

FEATURE
Ecobank Ghana Limited (EBG)

Ecobank Ghana Limited (EBG) was incorporated on January 9, 1989 as a private limited liability company under the Companies Code to engage in the business of banking. EBG was initially licensed to operate as a merchant bank by the Bank of Ghana on November 10, 1989 and it commenced business on February 19, 1990. EBG acquired a universal banking license in 2003 and has since expanded its geographical reach and broadened its scope of financial services. EBG is a subsidiary of Ecobank Transnational Incorporated, a bank holding company which has many subsidiaries across West and Central Africa. EBG itself currently has three wholly-owned subsidiaries which offer a variety of non-banking financial services to complement EBG's broad range of banking services. The subsidiaries are Ecobank Investment Managers Limited, Ecobank Stockbrokers Limited and Ecobank Leasing Company Limited. EBG has grown consistently over the years to become one of the leading banks in Ghana and a well-recognized brand in the Ghanaian banking industry. In December 2011, the Bank of Ghana approved a takeover of The Trust Bank by Ecobank Transnational and the merger of the acquired institution with Ecobank Ghana Limited. This acquisition has made EBG the biggest bank in the country in terms of assets.

Ecobank Ghana Limited provides a wide range of financial services that meets the needs of domestic and multinational corporations, individual customers as well as government institutions. The bank also provides specialised services to SME's with the primary aim of helping them grow their businesses. Some of the services provided by the bank are Personal Banking, Business Banking (SME banking, Microfinance) and Corporate Banking (International Trade Solutions, Cash Management, Supply Chain Finance). The bank employs a lot of technology in the provision of its services to provide convenience for its customers.

Ecobank Ghana Limited has seen a very strong financial performance over the past five years as its indicators have been mostly upward trending. The bank recorded a 23.19 percentage growth in its gross operating income from a 2010 figure of GHS 180.16 million to GHS 234.55 million in 2011. The figure rose to GHS 857.74 million in 2014 representing an average of 31.82% growth over the five year period. This remarkable growth in operating income reflected in the bottom line of the bank as it saw its net profit jump from GHS 60.12 million in 2010 to GHS 319.97 million in 2014 representing an average annual growth of 33.31%.

Third quarter results published for the 2015 financial year shows an even better performance as against the same period last year. Ecobank grossed an Operating Income of GHS 767.23 million in 2015 Q3 from GHS 621.15 million recorded in 2014 Q3, representing a 19.04% increment. Even though the bank's operating expenses saw an increase from a 2014 Q3 figure of GHS 253.77 million to a 2015 Q3 figure of 310.39 million, it managed to keep its overall expenses under check to realize a 19.95% increment in its Operating Profit from GHS 341.31 million in 2014 Q3 to GHS 426.74 million in 2015 Q3. The bank's bottom-line indicator also saw a 20.27% jump from GHS 576.70 million to GHS 723.34 million.

On the stock market, EBG's share has performed incredibly well since its IPO in July 2006 at a price of GHS 1.10. The share price appreciated over the years to peak at an all-time high price of GHS 9.21 in June 2015 after having experienced a few price fluctuations in some years. The equity currently trades at GHS 7.05 as at close of trading 15th January, 2016.

Income Statement

(All figures are expressed in '000 Ghana Cedis)

	2013	2014	2014 Q3	2015 Q3
Operating Income	589,741	857,737	621,151	767,252
Operating Expenses	(267,061)	(379,469)	(253,766)	(310,385)
Operating Profit	274,295	457,411	341,613	426,740
Net Profit	190,633	319,965	235,083	296,606

Balance Sheet Summary

(All figures are expressed in '000 Ghana Cedis)

	2013	2014	2014 Q3	2015 Q3
Total Assets	4,694,251	5,767,608	5,905,086	6,454,580
Total Liabilities	4,133,332	4,969,185	5,235,260	5,590,248
Total Equity	560,929	798,423	669,826	864,332

