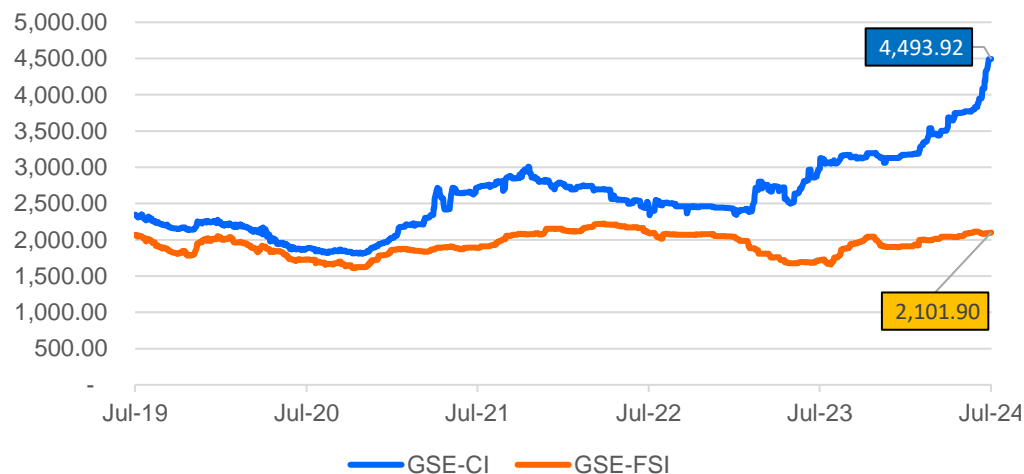


**STOCK MARKET HIGHLIGHTS**

- Investors in the GSE equity market have enjoyed what appears to be a bullish trend as prices and trading activity continue to rise in this year following the uptick in the market last year. The benchmark GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI) has gained a cumulative 1456.05 points from the start of the year bringing its level to 4,493.92 points at the end of trading 31st July 2024. This translates into a (YTD) return of 43.56% compared to 21.80% over the same period last year.
- The GSE Financial Stocks Index (GSE-FSI) followed a similar trend although at a solemn rate, as it has gained 200.32 points to 2,101.90, translating into a (YtD) return of 10.53% compared to -16.44% for the same period in 2023.
- A total volume of 630,469,257 shares valued at GH¢1,109,794,504.81 has been traded as at end of July, 2024 representing a 140.51% and 197.41% increase respectively in market activity recorded over the same period last year.
- Unilever Ghana PLC. (UNIL) has been the lead advancer, returning 82.12% to its investors this year while Scancom PLC. (MTNGH) leads the activity pile, accounting for 95.23% and 76.08% of volume and value traded respectively. (as at 31st July 2024)

GSE-CI & GSE-FSI

GAINERS	PRICE (GH¢)	CHANGE(GH¢)	YTD(%)
GLD	362.50	144.00	65.90
UNIL	14.77	6.66	82.12
TOTAL	12.33	3.33	37.00
SCB	20.10	2.55	14.53
GCB	5.60	2.20	64.71
ALLGH	6.00	1.60	36.36
ACCESS	4.80	1.40	41.18
GGBL	4.70	1.30	38.24
BOPP	23.00	1.00	4.55
MTNGH	2.34	0.94	67.14
EGH	6.10	0.60	10.91
FML	3.50	0.25	7.69
RBGH	0.52	0.04	8.33
SIC	0.25	0.01	4.17
CMLT	0.11	0.01	10.00

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- Policy Rate 29.0%
- Inflation Rate 20.9%
- 10 Year Bond 19.72%
- GDP Growth Rate 4.70%
- USD/GHS 15.13

DECLINERS	PRICE (GH¢)	CHANGE (GH¢)	YTD(%)
MMH	0.10	-0.01	-9.09%
DASPHARMA	0.38	-0.02	-5.00%
SOGEGH	1.55	-0.02	-1.27%
CAL	0.34	-0.14	-29.17%
EGL	1.55	-0.84	-35.15%

*** Prices as at July 2024

Benso Oil Palm Plantation PLC. (BOPP)

Forward P/E Ratio

9.27

YTD vs. GSECI

-34.08 percentage points



What we think?

