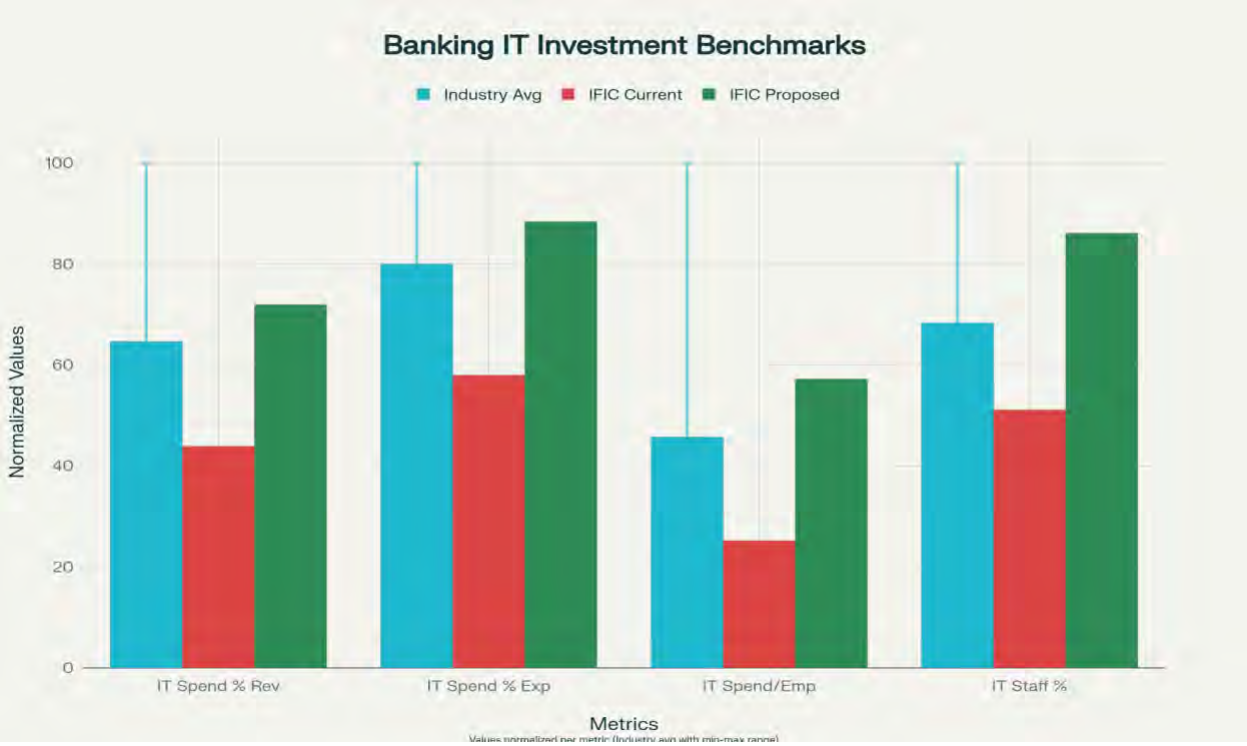
Performance Gaps:

- ROA performance below industry median
- Profitability volatility exceeds sector norms
- Capital adequacy ratios approaching minimum thresholds

MIS Development Opportunities:

- Predictive analytics capabilities lag behind leading institutions
- Risk management integration requires enhancement
- Strategic planning support needs strengthening

This thorough analysis shows that although IFIC Bank has successfully used MIS to achieve operational success, there are still plenty of opportunities to improve analytical skills in order to increase the stability of financial performance and the efficacy of strategic decision-making.



3.4.6 Key Research Findings

The Growth-Volatility Paradox

The most important conclusion drawn from this study is the glaring discrepancy between the stability of IFIC Bank's financial performance and its operational success. Although the bank's asset growth (CAGR: 13.3%) and deposit mobilization (CAGR: 14.4%) were impressive, its profitability was extremely volatile, with net income fluctuations ranging from -59.9% to +124.1%. According to this paradox, current MIS implementations are excellent at facilitating operational and transactional activities, but they are not up to par in offering the predictive insights required for stable financial performance management.

