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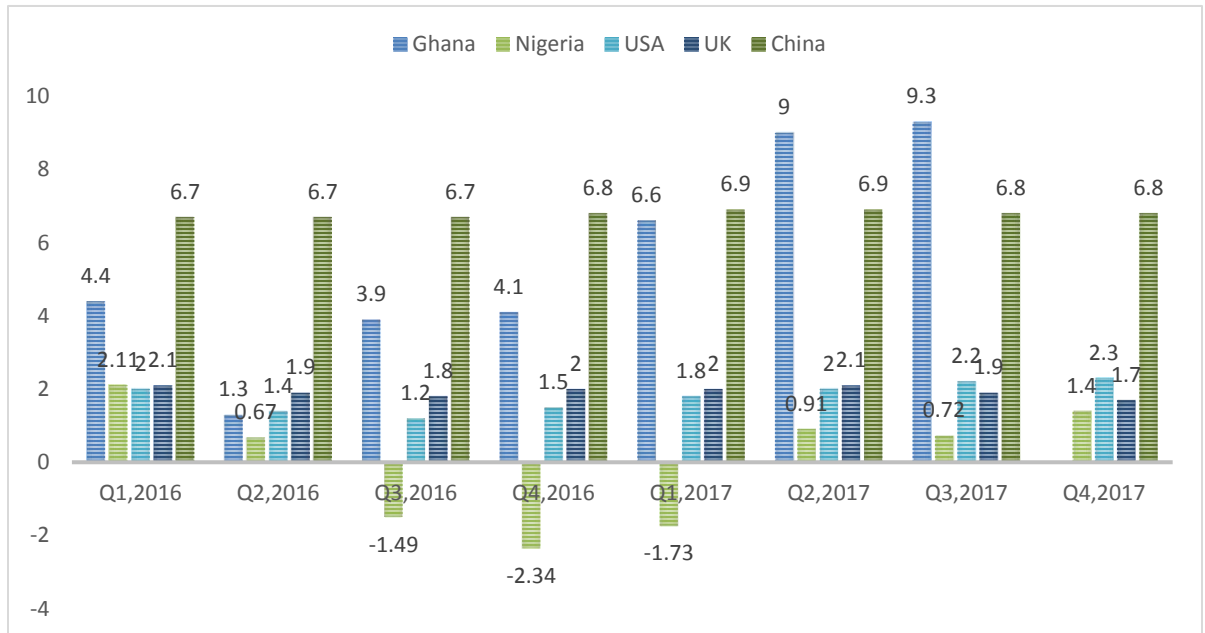
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1. GHANA GDP ANNUAL GROWTH RATE

GHANA'S ECONOMY TO BE AMONG THE FASTEST GROWTH

SOURCE: Trading Economics



Ghana

✓ Target:	Year 2018	6.8%
✓ Actual:	Year 2017	N/A
✓ Actual:	Q3, 2017	9.3%
✓ Previous:	Q2, 2017	9%
✓ All-Time High:	Q1, 2012	25%
✓ All-Time Low:	Q1, 2014	-3.80%

Ghana & Other Countries

✓ Ghana:	Q3, 2017	9.3%
✓ Nigeria:	Q4, 2017	1.4%
✓ U.S.A:	Q4, 2017	2.3%
✓ U.K:	Q4, 2017	1.7%
✓ CHINA:	Q4, 2017	6.8%

SOURCE: Ghana Guardian

- ✓ Ghana's economy will be among the fastest in growth in the world in 2018, massively improving the lives of the citizens of the West African country, a major global economics report sighted by Ghanaguardian.com has revealed.
- ✓ The report comes as a massive boost for President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo and his ruling NPP government as they have come in for criticism for a sluggish economy since sweeping to power 12 months ago.
- ✓ The West African country's economy will grow even faster than that of China which has been predicted would grow by 6-7% in 2018, the report in PwC's Global Economy Watch for 2018 predicted.
- ✓ This means Ghana's economy will grow bigger than 7% as strong economic policies put in place by the NPP government begin to make the desired impact after a shaky take off.
- ✓ Amongst the 17 economies that will grow faster than China are India, Ghana, Ethiopia and the Philippines, pointing to broader based growth in Africa and Asian economies.
- ✓ Eight of the ten fastest growing countries in 2018 could be in Africa according to PwC's analysis with Ghana leading the charge in improved economies the report seen by www.ghanaguardian.com claims.

