

## Domestic Economic Roundup

### Key Money & Banking Indicators:

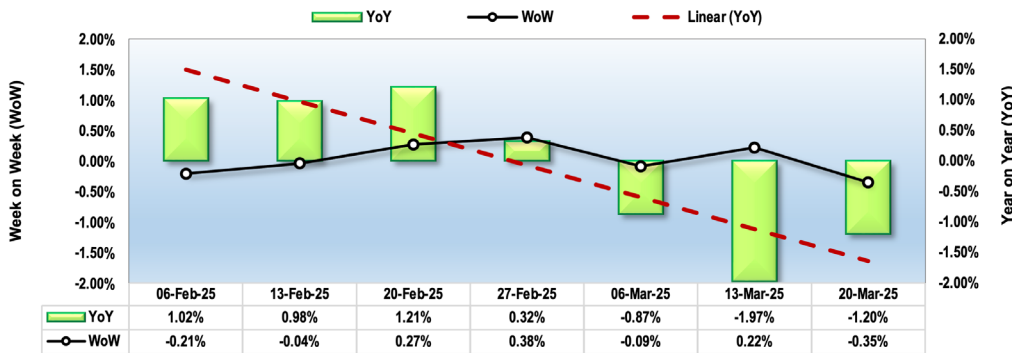
	Stocks at End - June 2024	Flows		Monetary Impact Since 1st July to	
		FY23	FY24	14-Mar-25	15-Mar-24
Total Deposits with Banks	26,665.8	2,593.0	4,921.0	(499.9)	1,523.1
Broad Money (M2)	35,881.8	4,175.1	4,938.8	180.0	1,095.5
Govt. Sector Borrowings (Net)	31,078.8	4,100.4	7,366.1	295.0	3,403.1
Credit to Private Sector	8,866.9	45.9	512.9	475.7	128.1

(Rs in billion)

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfssvdx>

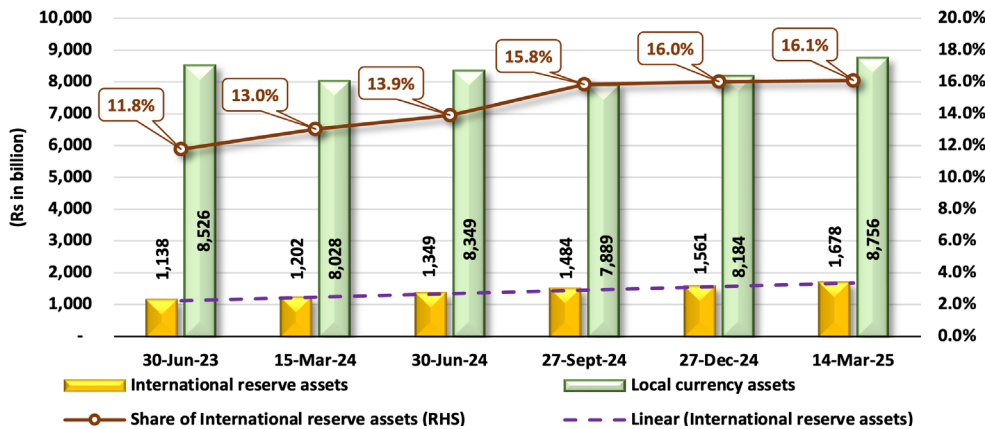
### Weekly Trend in Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI)

<https://www.pbs.gov.pk/spi>



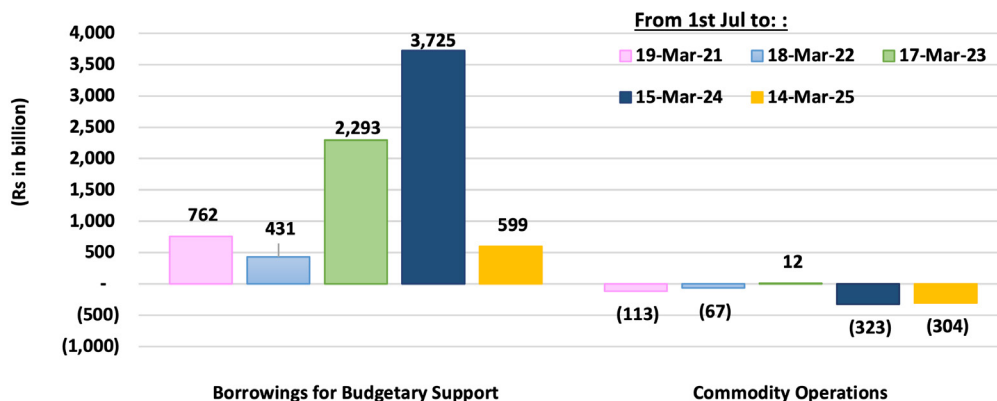
### Assets Composition of Total Banknotes Issued