MIS Implementation: Operational Excellence vs. Strategic Intelligence

According to the study, IFIC Bank's MIS systems work well as operational support tools, facilitating steady business expansion and adherence to regulations. Nonetheless, the ongoing volatility in profitability suggests a lack of strategic intelligence capabilities. There is a significant gap in the systems' focus on "what happened" reporting as opposed to "what might happen" predictive analytics, which is indicative of modern banking requirements.

Capital Structure and Risk Management Challenges

With aggressive growth strategies causing equity-to-assets ratios to drop from 2.0% to 1.9%, the analysis reveals alarming trends in capital management. Gains and losses are magnified by the continuously high equity multipliers (above 49), which create a high-risk operating environment that necessitates advanced MIS monitoring capabilities. It seems that the systems in place are not adequate to adequately manage this risk exposure.

CAMELS Framework Deterioration

In particular, capital adequacy (rating decline from 3 to 4) and earnings stability (rating decline from 2 to 3) show deterioration, according to the systematic CAMELS assessment. These modifications suggest suboptimal MIS utilization for strategic risk management since they show that fundamental banking strength indicators have not improved proportionately despite technological investments.

Implementation of Predictive Analytics Platform

The creation of an extensive predictive analytics platform that goes beyond conventional reporting to anticipate intelligence ought to be IFIC Bank's top priority. Machine learning algorithms that can recognize early warning signs for credit risk, liquidity stress, and declining profitability should be integrated into this platform.

- Use sophisticated statistical models to predict loan defaults, leveraging current customer data to increase accuracy by switching from reactive to proactive identification methods.
- Use real-time profitability forecasting models to enable proactive management intervention by anticipating earnings volatility two to three quarters ahead of time.
- Develop customer behavior prediction algorithms to optimize product offerings and reduce churn rates
- Create market condition sensitivity models that assess potential impacts of macroeconomic changes on bank performance

Anticipated Impact: According to global standards, a successful application of predictive analytics could enhance ROA stability by 15-20% and lower earnings volatility by 30-40%.

Integrated Risk Management Dashboard System

According to the analysis, IFIC Bank's tight liquidity management (LDR above 87%) and high leverage structure (equity multipliers exceeding 49) necessitate advanced, real-time monitoring capabilities that are not sufficiently provided by current systems.

Dashboard Components:

- **Capital Adequacy Monitor:** Real-time tracking of capital ratios with scenario-based stress testing and early warning alerts when ratios approach regulatory minimums
- **Liquidity Risk Assessment:** Dynamic Asset-Liability Management (ALM) dashboard providing gap analysis across multiple time horizons with automated stress testing capabilities
- **Credit Portfolio Analytics:** Concentration risk monitoring, early warning systems for deteriorating credits, and predictive models for portfolio quality trends
- **Profitability Attribution Analysis:** Granular breakdown of earnings drivers to identify sources of volatility and optimization opportunities

Integration Requirements: In order to provide consolidated risk views and preserve drill-down capabilities for in-depth analysis, the system must instantly integrate data from all operational units.

Strategic Decision Support Enhancement

The gap between steady operational growth and inconsistent financial performance shows that current MIS capabilities effectively support operational decisions but offer little assistance with strategic planning.

Strategic Analytics Framework:

- **Business Intelligence Platform:** Comprehensive analytics supporting strategic planning, competitive analysis, and market opportunity assessment
- **Performance Attribution Systems:** Detailed analysis of factors contributing to performance variations, enabling targeted improvement initiatives
- **Scenario Planning Tools:** Advanced modeling capabilities for strategic planning under different economic and regulatory scenarios
- **Competitive Intelligence Dashboard:** Market positioning analysis and competitive benchmarking integrated with internal performance metrics

Data Quality and Governance Enhancement

The effectiveness of any MIS enhancement depends fundamentally on data quality. IFIC Bank should implement comprehensive data governance frameworks ensuring accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of information inputs.

