

FEATURE
GCB BANK LIMITED (GCB)

GCB Bank Limited 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. Its 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 divested 53.19% of its shares to the public, which were listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange in May 1996. In 2014, the bank changed its name once again to the current one as part a rebranding exercise aimed at making it a world class bank.

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 GCB shows an impressive performance in terms of both top and bottom line indicators. From GHS202.49 million in 2009, the Group's Total Income grew to GHS330.80 million by the end of 2010 before declining to GHS288.55 million in 2011. The top line indicator picked up to GHS418.12 million in 2012 and further to GHS568.19 million in 2013. In the same vein, Net Profit moved up from GHS18.85 million in 2009 to GHS56.10 million in 2010 indicative of a 197.55% improvement. The bottom line indicator however fell in 2011 to GHS17.97 million before climbing to GHS142.97 million in 2012. In 2013, the Group's Net Profit improved further to GHS229.20 million. Over the five-year period, this signifies growth of 180.59% and 1,115.59% in the top and bottom line indicators respectively.

GCB's financial statements released for the year ended 31st December 2014 once again revealed another improved performance compared to 2013. The period recorded Total revenue of GHS731.19 million against GHS567.25 million in 2013, representing an increase of 28.90%. This was due to increases in Net Interest Income, Net Fees & Commission Income and Net Trading & Other Revenue by 29.95%, 19.21% and 37.69% respectively. In addition to this, the Group earned Other Income from non-operating activities amounting to GHS100.06 million. On expenditure, Operating Expenses and Taxation also went up by 58.37% and 17.15% while Impairment Charges for the year stood at GHS23.83 million. This resulted in a Net Profit of GHS282.14 million, signifying an improvement of 23.10% compared to last year's GHS229.20 million. Earnings per Share consequently grew from GHS0.8649 as at 31st December, 2013 to GHS1.0647 as at 31st December, 2014.

The stock's performance on the Ghana Stock Exchange has also been outstanding. From an initial price of GHS0.0539 in 1996, the equity price rose to GHS1.10 in 2007 signifying 1,940% increase. The share price

witnessed some fluctuations before reaching a high of GHS3.03 in May 2011 and then fell steadily to end 2011 at GHS1.85. Thereafter, the stock regained its balance to trade at GHS2.10 in 2012. The equity appreciated further to an all time high of GHS5.40 on 11th June 2013 before slipping to end the year at GHS4.85. In 2014, GCB bounced back with a return of 9.28% and its price increasing trend has continued into the year 2015. So far this year, the stock has recorded a gain of GHS0.05 to trade at GHS5.35 as 24th April 2015.

Income Statement

(All figures are stated in Ghana Cedis)

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Net Interest Income	206,884	325,175	459,959	597,726
Net Fees & Commission	64,528	69,188	77,147	91,970
Net Profit	17,972	142,972	229,199	282,148

Balance Sheet Summary

(All figures are stated in Ghana Cedis)

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assets	2,463,377	2,981,141	3,404,826	4,259,102
Total Liabilities	2,285,137	2,685,260	2,938,761	3,569,731
Total Equity	178,240	295,881	466,065	689,371

Ratios/Statistics

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Profit Margin (%)	5.27	30.01	34.12	33.33
Return on Assets (%)	0.73	4.80	6.73	6.62
Return on Equity (%)	10.08	48.32	49.18	40.93
Group EPS (GHS)	0.0678	0.5395	0.8649	1.0647
Dividend Per Share (GHS)	0.0700	0.1400	0.2500	0.3200
Net Assets Per Share (GHS)	0.6726	1.1165	1.7587	2.6014
Share price				
High (GHS)	3.03	2.15	5.40	5.85
Low (GHS)	1.84	1.83	2.10	4.00
Close (GHS)	1.85	2.10	4.85	5.30

Investor Ratios

	2013	2014
Price to Book Value	2.76	2.04
Price Revenue Ratio	1.91	1.66
Price Earnings Ratio	5.61	3.73
Dividend Yield (%)	0.05	0.06
Year-to-date Return (%)	130.95	9.28


Price Information

Year Opening Price (GHS)	Week Opening Price (GHS)	Current Price (GHS)	Weekly Change (GHS)	Weekly Change (%)	Year To Date (%)
01.01.15	20.04.15	24.04.15			
0.2973	0.2994	0.2995	0.0001 ▲	0.03 ▲	0.75 ▲

