



INVESTMENT TERM OF THE WEEK

Budget Deficit: A budget deficit occurs when expenses exceed revenue and can indicate the financial health of a country. When a budget deficit is identified, current expenses exceed the amount of income received through standard operations. To correct its nation's budget deficit, often referred to as a fiscal deficit, a government may cut back on certain expenditures or increase revenue-generating activities. A budget deficit can lead to higher levels of borrowing, higher interest payments, and low reinvestment, which will result in lower revenue during the following year.

ETFs: GREAT DEAL FOR INVESTORS

An exchange-traded fund (ETF) is a type of security that tracks an index, sector, commodity, or other assets, but which can be purchased or sold on a stock exchange the same as a regular stock. New Gold ETF (GLD), an exchange-traded fund sponsored by Absa Capital, offers the opportunity to invest in gold bullion.

The company issues listed instruments (structured as debentures) backed by physical gold. Each debenture is approximately equivalent to 1/100 ounces of gold bullion, which is held with a secure depository on behalf of investors. The debentures are listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) and six other African stock exchanges.

The current share price of New Gold ETF (GLD) is GH¢229.00.

EQUITY MARKET HIGHLIGHTS: The Ghana Stock Market closed 38.55 points lower over the week, returns -0.76% YTD.

The GSE-Composite Index lost 1.59% while the GSE-Financial Stocks Index also lost 4.92% over the week, bringing the year-to-date performance to -2.34% and -8.12% respectively. The market capitalization declined by -0.64% from the previous week to close at GH¢64.02 billion.

This week a total of twenty-three (23) equities traded with gains of GH¢0.84, GH¢0.27 and GH¢0.01 recorded by TOTAL, UNIL and MTNGH respectively. This was however moderated by losses of GH¢0.03, GH¢0.20, GH¢0.27, GH¢0.95, GH¢1.24 and GH¢3.20 recorded by GOIL, EGL, FML, SCB, EGH and GLD respectively.

A total of 441,791.00 shares cumulating to a value of GH¢14,337,999.62 were traded during the week. This week's data shows a decrease of -81.14% in volume traded but an increase of 215.78% in trade turnover. GLD traded the most with the value of GH¢13,904,964.00 representing 96.98% of the week's traded value.

GSE EQUITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

Indicator	Current Week	Previous Week	Change
GSE-Composite Index	2,386.82	2,425.37	-38.55pts
YTD (GSE-CI)	-2.34%	-0.76%	207.89%
GSE-Financial Stock Index	1,885.95	1,983.51	-97.56pts
YTD (GSE-FSI)	-8.12%	-3.37%	140.95%
Market Cap. (GH¢ MN)	64,024.52	64,436.21	-411.69
Volume Traded	441,791.00	2,342,002	-81.14%
Value Traded (GH¢)	14,337,999.62	4,540,535.90	215.78%

TOP TRADED EQUITIES

Ticker	Volume	Value (GH¢)
MTNGH	249,406	231,643.54
CAL	64,365	32,826.15
GLD	61,616	13,904,964.00
GOIL	16,271	26,973.52
ETI	13,493	2,023.95



96.98%

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

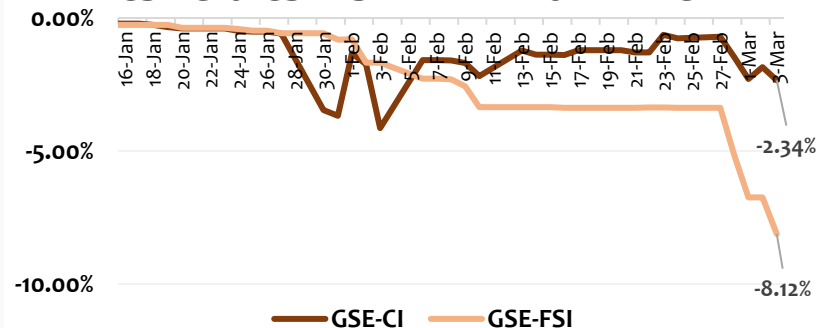
Indicator		Current	Previous
Monetary Policy Rate	January 2023	28.00%	27.00%
Real GDP Growth	September 2022	2.90%	4.80%
Inflation	January 2023	53.6%	54.1%