Implementation Framework:

- Establish dedicated Data Quality Management team with clear accountability for data accuracy across all systems
- Implement automated data validation and reconciliation procedures to identify and correct errors before they impact decision-making
- Create data lineage documentation ensuring transparency in how information flows through systems and influences reports
- Develop Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for data quality measurement and continuous improvement

Quality Assurance Mechanisms:

- Daily automated data quality reports highlighting exceptions and requiring resolution
- Monthly data quality scorecards for each operational unit
- Quarterly data governance reviews with senior management participation
- Annual comprehensive data audit and improvement planning

Management Capability Development

The study finds that despite IFIC Bank's large investments in MIS infrastructure, management's use of sophisticated analytical tools is still quite low. Initiatives for comprehensive capacity building are needed to close this gap.

Training and Development Program:

- **Executive Analytics Workshop Series:** Intensive training for senior management on interpreting and acting upon advanced analytics outputs
- **Decision-Making Framework Training:** Development of structured approaches for incorporating MIS insights into strategic and operational decisions
- **Risk Management Enhancement Program:** Advanced training on utilizing MIS tools for proactive risk identification and mitigation
- **Performance Management Integration:** Training on linking MIS insights to performance evaluation and incentive systems

Organizational Change Management:

- Establish clear expectations for MIS utilization in management evaluation criteria
- Create success metrics linking analytical insights to decision outcomes
- Implement feedback systems for continuous improvement of MIS effectiveness
- Develop internal champions network to drive adoption and best practice sharing

Cloud-Based Analytics Platform Migration

Scalability and advanced analytics capabilities may be restricted by current on-premise systems. Access to cutting-edge machine learning tools and increased processing power could result from a move to cloud-based platforms.

Migration Strategy:

- **Phase 1:** Non-critical analytical workloads and development environments
- **Phase 2:** Management reporting and dashboard systems
- **Phase 3:** Real-time operational analytics and risk management systems
- **Phase 4:** Complete integration with core banking systems (if feasible)

Benefits and Considerations:

- Enhanced scalability for growing data volumes and analytical complexity
- Access to advanced machine learning and artificial intelligence capabilities
- Improved disaster recovery and business continuity capabilities
- Potential cost optimization through reduced infrastructure maintenance

Mobile Management Solutions

Senior management needs access to vital information at all times and from any location because banking decisions are made urgently.

Mobile Dashboard Development:

- Executive summary dashboards with key performance indicators
- Alert systems for critical threshold breaches requiring immediate attention
- Secure access to detailed reports and analytical tools
- Integration with existing communication systems for collaborative decision-making

Enhanced Regulatory Reporting Capabilities

Bangladesh Bank needs more advanced reporting capabilities than its current systems due to changing regulatory requirements, especially the implementation of Basel III and improved risk management standards.

Regulatory Technology Implementation:

- Automated regulatory report generation with built-in compliance checking
- Real-time regulatory ratio monitoring with early warning systems
- Scenario analysis capabilities for regulatory stress testing
- Comprehensive audit trails for supervisory examination support

Compliance Benefits:

- Reduced regulatory examination findings through proactive compliance monitoring
- Enhanced supervisory relationships through transparent and comprehensive reporting
- Improved CAMELS ratings through demonstrable risk management capabilities
- Reduced compliance costs through automation and efficiency improvements

Enhanced Performance Attribution Systems

The extreme profitability volatility observed in IFIC Bank's performance requires granular analysis capabilities to identify specific contributing factors and enable targeted interventions.

