

**INVESTMENT TERM OF THE WEEK**

**Cyclical Stock:** A cyclical stock is a stock whose price is affected by macroeconomic or systematic changes in the overall economy. Cyclical stocks are known for following the cycles of an economy through expansion, peak, recession, and recovery.

**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.
- They are excellent vehicles for retirement.
- Except for a few short periods, stocks have consistently outpaced the rate of inflation.

**EQUITIES MARKET UPDATE**

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The GSE composite index closed 87.15 points lower at 4353.38 points, with the YTD sitting at 39.08%.

This week's trading activity saw a steeper decline in the prime index w/w as day-on-day price movements for this week were more muted. The GSE Composite Index recorded a YTD gain of 39.08%, a decrease from last week's 41.86%. The GSE Financial Stock Index's YTD return dipped to 11.38% from last week's 11.64%.

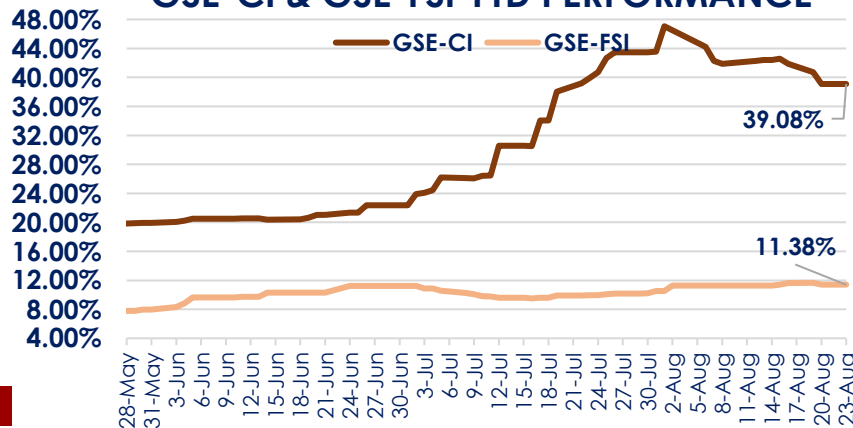
Leading the gainers were GLD, TOTAL and TBL with week-end prices sitting at GH¢376.00, GH¢12.36 and GH¢0.83 respectively. MTNGH recorded its largest w/w fall of the year thus far, closing at GH¢2.20, while CAL shed-off GH¢0.03 to GH¢0.31.

There was an 88.85% slump in trading volume compared to the previous week with the similar change observed for total value traded, sitting 93.97% lower this week.

MTNGH led in trading volume and value, reflecting its liquidity and the significant interest it continues to generate among investors.

| MARKET DATA                      | THIS WEEK | LAST WEEK      |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>GSE-COMPOSITE INDEX</b>       | 4,353.38  | 4,440.53       |
| <b>YTD</b>                       | 39.08%    | 41.86%         |
| <b>1 WEEK RETURN</b>             | -1.96%    | -3.00%         |
| <b>GSE-FINANCIAL STOCK INDEX</b> | 2,118.06  | 2,122.83       |
| <b>YTD</b>                       | 11.38%    | 11.64%         |
| <b>1 WEEK RETURN</b>             | -0.22%    | 0.35%          |
| <b>MARKET CAP. (GH¢ MN)</b>      | 91,854.74 | 92,777.41      |
| <b>VOLUME TRADED</b>             | 1,993,860 | 17,883,651     |
| <b>VALUE TRADED (GH¢)</b>        | 6,818,056 | 113,161,405.85 |

Source: Ghana Stock Exchange, SBL Research

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

| TICKER           | PRICE  | WEEKLYCHANGE | YTD (%) |
|------------------|--------|--------------|---------|
| <b>📈 GAINERS</b> |        |              |         |
| <b>GLD</b>       | 376.00 | 9.76         | 72.08   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | 12.36  | 0.03         | 37.33   |
| <b>TBL</b>       | 0.83   | 0.01         | 1.22    |
| <b>GCB</b>       | 5.91   | 0.01         | 73.82   |

| TICKER             | PRICE | WEEKLYCHANGE | YTD (%) |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|---------|
| <b>📉 DECLINERS</b> |       |              |         |
| <b>CAL</b>         | 0.31  | -0.03        | -35.42  |
| <b>MTNGH</b>       | 2.20  | -0.07        | 57.14   |