2. ECONOMICS & FINANCE INDICATORS

SOURCES: Ghana Stock Exchange

GHANA STOCK EXCHANGE (MARKET PERFORMANCE)

THIS WEEK IN FOCUS

Friday, 19 January 2018

Gainers ↑

Losers ↓

Day	Date	Volume	Value GH¢	GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI)	Market Capitalization GH¢ million	EQUITY	PRICE (GHS)	% Change	EQUITY	PRICE (GHS)	% Change
MONDAY	15-Jan-18	275,890.00	1,123,431.80	2,781.63	60,624.13	SOGEH	1.11	2.78%	FML	17.7	-0.51%
TUESDAY	16-Jan-18	301,359.00	2,075,222.55	2,817.66	60,855.05	GOIL	3.23	1.57%			
WEDNESDAY	17-Jan-18	305,356.00	1,750,443.28	2,845.39	61,032.73	GCB	7.1	1.28%			
THURSDAY	18-Jan-18	275,325.00	441,830.81	2,858.68	61,117.86	TOTAL	5.05	1.00%			
FRIDAY	19-Jan-18	584,917.00	3,006,086.76	2,870.81	61,195.58	BOPP	6.44	0.63%			

PERFORMANCE –YTD (11.26%) ↑

Market Summary



At the close of the week, the Ghana Stock Exchange Composite Index (GSECI) made a gain, as the benchmark index increased by 0.42% to close at 2,870.81 points. The performance resulted from stocks such as TOTAL, EGL and CAL which moved up the GSE-CI to a current YTD of 11.26%.

Historically, the Ghana Stock Market Composite GSE-CI reached an all-time high of 2725.34 in January of 2018 and a record low of 940.04 in December of 2011.

There was a marginal increase in market capitalization by 0.13% to GHS 61,195.58 million from GHS 61,117.86 million.

Total Volume traded on Friday 19 January 2018 was 584,917 valued at GHS 3,006,087. Activity levels increased on the market with volumes traded, as TOTAL accounted for 43% of the total volume traded, followed by EGL also accounting for 27% of total volume traded for the day.

Total Value traded on Friday 19 January 2018 was GHS 3,006,087. Activity levels increased on the market with value traded, as TOTAL accounted for 42% of the total value traded, followed by EGL also accounting for 22% of total value traded for the day.

There was **5 Gainer and 1 Loser** at the end of the day.

Performance across all indices was **POSITIVE**. The financial indices, GSE-CI increased by 0.42% while GSE-FI increased by 0.50%.

Market Activity (Top 5 Volumes & Values Traded)

Stocks	Price (GHS)	Vol. Traded	Stocks	Price (GHS)	Val. Traded
TOTAL	5.05	253,500	TOTAL	5.05	1,279,817
EGL	4.21	160,000	EGL	4.21	673,600
CAL	1.2	47,700	FML	17.7	651,416
FML	17.7	36,800	GCB	7.1	197,483
GCB	7.1	27,800	GOIL	3.23	61,370



■ **T-Bill Rates** (Mon 22 January, 2017 To Fri 26 January, 2017)

SOURCE: Bank of Ghana

	22/1/2018	15/1/2018	
PERIOD	Interest Rate (This week)	Interest Rate (Last week)	Weekly Ch
91-Day %	13.32	13.37	↓ -0.05
182-Day %	13.82	13.89	↓ -0.07
1-Year %	15	15	-
2-Year Fixed Note %	17.18	17.18	

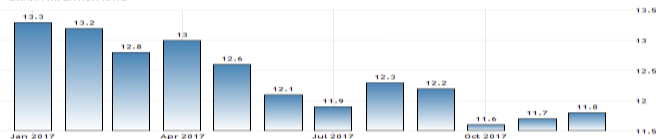
- ✓ 91-Day T-Bill has seen a weekly decrease of 0.05
- ✓ 182-Day T-Bill has seen a weekly decrease of 0.07
- ✓ 1-Year & 2-Year T-Bill remains unchanged

■ **EXCHANGE RATE** (Fri 19 January, 2017) SOURCE: Bank of Ghana

Currency	Pairs Code	Buy	Sell	Average	Day %Ch
U. S. Dollar	USDGHS	4.42	4.4242	4.422	↓ -0.02%
Pound Sterling	GBPGHS	6.133	6.1395	6.1362	↑ 0.03%
Euro	EURGHS	5.414	5.4192	5.4168	↑ 0.08%
Canadian Dollar	CADGHS	3.556	3.5581	3.5569	↓ -0.21%
CFA Franc (BCEAO)	GHSXOF	121	121.15	121.1	↑ 0.08%
Chinese Renminbi	CNYGHS	0.69	0.6903	0.6902	↓ -0.25%
NAIRA	GHSNGN	69.03	69.1	69.07	↓ -0.16%
South African Rand	ZARGHS	0.362	0.3626	0.3625	↓ -0.03%