We maintain our LONG-TERM BUY recommendation on BOPP. The counter is trading at price of GHS 23.10 and at a P/E multiple of 10.07x, with a dividend yield of 10.06% and an ROE of 13.44%. We recommend investors with a long-term view and an appetite for dividends to take buying positions in the counter.

In Q2 2024, the company's revenue dipped by 12.11% y/y to GHS 188.73 million (Q2 2023: GHS 214.74 million), operating profit fell 46.85% y/y to 42.86 million (Q2 2024: GHS 80.64 million), profit after tax almost halved to GHS 39.89 million (Q2 2023: GHS 72.76 million). The dips across profit lines are chiefly attributable to moderation of international prices of crude palm oil, and market response to cross-border palm oil trade distortions in the West African sub-region and stabilizing exchange rates. The company's total assets and total equity on the other hand recorded growths of 10.4% and 8.4% from FY2023.

The stock has traded at a 52-week high of 23.10 and 52-week low of 14.00. P/E ratio has ranged between 2.30x and 10.7x over the last five years and we estimate a forward P/E ratio of 9.27x over the next 12 months.

The share price of BOPP more than recouped the dips recorded in Q1 2024, with its current YTD return at 5.00%.



Benso Palm Plantation PLC.

PRICE **23.10** GHS YTD **5.00%**



Scancom PLC. (MTNGH)

Forward P/E Ratio	YTD vs. GSECI
10.6	+18.06 percentage points



Over the half year 2024, Total revenue and EBITDA grew 31.3% each y/y to GHS8.1 billion and GHS4.5 billion respectively, with the EBITDA margin maintained at 56.1% in spite of elevated inflation and currency volatility increasing the cost of doing business. Profit after tax saw a growth of 36.3% to GHS2.3 billion. On the balance sheet, Total Assets grew by 12.37% to GHS 34.8 billion (HY 2023: GHS 30.96 billion), liabilities grew 17.07% to GHS 26.15 billion (HY 2023: GHS 22.34 billion) while value of shareholder’s funds sits 17.33% higher at GHS 8.63 billion.

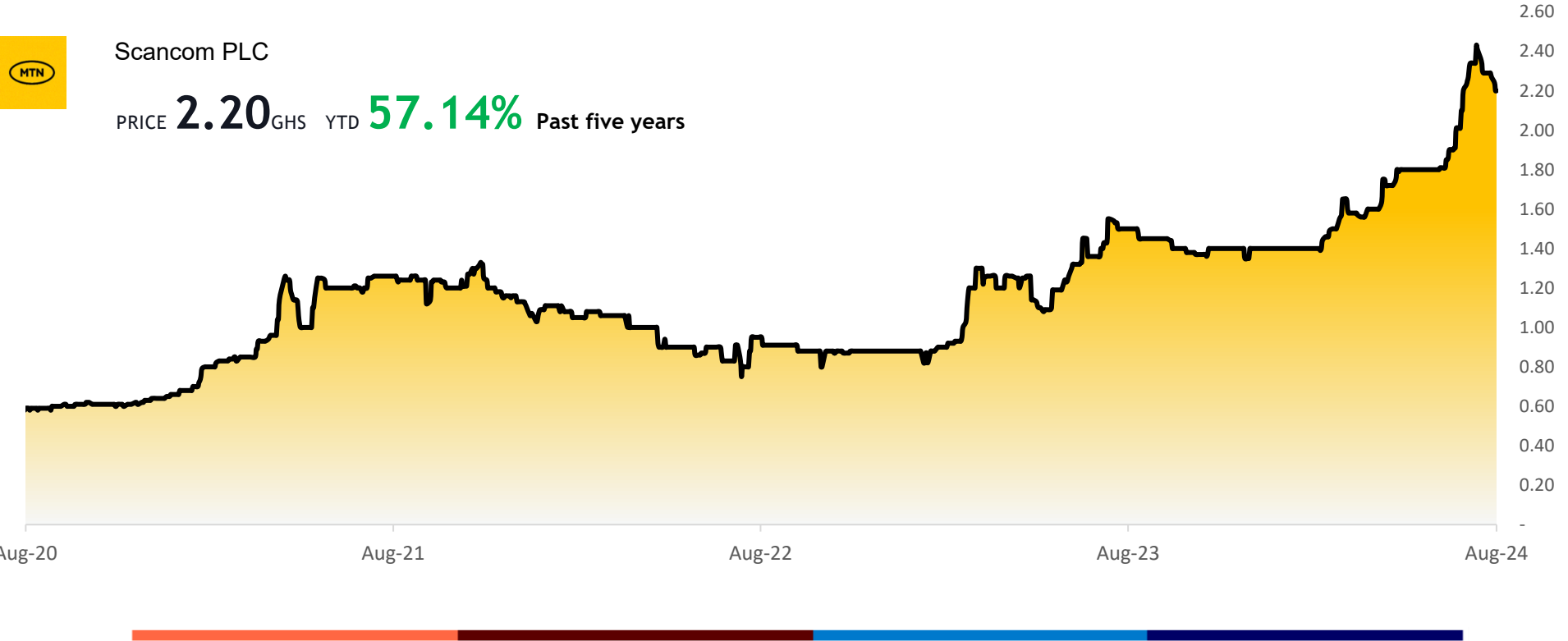
Its strong half year performance has seen an impressive 36.43% rise in its EPS to GHS0.176 with a P/E of 6.24x. Interim Dividend for 2024 of GHS 0.065 per share, is a 30.00% rise from that of FY 2023 (GHS 0.050) indicating its commitment to maintaining its target of 60-80% y/y payout growth.

