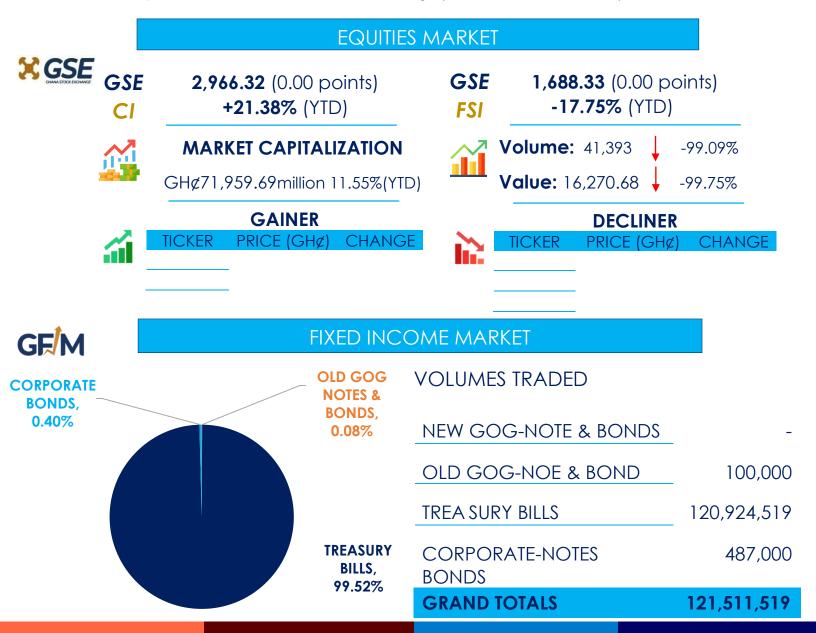


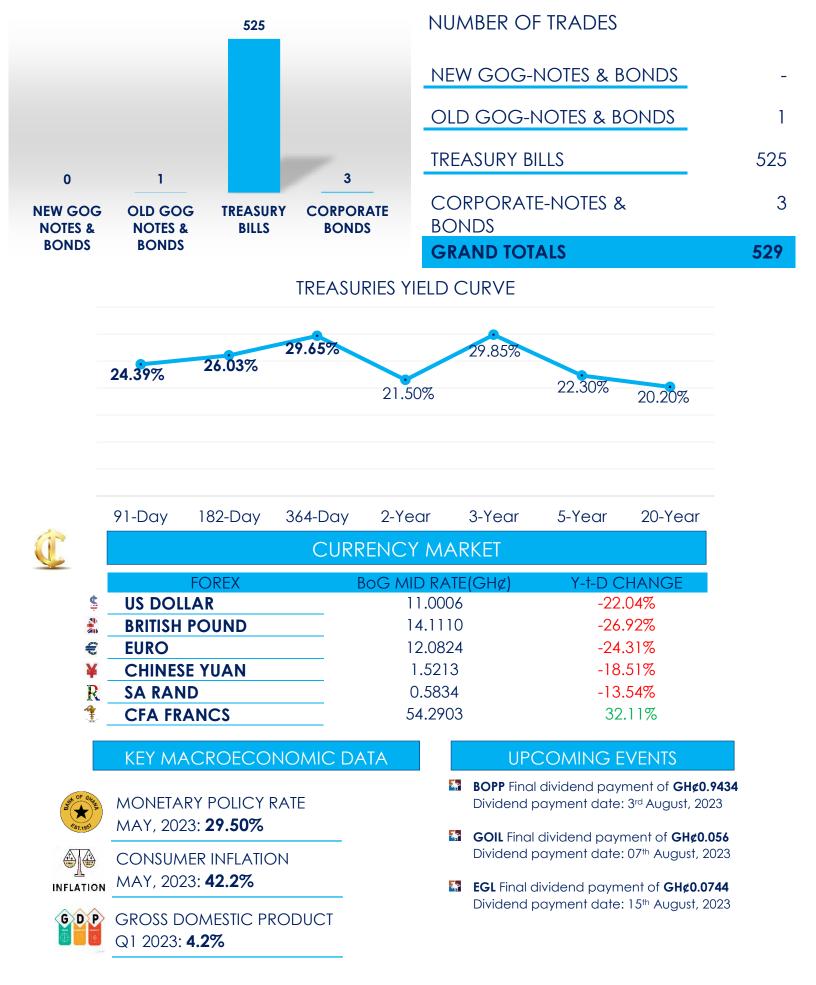
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NEWS HEADLINES

- **Gov't pays all outstanding principal and coupons; IBF and IBHAG suspend picketing at Finance Ministry:** In a demonstration of its dedication to honoring the agreement between itself and the Coalition of Individual Bondholder Groups (CIBG), the Ministry of Finance has announced the complete payment of all outstanding coupons and principal amounts up until June 19, 2023. Furthermore, instructions have been issued by the Ministry for the timely settlement of coupons due until July 10, 2023. The Government of Ghana has further reiterated its commitment to maintaining open and constructive engagement with the CIBG leadership, affirming its determination to fully implement the terms outlined in the MOU of 16th May, 2023. (Norvanreports)
- e-VAT pilot emboldens government to expand tax net: The Minister of State at the Finance Ministry, Dr. Mohammed Amin Adam, has revealed that results from the pilot phase of the e-VAT are encouraging; and that the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) is eager to ride on its success to widen the tax net, eliminate leakages and close the tax gap. Dr. Adam further noted that government is keen on unlocking the full potential of domestic revenue mobilization for the country. He bemoaned the country's tax to GDP condition, stating that at an average of 13 percent, it is lower than the sub-regional average of 18 percent. E-vat system comes after parliament approved three revenue bills in March this year. These bills seek to boost internal revenue generation and raise tax-to-GDP ratio from less than 13 percent towards the sub-Saharan average (Business & Financial Times)





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