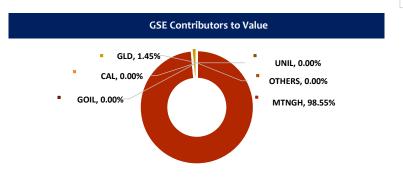
## 26th September 2024 **MORNING BRIEF**

## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- \* Fitch Trade surplus declines to GHø5.4bn in Q2: The economy recorded a trade surplus of GHø5.4billion in the second quarter (Q2) 2024, marking the third consecutive excess since the last quarter of 2023, the Ghana Statistical Services (GSS) has said. The country, however, experienced a 53.04 percent decline in the surplus for Q2, compared to the GHø11.5billion recorded in the previous quarter (Q1). According to the government statistician Prof. Samuel Kobina Annim, Ghana's total trade value was GHø123billion, with exports totalling GHø64.2billion and imports totalling GHø58.8billion. The resulting surplus marked a substantial reversal from a deficit of GHø3.1billion recorded in the same period in 2023. (Business & Financial Times)
- \* Ghana's Cocoa Export Value Declines 26.9% in Q2 2024, Continuing Five-Quarter Downtrend: Recent data from the Ghana Statistical Service reveals a substantial decline in the export value of cocoa beans for the second quarter of 2024, plummeting from GHø 1.57 billion in Q2 2023 to GHø 1.15 billion in Q2 2024, a staggering 26.9% decrease. This downturn continues a troubling trend, with cocoa bean exports now decreasing for five consecutive quarters. The decline coincides with a challenging production season; as of June 2024, Ghana had produced approximately 429,323 metric tons of cocoa, representing less than 55% of its average output in previous years. Such a shortfall could lead to the lowest annual production levels seen in over two decades. Compounding the situation, the global cocoa market has faced a four-year supply deficit due to poor harvests in both Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire, resulting in increased prices. (Norvanreports)

EQUITIES				
Daily Statistics	Previous Level	Current Level	Daily∆ (%)	YTD (%)
GSE-CI	4,406.56	4,406.56	0.00	40.77
GSE-FSI	2,200.01	2,200.01	0.00	15.69
Market Cap (GHSmn)	92,932.54	92,932.54	7.13	34.73
Tot. Value Traded (GHS)	102,917.49	521,855,460.91	506961.98	
Tot. Volume Traded	39,395	265,103,532	672837.00	

GSE Gainers			GSE Decliners		
Stock	Cl. Px	Daily∆ (%)	Stock	Cl. Px	Daily∆ (%)
GLD	403.70	1.44			
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MPR – 29.0%	>	GDP Growth Q224 – 6.90%

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Inflation – 20.4% Interbank Int. Rate – 28.84%

FIXED INCOME			
Summary of GFIM	Volume of Trades	No.of Trades	
New GoG-Notes & Bonds	124,604	4	
Old GoG-Notes & Bonds	300,000	1	
Treasury Bills	1,247,862,445	765	
Corporate Bonds	-	-	
Sell/Buy back trades	5,294,338	5	
Grand totals	1,253,581,387	775	



Currency Movement			
Currency Pairs	Midpoint (BoG)	Daily∆ (%)	YTD∆ (%)
USDGHS	15.7201	-0.13	-24.33
GBPGHS	21.0484	0.53	-27.72
EURGHS	17.5346	-0.24	-24.96
CNYGHS	2.2355	-0.12	-25.06
ZARGHS	0.9071	0.30	-28.62

## Upcoming Events:

- > 30th Sep 24: SCBPREF Interim Dividend: GH¢0.810
- > 30th Sep 24 SCB Final Dividend Payment: GH¢ 2.9454
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