For the other half of 2024, MTN plans to continue improving its platforms to improve service delivery, better meet growing internet data demand and build more partnerships for its advanced services strategy in its MoMo business line.

Thus, we anticipate a sustained rise in investor interest and trading activity in the counter which will drive its market value towards our 1-year target price of GHS 2.6 per share.



Scancom PLC
PRICE **2.20**GHS YTD **57.14%** Past five years



TotalEnergies Marketing Ghana PLC (TOTAL)

Forward P/E Ratio

10.11

YTD vs. GSECI

-1.75 percentage points



What we think?

We maintain our LONG-TERM BUY recommendation on TOTAL. The counter is trading at GHS 12.36 and at a P/E multiple of 6.1x, an ROE of 22.51% with a dividend yield of 5.87%. Investors with an appetite for dividends are encouraged to take buying positions in the counter.

TotalEnergies Marketing Ghana PLC. is part of the global TotalEnergies Group, which is the fourth largest publicly traded integrated international Oil and Gas Company in the world with a presence in over 130 countries. In HY 2024 the company's revenue grew by 6.7% y/y to GHS 3.37 billion (HY 2023: GHS 3.16 billion), operating profit grew 39.93% y/y to 214.48 million (HY2023: GHS 153.27 million), profit after tax also grew 36.72% y/y to 113.92 million (HY 2023: GHS 83.24 million). The company's Total assets recorded positive growth of 2.1% while total equity fell marginally by 2.7% from HY 2023.

TOTAL has traded at a 52-week high of 12.37 and 52-week low of 6.80 with its P/E ratio has ranging between 3.08 and 6.25 over the last five years. We estimate a forward P/E ratio of 10.11 over the next 12 months.



TotalEnergies Marketing Ghana PLC.

PRICE **12.36** GHS YTD **37.33%** Past five years



Unilever Ghana PLC. (UNIL)



Forward P/E Ratio

13.9

YTD vs. GSECI

+58.21 percentage points

We recommend a BUY on UNIL. The counter is trading at GHS16.00 and a P/E multiple of 8.9x, with an ROE of 25.17%. Unilever Ghana Limited is the largest producer and retailer of consumer goods in Ghana. We recommend investors with a long-term view and an appetite for dividends to take buying positions in the counter.

In HY 2024 the company’s revenue fell by 0.77% y/y to GHS 476.99 million (HY2023: GHS 480.70 million), operating profit dipped 9.7% y/y to 69.97 million (HY 2023: GHS 77.51 million), profit after tax also fell 14.01% y/y to 56.14 million (HY 2023: GHS 65.29 million). Despite the turnover decline, the Company improved its gross profit margin from 37% in 2023 to 43% in 2024 as a result of material cost savings and better product mix in 2024.

