



FEATURE

GHANA COMMERCIAL BANK (GCB)

Ghana Commercial Bank was established in 1953 as the Bank of the Gold Coast and began Operation on 20th May 1953 with the Government of Ghana as the sole shareholder. The purpose was to serve Ghanaian farmers, business people and Ghanaian traders who could not access financial assistance from the expatriate banks. Following the establishment of the Bank of Ghana as the Central Bank in 1957, the Bank of Gold Coast was renamed Ghana Commercial Bank, as it took on the new role of providing commercial banking services. Subsequently, the government of Ghana divested 53.19% of its shares to the public, which were listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange in May 1996. As at the end of 2012, government's ownership of the bank stood at 21.36% while institutional and individual holdings was 78.64%. The Bank has since grown from one branch to over 150 branches nationwide.

GCB's wide range of banking products and services are categorized under Personal & Corporate, Small Medium Enterprise (SME) and Wholesale Banking. These comprise individuals, Small & Medium Scale Enterprises (SME) and Corporate institutions. The bank's key products include loans, overdrafts, deposits, investments, money transmission and international service.

A five year retrospective look at the financial performance of Ghana Commercial Bank indicates a striking presentation in terms of both top and bottom line indicators. From GH¢232.9 million in 2008, the Group's Total Revenue grew to stand at GH¢436.10 million by the end of 2010 representing a total appreciation of 87.63%. It however, declined to GH¢341.27 million in 2011 and thereafter inched up to end the 2012 financial year at GH¢476.39 million. In the same vein, Net Profit moved up from GH¢37.59 million in 2008 to GH¢50.88 million in 2010 indicative of a 35.34% improvement. The bottom line indicator however fell in 2011 to close at GH¢17.97 million before climbing to GH¢142.97 million in 2012.

Ghana Commercial Bank's financial statements released for the financial year ended 31st December 2013 once again revealed an impressive trend in the company's main indicators. The period recorded a total revenue of GH¢671.71 million against GH¢476.39 million in 2012 showing a 41.00% improvement in 2013. This was due to increases in Net Interest Income, Fees & Commission Income and Net Trading & Other Income by 41.45%, 15.72% and 30.82% respectively. Similarly, Total Operating Expenses and Taxation went up by 22.19% and 76.14% during the same period from GH¢221.29 to GH¢270.39 and GH¢49.88 to GH¢87.86 respectively. These contributed to a 60.31% improvement in Net Profit position from GH¢142.97 million in 2012 to GH¢229.10 million in 2013. Consequently, the annualised Earning per Share (EPS) of the Group went up from GH¢0.5395 to stand at GH¢0.8649 at the end of 2013.

The stock's performance on the Ghana Stock Exchange has also been imposing. From an initial price of GH¢0.0539 in 1996, the equity price rose to GH¢1.10 in 2007 signifying 1,940% increase. The share price witnessed some fluctuations before reaching a high of GH¢3.03 in May 2011 and then fell steadily to end 2011 at GH¢1.85. Thereafter, the stock regained its balance to trade at GH¢2.10 in 2012. The equity appreciated further to an

all time high of GH¢5.40 on 11th June 2013 before slipping to end the year at GH¢4.85. So far this year, the stock has recorded a 17.53% decline to trade at GH¢4.01 as 25th April 2014

Income Statement

(All figures are expressed in thousand Ghana cedis)

	2010 Re-stated	2011	2012	2013
Revenue	436,998	341,273	476,388	671,712
Net Interest Income	286,284	206,812	325,175	459,959
Net Profit	50,880	17,972	142,972	229,199

Balance Sheet Summary

(All figures are expressed in thousand Ghana cedis)

	2010 Re-stated	2011	2012	2013
Total Assets	2,084,656	2,463,377	2,981,141	3,404,826
Total Liabilities	1,903,556	2,285,137	2,685,260	2,938,761
Total Equity	181,100	178,240	295,881	466,065

Ratios/Statistics

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Profit Margin (%)	11.64	5.27	30.01	34.12
Return on Assets (%)	2.44	0.73	4.80	6.73
Return on Equity (%)	28.09	10.08	48.32	49.18
Earnings Per Share (GH¢)	0.1920	0.0678	0.5395	0.8649
Dividend Per Share (GH¢)	0.0600	0.0700	0.1400	-
Net Assets Per Share (GH¢)	0.6834	0.6726	1.1165	1.7587
Share price				
High (GH¢)	2.73	3.03	2.15	5.40
Low (GH¢)	0.73	1.84	1.83	2.10
Close (GH¢)	2.70	1.85	2.10	4.85

