

INVESTMENT TERM OF THE WEEK

Alpha: Alpha (α) is a term used in investing to describe an investment strategy's ability to beat the market, or its edge. Alpha is often referred to as excess return or abnormal rate of return, which refers to the idea that markets are efficient, and so there is no way to systematically earn returns that exceed the broad market as a whole.

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¢145.00.

EQUITY MARKET HIGHLIGHTS: The Ghana Stock Market lost 3.81 points over the week to close at 2,550.98; returns -8.55% YTD.

Market activity for the week decreased by 3.81 points to close at 2,550.98 translating into a YTD return of -8.55%. The GSE Financial Stock Index (GSE-FSI) also decreased by 6.93 points to close the week at 2,185.64 translating into a YTD return of 1.57%. Twenty-five (25) equities traded over the week, ending with two (2) gainers and one (1) decliner. GLD and SIC were the gainers as they gained GH¢0.90 and GH¢0.02 to close at GH¢145.00 and GH¢0.30 respectively whilst CAL was the sole decliner as it lost GH¢0.07 to close at GH¢0.80.

Market Capitalization decreased by GH¢39.90 million to close the trading week at GH¢62.24 billion.

A total of 10.55 million shares valued at GH¢9.57 million traded during the week compared to 4.80 million shares valued at GH¢4.29 million which traded the previous week. Scancom PLC. (MTNGH) recorded lion's share of trades as it recorded the most volumes and accounted for 81.73% of the total value traded.

GSE EQUITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

Indicator	Current Week	Previous Week	Change
GSE-Composite Index	2,550.98	2,554.79	-3.81 pts
YTD (GSE-CI)	-8.55%	-8.41%	1.66%
GSE-Financial Stock Index	2,185.64	2,192.57	-6.93 pts
YTD (GSE-FSI)	1.57%	1.89%	-16.93%
Market Cap. (GH¢ MN)	62,236.68	62,276.58	-39.90
Volume Traded	10,552,896	4,796,801	120.00%
Value Traded (GH¢)	9,573,403.12	4,288,986.32	123.21%

TOP TRADED EQUITIES

Ticker	Volume	Value (GH¢)
MTNGH	8,693,816	7,824,074.30
CAL	1,645,563	1,320,900.44
SIC	87,232	26,032.24
TOTAL	86,070	352,887.00
SOGEGH	11,363	13,521.97



KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

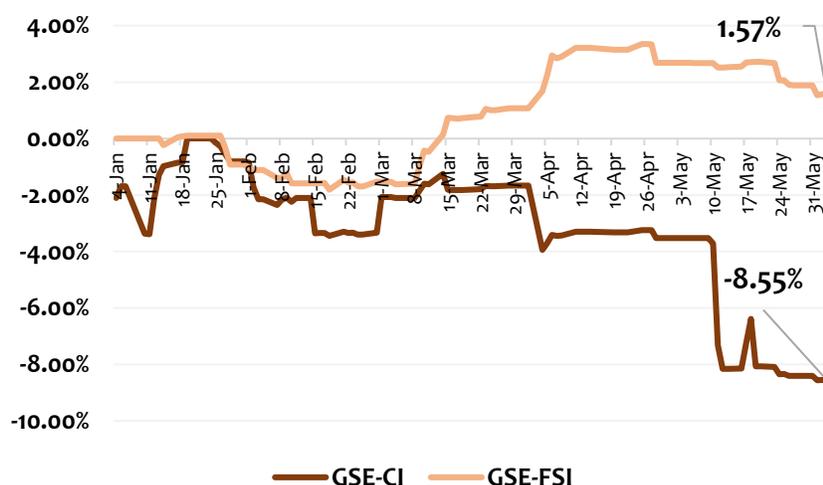
Indicator		Current	Previous
Monetary Policy Rate	May 2022	19.00%	17.00%
Real GDP Growth	December 2021	5.4%	0.40%
Inflation	April 2022	23.6%	19.4%

Source: GSS, BOG, GBA

GAINERS & DECLINER

Ticker	Close Price (GH¢)	Open Price (GH¢)	Price Change	Y-t-D Change
GLD	145.00	143.60	0.90	33.06%
SIC	0.30	0.28	0.02	275.00%
CAL	0.80	0.87	-0.07	-8.05%

GSE-CI & GSE-FSI YTD PERFORMANCE



SBL RECOMMENDED PICKS

Equity	Price	Opinion	Market Outlook
MTN GHANA	GH¢ 0.90	Strong 2021 FY Financials	↑ Higher Ask Price
BOPP	GH¢ 6.00	Strong 2021 FY Financials	— Low offers
CAL BANK	GH¢ 0.80	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¢0.90
Price Change (YtD)	-18.92%
Market Cap. (GH¢)	GH¢11.06 billion
Dividend Yield	12.778%
Earnings Per Share	GH¢0.2303
Avg. Daily Volumes	3,949,432
Value Traded (YtD)	GH¢967,459,173

SUMMARY OF APRIL 2022 EQUITY MARKET ACTIVITIES

Indicator	April 2022	April 2021	% Change
GSE-CI YTD CHANGE	-3.52%	31.93%	-
GSE-CI	2,691.19	2,561.45	31.93
GSE-FSI YTD CHANGE	2.69%	5.29%	-
GSE-FSI	2,209.70	1,877.07	5.29
VOLUME	105.06 M	29.77 M	252.88
VALUE (GH¢)	107.17 M	31.09 M	244.67
MKT. CAP. (GH¢M)	63,817.62	60,801.73	11.82
ADVANCERS & DECLINERS			

Source: Ghana Stock Exchange, SBL Research

GSE AGAINST SELECTED AFRICAN STOCK MARKETS

Country	Current Level	YTD
 (Ghana) GSE-CI	2,550.98	-8.55%
 (Botswana) BGSMDC	7,216.81	2.96%
 (Egypt) EGX-30	10,007.51	-16.25%
 (Kenya) NSE ASI	129.41	-22.26%
 (Nigeria) NGSE ASI	52,908.24	23.86%
 (South Africa) JSE ASI	70,920.44	-0.91%
 (WAEMU) BRVM	207.37	2.52%

Source: Bloomberg

CURRENCY MARKET

Currency	Closing Week	Previous Week	YTD Change
	(GH¢)	(GH¢)	%
 DOLLAR	7.1461	7.1413	-15.95%
 POUND	8.9416	9.0020	-9.11%
 EURO	7.6604	7.6440	-10.86%
 YEN	0.0547	0.0562	-4.48%
 YUAN	1.0697	1.0656	-11.68%
 CFA FRANC	85.6296	85.8134	12.19%

Source: Bank of Ghana

COMMODITIES MARKET

Commodity	Closing Week	Previous Week	YTD (%)
 BRENT CRUDE OIL (US\$/bbl.)	119.63	118.59	51.20%
 GOLD (US\$/oz)	1,849.85	1,857.10	1.37%
 COCOA (US\$/MT)	2,395.17	2,345.01	-2.24%

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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