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# Monthly Market Review (September 2021)

### **NEWS HEADLINES**

- Bank of Ghana (BoG) buys first gold in 60 years; The BoG bought 280 kg of the precious metal this year under a historic gold purchase program meant to double its gold reserves and supplement the traditional ways that the country has built reserves over the years.(BoG)
- GSE reviews new trading rules to check market volatility; Following more than a year of implementing Rule 30, the Ghana Stock Exchange has revealed that it is reviewing impacts of the amended guideline for further action to be taken. (BFTOnline)
- Non-Performing loans (NPL) rise to 17.3%; The NPLs of the banking sector in Ghana increased from 15.5% in August 2020 to 17.3% in August 2021, reflecting in part the general pandemic-induced repayment challenges as well as some bank-specific loan recovery challenges. (BoG)

### **FIXED INCOME MARKET**

- Rates on the short term 91 and 182-day bills remained relatively stable at the close of the month with the 91-day bill edging up by 2 basis points to 12.49% while the 182-day bill trimmed 1 basis point to 13.22%.
- A 2-Year and 6-Yr GoG bonds were also issued during the month, clearing at 17.5% and 18.8% respectively;
- Overall, as investors sought higher yielding assets, GoG primary issues were generally undersubscribed in the month of September.

GoG Securities Auction Results with subscription rate

1,500.00 1,000.00 500.00 03-Sep-21 Target Bids Tendered Bids Accepted

GoG Fixed Income Rates						
Instrument	24 Sep 21	27 Aug 23	1	ΜοΜ Δ	YTD Δ	
91-Day	12.49	12.46		0.2%	<b>-</b> 11.4%	
182-Day	13.22	13.22		-0.1%	-6.6%	
364-Day	-	-		-	-	

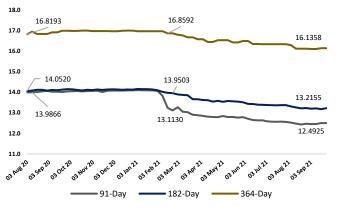
Bora Purchase Rates for Clients (September '21)						
Instruments	Min. Yield (%)	Max. Yield (%)				
Under 182 Days	15.20	20.00				
Up-to 1 Year	17.20	20.25				
1-3 Years	16.50	17.25				
Over 3 Years	18.20	19.60				

### **KEY MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

- Increases in the cost of food and non-alcoholic beverages saw inflation for August rising to 9.7%. This was the thirdstraight monthly climb in the consumer price index;
- This notwithstanding, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained the policy rate at 13.5%, determining that the risks to inflation and growth were broadly balanced.



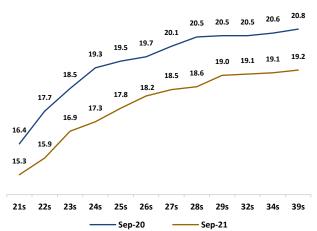




### TREASURY YIELD CURVE

 Partly as a result of government strategy and improved economic sentiments, yields on the secondary market have declined in the last twelve months, with medium and long term instruments experiencing faster declines compared to trends seen a year ago.

Trend of Yield Curve: Sept. 2020 vs Sept. 2021



#### MoM – month on month YTD – year-to-date

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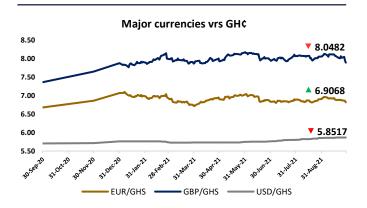
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## **EQUITIES MARKET**

- Impressive gains by Fan Milk, SOGEGH and ETI, helped the GSE Composite Index extend its bullish run by ▲ 3.81% this month. The return on the main board rose to 47.06%;
- Stocks like Republic Bank and GCB however lost grounds during the month.



### **INTERBANK EXCHANGE RATES**



### **COMMODITIES MARKET**

• Improving global recovery and gas shortages saw brent crude prices hitting a 3-yr high of \$80/b during the month. Prices eased marginally to close the month at US\$78.19.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

- Hega African Capital AGM | 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 2021
- BoG Fx Forward Auction No. 0051 | 5th Oct., 2021
- GoG 3-Yr Bond Maturity | 18<sup>th</sup> Oct.,2021
- BoG Fx Forward Auction No. 0052 | 19th Oct., 2021

### **ARE YOU ACHIEVING YOUR FINANCIAL GOALS ?**

- Your financial situation and goals are unique to you. No one has the same rent, bills, debts, or most importantly, the same lifestyle that you have;
- To ensure your financial soundness amidst your debt and credit situation, there is the urgent need to take control of your financial lifestyle. There is the need for a plan that will answer your specific financial issues, peculiar to yourself;
- At Bora Advisors our professionals / experts are ready to assist you in reviewing your financial situation and plot your path to financial independence;
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