Investor Ratios

	2012	2013
Price to Book Value	1.88	2.76
Price Revenue Ratio	1.44	1.91
Price Earnings Ratio	3.89	5.61
Year-to-date Return (%)	13.51	130.95



Price Information

Year Opening Price (GH¢)	Week Opening Price (GH¢)	Current Price (GH)	Weekly Change (GHS)	Weekly Change (%)	Year To Date (%)
01.01.14	17.04.04	25.04.14			
0.2668	0.2947	0.2949	0.0002 ▲	0.0679 ▲	10.52 ▲

GHANA STOCK EXCHANGE NEWS

The capital market recorded a mixed performance during the week under review. A total of 1,502,452 shares worth GH¢2,219,083.78 were traded, signifying a 74.00% and 38.07% decline respectively over the 5,783,737 shares traded last week for a total consideration of GH¢3,583.086.16.

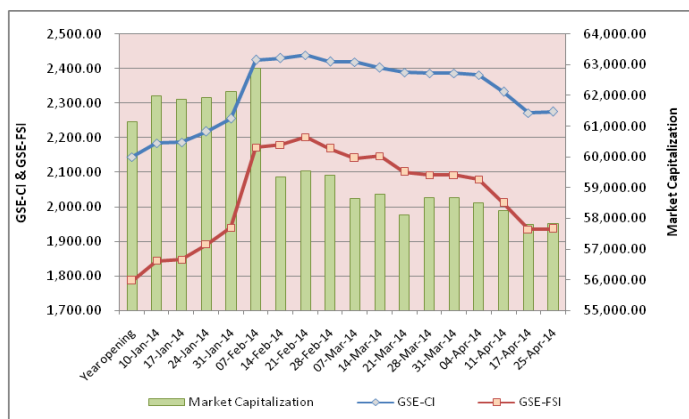
With a total of 1,081,058 shares, Société Général Bank Ghana limited was the period's most traded equity. On the other hand, Clydestone (Ghana) Limited was the least active, trading only 10 shares.

The performance of the market, as measured by both the GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI) and the GSE-Financial Stocks Index, inched up during the week. From a week opening position of 2,272.40 points, the GSE-CI gained 3.72 points to finish the week at 2,276.12 points while the GSE-FSI went up by 1.58 points moving from 1,934.75 points to 1,936.33 points. The respective year-to-date returns of the GSE-CI and GSE-FSI at the end of the week were 6.10% and 8.38%.

Total market capitalization also increased by GH¢24.35 million from GH¢57,797.71 million to GH¢57,822.06 million.

The graph below shows the trend in the GSE Composite Index, GSE Financial Stocks Index and Market capitalization since the beginning of the year.

Chart 1 – Trend of Market Indicators



MONEY MARKET NEWS

Cedi Depreciating at Slower Pace

On the interbank market, the Cedi continued to dive against five other major trading currencies during the week under review. The local currency lost 1.08%, 1.39%, 1.17%, 0.56% and 0.56% to the US Dollar, the British Pounds, the Euro, the South African Rand and Japanese Yen respectively.

By the end of the week, the cedi's year-to-date performance showed a decline of 28.50% to the US Dollar, 30.37% to the British Pounds, 28.56% to the Euro, 26.74% to the South African Rand and 31.80% to the Japanese Yen.

The following table gives a summary of the interbank rates for the week under review.

Table 1 – Summary of Interbank Rates

	Buying		Selling	
	17.04.14	25.04.14	17.04.14	25.04.14
US Dollar	2.7117	2.7762	2.7491	2.7788
Pound	4.5418	4.6549	4.5965	4.6600
Euro	3.7455	3.8378	3.7962	3.8399
Rand	0.2581	0.2613	0.2600	0.2615
Yen	0.0266	0.0271	0.0270	0.0272

Source: Ghana Association of Bankers

INTEREST RATE

The week under review recorded a general decline in money market rates. The 91 and 182-day Treasury bill rates slipped by 0.0067% and 0.085% respectively. The 1-year note and the 2-year fixed rate note, on the other hand, remained unchanged.