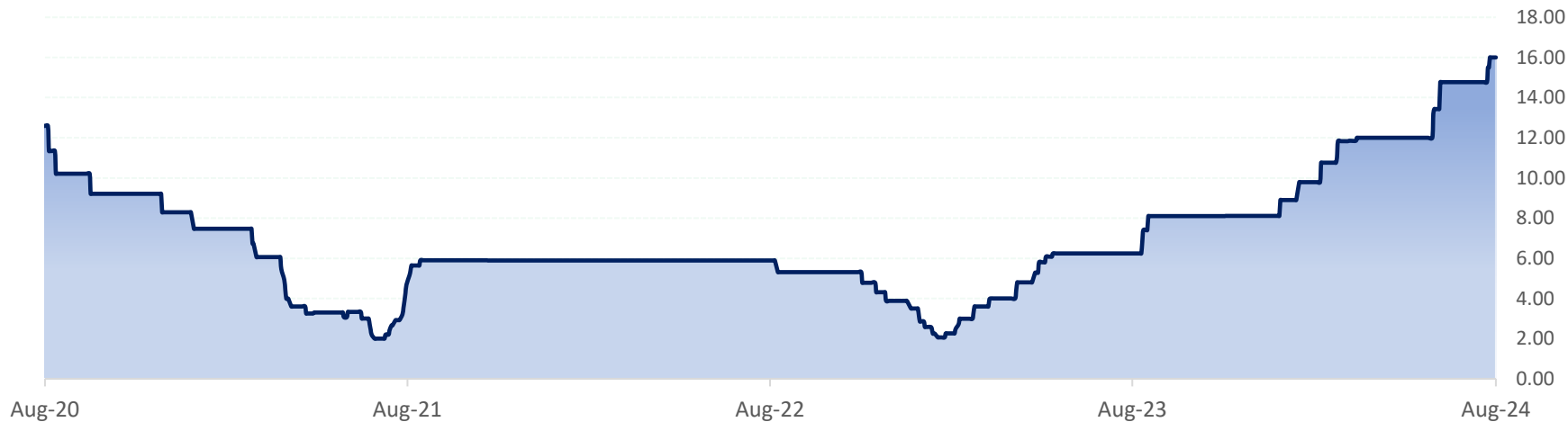
The company’s Total assets and Total equity all recorded positive growths of 5.7% and 91.82% respectively from HY2023, with the stock’s liabilities falling by 22.67% to 273.16 million (HY 2023: GHS 353.24 million)

The company’s stock is trading at a 52-week high of 16.00 and a 52-week low of 6.24. Over the last five years, UNIL has traded between a P/E range of 5.3 and 15.12. We estimate a forward P/E ratio of 13.9 within the next 12 months.



Unilever Ghana PLC.

PRICE **16.00** GHS YTD **97.29%** Past five years



Access Bank Plc. (ACCESS)



Forward P/E Ratio

2.1

YTD vs. GSECI

-2.10 percentage points

We recommend a BUY on ACCESS. The counter is trading at GHS4.80 and a P/E multiple of 1.15x, with an ROE of 20.50%. We recommend investors with a long-term view and an appetite for dividends to take buying positions in the counter.

In HY 2024 the lender’s interest income grew by 13.7% y/y to GHS 651.47 million (HY 2023: GHS 572.98 million), Net interest income fell 16.20% y/y to 220.36 million (HY2023: GHS 262.94 million), profit after tax grew 8.19% y/y to 361.61 million (HY 2023: GHS 334.23 million). The company’s Total assets and Total equity all recorded positive growths of 51.17% and 54.21% respectively from HY2023, with the stock’s liabilities also up 54.21% to 1.39 billion (HY 2023: GHS 54.21 million)

