## END OF MONTH REVIEW FEB 2019



ECONOMIC REVIEW					
	FEB '19	FEB '18			
<b>Monetary Policy</b>	<b>▼</b> 16.00%	20.00%			
Inflation Rate	<b>▼</b> 9.40% <sup>*</sup>	10.60%			
Reference Rate	16.27%	-			
Interest Rate					
91-Day T-Bill	<b>▲</b> 14.71%	13.34%			
182-Day T-Bill	<b>▲</b> 15.14%	13.90%			
364- Day Bill	18.73%				
Interbank Currency Rate					
USDGHS	<b>▼</b> 4.49%	-0.11%			
GBPGHS	<b>▼</b> 6.13%	-3.03%			
EURGHS	<b>▼</b> 3.62%	-2.19%			

<sup>\*</sup> figure represents Jan 2019 since Feb 2019 has not been released

Stock Market Summary					
Ticker	FEB '19	FEB '18			
GSE-CI	<b>▼</b> 2,479.04	3,337.20			
YTD (GSE-CI)	<b>▼</b> -3.62%	29.36%			
GSE-FSI	<b>▼</b> 2,105.95	3,111.14			
YTD (GSE-FSI)	<b>▼</b> -2.22%	34.65%			
Mkt Cap (GH¢ 'M)	<b>▼</b> 59,996.25	65,973.28			
Volume	<b>▼</b> 7,052,647	10,795,790			
Value (GH¢)	<b>▼</b> 22,682,635.32	28,996,971.23			

GAINERS						
Ticker	Year High (GH¢)	Year Low (GH¢)	Month Open Px (GH¢)	Month Close Px (GH¢)	Gain ▲ (%)	
TOTAL	4.60	3.04	3.20	4.60	43.75	
ACCESS	3.80	3.00	3.02	3.80	25.83	
EGL	2.24	2.00	2.00	2.18	9.00	
CAL	1.02	0.85	0.90	0.98	8.89	
SOGEGH	0.98	0.75	0.94	0.98	4.26	
GGBL	2.20	2.18	2.18	2.20	0.92	
EGH	7.51	6.50	7.50	7.51	0.13	

LAGGARDS						
Ticker	Year High (GH¢)	Year Low (GH¢)	Month Open Px (GH¢)	Month Close Px (GH¢)	Loss (%)	
RBGH	0.72	0.55	0.70	0.55	21.43	
GCB	4.60	3.50	4.17	3.51	15.83	
SIC	0.25	0.18	0.21	0.18	14.29	
GOIL	3.12	2.92	3.00	2.92	2.67	
MTNGH	0.80	0.73	0.75	0.73	2.67	
SCB	21.44	21.00	21.09	21.00	0.43	
BOPP	5.09	4.25	4.89	4.88	0.20	
UNIL	17.78	17.69	17.70	17.69	0.06	

The Ghana bourse remained bearish with a year-to-date loss of 3.62% as recorded by the GSE Composite Index, compared to a gain of 29.36% for the same period last year. The slow start of the stock market in the year may be attributed to the Cedi depreciation, rise in interest rates and lack of investor confidence.

Trading resulted in seven gainers and eight laggards out of the shares of 29 companies trading for the month of February. GGBL emerged as the most traded stock with 24% of market volume, FML and MTNGH came behind with a contribution of 21% and 13% respectively.

TOTAL led the pack of gainers with 43.75% to close at GH¢43.75; this was due to the market response to their full year 2018 financial statement. RBGH lost 21.43% to close at GH¢0.55 to lead the losers.

The Cedi fell rapidly against the major trading currencies this month. The US Dollar subdued the Cedi by 4.49%; this may be triggered by panic reaction leading to high demand of the Dollar. With Inflation at 9.4% and monetary policy rate at 16% (lowest in 4 years) and interest rate at 14.71%; fundamentals looked good, however due to the sharp depreciation of the Cedi, an increase in inflation and drop in GDP is expected if policies are not put in place by the government.

Analyst expect the stock market to remain bearish up to the end of 1st Quarter 2019; with declaration of divided, stability in the Cedi a turn around is expected in the second quarter.

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**Source:** Bank of Ghana (BoG); Central Securities Depository (CSD); Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE); SIC Brokerage Research.

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