The previous week's total tenders amounted to GH¢517.89 million for short term securities out of which GH¢515.75 million was sold while the 2-year fixed rate note attracted GH¢10.39 million worth of tenders of which GH¢0.39 million was sold.

A total of GH¢608.00 million is expected to be raised this week from both short and medium term securities.

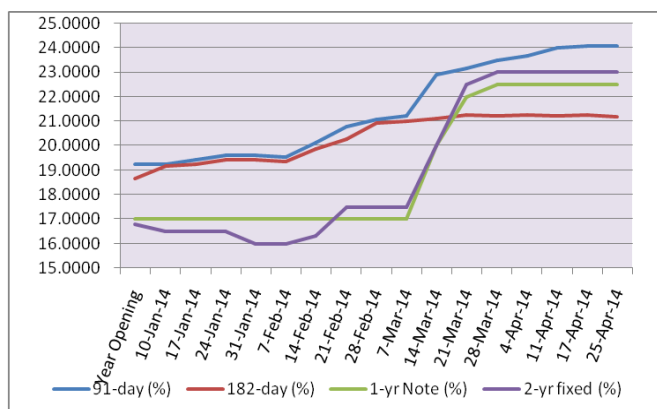
The table below shows the rates for the week under review alongside those of the previous week while the chart displays the trend of the rates so far this year.

Table 2 – Prevailing Interest Rates

Interest Rates (for Weeks Beginning)			
	17.04.14 (% p.a.)	25.04.14 (% p.a.)	Week Change (%)
91 Day	24.0693	24.0626	0.0067 ▼
182 Day	21.2542	21.1692	0.0850 ▼
1-Year Note	22.5000	22.5000	-
2-Year Fixed Rate Note	23.0000	23.0000	-

Source: Bank of Ghana

Chart 2 – Trend of Yields on Money Market Securities



RELEVANT CORPORATE NEWS

RBL-MANDATORY OFFER ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Securities & Exchange Code on Takeovers and Mergers, Republic Bank Limited has announced that it will make an offer to all the shareholders of HFC Bank (Ghana) Limited to purchase ordinary shares of no par value in HFC Bank. This follows the grant by the Bank of Ghana by letters dated 11th April and 14th April 2014 of its approval to make the offer.

Republic Bank Limited is an independent Caribbean bank with a history that spans 176 years of service. It has its roots in the colonial Bank which started business in Trinidad and Tobago in 1837, later becoming Barclays Bank Trinidad and Tobago Limited and eventually Republic Bank Limited. It is incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and is authorized to carry on the business of banking.

GSE Press Release: 090/2014

EGL- FINAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER AND ADDITIONAL LISTING

Enterprise Group limited has announced that the company's directors would be recommending to the shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, the payment of a final dividend of GH¢0.025 per share for the 2013 financial year.

In view of that, all shareholders registered in the books of EGL at the close of business on Monday, May 19, 2014 will qualify for the final dividend. The Register of Shareholders will be closed on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 to Thursday, May 22, 2014 and the dividend payment date is Monday, June 30, 2014.

Secondly, the Chief executive Officer of EGL has exercised his rights under the Executive Share Option Scheme to add 600,000 ordinary shares to the Company's number of issued shares.

GSE Press Release: 091,097/2014

TOTAL – 2013 ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Total Petroleum Ghana limited has released the 2013 Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2013.

The Company's 38th Annual General Meeting is also slated for Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The venue is the National Theatre, Liberia Road, Accra.

The meeting starts at 11am.

GSE Press Release: 092/2014

CAL – CHANGES IN DIRECTORSHIP

Ms. Leonora Agyarko of CAL Bank board has since April 15, 2014 resigned as Non-Executive Director of CAL Bank. Consequently, the Bank has announced the appointment of Mr. Ernest Thompson as a Non-Executive Director of the bank to fill a casual vacancy created, following the resignation of Mr. Ernest Kakra Essamuah in 2013. His appointment took effect from February 6, 2014 and he was re-elected by shareholders at the bank's Annual General Meeting held on March 27, 2014. Mr. Ernest Thompson is the Director- General of Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT).