■ **INFLATION**

GHANA INFLATION RATE

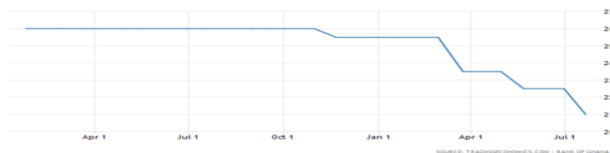


SOURCE: Trading Economics

- ✓ CURRENT : Dec, 2017 11.8% ↑
- ✓ PREVIOUS : Nov, 2017 11.7%
- ✓ All-Time High: Mar, 2001 63%
- ✓ All-Time Low: May, 1999 0.40%
- ✓ Medium Term Target (8 +/- 2)%

■ **MONETARY POLICY RATE (MPR)**

SOURCE: Bank of Ghana / Trading Economics



- ✓ CURRENT : Dec, 2017 20% →
- ✓ PREVIOUS : Nov, 2017 20%
- ✓ All-Time High: March, 2003 27.50%
- ✓ All-Time Low: Dec, 2006 12.50%

■ **BOG KEEPS POLICY RATE AT 20% DUE TO INFLATION**

SOURCE: Myjoyonline

- ✓ The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of Ghana (BoG) has maintained the policy rate after meeting last week to review the health of the economy.
- ✓ The Committee kept the rate at which it lends to commercial banks at 20 percent.
- ✓ At a press briefing Monday 22nd January 2018, the Governor of the Central Bank, Dr Ernest Addison said the move was influenced by fears that inflation could be going up due to current developments on the global market.

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■ GHS3.1BN PENSION CASH TRANSFERRED TO LABOUR UNIONS

SOURCE: B&FT

- ✓ Government has paid GHS3.1billion in Tier 2 pension funds to the custodial accounts of various labour unions' pension schemes – a move that brings closure to a six-year tussle between government and the unions over management of the funds.
- ✓ President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, in a meeting with the press to mark his first year in office, explained that due to sound economic management policies his government has introduced, the battle between the labour unions and government is over.
- ✓ “We have been able to transfer some GH¢3.1billion of Tier 2 pension funds into the custodial accounts of the labour unions' pension schemes – funds that have been outstanding for six years, and about which the labour unions had been loudly complaining,” he said.
- ✓ General Secretary of the Ghana Medical Association (GMA), Dr. Justice Yankson, has also confirmed that the health sector received its share of the funds some time in December, 2017 and early January, 2018.
- ✓ “It has been paid. They were paid in the form of securities or investments. A little more work has to be done to resolve some outstanding issues, but with the GH¢3.1billion provisional funds, that has been cleared.”

Confirmation from the unions

- ✓ Isaac Bampoe Addo, Executive Secretary of the Civil and Local Government Staff Association (CLOGSAG), told B&FT that the transfer has indeed been done. “It's has been done; that I can confirm,” he said.
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■ MUTUAL FUNDS (Collective Investment Schemes)

● Money Market (Year To Date)

SOURCE: DOOBIA

Fund	Fund Manager	Bid Price	Offer Price	YTD	Last Updated
All-Time Bond	All-Time Capital Limited	0.3070	0.3070	0.49%	08-Jan-2018
EdiFund T1	Databank Asset Management Services Ltd	0.1801	0.1815	0.67%	17-Jan-2018
EdiFund T2	Databank Asset Management Services Ltd	0.1824	0.0000	3.81%	17-Jan-2018
Gold Money	Gold Coast Fund Management	0.3779	0.3779	0.79%	19-Jan-2018
SEM Income	SEM Capital Management Limited	0.8788	0.8788	0.94%	15-Jan-2018
Sirius Opportunity	Sirius Capital Limited	1.3352	1.3352	0.62%	15-Jan-2018
STANLIB Cash	STANLIB Ghana Ltd	2.8580	2.8580	0.75%	18-Jan-2018
STANLIB Income	STANLIB Ghana Ltd	4.0525	4.0525	0.82%	18-Jan-2018
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HIGHLIGHT

- ✓ EdiFund T2 recorded the highest yield of 3.81% followed by Ideal Sika Fund with a ytd of 1.15%
- ✓ All-Time Bond recorded the lowest yield of 0.49%.