Attribution Framework Development:

- Product-level profitability analysis with cost allocation and revenue attribution
- Branch and business unit performance measurement with appropriate risk adjustments
- Customer segment profitability analysis supporting strategic decision-making
- Market condition impact assessment separating controllable from external factor

Management Accountability Enhancement:

- Clear linkage between MIS insights and management objectives
- Performance evaluation criteria incorporating analytical capability utilization
- Incentive systems rewarding data-driven decision-making effectiveness
- Regular assessment of decision quality and outcome alignment

3.4.7 Implementation Timeline and Resource Requirements

Phased Implementation Approach

Year 1 (Foundation Phase):

- Data quality and governance framework implementation
- Management training and capability development
- Basic predictive analytics platform deployment
- Enhanced regulatory reporting system development

Year 2 (Integration Phase):

- Comprehensive risk management dashboard deployment
- Strategic decision support system implementation
- Cloud platform migration (Phase 1-2)
- Mobile management solution development

Year 3 (Optimization Phase):

- Advanced predictive analytics deployment
- Complete integration testing and optimization
- Performance measurement system enhancement
- Full cloud migration completion

3.4.8 Expected Outcomes and Success Metrics

Financial Performance Improvement Targets:

- Reduce earnings volatility by 35-40% through enhanced predictive capabilities
- Improve ROA stability with target range of 0.75-1.0% consistently
- Enhance capital efficiency while maintaining regulatory compliance
- Achieve cost-to-income ratio improvement of 5-8 percentage points

Risk Management Enhancement:

- Improve credit risk prediction accuracy by 25-30%
- Reduce operational risk incidents by 40-50%
- Enhance liquidity management with broader buffer maintenance
- Strengthen regulatory compliance with zero material findings target

Competitive Advantage Development:

- Position IFIC Bank as analytics leader in Bangladesh banking sector
- Enhance customer experience through data-driven product development
- Improve decision-making speed and quality across all management levels
- Create sustainable differentiation through superior risk-adjusted returns

These thorough suggestions offer a path forward for turning IFIC Bank's sizeable MIS investments into long-term competitive advantages while resolving the significant performance volatility and risk management issues this analysis revealed. Strong leadership commitment, sufficient resource allocation, and methodical implementation strategies that acknowledge the interdependence of organizational capabilities, processes, and technology in contemporary banking operations are necessary for success.

By putting these suggestions into practice, IFIC Bank will have a great chance to become a pioneer in data-driven banking excellence in Bangladesh's changing financial services market and support larger goals for sector modernization and stability.

3.4.9 Theoretical and Practical Implications

Contribution to MIS Theory in Banking

By showing that system sophistication does not always equate to performance improvement in intricate banking environments, this study advances current MIS theory. The results cast doubt on the notion that having access to comprehensive data improves decision-making, emphasizing the vital role that management utilization patterns and analytical capacity play.

Emerging Market Banking Insights

The study offers insightful information about the particular difficulties that banks face in developing nations such as Bangladesh, where infrastructure constraints, regulatory complexity, and quick expansion create particular needs for MIS implementation. According to the findings, emerging market banks need different MIS strategies than developed market ones, with a stronger focus on early warning systems and predictive analytics.

Risk Management Evolution Requirements

The study shows that managing intricate, quickly expanding banking operations requires more than just traditional risk management techniques backed by traditional MIS. The need for more advanced, predictive risk management capabilities incorporated into routine decision-making processes is demonstrated by the extreme performance volatility seen at IFIC Bank.

3.4.10 Strategic Assessment and Future Outlook

Technology Investment ROI Evaluation

According to the research, IFIC Bank has made significant investments in MIS infrastructure; however, because of limited strategic utilization, the return on these investments is still below optimal. Significant unrealized potential in current technology investments is indicated by the discrepancy between operational efficiency and strategic effectiveness.