GSE Press Release: 095,096/2014

COMPANIES THAT DECLARED FINAL DIVIDENDS IN 2012

Company	Final Dividend Per Share	Qualifying date	Book Closure	Payment Date
AYRTN	GH¢0.00125	Jun 25	Jun 26 - 27	Aug 8
AADS	GH¢0.0009			Apr 2
AGA	GH¢0.0900			Apr 2
BOPP	GH¢0.0770	Apr 23	April 24 - 26	May 10
CAL	GH¢0.035	Mar 22	Mar 25 - 26	Apr 30
CMLT	GH¢0.0060	Jun 26	Jun 27	Aug 30
EBG	GH¢0.29	Apr 10	Apr 11 - 18	May 10
EGL	GH¢0.016	May 17	May 20 - 22	Jun 28
ETI	0.4 US cents	Jul 5	Jul 5	Jul 19
FML	GH¢0.06	Apr 19	April 22 - 24	May 8
GCB	GH¢0.14	May 31	Jun 3 - 7	Jun 28
GOIL	GH¢0.015	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 30
MLC	GH¢0.015	Jun 25	June 26 - 28	July 19
PBC	GH¢0.0062	Mar 15	March 18 - 22	May 7
PZ	GH¢0.0046	Sept 23	Sept 24 - 27	Oct 14
SCB	GH¢0.47	May 17	May 20 - 21	Jun 28
SOGEGH	GH¢0.04	Mar 22	Mar 25 - 26	May 15
SPL	GH¢0.0022	Sept 26	Sept 27	Oct 8
TBL	20 Bututs	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 30
TOTAL	GH¢0.69	Jul 18	Jul 19 - 24	Jul 26
UNIL	GH¢0.2560	Apr 10	April 11 - 24	May 24
UTB	GH¢0.02	Apr 12	Apr 15 - 17	May 31

COMPANIES THAT HAVE DECLARED DIVIDENDS FOR 2013

Company	Dividend Per Share	Qualifying date	Book Closure	Payment Date
INTERIM DIVIDEND				
EGL	GH¢0.020	Oct 1 (2013)	Oct 2 - 3	Nov 4
TOTAL	GH¢0.0771	Dec 18 (2013)	Dec 19 - 20	Dec 24
FINAL DIVIDEND*				
CAL	GH¢0.053	Mar 21	Mar 24 - 26	Apr 30
SOGEGH	GH¢0.06	Mar 27	Mar 28 - 31	May 15
EBG	GH¢0.43	April 21	April 22-29	May 14
HFC	GH¢0.035	April 21	April 22-23	May 15
FML	GH¢ 0.09	May 5th	May 6-7	June 12
BOPP	GH¢ 0.0334	May 7th	May 8-9	June 20
EGL	GH¢ 0.025	May 19th	May 20-22	June 30
SCB	GH¢1.15	May 23rd	May 26-27	June 30