**TOP TRADED EQUITIES**

| TICKER       | VOLUME    | VALUE (GH¢)  |
|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| <b>MTNGH</b> | 1,610,300 | 3,543,603.28 |
| <b>SIC</b>   | 260,285   | 65,071.25    |
| <b>CAL</b>   | 35,915    | 11,370.38    |
| <b>ALLGH</b> | 25,300    | 151,800.00   |
| <b>ETI</b>   | 15,957    | 2393.55      |

## SBL RECOMMENDED PICKS

| TICKER | RECOMMENDATION |
|--------|----------------|
| MTNGH  | LONG TERM BUY  |
| BOPP   | LONG TERM BUY  |
| TOTAL  | LONG TERM BUY  |
| UNIL   | HOLD           |
| ACCESS | BUY            |
| GCB    | BUY            |
| SOGEH  | BUY            |

## GSE AGAINST SELECTED AFRICAN STOCK MARKETS

| COUNTRY  | MARKET LEVEL | YTD    |
|--|--------------|--------|
|  (Ghana) GSE-CI         | 4,353.38     | 39.08% |
|  (Botswana) BGSMDC      | 9,622.52     | 7.76%  |
|  (Egypt) EGX-30         | 30,141.08    | 18.63% |
|  (Kenya) NSE ASI        | 104.93       | 14.09% |
|  (Nigeria) NGSE ASI     | 95,973.44    | -1.81% |
|  (South Africa) JSE ASI | 84,351.56    | 4.73%  |
|  (WAEMU) BRVM           | 252.92       | 18.91% |

Source: Bloomberg

## SUMMARY OF JULY 2024 EQUITY MARKET ACTIVITIES

| INDICATOR                    | JULY 2024                                      | JULY 2023 | CHANGE  |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|
| GSE-CI YTD CHANGE            | 43.56%   | 21.80%    | -       |
| GSE-CI                       | 4,493.92                                       | 2,976.77  | 50.97%  |
| GSE-FSI YTD CHANGE           | 10.53  | -16.44%   | -       |
| GSE-FSI                      | 2,101.90                                       | 1,715.17  | 22.55%  |
| VOLUME                       | 45.82 M  | 35.25 M   | 29.99%  |
| VALUE (GH¢)                  | 125.29 M                                       | 18.36 M   | 582.35% |
| MARKET CAPITALIZATION (GH¢M) | 93,348.22                                      | 72,075.71 | 96.16%  |
| ADVANCERS                    | GCB, SCB, BOPP, ALLGH, GLD, MTNGH, TOTAL, RBGH |           |         |
| DECLINERS                    | CAL, FML, EGL                                  |           |         |

Source: Ghana Stock Exchange, SBL Research

## COMMODITIES MARKET UPDATE

| COMMODITY   | CLOSING WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | Y-t-D CHANGE |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|  BRENT CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl.) | 79.14        | 79.67         | 4.28%        |
|  GOLD (US\$/oz)              | 2,511.10     | 2,503.54      | 21.96%       |
|  COCOA (US\$/MT)             | 6,792.33     | 6,291.29      | 59.79%       |

Source: Bloomberg, Bullion by Post, ICCO

## CURRENCY MARKET UPDATE

| FOREX   | CLOSING WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | Y-t-D CHANGE |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|
|  US DOLLAR     | GH¢15.1315   | GH¢15.1322    | -21.49%      |
|  BRITISH POUND | GH¢19.9653   | GH¢19.5334    | -24.20%      |
|  EURO          | GH¢16.9111   | GH¢16.6455    | -22.38%      |
|  CHINESE YUAN  | GH¢2.1241    | GH¢2.1130     | -21.23%      |
|  SA RAND       | GH¢0.8534    | GH¢0.8461     | -23.89%      |
|  CFA FRANCS    | GH¢38.7886   | GH¢39.4076    | 28.83%       |

Source: Bank of Ghana

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