Ratios/Statistics

	2013	2014	2014 Q3	2015 Q3
Net Profit Margin (%)	32%	37%	38%	39%
Return on Assets (%)	4.06%	5.55%	3.98%	4.60%
Return on Equity (%)	33.99%	40.07%	35.10%	34.32%
Earnings Per Share (GHS)	0.0935	0.1570	0.1153	0.1455
Dividend Per Share (GHS)	0.43	0.79	-	-
Net Assets Per Share (GHS)	0.28	0.39	0.33	0.42
Share price				
High (GHS)	5.61	7.98	7.98	9.21
Low (GHS)	3.00	5.61	5.61	7.00
Close (GHS)	5.61	7.60	7.11	7.04

Investor Ratios

	2014 Q3	2015 Q3
Price to Book Value	21.63	16.60
Price Revenue Ratio	23.33	18.70
Price Earnings Ratio	61.64	48.37
Year-to-date Return (%)	-7.37	26.74


Price Information

Year Opening Price (GHS)	Week Opening Price (GHS)	Current Price (GHS)	Weekly Change (GHS)	Weekly Change (%)	Year To Date (%)
01.01.16	11.01.16	15.01.16			
0.3163	0.3166	0.3197	0.0031 ▲	0.98 ▲	1.07 ▲

GHANA STOCK EXCHANGE NEWS

Trading on the Ghana Stock Exchange witnessed a dip in total volume of trade but an appreciation in total value of trade compared to the preceding week.

A total of 6,351,555 shares valued at GHS 8,643,515.21 compared to 10,423,268 shares valued at 6,351,555 were traded on the local bourse for the week under review. This represents a fall in volume of 45.47% and a rise in value of 116.75%.

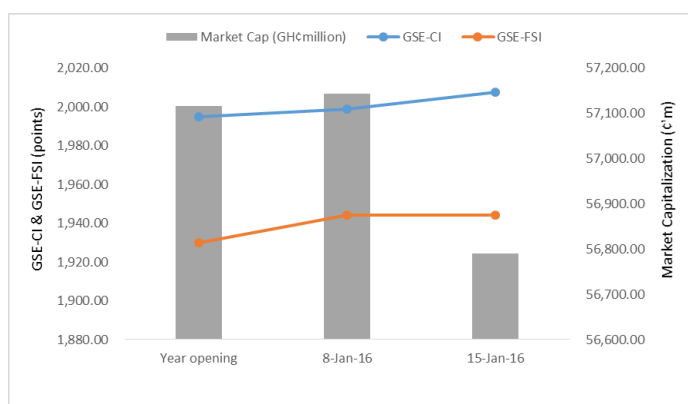
CAL Bank was the most traded stock on the GSE for the week under review with 3,325,940 share trades representing 52.36% of total trades with GCB and ETI following with 1,009,106 shares and 1,008,629 shares trades representing 15.89% and 15.88% respectively. GLD, the only Exchange Traded Fund on the bourse recorded the lowest trade of 26 shares, representing a paltry 0.0004% of total share trades.

The GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI) and the GSE Financial Stocks Index (GSE-FSI) have both began the year on a fairly good note and have recorded some gains even though the GSE-FSI saw some decline in points for the week under review. The GSE-CI rose by 8.48 points while the GSE-FSI fell by 0.11 points to close the week at 2,007.50 points and 1,944.00 points from the preceding week's 1,993.03 points and 1,994.10 points respectively. The year-to-date returns for both Indices stood at 0.63% and 0.72% respectively for the week under review.

The market capitalization for the week under review however declined marginally by 0.62% to GHS 56,789.47 million from a preview week level of GHS 57,144.04 million.

The chart below gives historical view of the market capitalisation so far.

