



**MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Index	2016 Close (%)	Previous (%)	Current (%)	Change (%)
Inflation(CPI)	15.40	13.20	12.80	-0.40
Policy Rate	25.50	25.50	23.50	-2.00

**MACROECONOMIC TARGETS FOR 2017**

Index	(%)
Overall Real GDP(Including Oil) Growth	6.30
Non- Oil Real GDP Growth	4.20
An End of Year Inflation Target	11.20

**GOG TREASURY BILL RATES**

Fixed Income	Previous Week (%)	Current Week (%)	Change (%)
91 day	16.3542	15.4378	-0.9164
182 day	16.6987	16.4698	-0.2289
1 Year Note	18.0000	18.0000	0.0000

Source: Bank of Ghana

**GSE INDICES AS AT 21-04-17**

Index	Week Open	Week Close	Change	YTD (%)
GSE- CI	1,882.08	1,885.76	3.68	11.64
GSE- FSI	1,781.56	1,786.81	5.25	15.62

Source: Ghana Stock Exchange

**COMMODITIES MARKET**

Commodities	Week Open(\$)	Week Close(\$)	Change(\$)
Crude Oil (Brent)(\$/ barrel)	55.07	52.29	-2.78
Cocoa (\$/ tonne)	1,927.00	1,850.00	-77.00
Corn (\$/ bushel)	373.75	365.75	-8.00
Cotton (\$/ pound)	78.29	79.46	+1.17
Gold (\$/ ounce)	1,286.70	1,273.10	-13.60

Source: Bloomberg

**INTERBANK FOREX RATES**

Currency	Buy (GHS)		Sell (GHS)	
	Week Open	Week Close	Week Open	Week Close
US (\$)	4.2082	4.1607	4.2124	4.1647
GB Pound (£)	5.2703	5.3157	5.2760	5.3225
Euro (€)	4.4740	4.4468	4.4769	4.4510

Source: Bank of Ghana

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**AVERAGE DEPOSIT RATE FALLS AGAIN IN 2017**

The average interest offered by banks on customer deposits has dropped by about 0.4% between February and March this year. The figure declined from 11.6% as at end of February 2017 to 11.2% as at end of March; the latest Annual Percentage Rates (APR) and Average Interest (AI) report by the Bank of Ghana has shown. According to the report, Access Bank offers the highest interest rates on customer deposits as at end of March this year. Customers' deposits at the bank attracted interest rate of 16.4%. But Standard Chartered Bank however remained as the bank with the lowest interest on customer deposits for the same period with 3.4%. This is a further drop from the 6.04% it recorded in February 2017. Thirty-one banks were surveyed in the report of which the central bank is to promote transparency in the pricing and provision of banking services. According to the report, Access Bank is immediately followed by Omni Bank in the second position with 16.0%. From the bottom however, Standard Chartered Bank offers the lowest rates on your deposits immediately preceded by Energy Bank and ADB at 27<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> positions with 6.1% and 6.2% respectively.

Source: [www.citibusinessnews.com](http://www.citibusinessnews.com)

**NON- PERFORMING LOANS INCREASE BY 36% WITHIN A YEAR**

The latest Banking Sector Stability Report by the Bank of Ghana has shown that Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) of banks increased by 36.17% between February 2016 and 2017. The figure increased from GHC4.7 to GHC6.4 billion within the twelve months period. The report also revealed that commerce and finance accounted for the highest non-performing loans of banks. According to the report, "the high NPLs continue to pose upside risks to the banking industry, despite the marginal decline in the energy-sector related debt exposures." This also led to a higher NPL ratio of 17.7% in February 2017, compared with 15.6% in the same period last year. The NPL ratio of 17.7% for February 2017, is however an improvement over the January 2017 NPL ratio of 18%. Adjusting for the fully provisioned loan loss category, the NPL ratio was 8.6% in February 2017, against 7.6% in February 2016. Contributors to the high non-performing loans included Commerce & Finance with 39.7%. This is followed by services and the Electricity, Gas & Water sectors with 13.6% and 10.1% respectively. Meanwhile the industry's NPL ratio is expected to improve following the conclusion of restructuring arrangements for the industry's exposure to the Bulk Oil Distribution Companies (BOCs), government payment of energy-related State-Owned Enterprises debts according to the agreed quarterly schedule and additional efforts by banks to tighten credit risk management practices and intensify loan recovery efforts.

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**BANKERS LAUD DEBT RE- PROFILING MOVE**

Bankers have expressed satisfaction with the first 100 days of President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo government, singling out the move to re-profile short term debt into longer ones as one of the most impressive achievements. The Finance Ministry recently issued 15 and 7 year bonds, with the same coupon of 19.75%, raising a total of US\$1.13billion. In addition, the ministry raised the cedi equivalent of US\$1.12billion in 5 and 10 year bonds via a tap-in arrangement, bringing in a total of US\$2.25 billion. Ken Ofori-Atta, the Finance Minister, stated that the proceeds will be used to repurchase and/or retire a portion of the higher coupon short-term public debt instruments, which means there will not be an overall increase in the total debt stock. This move and the tax reductions, the bankers contend, have injected a significant amount of confidence into the economy, paving the way for more investments. However, they claim introduction of a rule which enforces all companies to pay their full taxes, including those who have exemptions, and later file for refunds could cripple all the achievements.

Source: [www.thebftonline.com](http://www.thebftonline.com)

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