<https://tinyurl.com/22n5xnum>



### Government Sector Borrowings (Net)

<https://shorturl.at/AFSX7>



## Markets at a Glance

Rates taken till Friday, March 28, 2025

### SBP POLICY RATE

12%

Effective from January 28, 2024

<https://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/sir.pdf>

### KIBOR (3 MONTHS)

	Bid%	Offer%
Change Starting	11.82	12.07
Change Ending	11.91	12.16
Change	+0.09	+0.09

[https://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/kibor\\_index.asp](https://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/kibor_index.asp)

\*Rates on Thursday, March 27, 2025

### FOREX RATES\*

	GBP	EURO	USD
Change Starting	PKR 363.51	PKR 304.88	PKR 280.23
Change Ending	PKR 361.82	PKR 301.61	PKR 280.22
Change	-1.69	-3.27	-0.01

<https://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/rates/m2m/M2M-Current.asp>

\*Rates on Thursday, March 27, 2025

### PAKISTAN STOCK EXCHANGE

	100 Index
Change Starting	118,639
Change Ending	117,807
Change	-832

<https://dps.psx.com.pk/>

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### GOLD RATES

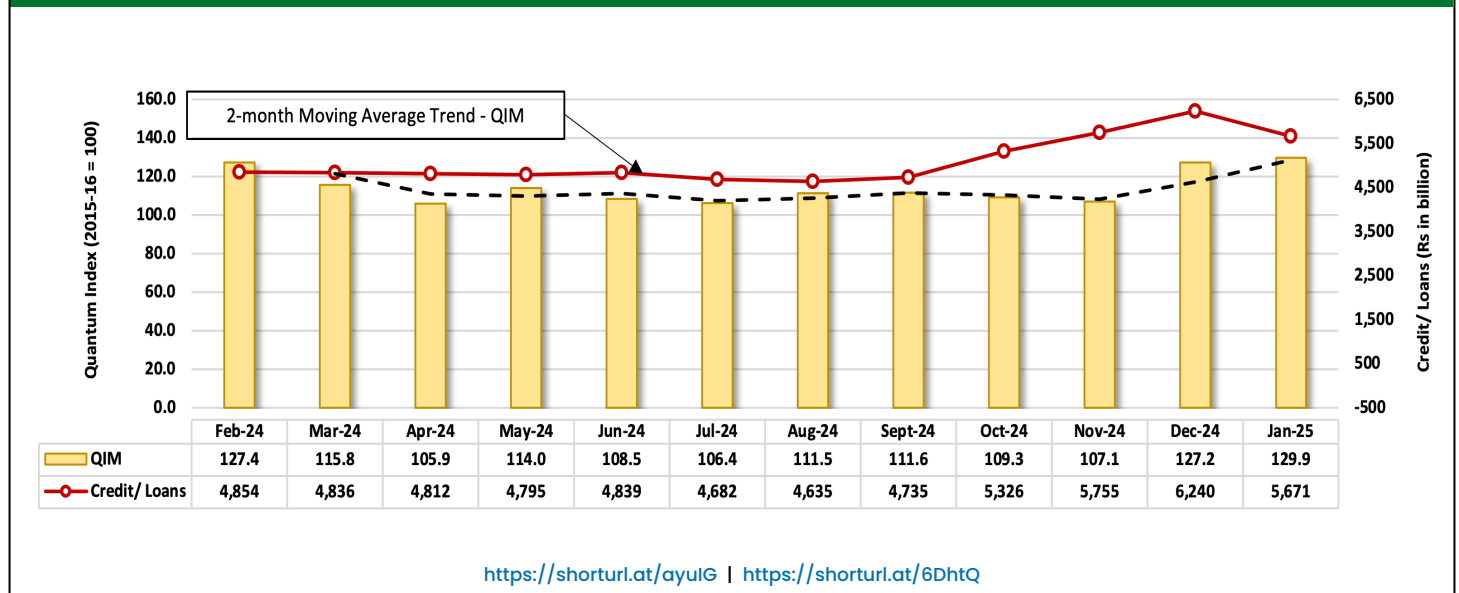
	10 GM, 24K
Change Starting	PKR 273,055
Change Ending	PKR 271,870
Change	-1,185