Chart 1 – Trend of Market Indicators



MONEY MARKET NEWS

CEDI RECORDS MIXED PERFORMANCE

The cedi recorded a mixed performance against the major trading currencies in the week under review. It appreciated against the British Pound, South African Rand and the Japanese Yen by 1.01%, 2.31% and 0.16% but fell against the US Dollar and the Euro by 0.12% and 0.08% respectively.

The year-to-date depreciation of the Cedi stood at 0.04% and 1.87% for the Dollar and the Yen and the year-to-date appreciation against the Pound, the Euro and the Rand to 2.58%, 0.66% and 7.27% respectively.

The following table summarizes the interbank rates for the week under review

Table 1 – Summary of Interbank Rates

	Buying		Selling	
	08.01.16	15.01.16	08.01.16	15.01.16
US Dollar	3.7950	3.7995	3.7988	3.8033
Pound	5.5380	5.4831	5.5459	5.4901
Euro	4.1200	4.1248	4.1249	4.1269
Rand	0.2371	0.2316	0.2373	0.2318
Yen	0.0322	0.0321	0.0322	0.0322

Source: Ghana Association of Bankers

INTEREST RATES

The 91-day and 182-day Treasury bill rates moved in opposite directions for the week under review. While the 91-day rate saw a 0.0125 fall from a previous week rate of 22.7939% to a rate of 22.7814%, the 182-day rate saw a rise to 24.6480% from a previous week rate of 24.3574% for the week, thus an increment of 0.2906%. The 1-Year Note saw no transaction but the 2 and 3 Year Notes transacted at 23.00% and 24.7500% respectively.

A total amount of GHS 1,256.51 million was sold out of GHS 1,311.53 million tendered for short term securities in the week under review. For the 23.71 million tendered for the 2-Year Note, GHS 21.41 million of it was bought. The 1-Year Note however did not trade during the period.

The Government of Ghana's target for this week is GHS 1,162 million cedis for short term securities and GHS 60 million for the 1-Year Note.

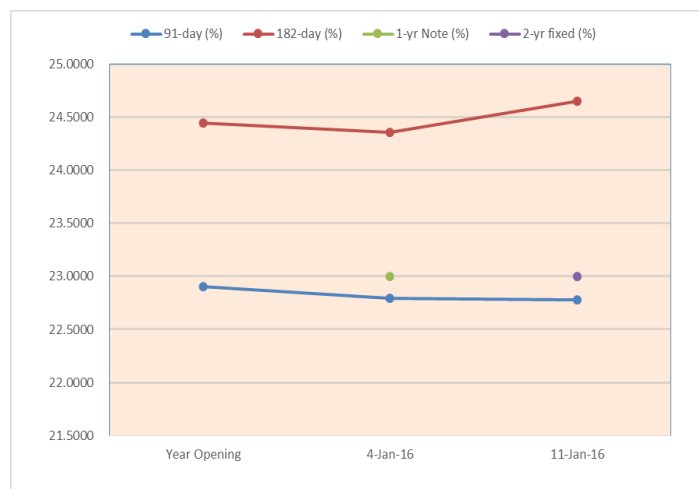
The table below shows the rates for the week under review alongside that of the previous week while the chart displays the trend of the rates so far this year.

Table 2 – Prevailing Interest Rates

Interest Rates (for Weeks Beginning)			
	04.01.16 (% p.a.)	11.01.16 (% p.a.)	Week change (%)
91 Day	22.7939	22.7814	0.0548 ▼
182 Day	24.3574	24.6480	1.1931 ▲
1-Year Note	23.0000	-	-
2-Year Fixed Rate Note	-	23.0000	-

Source: Bank of Ghana

Chart 2 – Trend of Yields on Money Market Securities



RELEVANT CORPORATE NEWS

AYRTN - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ayrton Drugs Manufacturing Company (AYRTN) announces the upcoming Annual General Meeting scheduled for 28th January, 2016 at the GNAT New Conference Hall at 10 am.

