



## Daily Market Update

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## EXCHANGE RATES

**USD/GHS** – The narrative remained unchanged after another uneventful session on the interbank market. The central bank sold a total of \$50.87mio in the 7-day funded forward. We expect the bid tone to persist in the coming sessions.

**RAND** – South Africa's rand gained against the dollar on Friday after U.S. data this week helped sustain expectations for an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve next month. The rand traded at 17.39 against the dollar, about 0.8% firmer than its previous close. (Reuters News)

## G7 CURRENCIES

**USD** – The dollar held onto its gains and even extended some in Asian trading on Monday as a holiday in Japan sapped liquidity, leaving China's somewhat disappointing weekend stimulus announcements the focus of market attention. The dollar index was just above 103 and closing in on last week's peak (Reuters News)

**EUR** – The euro was down 0.13% at \$1.0922. (Reuters News)

**GBP** – The pound was listless but fell 0.2% at one point. (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

Global credit ratings agency Moody's on Friday upgraded Ghana's long-term local and foreign currency issuer ratings to "Caa2" from "Caa3" and "Ca," respectively, citing extensive debt treatment that has significantly alleviated the government's financial burdens. The agency also revised the West African country's outlook to "positive" from "stable." (The "positive outlook reflects the potential for liquidity risk to ease amid ongoing fiscal consolidation efforts supported by an IMF programme," Moody's said in a statement. The country's statistics agency said in September that Ghana's economy grew by 6.9% in the second quarter of 2024, the fastest in five years. Moody's also said it expects the country's debt to keep decreasing, though at a slow pace as the government resumes paying interest and principal on all its debts. (Citi newsroom)

## EQUITIES WEEKLY ROUNDUP 20 SEPTEMBER 2024

The stock market saw a notable uptick in activity this week, with turnover rising by 31% to GHS14.33 million, compared to 1.11 million shares traded across 25 stocks in the previous period. GCB Bank emerged as the sole gainer, appreciating by GHS0.15 to close at GHS6.15. However, market laggards included MTN Ghana (MTNGH), which declined by 0.46% week-on-week (w/w) to GHS2.15, and NewGold, which fell by 0.75% w/w to GHS396.00. The broader GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI) dropped by 0.42% w/w, settling at 4,346.70 points, though it remains up 38.86% year-to-date (YTD). NewGold was the most actively traded stock, contributing 98% of the total market turnover for the week.

Looking ahead, market sentiment indicates potential upward momentum in Benso Oil Palm Plantation (BOPP) driven by rising demand. However, MTN Ghana may face continued downward pressure due to increased selling activity.

## COMMODITIES COMMENTARY

**Gold** – Gold prices held steady on Monday as investors assessed China's weekend stimulus announcement, while also focussing on U.S. Federal Reserve officials' comments for further rate cut cues. Spot gold was little changed at \$2,657.93 per ounce. (Reuters News)

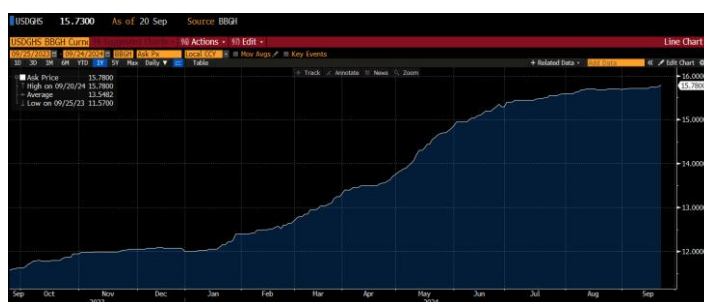
**Oil** – Oil prices on Monday wiped out nearly all gains made last week after data showed China's inflation rate declined and a lack of clarity on the country's economic stimulus plans stoked fears about fuel demand in the world's biggest crude importer. Brent crude futures fell \$1 to \$78.04 per barrel. (Reuters News)

## Foreign Exchange (Indicative Rates)

| Currency Pair | Buying  | Selling |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| USD/GHS       | 15.6000 | 16.0500 |
| ZAR/GHS       | 0.8966  | 0.9386  |
| GBP/GHS       | 20.3268 | 21.0255 |
| EUR/GHS       | 17.0040 | 17.5908 |
| GHS/XOF       | 36.90   | 39.28   |
| CNY/GHS       | 2.1969  | 2.2795  |

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 | 15.6998 | 16.3154 | 15.8748 | 16.7531 | 16.0983 | 16.9848 |
| 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 |
|------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| 91               | 25.4000% | 91-Day       | 25.6182%     |
| 182              | 26.6500% | 182-Day      | 26.9045%     |
| 364              | 28.3500% | 364-Day      | 28.5814%     |

## INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

| LIBOR              | (%)   | Benchmarks      | (%)   |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| \$ SOFR 3-month    | 4.654 | US Fed Rate     | 5.000 |
| £ SONIA 3-month    | 5.085 | UK BOE Rate     | 5.000 |
| SOFR interest rate | 4.850 | Euribor 3-month | 3.250 |

## LOCAL BENCHMARKS

|                        |        |                      |        |
|------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| BOG – Policy Rate      | 27.00% | Ghana Reference Rate | 28.91% |
| Inflation Sept. (2024) | 21.50% | Overnight rate       | 28.84% |

| Commodity | Price    | Change  | Change% |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Cocoa     | 7,739.00 | +210.00 | +2.79%  |