

# Half-Year 2023 African Stock Market Performance Summary Report

As of June 30, 2023.

The table below shows the various African stock market indices and their corresponding year-to-date (YTD) performance ranking from the highest YTD to the lowest YTD as of June 2023.

	COUNTRY	STOCK EXCHANGE	INDEX	MARKET LEVEL	YTD
1	Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe Stock Exchange	ZSE ASI	171,408.90	+779.30%
2	Malawi	Malawi Stock Exchange	MSE ASI	108,656.97	+75.15%
3	Egypt	Egyptian Exchange	EGX 30	17,665.29	+21.01%
4	Nigeria	Nigerian Exchange	NGX ASI	60,968.27	++18.96%
5	Ghana	Ghana Stock Exchange	GSE-CI	2,808.03	+14.90%
6	Tunisia	Tunis Stock Exchange	TUNINDEX	8,958.46	+10.47%
7	Zambia	Lusaka Securities Exchange	LuSE ASI	8,238.86	+9.98%
8	Morocco	Casablanca Stock Exchange	MASI	11,579.76	+8.02%
9	Botswana	Botswana Stock Exchange	BSE DCI	8,055.47	+4.26%
10	South Africa	Johannesburg Stock Exchange	JSE ASI	76,027.81	+4.08%
11	Rwanda	Rwanda Stock Exchange	RSE ASI	143.65	+0.71%
12	WAEMU Countries	BRVM Stock Exchange	BRVM-CI	199.98	-1.59%
13	Mauritius	Stock Exchange of Mauritius	SEM ASI	1,839.60	-2.72%
14	Namibia	Namibian Stock Exchange	NSX OI	1,583.43	-2.92%
15	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange	DSE ASI	1,800.04	-4.35%
16	Kenya	Nairobi Securities Exchange	NSE ASI	107.00	-16.06%
17	Uganda	Uganda Securities Exchange	USE ASI	1,017.68	-16.07%

\*\*BRVM Stock Exchange includes Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal, Togo, Benin, Niger, Guinea-Bissau, and Burkina Faso.

The African stock markets showcased a robust performance during the first half of 2023, reflecting the region's resilience and growing investor confidence. Despite global uncertainties and sporadic local challenges, African equities displayed remarkable growth and demonstrated the continent's potential as an emerging market. Several factors contributed to this positive performance. Economic reforms and improved political stability in various African nations attracted foreign investors, leading to increased capital inflows. Moreover, favourable commodity prices and rising consumer spending drove economic expansion in key sectors such as mining, telecommunications, and financial services.

## TOP GAINERS

**ZIMBABWE:** Zimbabwe's stock market (ZSE ASI) emerged as a frontrunner on the continent, propelled by investors trying to protect their savings from the collapsing currency and high inflation. This move by investors drove the ZSE ASI index up by more than 600 per cent. We expect the ZSE ASI to continue its trend upward since Zimbabweans frequently turn to stocks as a safe haven when their currency experiences extreme depreciation.

**MALAWI:** Despite the economic turbulence faced by most businesses, the MSE continued to perform well, demonstrating the market's resilience in the face of challenges. The Malawi Stock Exchange (MSE) recorded an impressive performance in the first six months of 2023, as most stocks listed on the MSE saw share price gains, pushing up its year-to-date returns to 75.15% from 3.45% recorded during the same period last year. The strong performance of the MSE is attributed to the

increased demand for stocks, resulting from the impressive performance of listed companies, particularly those in the financial sector.

**EGYPT:** Likewise, the Egyptian Stock Exchange (EGX 30) witnessed steady growth, with market capitalization reaching 1.2 trillion EGP. The year-to-date return of the EGX 30 index rose by 21.01%, reaching 17,665.29 points. The positive performance of the EGX 30 can be attributed to a number of factors, including the government's efforts to improve the investment climate in Egypt, the country's stable political situation, and the successful implementation of economic reforms.

**NIGERIA:** Despite the rising inflation and high-interest rate, Nigeria's local bourse (NGX) hit a new high as the market's benchmark performance indicators, that is, the Nigeria Stock Market (NGX) and its market capitalization increased significantly to 60,968.27 points and N33.2 trillion, respectively. The market recorded a year-to-date return of 18.96% during the same period.

**GHANA:** The stock market resumed its upward trend in 2023 after finishing 2022 as Africa's worst-performing stock market. In the first half of 2023, the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE) saw a year-to-date return of 14.9%. This positive performance can be associated with price gains in stocks like TOTAL, BOPP, MTNGH, and UNIL.

## TOP LOSERS

**UGANDA AND KENYA:** Uganda Securities Exchange (USE) and Nairobi Stock Exchange (NSE) recorded the worst performance compared to benchmark markets in Sub-Saharan Africa. This is attributable to continued sell-off by foreign investors who previously accounted for the majority of market volumes. The USE and NSE recorded year-to-date losses of 16.07% and 16.06% in the first half of 2023 respectively.

A few African stock markets also experienced bearish performance in the first half of 2023. The stock markets of Tanzania (**DSE YTD: -4.35%**), Namibia (**NSX YTD: -2.92%**) and Mauritius (**SEM YTD: -2.72%**) faced challenges due to currency volatility and economic uncertainties. These factors hindered investor confidence and led to a decline in stock prices. Additionally, limited liquidity and regulatory concerns impacted trading volumes.

**CONCLUSION:** In conclusion, the first half of 2023 witnessed an impressive performance in African stock markets, showcasing the continent's potential and attracting investors seeking high-growth opportunities. However, it remains essential to monitor global factors and ensure sustained economic reforms to maintain this positive trajectory in the second half of the year.

COUNTRY	INFLATION (%)	INTEREST RATE (%)
ZIMBABWE	175.8	150.0
EGYPT	2.7	18.25
NIGERIA	22.41	18.5
GHANA	42.2	29.5
SOUTH AFRICA	0.2	8.25
TANZANIA	4.0	5.0
KENYA	7.9	10.5
UGANDA	4.9	10.0
MALAWI	29.2	22.0

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