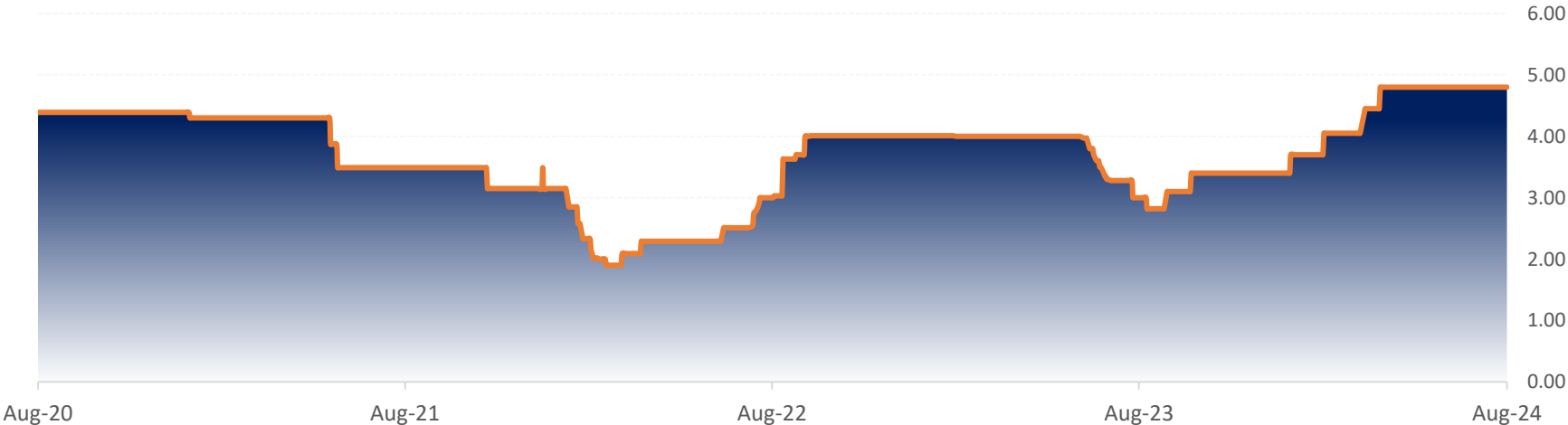
We expect Access bank to continue expansion and growth of its wholesale and retail banking segments. This it seeks to achieve, in part, through heavier infusion of AI and Machine learning into banking solutions to improve customer experience and provide tailored financing products. These are expected to sustain the return to profitability observed in FY 2023.

The company’s stock has traded at a 52-week high of 4.80 and a 52-week low of 2.82. Over the last five years, ACCESS has traded between a P/E range of 1.2 and 4.4. We estimate a forward P/E ratio of 2.1 within the next 12 months.



Access Bank Plc.

PRICE 4.80_{GHS} YTD 41.18% Past five years



GCB Bank (GCB)



Forward P/E Ratio

2.9

YTD vs. GSECI

+34.74 percentage points

We maintain our LONG-TERM BUY recommendation on GCB. The counter is trading at GHS 5.91, a P/E multiple of 1.8x, and an ROE of 11.93%. We recommend investors with a long-term view to take buying positions in the counter.

In HY 2024, the company recorded a growth in customer deposits of 38.26% y/y to GHS 26.18 billion (HY 2023: GHS 18.94 billion), net interest income growth of 5.24% y/y to GHS 1.43 billion (HY 2023: GHS 1.36 million), a profit growth of 28.15% y/y to GHS 417.07 million (HY 2023: GHS 325.45 million) and total assets growth of 40.26% y/y to GHS 33.54 billion (HY 2023: GHS 23.92 billion).

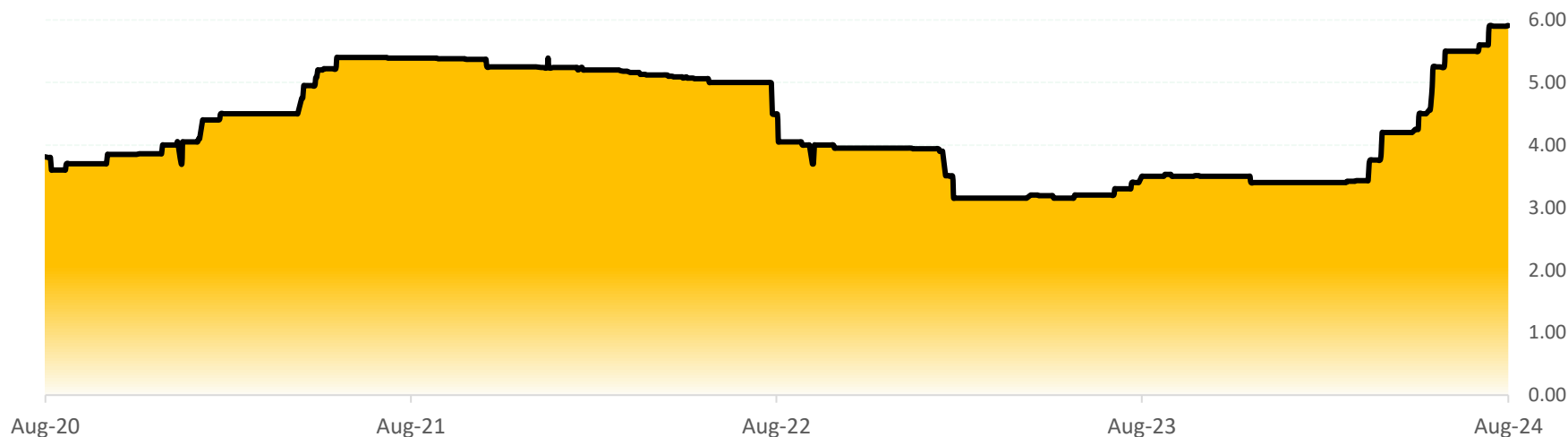
The stock is trading at a 52-week high of 5.91 and 52-week low of 3.30. P/E ratio has ranged between 1.91 and 3.03 over the last five years and we estimate a forward P/E ratio of 2.9 over the next 12 months.