**All dates for final dividends are in 2014*

Listed Equities	% of Market Capitalization	Week Closing Price (GH¢)	Week Closing Price (GH¢)	Price Change (GH¢)	Weekly Return (%)	Year-to-Date Return (%)	P/E Ratio	Dividend Yield (%)	Return on Assets (%)	Price/Book Value	Price/Revenue
	17.04.14	17.04.14	25.04.14		25.04.14	25.04.14	25.04.14	25.04.14	25.04.14	25.04.14	25.04.14
ACI	0.004	0.06	0.06	-	-	-	-	-	-11.48	0.37	0.49
AGA	25.68	37.00	37.00	-	-	-	-	0.24	-19.21	2.07	1.67
ALW	0.02	0.06	0.06	-	-	20.00	-	-	-3.52	0.26	0.11
AYRTN	0.07	0.17	0.17	-	-	-	27	0.74	4.94	1.79	3.08
BOPP	0.18	2.90	2.90	-	-	-9.66	17	2.66	10.29	2.37	3.56
CAL	0.82	0.87	0.90	0.03 ▲	3.45	-7.22	5	3.89	4.67	0.85	0.90
CLYD	0.002	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	8	-	1.10	0.02	0.002
CMLT	0.002	0.16	0.16	-	-	-	-	3.75	2.54	0.63	0.36
CPC	0.07	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-2.68	-7.77	0.66
EBG	3.30	6.20	6.20	-	-	10.52	10	4.68	3.20	2.86	2.93
EGL	0.53	2.29	2.29	-	-	21.81	6	0.70	7.91	0.48	0.79
ETI	6.35	0.22	0.22	-	-	15.79	5	-	1.16	0.60	0.73
FML	1.51	7.52	7.52	-	-	13.60	40	0.80	18.86	12.23	8.78
GCB	1.85	4.00	4.01	0.01 ▲	0.25	-17.32	5	3.49	4.16	2.79	2.23
GGBL	2.15	5.78	5.78	-	-	-6.77	-	-	9.59	5.70	3.89
GOIL	0.38	0.88	0.89	0.01 ▲	1.14	-	13	1.69	5.52	3.20	0.03
GSR	1.21	2.75	2.75	-	-	-	-	-	1.09	0.01	0.03
GWEB	0.002	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	-	-	2.25	-0.60	2.48
HFC	0.64	1.25	1.25	-	-	30.21	9	-	2.26	1.13	2.41
MLC	0.03	0.35	0.35	-	-	-7.89	10	4.29	1.66	0.17	0.26
PKL	0.003	0.06	0.06	-	-	-	-	-	-35.20	-1.47	1.70
PBC	0.14	0.17	0.15	0.02 ▼	-11.76	-11.76	5	4.13	0.92	1.30	0.18
PZ	0.18	0.63	0.62	0.01 ▼	-1.59	-21.52	-	-	11.44	2.66	1.09
SCB	3.93	18.92	18.97	0.05 ▲	0.26	26.97	11	2.48	4.14	0.90	0.97
SIC	0.16	0.43	0.42	0.01 ▼	-2.33	7.69	18	-	1.09	1.15	0.97
SPL	0.005	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	5	-	6.14	1.04	0.64
SOGEGH	0.52	0.75	0.70	0.05 ▼	-6.67	-6.67	6	5.71	2.40	1.28	1.79
SWL	0.001	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	12	-	7.65	1.00	0.19
TBL	0.09	0.25	0.25	-	-	-28.57	5	-	2.11	1.82	0.01
TOTAL	1.27	6.53	6.50	0.03 ▼	-0.46	28.46	20	10.62	8.16	0.88	0.09
TRANSOL	0.004	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	16	-	11.50	-0.70	13.71
TLW	47.20	30.09	30.09	-	-	-13.98	23	-	7.10	5.11	11.60
UNIL	1.96	18.08	18.08	-	-	-1.26	80	1.42	12.68	33.22	4.83
UTB	0.36	0.43	0.43	-	-	-4.44	22	4.65	0.54	0.96	2.32
Depository Shares											
AADS	0.09	0.52	0.52	-	-	-	-	0.17	-	-	-
Preference Shares											
SCB-PREF	0.02	0.52	0.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ETF											
GLD	0.02	23.00	23.00	-	-	-11.98	-	-	-	-	-

Key ABL—Accra Brewery Ltd, ACI—African Champion Industries, AGA—AngloGold Ashanti Ltd, ALW—Aluworks Ltd, AYRTN—Ayrton Drug Manufacturing Ltd, BOPP—Benso Oil Palm Plantation Ltd, CAL—CAL Bank Ltd, CFAO—CFAO Ghana Ltd, CLYD—Clydestone Ghana Ltd, CMLT—Camelot Ghana Ltd, CPC—Cocoa Processing Company Ltd, EBG—Ecobank Ghana Ltd, EGL—Enterprise Group Ltd, ETI—Ecobank Transnational Incorporated, FML—Fan Milk Ltd, GCB—Ghana Commercial Bank Ltd, GGBL—Guinness Ghana Breweries Ltd, GOIL—Ghana Oil Company Ltd, GSR—Gold Star Resources Ltd, GWEB—Golden Web Ltd, HFC—HFC Bank Ltd, MLC—Mechanical Lloyd Company Ltd, PKL—Pioneer Kitchenware Ltd, PBC—Produce Buying Company Ltd, PZ—PZ Cussons Ghana Company Ltd, SCB—Standard Chartered Bank Ltd, SIC—SIC Insurance Company Ltd, SPL—Starwin Products Ltd, SOGEGH—Société Générale Ghana Ltd, SWL—Sam Woode Ltd, TBL—Trust Bank (The Gambia) Ltd, TOTAL—Total Petroleum Ghana Ltd, TRANSOL—Transaction Solutions Ghana Ltd, UNIL—Unilever Ghana Ltd, UTB—UT Bank Ltd, AADS—AngloGold Ashanti Depository

■ As at September 2013 ■ As at June 2013 ■ As at May 2013 ■ As at March 2013 ■ As at December 2012 ■ As at September 2012 ▲ Price Gainers ▼ Price Decliners