<https://www.forex.pk/bullion-rates.php>

## Quantum Index Numbers of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries-LSMI (2015-16 = 100)

Jul-January 2024-25			Monthly Indices and Growth				
Index for		Growth 2024-25	Index for			% age Growth	
2024-25	2023-24		Jan-25	Jan-24	Dec-24	MOM	YOY
114.70	116.79	-1.78	129.86	131.47	127.20	2.09	-1.22

## Quantum Index of Manufacturing (QIM) Vs. Outstanding Credit/ Loans to Manufacturing



CPI Inflation	Annual Average			Year-on-Year		
	FY22	FY23	FY24	Feb 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025
National CPI	12.1	29.2	23.4	23.1	2.4	1.5
Food (Urban)	13.4	37.6	22.1	20.2	(0.6)	(0.9)
NFNE (Urban)	8.1	16.2	16.1	28.2	5.0	3.6

<https://www.sbp.org.pk/reports/annual/Gov-AR/pdf/2024/Gov-AR.pdf>

<https://www.pbs.gov.pk/cpi>

\* NFNE = Non Food and Non Energy

## Currency in Circulation as on (Stock data)

(Rs in billion)

June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	March 15, 2024	March 14, 2025
6,909.9	7,572.5	9,148.7	9,153.1	8,709.3	9,844.6

[https://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/BroadMoney\\_M2.pdf](https://www.sbp.org.pk/ecodata/BroadMoney_M2.pdf)

## Central Banks' Gallery

### Central Bank of the UAE



#### CBUAE Imposes Financial Sanctions on 5 Banks and 2 Insurance Companies for CRS/FATCA Violations

The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) on March 25, 2025 has imposed financial sanctions totaling AED 2,621,000 on five banks and two insurance companies operating in the UAE for non-compliance with the reporting procedures required by the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) guidelines.

The sanctions were imposed due to the institutions' failure to meet compliance standards, particularly in due diligence and the accuracy of financial reporting, despite the CBUAE granting all licensed financial institutions ample time for rectification.

The CBUAE affirms that this step enhances the quality of the UAE's financial system, and aligns with its commitment to global initiatives promoting the integrity and transparency of tax systems and combat tax evasion, thereby preserving the UAE's position as a financial center adhering to global best practices. <https://shorturl.at/wWAtj>

### Bank of England



#### Bank of England launches the 2025 Bank Capital Stress Test

The Bank of England on March 24, 2025 has launched the 2025 Bank Capital Stress Test for the seven largest and most systemic UK banks and building societies. The exercise is the successor to the Annual Cyclical Scenario (ACS).

The test involves a hypothetical stress scenario which will be used to assess the resilience of the UK banking system to deep simultaneous recessions in the UK and global economies, large falls in asset prices, higher global interest rates, and a stressed level of misconduct costs.

The stress scenario is not a forecast of macroeconomic and financial conditions. Rather, like previous concurrent stress test scenarios, it is intended to be a coherent 'tail risk' scenario designed to be severe and broad enough to allow the Financial Policy Committee (FPC) and Prudential Regulation Committee (PRC) to assess the resilience of UK banks to a range of adverse shocks. This tail risk scenario is used for the purposes of enhancing financial stability and promoting the safety and soundness of UK banks. By doing

so the Bank aims to ensure banks can absorb rather than amplify shocks and have the capacity to continue to serve UK households and businesses.

The 2025 Bank Capital Stress Test has three elements, which include a macroeconomic scenario, a financial markets and traded risk scenario and a misconduct stress.

The macroeconomic scenario involves a severe global aggregate supply shock leading to deep recessions in the UK and globally. Selected key elements include:

UK GDP falls by 5 percent in the early part of the scenario; World GDP falls by 2 percent; UK unemployment almost doubles to a peak rate of 8.5 percent in the third year of the scenario, similar to the peak level experienced in the global financial crisis; World trade falls by 20 percent; Oil and gas prices rise sharply; Inflation peaks at 10 percent before falling back to the 2 percent target by the end of the scenario; Bank Rate is increased to a peak of 8 percent and is then lowered over the scenario as inflation returns to the target; UK residential property prices fall by 28 percent.

