



Daily Market Update

17th October 2024.

EXCHANGE RATES

USD/GHS – The pair closed flat on the interbank market after a quiet trading session whereas demand continues to outweigh supply on the corporate market. We anticipate further pressure on the currency in the upcoming sessions.

RAND – South Africa's rand weakened in early trade on Thursday, ahead of U.S. retail sales figures that could give cues on the Federal Reserve's interest rate path this year. The rand traded at 17.6850 against the U.S. dollar, about 0.2% weaker than its previous close. (Reuters News)

G7 CURRENCIES

USD – The dollar scaled an 11-week high against a basket of peers at 103.65. (Reuters News)

EUR – The euro slid to a more than two-month low on Thursday ahead of an expected European Central Bank rate cut. The euro slipped 0.1% \$1.085325, falling for the seventh straight session. (Reuters News)

GBP – The pound dropped 0.5% on the dollar to \$1.30075, having been flat before the data. Sterling also weakened versus the euro, which rose 0.4% to 83.63 pence. (Reuters News)

TREASURY BILL AUCTION

At the primary auction 1924 held on Friday 11th October 2024 for GoG securities, treasury bill rate for the 182-day and 364-day bill inched up by 10bps and 7bps to print at 26.9045% and 28.5814% respectively, while the 91-day bill also inched up by 16bps to print at 25.6182%. The auction was oversubscribed marginally by 1.00%. The amount tendered was GHS 4,614.47 million against a target of GHS 4,565.00 million. The target for the next auction is GHS 4,035.00 million for 91, 182 and 364-day bills.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Fitch also has upgraded Ghana's Long-Term Local-Currency (LTLC) Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'CCC+' from 'CCC'. Fitch has affirmed Ghana's Long-Term Foreign-Currency (LTFC) IDR at 'RD'. Fitch typically does not assign Outlooks to IDRs of sovereigns with a rating of 'CCC+' or below. Fitch has also affirmed the 'CC' rating on Ghana's US dollar-denominated notes partially guaranteed by the International Development Association (IDA), part of the World Bank Group, due October 2030, and subsequently withdrawn the rating. The issue rating for the IDA-partially guaranteed note maturing in 2030 has been withdrawn as the note will no longer exist because of its restructuring.

COMMODITIES COMMENTARY

Gold – Gold advanced towards record highs as gains in non-yielding bullion were bolstered by weakness in U.S. bond yields and expected rate cuts by major central banks, with additional safe-haven support from ongoing geopolitical conflicts. Spot gold rose 0.5% to \$2,673.24 per ounce inching close to a record high of \$2,685.42 it hit on Sept. 26. U.S. gold futures settled 0.5% higher at \$2,691.3. (Reuters News)

Oil – Oil prices edged higher on Thursday from two-week lows, with investors eyeing developments in the Middle East and more details on China's stimulus plans, as well as awaiting the release of official U.S. oil inventory data. Brent crude futures rose 17 cents, or 0.2%, to \$74.39 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures were at \$70.58 a barrel, up 19 cents, or 0.3%. (Reuters News)

Foreign Exchange (Indicative Rates)

| Currency Pair | Buying | Selling |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| USD/GHS | 15.7000 | 16.1500 |
| ZAR/GHS | 0.8722 | 0.9335 |
| GBP/GHS | 20.3472 | 21.0273 |
| EUR/GHS | 17.0031 | 17.5874 |
| GHS/XOF | 36.92 | 39.88 |
| CNY/GHS | 2.1970 | 2.2791 |

NB: All rates are indicative and subject to intra-day changes depending on market movements.

USD/GHS Graph (2023-2024)



Forward Quotes (Indicative)

| | 30-day | | 60-day | | 90-day | |
|-----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Buy | Sell | Buy | Sell | Buy | Sell |
| USD | 16.2988 | 16.5685 | 16.5508 | 16.8913 | 16.8064 | 17.2289 |
| GBP | 20.7556 | 21.7899 | 21.0445 | 22.2829 | 21.3817 | 22.7821 |
| EUR | 17.3184 | 18.1254 | 17.5773 | 18.5453 | 17.8663 | 18.9695 |

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LOCAL MONEY MARKET (INDICATIVE RATES)

SECONDARY SECURITY PRICES

CENTRAL BANK RATES

| Days to Maturity | GHS BIDS | T-BILL RATES | Auction 1924 |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 88 | 25.4000% | 91-Day | 25.6182% |
| 179 | 26.6500% | 182-Day | 26.9045% |
| 381 | 28.3500% | 364-Day | 28.5814% |

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

| LIBOR | (%) | Benchmarks | (%) |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| \$ SOFR 3-month | 4.655 | US Fed Rate | 5.000 |
| £ SONIA 3-month | 5.233 | UK BOE Rate | 5.000 |
| SOFR interest rate | 4.78834 | Euribor 3-month | 3.179 |

LOCAL BENCHMARKS

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| BOG – Policy Rate | 27.00% | Ghana Reference Rate | 28.91% |
| Inflation Sept. (2024) | 21.50% | Overnight rate | 27.46% |

| Commodity | Price | Change | Change% |
|-----------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cocoa | 7,613.00 | -2.00 | -0.03% |