The share price of GCB is currently trading at its year high of 5.91 and a P/B of 0.45x suggesting an undervaluation by the market. Hence, we see an opportunity to buy cheap in wait of the GHS 7.57 per share we forecast for the next 12 months. Also, with regulatory clearance for well-capitalized banks to pay dividends, we expect GCB to share some of its profits in the short to medium term.



GCB Bank

PRICE **5.91** GHS YTD **73.82%** Past five years



Societe Generale Ghana (SOGEGH)



Forward P/E Ratio

7.1

YTD vs. GSECI

-40.35 percentage points

We recommend a BUY on SOGEGH. The counter is trading at GHS1.55 and a P/E multiple of 3.28x, with an ROE of 9.98%. We recommend investors with a long-term view and an appetite for dividends to take buying positions in the counter.

In HY 2024 the Bank’s interest income grew by 29.85% y/y to GHS 641.48 million (HY 2023: GHS 494.02 million), Net interest income rose 36.13% y/y to 530.48 million (HY2023: GHS 389.69 million), profit after tax also grew 5.95% y/y to 167.80 million (HY 2023: GHS 158.38 million). The company’s Total assets and Total equity all recorded positive growths of 16.76% and 34.83% respectively from HY2023, with liabilities also up 13.64% to 8.20 billion (HY 2023: GHS 7.22 million)

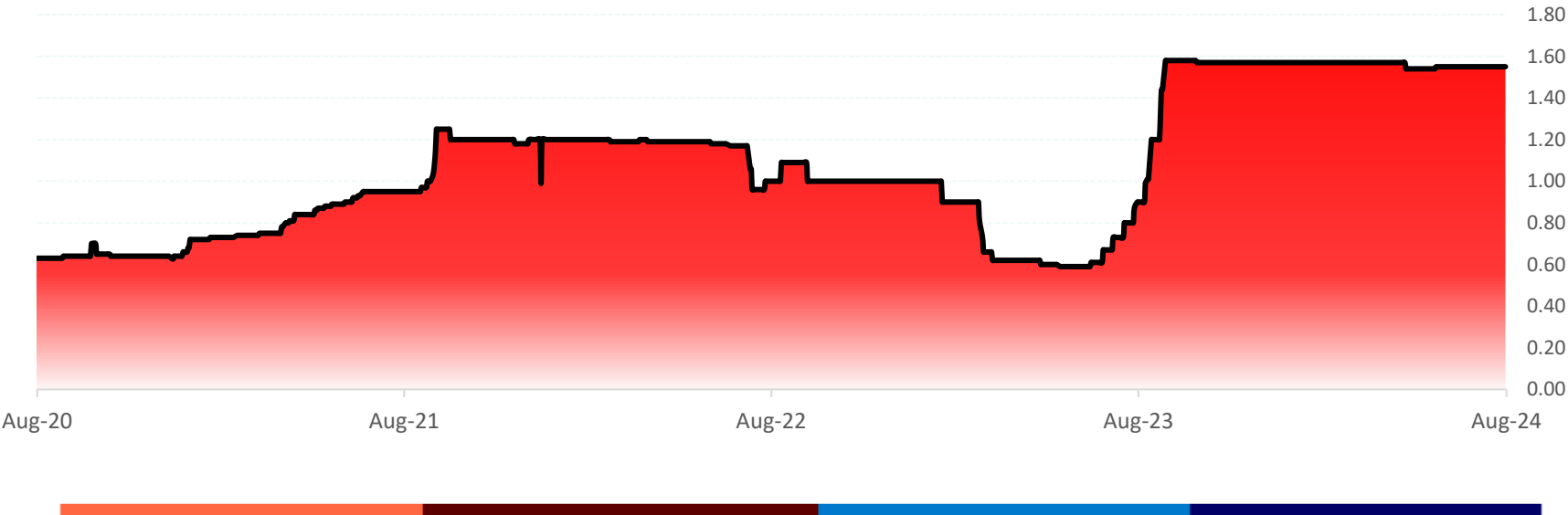
We anticipate the lender’s long-term growth will be propelled by growth in wholesale and retail propositions as well as the introduction of mortgage to its product offerings cushioned by innovative digital banking solutions. We also expect treasury to continue to grow trading income through increased trading volumes and market share in the medium to long term.