GSE Press Release: 004/2016

AGA - INCREASE IN ITS SHARE CAPITAL

AngloGold Ashanti Limited (AGA) has announced an increase in its issued ordinary shares to 405,231,034 as at November 30, 2015. This was as a result of the issue and listing of additional ordinary shares over the period on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange, South Africa.

The issued shares are as detailed below:

AGA Share Incentive Scheme (November 2015) - 62,348 ordinary shares

By this arrangement, AGA share capital has also been increased to 49,752,604,796.50 South African Rand.

GSE Press Release: 003/2016

2014 DIVIDEND INFORMATION

Company	Dividend Per Share	Qualifying date	Book Closure	Payment Date
PREFERENCE SHARES				
SCB PREF.	GHS 0.0758	Feb. 27 (2015)	Mar. 2 – 4	Mar. 30
SCB PREF.	GHS 0.0762	Aug. 28 (2015)	Aug. 31 – Sep. 2	Mar. 30
INTERIM DIVIDEND				
TBL	43.60 bututs	Oct. 9 (2014)	Oct. 10	Oct. 13
TOTAL	GHS 0.0771	Dec. 3 (2014)	Dec. 4 - 11	Dec. 14
EGL	GHS 0.19	Dec. 8 (2014)	Dec. 9 - 10	Dec. 11
FINAL DIVIDEND				
CAL	GHS 0.081	Mar. 23 (2015)	Mar. 24 - 26	Apr. 30
MAC	GHS 0.05	Apr. 7 (2015)	Apr. 8 - 10	May 7
GCB	GHS 0.32	May 15 (2015)	May 18 - 21	June 22
HFC	GHS 0.06	Apr. 22 (2015)	Apr. 23 - 24	May 22
EBG	GHS 0.79	Apr. 24 (2015)	Apr. 27 – May 6	May 21
BOPP	GHS 0.0706	May 7 (2015)	May 8	Jun. 18
FML	GHS 0.09	May 4 (2015)	May 5 - 6	Jun. 1
TBL	30 Bututs	May 4 (2015)	May 5	May 12
GOIL	GHS 0.02	May 6 (2015)	May 7 - 8	
SCB	GHS 0.35	May 15 (2015)	May 18 - 19	June 30
EGL	GHS 0.025	June 16 (2015)	June 17 - 18	July 28

2015 DIVIDEND INFORMATION

Company	Dividend Per Share	Qualifying date	Book Closure	Payment Date
INTERIM DIVIDEND				
TOTAL	GHS 0.0902	Nov. 27 (2015)	Nov. 30 – Dec. 3	Dec. 14
MLC	GHS 0.02	Dec. 2 (2015)	Dec. 3	Dec. 8