GHANA STOCK EXCHANGE NEWS

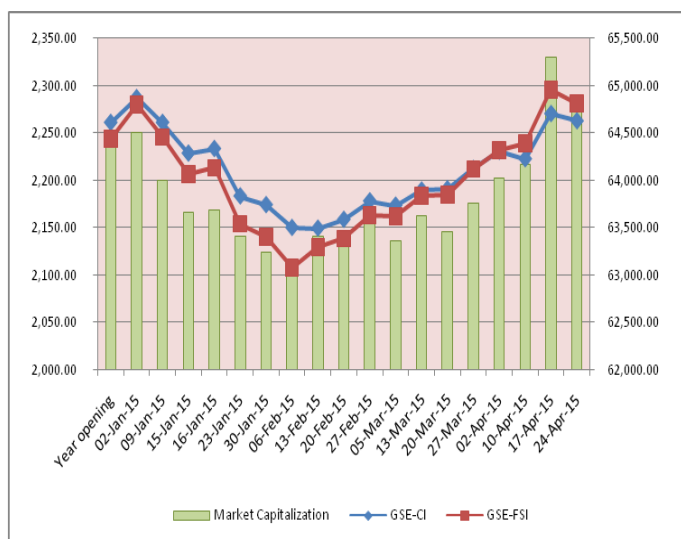
For the week under review, a total of 5,401,541 shares valued at GHS7,027,829.73 were traded on the Ghana Stock Exchange. This signifies increases of 62.84% and 95.69% in last week's Total Trade Volume of 3,317,150 shares and Total Value of GHS3,591,305.44. Enterprise Group Limited traded 2,541,438 shares to be the period's most active equity while Unilever Ghana Limited traded only 46 shares to be the least traded equity.

On account of price declines in heavily weighted equities such as Ecobank Transnational Incorporated during the week, the GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI) and the GSE Financial Stocks Index (GSE-FSI) both recorded declines in their week opening levels. The GSE-CI fell by 7.69 points moving from a week opening position of 2,270.45 points to 2,262.76 points. The GSE-FSI also dipped by 14.90 points from the previous week's closing position of 2,295.77 points to 2,280.87 points. The respective year-to-date returns of the GSE-CI and the GSE-FSI stood at 0.08% and 1.66% at the end of the week.

Total market capitalization came to GHS64,728.77 million, indicating a decline of GHS567.99 million in the Exchange's worth during the week.

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 Records Mixed Performance against Major Currencies

The week's foreign currency market interactions saw the Ghana cedi lose ground to three major trading currencies while gaining against two. The local currency lost 0.05% to the US Dollar, 0.89% to the British Pound and 0.67% to the Euro. The cedi however appreciated by 1.97% and 0.47% against the South African Rand and the Japanese Yen respectively.

On a year-to-date basis, the cedi has so far depreciated against the Dollar, Pound, Euro, Rand and the Yen by 16.36%, 13.68%, 5.54%, 12.19% and 17.06% respectively.

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

Table 1 – Summary of Interbank Rates

	Buying		Selling	
	17.04.15	24.04.15	17.04.15	24.04.15
US Dollar	3.8220	3.8240	3.8258	3.8278
Pound	5.7017	5.7532	5.7089	5.7601
Euro	4.1001	4.1289	4.1047	4.1309
Rand	0.3186	0.3125	0.3189	0.3127
Yen	0.0321	0.0319	0.0321	0.0320

Source: Ghana Association of Bankers

Interest Rates

The declining trend in money market rates continued into the week under review. The 91-day Treasury bill fell by 0.0604% to transact at 25.1435% while the 182-day Treasury bill fell by 0.0333% to transact at 25.8741% during the week. The 1-Year Note and the 2-Year Fixed Rate Note, on the other hand, maintained their rates at 22.5000% and 23.0000% respectively.

During the previous week, tenders amounting to GHS560.32 million were received for short term securities of which GHS547.78 million were sold. The medium term securities also attracted tenders totalling GHS239.59 million, all of which were sold out.

The government expects to raise a total of GHS1,178.00 million from the issue of both short and medium term securities this week.