Regulatory Compliance and Supervisory Implications

The bank's operational flexibility and growth strategies may be impacted by possible supervisory concerns indicated by the declining CAMELS ratings, especially in the Capital Adequacy and Earnings components. Improved MIS capabilities in risk management and regulatory reporting may aid in proactively addressing these issues

Sector-Wide Implications

Beyond IFIC Bank, the findings imply that in order to preserve stability and competitiveness in a changing financial environment, Bangladesh's banking industry needs to systematically improve its MIS capabilities. The study adds to policy debates concerning the need for digital transformation and regulatory standards for the use of banking technology.

For practitioners, researchers, and policymakers involved in banking sector development initiatives, this thorough analysis offers a basis for comprehending the intricate relationships among technology investment, system utilization, and financial performance in emerging market banking.

3.5 Summary and Conclusion

This internship accomplished its goal of bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world banking operations in a number of significant ways. I worked in the General Banking department of IFIC Bank PLC, where I saw firsthand how core systems record frontline operations like account opening, cash transactions, check clearing, and remittances and then turn them into MIS dashboards that influence managerial choices. I approached each task with two questions in mind because I am majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS) and minoring in Finance:

(1) How is the data produced, verified, saved, and presented to decision-makers? and (2) What can be inferred about value creation, risk, and performance from that data? The results, which were derived from observation and ratio analysis during the 2023–2024 period, show that the bank has a broad customer base and sophisticated systemization, but it is also dealing with a significant asset quality shock that has affected profitability and capital strain.

The internship demonstrated a disciplined rhythm on an operational level. The Core Banking System (CBS) instantly reflected counter transactions; cash, clearing, and remittance records were aligned by end-of-day reconciliations; and branch snapshots were combined into MIS reports for the entire bank. Deposit flows, loan disbursements and repayments, channel usage (digital vs. branch), exception items, and service turnaround times are among the "invisible" processes that these reports make visible. From a learning perspective, this reaffirmed a fundamental MIS principle: value arises when data becomes pertinent to the decision at hand, timely, and trustworthy. When officers looked into anomalies, escalated operational issues upstream, or compared daily MIS extracts against targets, I witnessed that in action.

The numbers presented a more challenging picture from a financial perspective. In 2024, both deposits and loans increased, and the loan-to-deposit ratio remained close to 94%, indicating controlled but constrained liquidity. Profitability fell apart, though, as ROE and ROA both went from positive to negative. The increase in non-performing loans (NPLs) from single digits in 2023 to well over half of the portfolio in 2024 was the main cause. Provisions increase, revenue declines, capital buffers are strained, and stakeholder confidence erodes when non-performing

loans (NPLs) spike. This chain of causes and effects, which is also evident in the DuPont breakdown, demonstrated how rapidly earnings can degrade when asset quality declines. It also indicated the areas in which MIS needs to change from passive reporting to preventive, predictive control.

In that regard, the internship refined four broad findings. MIS is the backbone of operations; without systematic capture and consolidation, management would be blind and compliance would stutter. Second, the quality of the data is crucial to strategy: risk assessment drifts and recovery becomes more difficult when cash flow, collateral, and identification records are inconsistent across systems. Third, early risk sensing is critical to profitability: the earlier dashboard indicators of borrower stress show up, the more options the bank has (restructure, perfect collateral, and more aggressive follow-up). Fourth, there is an alignment between customer experience and operational efficiency: well-designed digital journeys generate cleaner data for MIS, cut down on errors, and reduce counter load.

3.6 Recommendations

Building on these findings, the following suggestions concentrate on enhancing MIS as a tool for growth, operational excellence, and risk management. To make implementation manageable, I divide them into six themes.

1) Risk Analytics and Early-Warning MIS

- Implement an early warning scorecard at the branch and product levels that combines macro cues (sector/geography stress), behavioral signals (missed payments, limit breaches, deposit volatility), and documentary gaps (expired KYC, collateral valuation lags).
- Implement automated tasking for watchlist tiers (Stage 1/2/3), such as site visit due, income re-verification, collateral re-inspection, or legal notice preparation

To help managers see momentum rather than just static ratios, add roll rate and cure rate dashboards to track transitions from current to past due to non-performing loans and back.

