

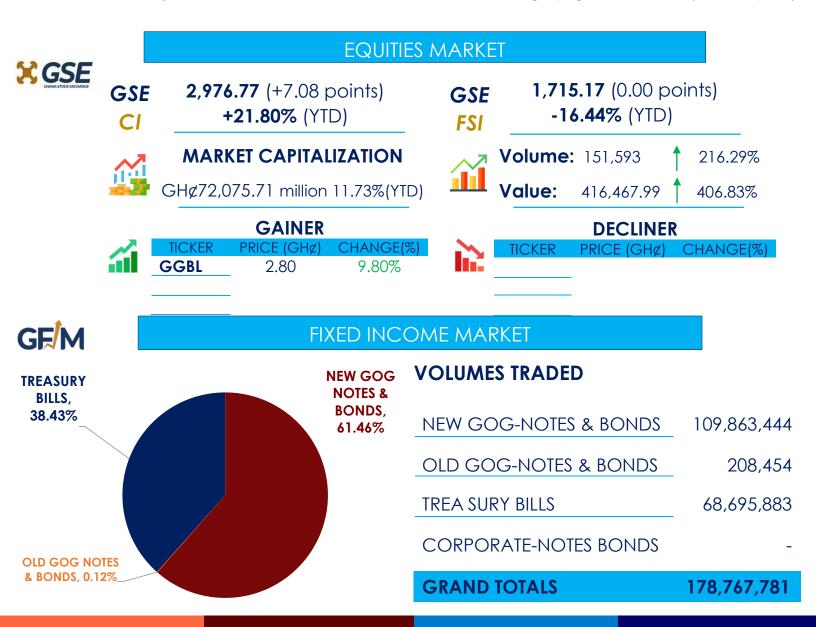
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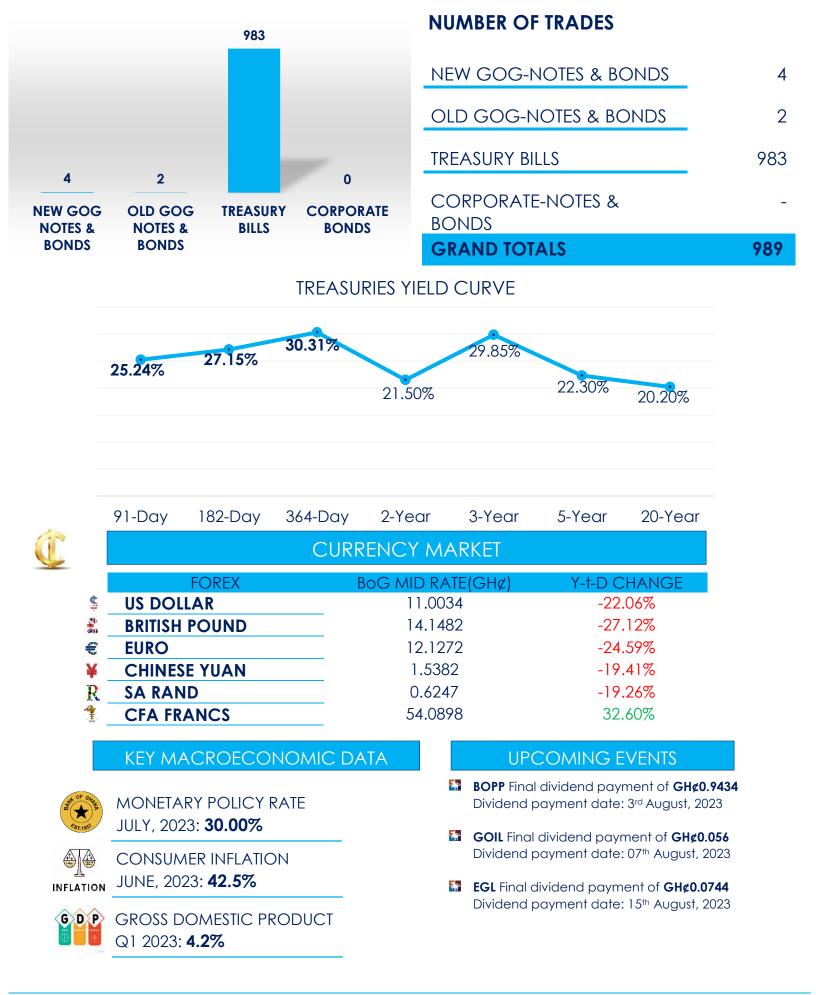
MORNING BRIEF

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NEWS HEADLINES

- IPPs are being engaged to restructure accrued outstanding balances Finance Minister: The Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, says his outfit is engaging with the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to address the impact of excess capacity payments on the economy. According to him, the government is considering ways to restructure the accrued outstanding balances. Delivering the Mid-year budget review on Monday, July 31, Mr. Ofori-Atta noted that the discussion will also be geared towards the elimination of payment shortfalls and arrears accrual in the energy sector. The government's indebtedness to the Independent Power Producers (IPPs) has increased from \$2 billion in June 2023, to a current \$2.2 billion. (Myjoyonline)
- Finance Minister adjusts 2023 crude oil price projection, anticipates 32% decline in petroleum receipts: Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, has announced a significant adjustment in the crude oil price projection for 2023 during the presentation of the 2023 Mid-Year Budget Review. At the time of the formulation of the 2023 budget, a benchmark revenue crude oil price of US\$88.55 per barrel was utilized to project petroleum revenues of US\$1.48bn for the year, adhering to the provisions of the Petroleum Revenue Management Act (PRMA) 2011, (Act 815) as amended. Consistent with Section 7 of the Petroleum Revenue Management (Amendment) Act 2015, (Act 893), the Finance Minister disclosed that the average crude oil price has been revised to US\$74.0 per barrel, down from the previous projection of US\$88.55 per barrel used in the 2023 Budget. As a result of this revision, the total petroleum receipts for 2023 have been adjusted downwards from US\$1.48 billion to US\$1 billion, signifying a 32% decline. (Norvanreports)





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