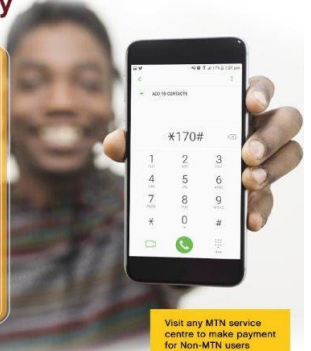
	December 2017
Fund Manager	Ideal Capital Partners
Inception Date	9 th March 2017
Base Currency	Ghana Cedis
IPO Price	GHS 0.2000
Current Price	0.2327
Annualized Yield	22.02%
91 Day T-bill (Benchmark)	13.34%
Inflation	11.8%
Year To Date	16.35%
Current Value	GHS 1,358,672.64
Minimum Initial Investment	GHS 50.00
Regulator	SEC, Ghana
Custodian	CAL Bank Ltd
Other Fees	1% Per Annum
Management Fee	2.5% per annum


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3. REAL ESTATE (PROPERTIES)

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATES (APR) AND AVERAGE INTEREST (AI) PAID ON GHS DENOMINATED MORTGAGE AS AT 31TH DECEMBER 2017

SOURCE: BOG

BANKS	Bank of Africa	Bank of Baroda	Barclays Bank	Cal Bank	Ecobank	Fidelity Bank	Energy Bank	HFC	Premium Bank	Prudential Bank	Stanbic Bank	The Royal Bank	Industry Average
MORTGAGE RATE	28.6	22.0-28.0	34.2-38.5	31.1	34.1	29.1	32.8	26.2	33.7-38.7	28.1	24.7	37.4	30.2

- ✓ Lowest Interest Rate on Mortgage Financing : Bank of Baroda
- ✓ Highest Interest Rate on Mortgage Financing: The Royal Bank
- ✓ Industry Average : 30.2%
- ✓ Number of Banks in Industry : 31
- ✓ Number of Banks with Mortgage Financing : 12



4. FOOD & BEVERAGE

COMMODITIES

SOURCE: Trading Economics

AGRICULTURE	CURRENT PRICE(USD)	PREVIOUS PRICE (USD)	WEEKLY CH
Cocoa (MT)	\$1,931.00	\$1,913.81	0.89% ↑
Rice (MT)	\$12.11	\$11.55	4.63% ↑
Palm oil	\$2,435.00	\$2,507.81	-2.99% ↓
Milk	\$13.88	\$13.76	0.87% ↑
Sugar (T)	\$13.25	\$14.12	-6.56% ↓
Tea	\$3.26	\$3.16	3.16% ↑
Oat	\$258.00	\$249.20	3.41% ↑
Coffee	\$15.08	\$15.16	-0.53% ↓

- ✓ Prices of Cocoa, Rice, Milk, Tea and Oat increased on the international market. This means extra Cedis could be earned from exports of these commodities.
- ✓ Prices of Palm Oil, Coffee and Sugar, however, decreased on the international market.





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5. OIL & GAS

COMMODITIES

ENERGY	CURRENT PRICE(USD)	PREVIOUS PRICE (USD)	WEEKLY CH
Crude Oil (BBL)	\$63.57	\$64.29	-1.14% ↓
Brent Oil (BBL)	\$68.73	\$69.85	-1.63% ↓
Natural Gas	\$3.18	\$3.20	-0.63% ↓
Gasoline	\$1.86	\$1.85	0.76% ↑

OPEC NEWS

SOURCE: OPEC, Trading Economics

- ✓ OPEC, Russia signal global oil alliance may endure past 2018
- ✓ Crude Oil price hits highest since May 2015 above USD 69 on tighter market.

FOREIGN VESSELS THREATEN TO LEAVE GHANA OVER NPA TAXES ON OPERATIONS

SOURCE: MyJoyOnline

- ✓ Foreign vessels operating in the West African coastal area have threatened to pull out of Ghana due to what they describe as "heavy taxes" imposed on their operations by the National Petroleum Authority (NPA).
- ✓ A letter from the NPA, dated January 12, 2018, and sighted by **Myjoyonline.com** read that "...effective January 16, 2018, all the taxes, levies and margins applicable to domestic Gasoil (except UPPF Margin) will apply to Marine Gasoil (MGO) Foreign."
- ✓ The Finance Minister, Ken Ofori Atta during his presentation of the 2018 budget to Parliament told MPs the decision, which has become necessary, is aimed at curbing the dumping of marine gas oil on the domestic market
- ✓ But this directive seems to have angered foreign vessels trading on the shores of West Africa as they claim it is against industry practice.
- ✓ An industry player in an interview with Myjoyonline.com cautioned the government against the move as it has the potential to slow down business in Ghana.
- ✓ The source said "This directive is alien to us. The whole of West Africa, none of the countries is demanding for this charge, and we can only advise ourselves to do business in either Togo or Nigeria. This imposition means Ghanaian importers will suffer and that will be negative to the economy of Ghana."

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