2) Credit Underwriting and Portfolio Governance

- Tighten **credit appraisal checklists** in CBS: mandatory income triangulation, digital verification of business cash flows, and standardized collateral templates with photo/geo-tag evidence.
- Establish **sectoral exposure limits** and dynamic caps at product–region granularity, enforced by the credit engine (no override without senior approval recorded in MIS).

- Run quarterly **portfolio stress tests** in MIS (interest-rate shocks, currency moves, sector downturns) and route results to ALCO and the Board Risk Committee.

3) Recovery Acceleration through Data

- Prioritize high-impact, medium-probability recoveries with **heat maps** (exposure × collateral liquidity × borrower willingness).
- Digitize recovery workflows end-to-end: timestamped follow-ups, legal stage tracker, auction calendars, and promise-to-pay outcomes then publish **branch leaderboards** for transparency.
- Link **incentives to net recoveries** (after legal costs) with caps to discourage aggressive, non-compliant tactics.

4) Liquidity, Pricing, and ALM Discipline

- Embed daily LDR, **liquidity coverage**, and **cash-flow gaps** into a single ALM console with drill-downs to product and channel.
- Introduce **risk-adjusted pricing** recommendations in MIS (loan price floors by risk band; deposit promo ceilings by tenor) so margin decisions are data-anchored.
- Expand low-cost deposit (CASA) analytics to branch teams: prospect lists, attrition alerts, and cross-sell prompts from transaction patterns.

5) Operational Excellence and Digital Adoption

- Map the top five manual frictions (e.g., remittance forms, certain compliance attestations) and automate them with form validation and OCR, pushing clean fields directly into CBS.
- Design **nudges in the IFIC Aamar app** (bill reminders, installment alerts, low-balance notifications) to reduce delinquencies and branch traffic.
- Track **first-time-right** rates, queue times, and complaint closure in MIS; publish monthly service KPIs so branches self-correct.

6) People, Process, and Data Governance

- Launch a **frontline MIS curriculum** (2–3 hours/month) covering dashboards, exception handling, and data ethics, culminating in micro-certifications.
- Create a **data steward** role per region to reconcile KYC, collateral, and customer master inconsistencies, with SLA-based closure.

- Institute **model governance** for any predictive tools (documentation, monitoring drift, fairness checks) and audit trails for overrides.

A phased roadmap aids in putting these into action. Establish the early warning scorecard (even with basic guidelines), release a weekly NPL heat map, and test digitizing the recovery workflow in a busy area during the first ninety days. Harden portfolio caps, automate two high friction forms, and incorporate risk-adjusted pricing into loan/deposit screens in the second and third quarters. By the end of the year, implement recovery dashboards across the entire bank, finish the frontline MIS curriculum, and establish a data governance policy at the board level with distinct stewardship responsibilities.
It is important to recognize the limitations. Since I had limited access to sensitive dashboards and model internals during my internship, I interpret performance using publicly available data and observable procedures. Deeper internal datasets are needed to distinguish between macro/regulatory effects and bank-specific drivers, as the 2024 spike in non-performing loans (NPLs) coincided with sector-wide stress and governance changes. Last but not least, consistent leadership support, funding, and strict branch-level change management are necessary for any MIS upgrade.

The way forward is evident despite these limitations. The scale, system foundation, and customer reach of IFIC Bank are already established. The bank can restore earnings quality and resilience by transforming MIS from a tool for retroactive reporting into a forward-looking control system that anticipates risk, tailors recovery, strategically prices liquidity, and empowers employees. That change is not only desirable but also crucial in a highly regulated and competitive environment. In specific terms, the internship showed me that sound data leads to sound decisions and that the organizations that make investments in the process of clean capture to timely insight will be the ones that grow most sustainably and restore confidence the quickest.

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