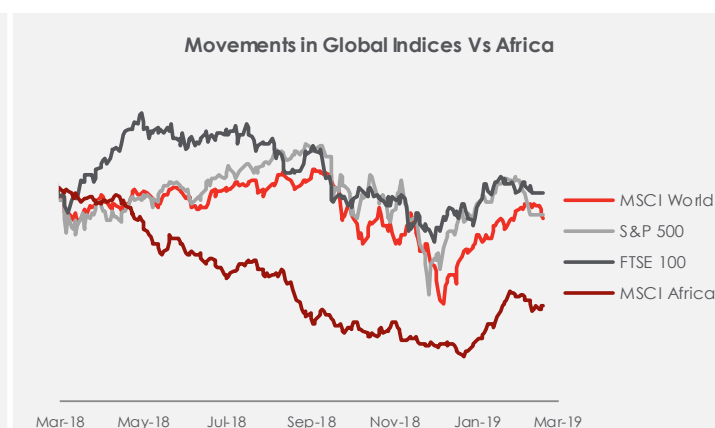
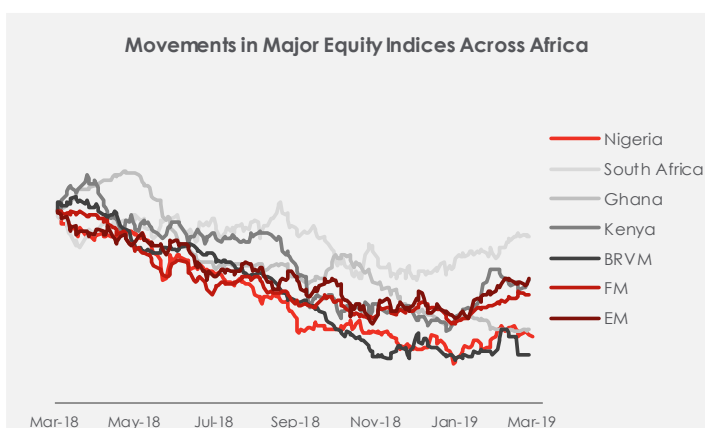


Equities	Level	Mcap (\$'b)	WTD (local)	YTD (local)	P/E	P/B	Div. Yield
BRVM	170.2	8.5 ▼	-1.8% ▲	10.2%	9.1	1.9	7.0%
Egypt	14,904.0	51.7 ▲	0.7% ▲	15.8%	16.9	1.5	2.9%
Ghana	2,436.4	4.0 ▼	-0.2% ▼	-2.5%	23.4	1.9	1.4%
Kenya	156.1	22.8 ▲	2.1% ▲	11.2%	13.0	1.9	5.3%
Mauritius	2,195.5	9.0 ▼	-0.5% ▼	-1.2%	17.4	0.9	na
Morocco	23,415.3	59.3 ▼	-0.6% ▼	-1.6%	na	na	na
Nigeria	31,924.5	32.6 ▲	0.3% ▲	1.1%	8.2	1.4	5.1%
South Africa	55,488.8	459.1 ▼	-1.3% ▲	5.5%	20.4	1.8	4.2%
Tunisia	7,079.4	7.7 ▼	-0.9% ▼	-2.6%	18.2	2.5	2.2%
Zimbabwe	483.6	18.7 ▼	-2.2% ▼	-0.7%	21.0	2.2	2.0%
Global Market	2,051.1	76,501.1 ▼	-2.2% ▲	8.9%	17.0	2.3	2.7%
Frontier Market	544.6	-- ▲	0.1% ▲	5.5%	11.1	1.8	5.1%
Emerging Market	1,030.1	-- ▼	-2.0% ▲	6.7%	12.7	1.5	3.1%