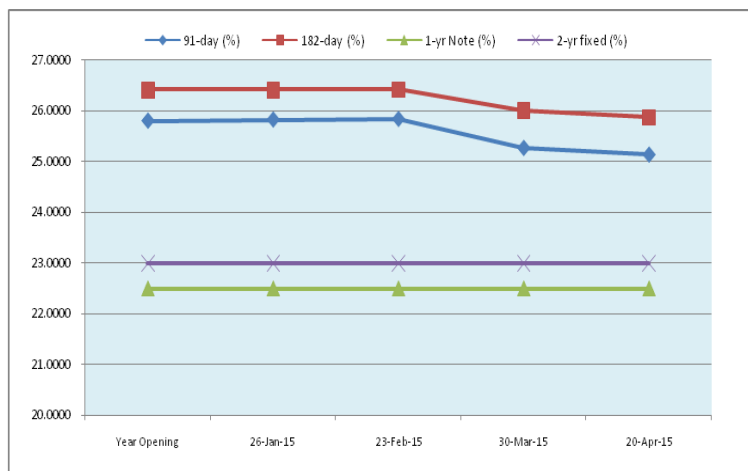
The table below shows the rates for the week under review alongside those of the previous week while the chart displays the trend of the rates so far this year.

Table 2 – Prevailing Interest Rates

Interest Rates (for Weeks Beginning)			
	13.04.15 (% p.a.)	20.04.15 (% p.a.)	Week Change (%)
91 Day	25.2039	25.1435	0.0604 ▼
182 Day	25.9074	25.8741	0.0333 ▼
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

HFC – REPUBLIC BANK MAKES MANDATORY TENDER OFFER TO SHAREHOLDERS OF HFC BANK (GHANA) LIMITED

Republic Bank Limited has made a tender offer to the shareholders of HFC Bank (Ghana) Limited (HFC) to purchase for cash at an offer price of GHS1.60, issued ordinary shares of the Bank not currently owned by Republic Bank Limited.

The offer period commenced on 24th March, 2015 and will close on 7th May, 2015 at 17:00 GMT. The final settlement date for the offer is 13th May, 2015.

Shareholders interested in tendering their shares should visit the offices of NewWorld Securities Limited, Sponsoring Broker for the Offer.

GSE Press Release: 083/2015

MAC – FINAL DIVIDEND, CLOSURE OF REGISTER AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mega African Capital (MAC) has announced that its Directors have proposed to the shareholders a final dividend of GHS0.05 per share in respect of the financial year ended December 31, 2014. This is subject to shareholders' approval at the company's Annual General Meeting.

All shareholders registered in the books of MAC at the close of business on Tuesday 7th April, 2015 will qualify for the final dividend. The Register of shareholders will be closed from Wednesday, 8th April, 2015 to Friday, 10th April, 2015 (both dates inclusive).

The dividend will be paid on Thursday, 7th May, 2015.

GSE Press Release: 078/2015

SCB – MARCH 2015 PREFERENCE SHARE DIVIDEND PAYMENT

Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited (SCB) has announced a dividend of GHS0.0762 per preference share in respect of the dividend period 31st March, 2015 to 30th September, 2015.

All preference shareholders registered in the books of the Bank at the close of business on Friday, 28th August, 2015 will qualify for the dividend. The register of preference shareholders will be closed from Monday, 31st August to Wednesday, 2nd September, 2015 (both dates inclusive).

The dividend will be paid on Wednesday, 30th September, 2015.

GSE Press Release: 091/2015

2013 DIVIDEND INFORMATION

Company	Dividend Per Share	Qualifying date	Book Closure	Payment Date
INTERIM DIVIDEND				
EGL	GHS0.020	Oct 1 (2013)	Oct 2 - 3	Nov 4
TOTAL	GHS0.0771	Dec 18 (2013)	Dec 19 - 20	Dec 24
FINAL DIVIDEND*				
CAL	GHS0.053	Mar 21	Mar 24 - 26	Apr 30
SOGEGH	GHS0.06	Mar 27	Mar 28 - 31	May 15
EBG	GHS0.43	April 21	April 22-29	May 14
HFC	GHS0.035	April 21	April 22-23	May 15
FML	GHS 0.09	May 5th	May 6-7	June 12
BOPP	GHS0.0334	May 7th	May 8-9	June 20
EGL	GHS0.025	May 19th	May 20-22	June 30
SCB	GHS1.15	May23rd	May 26-27	June 30
TBL	25 bututs	May 29th	May 30	June 4
TOTAL	GHS0.0985	June 11	June 18	June 25
GOIL	GHS0.0160	June 11	June 12	
MLC	GHS0.010	June 25	June 26-28	July 21
CMLT	GHS0.006	July 10	July 11	Aug 15