Source: GSS, BOG, GBA

GAINERS & DECLINERS

Ticker	Close Price (GH¢)	Open Price (GH¢)	Price Change (GH¢)	Y-t-D Change
TOTAL	5.00	4.16	0.84	25.00%
UNIL	2.99	2.72	0.27	-22.94%
MTNGH	0.93	0.92	0.01	5.68%
GOIL	1.65	1.68	-0.03	-4.07%
EGL	3.00	3.20	-0.20	-6.25%
FML	1.80	2.07	-0.27	-40.00%
SCB	19.00	19.95	-0.95	-5.75%
EGH	3.00	3.20	-1.24	-18.67%
GLD	229.00	232.20	-3.20	5.14%

GSE-CI & GSE-FSI YTD PERFORMANCE



SBL RECOMMENDED PICKS

Equity	Price	Opinion	Market Outlook
MTN GHANA	GH¢ 0.93	Strong 2022 Q3 Financials	↑ Higher Ask Price
BOPP	GH¢ 9.65	Strong 2022 Q3 Financials	— Low offers
CAL BANK	GH¢ 0.51	Strong 2022 Q3 Financials	— Available offers
ECOBANK	GH¢ 5.40	Strong 2022 Q3 Financials	— Bargain bids
SOGEGH	GH¢ 0.90	Strong 2022 Q3 Financials	— Low demand
FANMILK	GH¢ 1.80	Positive Sentiment	— Low demand

EQUITY UNDER REVIEW:

NEWGOLD (GLD)

Share Price	GH¢229.00
Price Change (YtD)	5.14%
Market Cap. (GH¢)	GH¢664.10 million
Dividend Yield	-
Earnings Per Share	-
Avg. Daily Volumes	1,954
Value Traded (YtD)	GH¢ 19,111,098








SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 2023 EQUITY MARKET

ACTIVITIES

Indicator	February 2023	February 2022	% Change
GSE-CI YTD CHANGE	1.47%	-2.11%	-169.67%
GSE-CI	2,408.0	2,730.59	-11.81%
GSE-FSI YTD CHANGE	5.17%	-1.62%	-419.14%
GSE-FSI	1,946.57	2,116.98	-8.05%
VOLUME	6.14 M	31.11 M	-80.26%
VALUE (GH¢)	24.41 M	26.43 M	-7.64%
MKT. CAP. (GH¢M)	64,235.77	62,881.97	2.15%
ADVANCERS & DECLINERS	BOPP, TOTALUNIL, MTNGH, ACCESS, GCB, GOIL, FML, CAL, SOGEGH, EGH, GLD, GGBL		







Source: Ghana Stock Exchange, SBL Research

GSE AGAINST SELECTED AFRICAN STOCK MARKETS

Country	Current Level	YTD
 (Ghana) GSE-CI	2,386.82	-2.34%
 (Botswana) BGSMDC	7,852.02	1.63%
 (Egypt) EGX-30	16,846.79	15.40%
 (Kenya) NSE ASI	126.17	-1.02%
 (Nigeria) NGSE ASI	55,529.21	8.35%
 (South Africa) JSE ASI	78,293.01	7.18%
 (WAEMU) BRVM	206.18	1.46%




Source: Bloomberg

CURRENCY MARKET

Currency	Closing Week	Previous Week	YTD Change
	(GH¢)	(GH¢)	%
 DOLLAR	11.0138	11.0132	-22.13%
 POUND	13.1912	13.1718	-21.83%
 EURO	11.6757	11.6256	-21.67%
 YEN	0.0809	0.0809	-19.73%
 YUAN	1.5937	1.5827	-66.16%
 CFA FRANC	56.1814	56.4238	27.66%

Source: Bank of Ghana

COMMODITIES MARKET

Commodity	Closing Week	Previous Week	YTD (%)
 BRENT CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl.)	85.94	82.70	5.71%
 GOLD (US\$/oz)	1,855.40	1,811.70	3.30%
 COCOA (US\$/MT)	2,667.03	2,644.62	5.06%

Source: Bloomberg, Bullion by Post, ICCO

JUSTIFICATIONS FOR INCLUDING STOCKS IN A PORTFOLIO

- Typically, stocks outperform all other investment options over a ten-year period making them a must for long term portfolio.
- They are excellent vehicles for retirement.
- Except for a few short periods, stocks have consistently outpaced the rate of inflation.

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