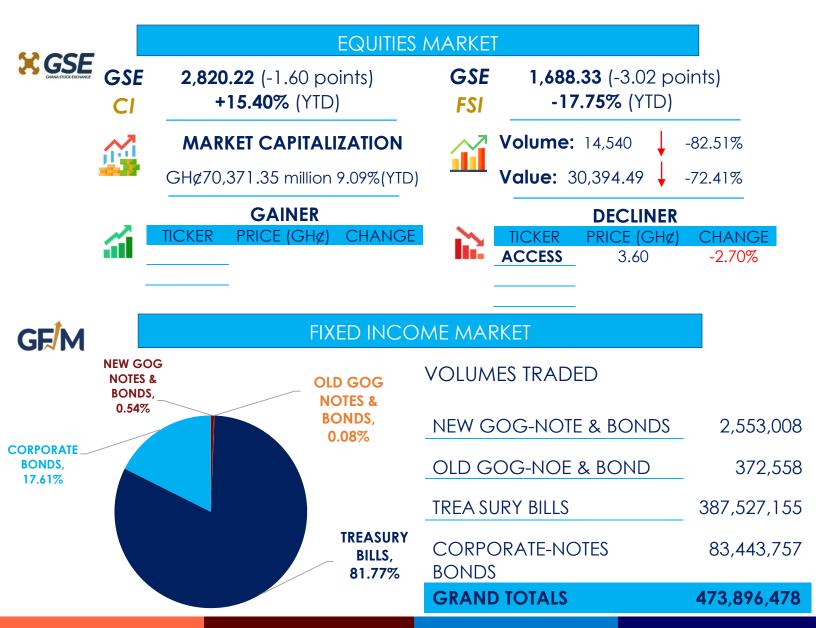


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NEWS HEADLINES

- WAPCo cuts supply over US\$13m mounting debt: The West African Gas Pipeline Company Limited (WAPCo) has suspended natural gas transportation services to the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC). This follows the inability of GNPC to settle its indebtedness to WAPCo to the tune of over US\$13.99 million. The decision, which took effect on July 1, comes after a series of negotiations between the two entities over debt arrears, although the GNPC paid US\$1.246 million to WAPCo last week. The sudden halt in gas supply to GNPC has raised alarm bells among industry experts, as the country's energy generational mix relies on natural gas and thermal energy for electricity production, with the GNPC playing a crucial role in ensuring a steady supply to power plants across the country. The suspension, therefore, threatens to disrupt the nation's energy stability and potentially lead to power shortages. (Graphicbusiness)
- **BRICS: 130 countries move towards CBDC currency, US dollar in jeopardy:** Out of 195 countries in the world, 130 nations are moving towards building their Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), where a dozen nations have reached advanced phases and are moving towards launching their digital currency assets. The development of these assets is partly geared towards easier settlement of cross-border transactions which has largely been done over the years with the U.S. dollar. Also, the BRICS alliance is working to launch a new currency for cross-border transactions. Should the BRICS currency strengthen in the global markets, more countries could use it for international trade deals and reduce the large global dependence on the dollar. Therefore, both the BRICS currency which is yet to be launched and the CBDC digital assets could pose a threat to the U.S. dollar. (Norvanreports)





GDP GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT Q1 2023: **4.2%** TOTAL Final dividend payment of GH¢0.6889 Dividend payment date: 7th July, 2023

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