Listed Equities	% of Market Capitalization	Week	Week	Price	Weekly	Year-to-	P/E Ratio	Dividend Yield (%)	Return on Assets (%)	Price/Book Value	Price/Revenue
		Opening Price (GHS)	Closing Price (GHS)	Change (GHS)	Return (%)	Date Return (%)					
	15.01.16	08.01.16	15.01.16		15.01.16	15.01.16	15.01.16	15.01.16	15.01.16	15.01.16	15.01.16
ACI	0.001	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-0.0064	-	-11.48	0.12	0.16
AGA	26.34	37.00	37.00	-	-	-	0.1896	-	-22.74	4.55	
ALW	0.09	0.12	0.12	-	-	(14.29)	-	-	(3.52)	0.52	0.22
AYRTN	0.05	0.14	0.14	-	-	(22.22)	-0.0349	-	4.94	1.48	2.54
BOPP	0.05	2.52	2.8	0.28 ▲	11.11	12.00	0.0090	2.52	21.32	1.78	2.75
CAL	0.17	1.05	1.05	-	-	5.00	0.1798	7.71	5.92	0.91	0.75
CLYD	1.01	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	0.2084	-	1.10	0.01	0.002
CMLT	0.002	0.12	0.12	-	-	-	0.0022	-	3.86	0.48	0.21
CPC	0.001	0.01	0.02	0.01 ▲	100.00	-	0.0143	-	-2.68	(7.77)	0.66
EBG	0.07	7.02	7.05	0.03 ▲	0.43	0.57	-0.0080	11.21	1.42	0.32	7.56
EGL	3.64	2.40	2.41	0.01 ▲	0.42	0.42	1.3533	8.92	11.47	1.90	0.99
ETI	0.56	0.27	0.25	0.02 ▼	(7.41)	(7.41)	0.1340	-	-	-	-
FML	10.60	7.35	7.38	0.03 ▲	0.41	0.41	0.0805	1.22	21.45	11.22	6.17
GCB	1.51	3.78	3.75	0.03 ▼	(0.79)	(1.06)	0.3144	8.53	6.73	2.13	1.75
GGBL	1.75	1.99	1.99	-	-	-	0.8425	-	3.77	2.00	1.87
GOIL	0.74	1.40	1.45	0.05 ▲	3.57	3.57	-0.0938	1.38	5.52	5.22	0.04
GSR	0.64	1.99	1.99	-	-	-	0.1266	-	-	-	-
GWEB	0.90	0.01	0.01	-	-	-	-0.1008	-	2.25	(0.15)	0.62
HFC	0.001	0.95	1.2	0.25 ▲	26.32	33.33	-0.0073	5.00	3.73	0.94	0.90
MAC	0.63	6.00	6	-	-	-	-0.0423	0.83	27.56	2.49	5.11
MLC	0.10	0.17	0.19	0.02 ▲	11.76	-	1.1524	-	-1.31	0.10	0.10
PKL	0.02	0.05	0.05	-	-	-	0.0320	-	-35.20	(1.23)	1.41
PBC	0.003	0.10	0.1	-	-	-	-0.0296	-	-2.70	1.21	0.04
PZ	0.08	0.34	0.33	0.01 ▼	(2.94)	(2.94)	-0.0134	-	0.26	1.44	0.73
SCB	0.10	16.30	16.3	-	-	-	-0.0163	2.15	1.70	0.87	1.81
SIC	3.32	0.14	0.14	-	-	-	1.3086	-	228.66	0.37	0.25
SPL	0.05	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	0.0058	-	8.45	1.07	0.44
SOGEGH	0.02	0.81	0.82	0.01 ▲	1.23	2.50	0.0022	-	2.99	1.41	1.39
SWL	0.53	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	0.1404	-	38.67	0.38	0.08
TBL	0.002	0.37	0.37	-	-	-	0.0147	-	2.94	0.17	0.10
TOTAL	0.13	5.11	5.12	0.01 ▲	0.20	0.39	0.0455	1.51	10.59	0.66	0.05
TRANSOL	1.01	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	0.2948	-	11.50	(0.70)	13.71
TLW	0.004	28.00	28	-	-	-	-0.0001	-	1.88	4.65	9.56
UNIL	44.72	8.50	8.5	-	-	-	-5.4945	-	7.32	16.28	1.64
UTB	0.94	0.12	0.12	-	-	20.00	0.5864	-	0.73	0.03	0.12
Depository Shares	0.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AADS	99.87	0.52	0.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCB-PREF	0.02	0.71	0.71	-	-	-	-	0.11	-	-	-
GAX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAMBA	0.03	39.00	38.8	-	-	(0.01)	(16.65)	-	-	-	-
MMH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HORDS	0.01	0.73	0.73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ETF	0.02	0.11	0.11	-	-	(14.29)	-	-	-	-	-
GLD	0.02	0.08	0.08	-	-	(22.22)	-	-	-	-	-

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, MAC—Mega African Capital, 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 Shares, SCB-PREF—Standard Chartered Bank Preference Shares, ETF—Exchange Traded Fund, GLD—New Gold, GAX—Ghana Alternative Exchange

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

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