**All dates for final dividends are in 2014*

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

Listed Equities	% of Market Capitalization	Week Opening Price (GHS)	Week Closing Price (GHS)	Price Change (GHS)	Weekly Return (%)	Year-to-Date Return (%)	P/E Ratio	Dividend Yield (%)	Return on Assets (%)	Price/Book Value	Price/Revenue
	24.04.15	20.04.15	24.04.15		24.04.15	24.04.15	24.04.15	24.04.15	24.04.15	24.04.15	24.04.15
ACI	0.001	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-11.48	0.12	0.16
AGA	23.10	37.00	37.00	-	-	-	-	-	-22.74	4.55	1.67
ALW	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.01 ▲	33.33	100.00	-	-	-3.52	0.17	0.07
AYRTN	0.06	0.18	0.18	-	-	-	74	-	4.94	1.90	3.26
BOPP	0.27	5.00	5.00	-	-	21.95	39	1.41	12.64	3.99	4.91
CAL	0.86	1.01	1.01	-	-	-	4	8.02	5.92	0.87	0.72
CLYD	0.002	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	14	-	1.10	0.01	0.002
CMLT	0.001	0.12	0.12	-	-	-	3	-	3.86	0.48	0.21
CPC	0.06	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	-	-	-2.68	-7.77	0.66
EBG	3.62	7.93	7.98	0.05 ▲	0.63	5.00	7	9.90	1.42	0.36	8.56
EGL	0.34	1.63	1.65	0.02 ▲	1.23	-5.71	6	11.52	11.47	1.30	0.68
ETI	9.88	0.33	0.30	0.03 ▼	-9.09	7.14	4	-	1.16	0.82	0.99
FML	0.95	5.30	5.30	-	-	0.95	41	1.70	21.45	8.06	4.43
GCB	2.19	5.33	5.35	0.02 ▲	0.38	0.94	5	5.98	6.73	3.04	2.50
GGBL	1.04	3.20	3.20	-	-	-	-	-	3.77	3.21	3.00
GOIL	0.45	1.11	1.15	0.04 ▲	3.60	9.52	14	-	5.52	4.14	0.03
GSR	0.92	2.34	2.34	-	-	-	55	-	1.09	0.01	0.02
GWEB	0.002	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	-	-	2.25	-0.45	1.86
HFC	0.77	1.55	1.67	0.12 ▲	7.74	11.33	9	3.59	3.73	1.31	1.26
MAC	0.07	4.50	5.00	0.50 ▲	11.11	11.11	3	1.00	27.56	2.07	4.26
MLC	0.02	0.20	0.20	-	-	-28.57	-	-	-1.31	0.10	0.10
PKL	0.003	0.06	0.06	-	-	-	-	-	-35.20	-1.47	1.70
PBC	0.09	0.12	0.12	-	-	-	1	-	-2.70	1.46	0.05
PZ	0.06	0.24	0.24	-	-	-20.00	-	-	0.26	1.04	0.53
SCB	3.62	20.27	20.30	0.03 ▲	0.15	-0.25	11	-	1.70	1.08	2.26
SIC	0.06	0.23	0.20	0.03 ▼	-13.04	-45.95	7	-	228.66	0.54	0.36
SPL	0.008	0.02	0.02	-	-	-	53	-	8.45	0.53	0.22
SOGEGH	0.48	0.93	0.94	0.01 ▲	1.08	-6.00	6	-	2.99	1.62	1.59
SWL	0.001	0.04	0.04	-	-	-	7	-	38.67	0.38	0.08
TBL	0.07	0.24	0.24	-	-	-	14	-	2.94	0.11	0.06
TOTAL	1.06	6.15	6.15	-	-	0.82	21	1.25	10.59	0.79	0.06
TRANSOL	0.004	0.03	0.03	-	-	-	4	-	11.50	-0.70	13.71
TLW	48.96	34.94	34.94	-	-	-0.14	-	-	1.88	5.80	11.93
UNIL	0.72	7.50	7.50	-	-	-29.91	-	-	7.32	14.37	1.45
UTB	0.13	0.19	0.18	0.01 ▼	-5.26	-28.00	7	-	0.73	0.04	0.18
Depository Shares											
AADS	0.08	0.52	0.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preference Shares											
SCB-PREF	0.02	0.69	0.69	-	-	18.97	-	-	-	-	-
ETF											
GLD	0.02	35.80	35.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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											

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

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