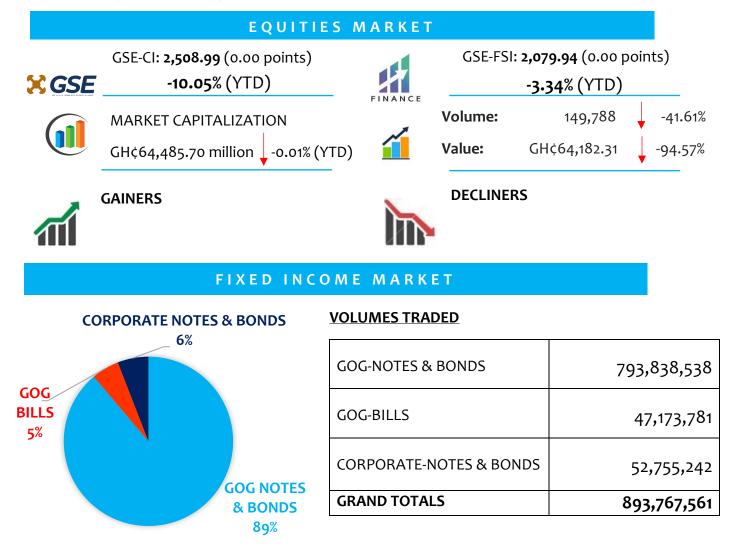
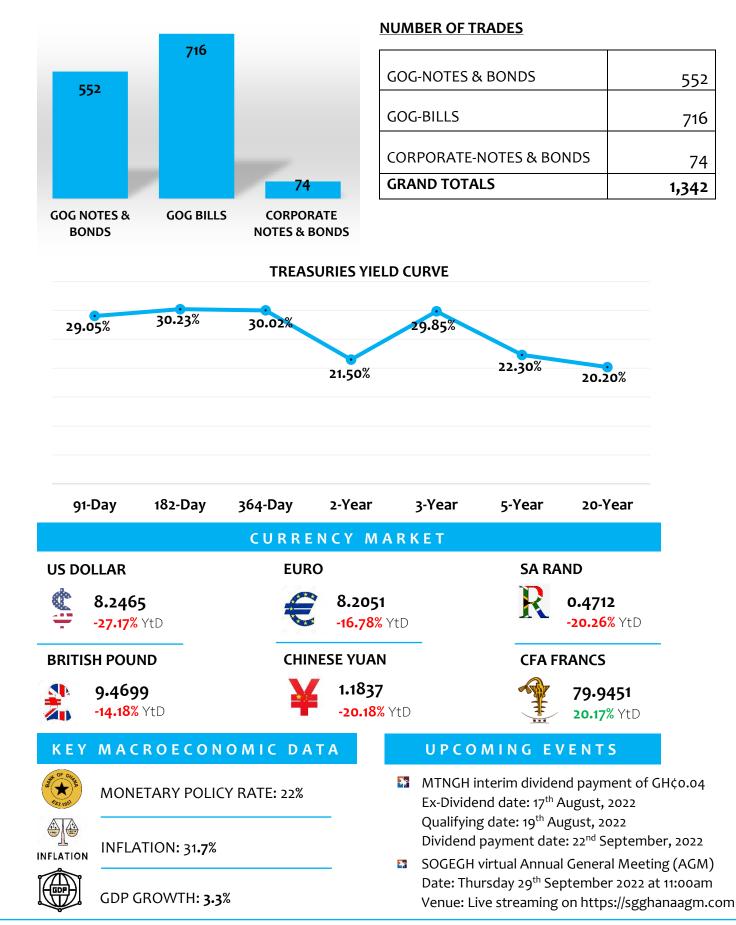


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- Cedi the third strongest currency in Africa Dep. Finance Minister: Deputy Finance Minister, Dr. John Kumah, has debunked claims that the Ghana cedi is the weakest currency in Africa. According to him, such a claim is mere propaganda meant to undermine the government's fiscal measures in halting the free fall of the Cedi against the US dollar. He stated that the Cedi is currently the third strongest currency in Africa; however, he conceded that the rate of depreciation the Cedi is experiencing might be the worst on the continent. Dr. John Kumah noted that currencies across the world are experiencing depreciations and thus, critics of the government's fiscal policies cannot blame the poor performing cedi on fiscal mismanagement. (Norvanreports)
- ATAF to mitigate revenue shortfalls in AfCFTA: The African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) has said it will expand its capabilities to support revenue authorities of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in navigating the trade bloc's tax and revenue shortfall implications. Executive Secretary of ATAF, Logan Wort, has stated that member-countries of AfCFTA will have to reduce tariffs on 90% of goods that are traded within the continent. This, he said, may result in short-term tariff revenue loss to most African member-countries where trade taxes remain a key source of revenue. (Norvanreports)





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