

**INVESTMENT TERM OF THE WEEK**

**Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratio:** The price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is the ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its per-share earnings. P/E ratios are used by investors and analysts to determine the relative value of a company's shares in an apples-to-apples comparison. It can also be used to compare a company against its own historical record or to compare aggregate markets against one another or over time.

**ETFs: GREAT DEAL FOR INVESTORS**

An exchange traded fund (ETF) is a type of security that tracks an index, sector, commodity, or other asset, 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 (GSE) and six other African stock exchanges.

The current share price of New Gold ETF (GLD) is GH¢158.60.

**EQUITY MARKET HIGHLIGHTS: The Ghana Stock Market lost 0.68 points over the week to close at 2,696.67; returns -3.32% YTD.**

Market activity for the week decreased by 0.68 points to close at 2,696.67 translating into a YTD return of -3.32%. The GSE Financial Stock Index (GSE-FSI) on the other hand decreased by 1.23 points to close the week at 2,219.66 translating into a YTD return of 3.15%. In the aggregate, twenty-one (21) equities participated in trading, ending with no gainers but only one decliner namely Societe Generale Ghana PLC. (SOGEGH) as it lost GH¢0.01 to close at GH¢1.19 representing a YTD loss of 0.83%

Market Capitalization marginally decreased by GH¢7.09 million to close the trading week at GH¢64.04 billion.

A total of 10.98 million shares valued at GH¢10.98 million traded during the week compared to 2.06 million shares valued at GH¢1.74 million which traded the previous week. Scancom PLC. (MTNGH) recorded the lion's share of trades per value as it accounted for 98.54% of the total value traded.

**GSE EQUITY MARKET PERFORMANCE**

Indicator	Current Week	Previous Week	Change
<b>GSE-Composite Index</b>	2,696.67	2,697.35	-0.68 pts
<b>YTD (GSE-CI)</b>	-3.32%	-3.30%	0.61%
<b>GSE-Financial Stock Index</b>	2,219.66	2,220.89	-1.23 pts
<b>YTD (GSE-FSI)</b>	3.15%	3.21%	-1.87%
<b>Market Cap. (GH¢ MN)</b>	64,040.47	64,047.56	-7.09
<b>Volume Traded</b>	10,980,196	2,065,583	431.58%
<b>Value Traded (GH¢)</b>	10,983,012.32	1,737,529	532.11%

**TOP TRADED EQUITIES**

Ticker	Volume	Value (GH¢)
<b>MTNGH</b>	10,823,181	10,823,181.00
<b>SIC</b>	49,632	12,904.32
<b>ETI</b>	45,527	9,105.4
<b>SOGEGH</b>	23,784	28,314.01
<b>GOIL</b>	18,516	33,699.12

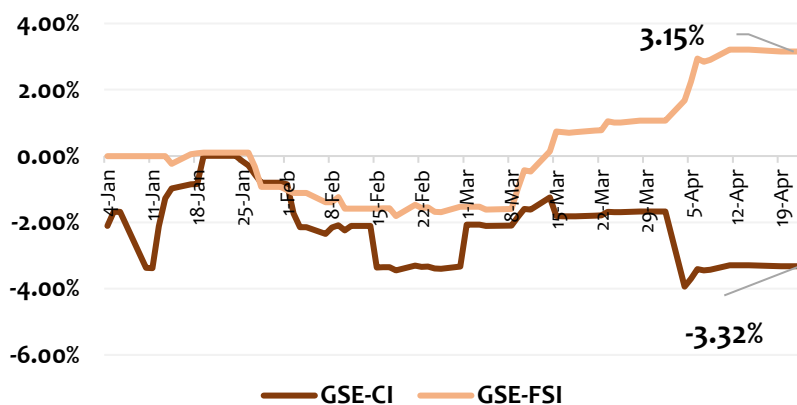
**KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Indicator		Current	Previous
<b>Monetary Policy Rate</b>	February 2022	17.00%	14.50%
<b>Real GDP Growth</b>	December 2021	5.4%	0.40%
<b>Inflation</b>	March 2022	19.4%	15.7%

Source: GSS, BOG, GBA

**DECLINER**

Ticker	Close Price (GH¢)	Open Price (GH¢)	Price Change	Y-t-D Change
<b>SOGEGH</b>	1.19	1.20	-0.01	-0.83%

**GSE-CI & GSE-FSI YTD PERFORMANCE**

## SBL RECOMMENDED PICKS

Equity	Price	Opinion	Market Outlook
MTN GHANA	GH¢ 1.06	Strong 2021 FY Financials	↑ Higher Ask Price
BOPP	GH¢ 6.00	Strong 2021 FY Financials	— Low offers
CAL BANK	GH¢ 0.85	Strong 2021 FY Financials	↑ Improving bids
ECOBANK	GH¢ 7.60	Strong 2021 Q3 Financials	— Bargain bids
SOGEGH	GH¢ 1.19	Strong 2021 FY Financials	— Low demand
FANMILK	GH¢ 3.00	Positive Sentiment	— Low demand

## EQUITY UNDER REVIEW:

### SCANCOM PLC. (MTNGH)








Share Price	GH¢1.06
Price Change (YtD)	-4.50%
Market Cap. (GH¢)	GH¢13.03 billion
Dividend Yield	0.00%
Earnings Per Share	GH¢0.1633
Avg. Daily Volumes	2,045,090
Value Traded (YtD)	GH¢265,418,622

## SUMMARY OF MAR 2022 EQUITY MARKET ACTIVITIES

Indicator	March 2022	March 2021	% Change
GSE-CI YTD CHANGE	-1.67%	13.99%	-
GSE-CI	2,742.85	2,213.29	23.93
GSE-FSI YTD CHANGE	1.07%	3.54%	-
GSE-FSI	2,174.96	1,845.92	17.83
VOLUME	214.97 M	57.70 M	272.29
VALUE (GH¢)	237.14 M	48.46 M	389.35
MKT. CAP. (GH¢M)	64,029.79	57,162.18	12.01
ADVANCERS & DECLINERS			







Source: Ghana Stock Exchange, SBL Research

## GSE AGAINST SELECTED AFRICAN STOCK MARKETS

Country	Current Level	YTD
 (Ghana) GSE-CI	2,696.67	-3.32%
 (Botswana) BGSMDC	7,236.98	3.24%
 (Egypt) EGX-30	10,548.14	-11.72%
 (Kenya) NSE ASI	154.85	-6.97%
 (Nigeria) NGSE ASI	48,459.65	13.44%
 (South Africa) JSE ASI	72,264.90	0.97%
 (WAEMU) BRVM	219.68	8.60%




Source: Bloomberg

## CURRENCY MARKET

Currency	Closing Week	Previous Week	YTD Change
	(GH¢)	(GH¢)	%
 DOLLAR	7.1124	7.1124	-15.55%
 POUND	9.1284	9.2877	-10.97%
 EURO	7.6674	7.6790	-10.95%
 YEN	0.0552	0.0565	-5.43%
 YUAN	1.0928	1.1148	-13.55%
 CFA FRANC	85.5514	85.4222	12.29%

Source: Bank of Ghana

## COMMODITIES MARKET

Commodity	Closing Week	Previous Week	YTD (%)
 BRENT CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl.)	107.00	109.38	35.24%
 GOLD (US\$/oz)	1,935.72	1,969.93	6.08%
 COCOA (US\$/MT)	2,479.17	2,476.59	1.19%

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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