

GSE 2020 SO FAR

Summary of August 2020 Market Activities

Strong Performance Over 2019, but Slowing Growth in August 2020

Trading activities slowed on both the equity and the bond markets of the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) during the month of August 2020 compared to activities in July 2020. Share price movements witnessed some stability, as the downward trend recorded was minimal compared with previous months. This was likely driven by the strong first half-year financial results posted by listed companies, especially those in the financial services and telecoms sector. With Government of Ghana continuing to ease COVID-19 related restrictions, we expect economic activities to pick up and listed companies' performance broadly to follow suit. Below is a summary of trade performance at the end of August 2020.

EQUITIES

Number of shares traded during August 2020 was 46,007,442, a 34.64% dip over the volume of 70,388,905 shares traded during the month of July 2020. Similarly, value of shares traded was down at GH¢37.16 million, a 10.18% decrease compared with the GH¢41.37 million recorded in July 2020. Daily average value recorded in August was GH¢1.6 million compared to GH¢2.9 million recorded in July 2020.

Despite the decline in month-on-month activity, the cumulative volume traded from January to August 2020 was 378,645,100 shares valued at GH¢272.54 million, representing an increase of 146.98% and 77.08% respectively over volume and value traded for the same period in 2019. The GSE Composite Index (GSE-CI) at the end of August 2020 recorded a year to date decline of 19.85% compared to the year to date decline of 16.81% recorded at the end of July 2020.

	<u>Jan - Aug 2020</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 2019</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Volume	378,645,100.00	153,308,690.00	146.98
Value (GH¢)	272,545,117.64	153,907,629.76	77.08
GSE-CI	1,846.59	2,303.80	-19.85
Mkt. Cap. (GH¢M)	52,568.06	57,599.79	-8.74

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Volume	46,007,442.00	70,388,905.00	-34.64
Value (GH¢)	37,161,800.78	41,375,349.45	-10.18
GSE-CI	1,846.59	1,877.64	-1.65
Mkt. Cap. (GH¢M)	52,568.06	52,722.06	-0.29

GHANA FIXED INCOME MARKET (GFIM)

The bond market recorded its lowest monthly volume traded in 2020 during August (GH¢5.71 billion), coming on the back of the all-time monthly high of GH¢10.02 billion recorded in July 2020. A combination of new issuances and rebalancing of portfolios by fund managers may have impacted secondary market trading. Despite the 43% decline in August 2020 traded volumes over July 2020, volumes traded were up 30.6% in August 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.

The total cumulative trade volume from January to August 2020 was 65,251 million, almost double the volume of 34,171 million recorded for same period in 2019, and 17.46% higher than the volume traded of 55,552 million during all of 2019. The market liquidity at the end of August 2020 was 48.5%.

Year	Trades(August)		Cum. Trades (Jan-Aug)	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value
2020	5,710,860,984	5,819,395,192.62	65,251,333,273	66,558,222,713.51
2019	4,373,117,491	4,481,385,617.64	33,426,272,397	34,275,009,247.00

Highlights of the Month

- The President of Ghana, HE Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, visited the Ghana Stock Exchange on August 25, 2020 to interact with capital markets participants and to reinforce the importance of a strong and vibrant capital market to the Government, companies and investors of Ghana. The President was accompanied by his Chief of Staff and the Minister of Finance.
- Annual General Meetings were held by Agricultural Development Bank Plc, Benso Oil Palm Plantation Plc, Ecobank Ghana Plc, Fan Milk Plc, Goil Plc and Scancom Plc (MTN Ghana) during the month.
- Samba Foods took its turn at the GSE's Facts Behind the Figures on August 26, 2008, to share its business expansion plans with investors.

Upcoming Events

- Repos to Trade on the GFIM from October 1, 2020: The Bank of Ghana has announced the Go-Live Date for the Trading of Repos in Ghana as October 1, 2020 (Bank of Ghana Notice No. BG/FMD/2020/60)
- GSE's Facts Behind the Figures: Bayport Financial Services Plc takes its turn on September 23, 2020 at 10:00 am.

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