The company’s stock has traded at a 52-week high of 1.58 and a 52-week low of 0.73. Over the last five years, SOGEGH has traded within a P/E range of 3.2 and 6.0. and we estimate a forward P/E ratio of 7.1 within the next 12 months.

Societe Generale Ghana PLC.



PRICE **1.55**_{GHS} YTD **-1.27%** Past five years



This document is provided for informational purposes only and does not create any legally binding obligations on SIC Brokerage and/or its affiliates (collectively “SIC Brokerage”).

The data contained in this document is based on material we believe to be reliable; however, we do not represent that the data is accurate, current, complete, or error free. Assumptions, estimates and opinions contained in the document constitute our judgment as of the date of the material and is subject to change without notice. There is no obligation to update, modify or amend this document or to otherwise notify the recipient if information, opinion, projection, forecast or estimate set forth herein, changes or subsequently becomes inaccurate. The document may not be reproduced or distributed, in whole or in part, without the express prior written approval of SIC Brokerage and/or its affiliates. The document does not constitute investment advice and SIC Brokerage is not acting in a fiduciary capacity with respect to you or any other party. Any offering of any security or other financial instrument that may be related to the subject matter of this communication (a “financial instrument”) will be made pursuant to separate and distinct documentation (a “prospectus”) and in such case the information contained herein will be superseded in its entirety by any such prospectus in its final form. In addition, because this communication is a summary only, it may not contain all material terms and this communication in and of itself should not form the basis for any investment decision. To the extent that one has been prepared, the recipient should consult the prospectus for more complete information about any proposed offer of any financial instrument.

Before entering into any transaction or making any investment decision the recipient is strongly advised to seek their own independent advice in relation to any investment, financial, legal, tax, accounting or regulatory issues discussed herein. Further you should take steps to ensure that you fully understand appropriateness of the action in the light of your own objectives and circumstances. You should also consider seeking advice from your own advisers in making this or any other assessment. Analyses and opinions contained herein may be based on assumptions that if altered can change the analyses or opinions expressed.

This communication and the information contained herein is CONFIDENTIAL and may not be reproduced or distributed in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the company that prepared this communication. The distribution of this document and availability of these products and services in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law.

SIC Brokerage hereby specifically disclaims all liability for direct, indirect, consequential or other losses or damages, including, but not limited to, loss of profits, that may arise from any reliance on the data, or for the reliability, accuracy, completeness or timeliness thereof, or for any delays or errors in the transmission or delivery of the document.

ANALYST CERTIFICATION

We, SIC Brokerage, hereby certify (1) that the views expressed in this Research report accurately reflect our personal views about any or all of the subject securities or issuers referred to in this Research report, (2) no part of our compensation was, is or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations or views expressed in this Research report and (3) no part of our compensation is tied to any specific investment banking transactions performed by SIC Brokerage or any other SIC company.

RESEARCH TEAM

Wisdom Kwame Asigbetse: Analyst (wkasigbetse@sicbrokerage.com)

Amenuve Aweso: Analyst (akaweso@sicbrokerage.com)

SIC BROKERAGE LIMITED

No. 67 A & B Switchback Road
Cantonments PMB CT 314
Cantonments – Accra, Ghana

Tel: +233(0)302 767051; 940056

www.sicbrokerage.com

trader@sicbrokerage.com