The test is also the first since the end of transitional arrangements for the International Financial Reporting Standard 9 (IFRS 9) accounting standard, introduced in 2018. The FPC has judged that the change in accounting standards should not lead to an unwarranted increase in capital requirements for the UK banking system. In this context, the Bank is implementing a number of changes relative to past concurrent stress tests which are designed to be consistent with an unchanged FPC and PRC risk tolerance for the resilience of the UK banking system. The Bank intends to use this year's test to assess the impact of these changes and inform future stress tests.

The results of the test will be informed by both the Bank of England's and participating banks' estimates of the impact of the stress scenario. The results will be published at an aggregate and individual bank level in 2025 Q4. The results will be used to inform the setting of capital buffers for the UK banking system and individual participating banks, and to inform a broader understanding of risks in the banking system.

As set out in the Bank's updated Approach to Stress Testing the UK Banking System, published in November 2024, the Bank expects to undertake a Bank Capital Stress Test involving submissions from participating banks every other year. <https://shorturl.at/RpznC>

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#### X's New Valuations

A new \$44 billion valuation represents a rebound for Elon Musk and its investors after the social media site X was valued at less than \$10 billion in September, according to the Financial Times.



## Financial Institutions' Gallery



### MCB Bank Partners with Fauree Tech to Transform Digital Supply Chain Financing for SMEs

MCB Bank Limited has announced a strategic partnership with Fauree Tech Pvt. Ltd., a fintech company specializing in digital supply chain finance solutions. This collaboration will expand MCB Bank's portfolio of digital financing products, aimed at facilitating access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) across Pakistan.

The partnership was formalized at MCB Bank's Head Office in Lahore, with senior representatives from both organizations in attendance. By leveraging Fauree's digital platform, MCB Bank's corporate clients and SMEs will have access to financing solutions designed to optimize working capital, improve cash flow, and streamline financial processes.

Mr Muhammad Nauman Chughtai, President & CEO of MCB Bank Limited, stated, "This collaboration with Fauree Tech is an important step in our digital transformation journey. By integrating innovative financing solutions, we aim to better serve the evolving needs of SMEs while maintaining operational efficiency and regulatory compliance."

Mr Azhar Tasadduq, CEO of Fauree Tech, commented, "SMEs are the backbone of Pakistan's economy, and our collaboration with MCB Bank Limited will provide them with the essential financial tools needed to grow and thrive. We are committed to delivering a robust, secure, and fully digital platform that drives efficiency and enhances customer value."

This collaboration reflects MCB Bank's focus on digital innovation and its ongoing efforts to support SMEs by providing practical and technology-driven financial solutions, in line with SBP's vision. The partnership with Fauree Tech is expected to contribute to the evolution of digital supply chain finance, improving accessibility and efficiency for businesses across Pakistan.

<https://shorturl.at/ikLVQ>

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### A Future of Self-Driving Cars

By 2040, 90 percent of all car sales in China will use self-driving technology, compared with nearly 80 percent in Europe and about 65 percent in America, reckons Goldman Sachs, as per The Economist.

## FinTech News/ Views

### AlHuda CIBE and Autosoft Dynamics Join Forces to Promote End-to-End Islamic Banking Suite

AlHuda Center of Islamic Banking and Economics (CIBE), a globally recognized leader in promoting Islamic banking and finance, has signed a landmark agreement with Autosoft Dynamics, a renowned banking software solutions provider, to introduce cutting-edge core banking system along with end-to-end Shariah Compliance Islamic Suite (Consumer & Commercial) for Banking / Non-Banking / Microfinance and Lending Portfolio new setups and conversions.

This collaboration aims to address the growing demand for high-quality Shariah Compliant Banking systems in the rapidly expanding market.

This partnership between AlHuda CIBE and Autosoft Dynamics is set to bridge the gap of scarcity of availability of Sharia-compliant banking suite.

