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**BSEL-SBBL SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TRADING COMPETITION**

## **Background**

Botswana Stock Exchange(BSE) is tasked with a developmental role to promote financial literacy and market education in Botswana. In order to achieve this objective, the BSE has been hosting the Annual Senior Secondary School Finance & Investment Competitions facilitated since 2013 amongst the student community. This initiative was introduced to educate students about the importance of financial management at grass root level and therefore, cultivate a culture of investing and saving from a young age. For this year's annual competition, the BSE in partnership with Stanbic Bank Botswana (SBB) incorporated the competition in the newly launched technology driven platform, the Stock Market Simulator.

## **Overview of the Stock Market Simulator**

A stock market simulator is a platform that educates prospective investors about key elements necessary to assist with stock selection and tracking performance of their holdings through creating a virtual trading environment. This platform serves to educate Senior Secondary School students about the benefits of investing in local listed securities and in doing so, address issues of financial literacy and cultivate a culture of investing at a younger age.

### ***Rules for the 2024 Senior Secondary School Trading Competition:***

#### **1. Registration**

- Registration for the competition will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and close on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- To access the Stock Market Simulator, visit the BSE website at [www.bse.co.bw](http://www.bse.co.bw) or follow the link: <https://ts.bse.co.bw/web/>
- Participating teams should visit the BSE website to register on the Stock Market Simulator Web Application.
- To register for the competition, you will first need to create an account on the Stock Market Simulator by: loading the stock market simulator web application >> click on create new account >> fill in the details >> submit >> enter OTP >> submit.
- To register for the competition log into the Stock Market Simulator web application using credentials obtained when creating account >> header >> competition >> select educational institute >> enroll >> submit
- After registering for the competition, each participating school should send details of their participant's and the appointed teacher to [marketdev@bse.co.bw](mailto:marketdev@bse.co.bw)

- BSE will waive subscription fees for competing students.

## 2. Competition timeline

- The competition will run for a period of 3 months, commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and ends on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Prize giving for the BSEL-SBBL Senior Secondary School Stock Market Simulator competition will be held end of June 2024.

## 3.General Guidelines

- Only Senior Secondary School students are eligible to participate in the competition.
- Each team should have 5 participating students.
- Each participating team should have an appointed teacher who will be the contact person for the school and responsible for registering the team for the competition.
- A user manual will be uploaded on the BSE website and social media pages to guide users on navigating the simulator.
- Team members use one (1) trading account to place trades.
- Participating teams are not allowed to change their advisors or participants without notifying the BSE.
- By the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 all participating schools are required to have submitted a **not more than 3** page's report about their experiences and challenges. (In the report, each team member should detail their experience in 5 sentences).
- Participating teams will be given P100 000.00 virtual funds to trade with on the simulated BSE market at the beginning of the competition.
- The Stock Market Simulator platform will provide a daily leaderboard displaying ranking of each participating school team based on portfolio performance and value.
- Participants will be able to view daily portfolio summaries, order details and transaction history on their trading accounts.
- Each week the BSE website/ Social media pages will feature portfolio standings displaying top 10 participating schools with the highest portfolio.
- The market opens between 1000hrs and 1400hrs on weekdays (Monday-Friday).

## 5.Judging and Evaluation

- Winners will be judged based on the value of their portfolios at the end of the final trading day. The Senior Secondary School team with the highest portfolio rank will be declared the winner for the 2024 BSEL-SBBL Senior Secondary School Trading Competition.

## **6. Announcement of Winner and Prizes**

- The prize giving ceremony for the winners will be held end of June 2024 at the BSE offices.
- At the end of the competition winners will be awarded as follows:
  - 🏆 1<sup>st</sup> Place – P2,500.00 share voucher for each student, and P15 000 cash prize for the school
  - 🏆 2<sup>nd</sup> Place –P1,500.00 share voucher for each student and P10 000 cash prize for the school
  - 🏆 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – P 1,000.00 voucher for each student and P5 000 cash prize for the school

***For any enquiries on the competition contact market development department at [marketdev@bse.co.bw](mailto:marketdev@bse.co.bw)***