Currencies (vs. USD)		Spot Rate	WTD	MTD	YTD	6M Forward	12M Forward
Egypt	EGP:Pound	17.4 ▲	0.5% ▲	0.8% ▲	3.0%	18.3	19.3
Ghana	GHS:Cedi	5.6 ▼	-0.8% ▼	-1.9% ▼	-13.1%	5.9	6.3
Kenya	KES: Shilling	99.6 ▲	0.4% ▲	0.4% ▲	2.2%	na	na
Mauritius	MUR: Rupee	35.1 ▼	-1.8% ▼	-1.4% ▼	-1.7%	na	na
Morocco	MAD: Dirham	9.6 ▼	-0.8% ▼	-0.8% ▼	-0.8%	9.6	na
Nigeria	NGN: Naira	359.5 ▲	0.0% ▼	-0.1% ▲	0.6%	373.8	391.3
South Africa	ZAR: Rand	14.4 ▼	-1.5% ▼	-2.1% ▼	-0.2%	14.7	15.0
Tanzania	TZS: Shilling	2,345.0 ▲	0.6% ▼	-0.2% ▼	-1.9%	na	na
Tunisia	TND: Dinar	3.0 ▲	0.0% ▼	0.0% ▼	-1.0%	na	na
Zimbabwe	ZWL: Dollar	na	--	--	--	na	na

Commodities	Spot Rate	WTD	MTD	YTD	52 Week High	52 Week Low
Brent Crude	66.0 ▲	0.1% ▲	0.4% ▲	23.3%	86.7	49.9
Gold	1,299.3 ▼	0.0% ▼	-1.6% ▲	1.1%	1,365.4	1,161.4
Copper	289.4 ▲	1.4% ▼	-1.8% ▲	10.1%	331.6	254.3
Cocoa	na	--	--	--	2,911.0	1,982.0

Macro & Fixed Income	10Yr Bnd Yld	Inflation	Real Return	Policy Rate	GDP (\$'b)*	GDP Growth* Reserves (\$'b)
Egypt	17.3%	14.4%	2.9%	16.8%	235.4	5.4% 44.1
Ghana	7.9%	9.0%	-1.1%	16.0%	59.0	7.4% 5.2
Kenya	11.4%	4.1%	7.3%	9.0%	79.3	6.0% 8.2
Mauritius	5.4%	-0.9%	6.3%	3.5%	13.3	3.2% 6.5
Morocco	na	-0.5%	na	3.0%	109.7	3.0% na
Nigeria	14.3%	11.4%	2.9%	14.0%	375.7	2.4% 42.6
South Africa	9.2%	4.0%	5.2%	6.8%	348.9	1.1% 50.8
Tanzania	14.9%	3.0%	12.0%	12.0%	52.1	7.7% 5.3
Tunisia	9.5%	7.3%	2.2%	7.8%	40.0	2.3% na
Zimbabwe	17.4%	56.9%	-39.5%	na	22.0	4.7% 0.1

Sources: Bloomberg, United Capital Research

*GDP (\$'b): Annual GDP

** GDP Growth: Latest GDP Growth

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Our View

Over the past few weeks, the continuous depreciation of the Ghanaian Cedi (GHC) has caught our attention. Specifically, the GHC has lost c.13.1% of its value in 2019, currently trades at an all-time low of c.GHC5.6, the worst performer among its African peers within our coverage. Although the effect of seasonal demand for dollars cannot be excluded, the bearish run quickened after the monetary policy committee surprisingly lowered the benchmark policy rate by 100 basis -point, to an almost six-year low of 16% and bucked an earlier worldwide trend tending towards tightening. The Bank took the decision because inflation had consistently fallen within its target range of 6.0% to 10.0% since Apr-18. Accordingly, the lowered rates dampened foreign investors appetite for the nation's fixed-income assets which in turn lowered supply and liquidity of US dollars.

In recent times, there have been speculations that the Apex bank could increase the supply of dollars into the FX market by depleting its reserves. In our view, we understand the need for the Apex bank to lose some reserves and moderate the speed of depreciation of the GHC is to check inflationary pressure and consolidate the gains recorded so far (Ghana inflation settled at 9.0% in January 2019). Yet, recent happenings bring to fore the imperative for medium to long term stability of the GHC via the implementation of policies to attract patient capital as against the more volatile portfolio funds to save the value of the GHC.

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- Morocco**
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