Mr Muhammad Zubair, CEO of AlHuda CIBE, expressed his enthusiasm about this partnership, "We are excited to join hands with Autosoft Dynamics. This collaboration is a significant step in revolutionizing the global Islamic banking sector by providing specialized and advanced solutions tailored for specific markets and as per local regulation and statutory compliance. Our goal is to equip financial institutions with the best tools to enhance efficiency, transparency, and compliance with Islamic financial principles."

He added that, together with AutoSoft Dynamics, "We will empower Islamic financial institutions to operate more efficiently, transparently, and in full compliance with Sharia principles. We are confident that together we will set a new standard in the industry and contribute to the sustainable growth of Islamic banking worldwide."

AlHuda CIBE and Autosoft Dynamics have worked together for over 20 years as trusted partners in promoting innovation and excellence in Islamic finance technology. This agreement strengthens their long-standing relationship, paving the way for groundbreaking advancements in the sector.

AutoSoft Dynamics, Pakistan's leading provider of financial and banking automation solutions, is part of Constellation Software Inc. (CSI), Canada's largest software company with operations in 100+ countries.

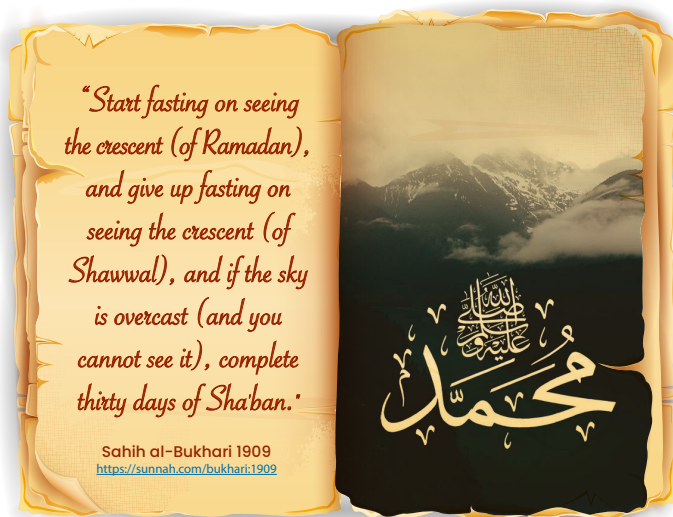
With a commitment to innovation, AutoSoft is transforming banking through its cutting-edge solutions entailing micro services architecture, API-driven open banking, and flexible cloud, on-premises, and hybrid deployments. Serving commercial banks, retail banks, MFIs, and DFIs, AutoSoft offers highly configurable and parameterizable solutions and is backed by 24/7 expert support.



With over 3,300 successful banking site installations across the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, AutoSoft continues to drive efficiently, enhance customer service, and minimize implementation risks for financial institutions.

Mr Shahzad Rafique, COO of Autosoft Dynamics, highlighted the significance of this partnership, “We are excited to collaborate with AlHuda CIBE to offer a world-class Islamic Banking MIS system. Our mission has always been to provide financial institutions with innovative and efficient solutions. With this partnership, we aim to support the growing Islamic banking industry with advanced technology that meets the highest standards.”

<https://shorturl.at/BxEjI>



## General Economic Horizon

### A. Domestic News

#### IBA Karachi and NIBAF Pakistan Join Forces to Advance Banking and Digital Finance Training

IBA Karachi hosted an MoU signing ceremony organized by IBA – CICT to establish a strategic partnership with the National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF) Pakistan.

This alliance aims to enhance professional training and capacity building in key areas, including banking, finance, and digital transformation. By integrating industry expertise with academic excellence, this initiative seeks to develop a workforce with the skills and knowledge essential for navigating the evolving financial and technological landscape.

The MoU was formally signed by Mr Riaz Chunara (CEO NIBAF Pakistan) and Prof. Dr Shakeel Khoja (Dean, School of Mathematics and Computer Science, SMCS), marking the beginning of a powerful collaboration. <https://shorturl.at/suxgc>

#### Pakistan issuing Panda Bonds to Access China’s Capital Market: Finance Minister

Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on March 26, 2025 hinted at the strong possibility of Pakistan issuing Panda Bonds in Yuan this year to access China’s vast and deep capital market.

In an interview with Chinese media outlets, including CGTN English and China Daily, the minister said that Pakistan has previously issued bonds in US dollars and Euros, and now is the time to benefit from the Chinese capital market.

“The issuance of Panda Bonds will connect Pakistan’s capital markets with China and reflect China’s important role in Pakistan’s digital transformation”, he said and thanked China for its consistent support, referring to Pakistan and China as “iron brothers” and strategic partners.

It is pertinent to mention that the minister is visiting China, participating in the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2025.

The minister praised China’s efforts to open up its economy and markets, highlighting the significant role of foreign companies and firms in China’s exports.

He emphasized Pakistan’s desire to become a hub for the transfer of export-oriented facilities and services from foreign, especially Chinese, companies. He commended the construction of communication infrastructure, roads, and ports in Pakistan under the CPEC project.

Mr Aurangzeb stressed the need to promote financial benefits from the infrastructure built in Pakistan and to enable Chinese industries to benefit from this infrastructure. He reiterated Pakistan’s commitment to strengthening regional trade and road and rail links with neighboring countries. China’s export sector and companies can benefit from Pakistan’s existing infrastructure and low-cost labor.

Mr Aurangzeb also studied Chinese banks and their digital transformation, emphasizing that Pakistan can learn from China’s experiences, particularly in improving financial inclusion through digital solutions.

The Minister also highlighted the importance of bilateral cooperation in areas such as financial technology, agriculture, drone technology, and other key sectors.

<https://shorturl.at/mEegr>

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#### Big Tech’s AI Spending

Big Tech has lined up over \$300 billion in AI spending over 2025 but investors are concerned that the companies have not seen an adequate enough spike in revenues, says the Financial Times.



## B. International News

### ADB President Discusses PRC Reforms

Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Mr Masato Kanda met with Premier Mr Li Qiang during his first official visit to the People's Republic of China (PRC), discussing the government's reform efforts as it transitions to high-quality development.

"The PRC's ongoing transition to high-quality development is crucial to the country's inclusive growth and lasting prosperity," said Mr. Kanda. "But the path forward is not without challenges. It demands a careful rebalancing of the economy, with efforts to boost domestic demand and household consumption through rising incomes. It also requires actions to stabilize the property sector with demand-side and supply-side measures, and to empower the private sector by providing a level playing field."

During his visit, Mr Kanda toured ADB-supported project sites in Jiangsu Province, including the Dafeng Milu Deer National Nature Reserve and the Yancheng Rare Birds National Nature Reserve, both part of the UNESCO-listed Yancheng Wetlands. These initiatives exemplify successful biodiversity conservation and sustainable economic development, combining ecological protection with economic empowerment through sustainable ecotourism, community resilience, and environmental stewardship.

Mr Kanda also held meetings with National Development and Reform Commission Chairman Mr Zheng Shanjie and Finance Minister Mr Lan Fo'an, discussing further cooperation on fiscal sustainability, debt management, regional knowledge sharing, and strategies for sustained economic growth. In addition, he addressed the China Development Forum, noting that accelerating the pace of rebalancing will be critical for the PRC's transition to high-quality development. <https://shorturl.at/63ULe>

## SELF & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TIPS



### Become a Better Delegator

If you struggle to delegate, you are not alone. But holding onto every task is not just overwhelming it can hold you back. Effective delegation is not about offloading work, but empowering your team, boosting efficiency, and freeing up your time for high-impact priorities. Here is how to get started.

**Identify Your Roadblocks.** Do you resist delegating due to control issues, perfectionism, or fear of failure? Recognize these tendencies and ask: What is the real cost not just to you, but to your team's growth, efficiency, and overall morale?

**Know What to Delegate.** As a manager, your job is to focus on three key responsibilities: strategy, hiring decisions, and ensuring your team has resources. If a task does not fall into these categories, someone else can likely handle it.

**Start Small.** Begin with low-risk work, like recurring reports or scheduling. Quick wins build confidence for both you and your team, making larger handoffs easier over time.

**Give Directions but Allow for Autonomy.** Explain expectations, desired outcomes, and key checkpoints, but let people find their own way. Micromanaging stifles innovation and creates unnecessary bottlenecks.

**Check in (Without Hovering).** Use structured touchpoints to track progress, address concerns, and provide support, making sure to avoid excessive oversight that signals a lack of trust.

(This tip is adapted from *How to Get Better at Delegating*, by Rebecca Knight– HBR.)



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our readers  
Eid Mubarak!*