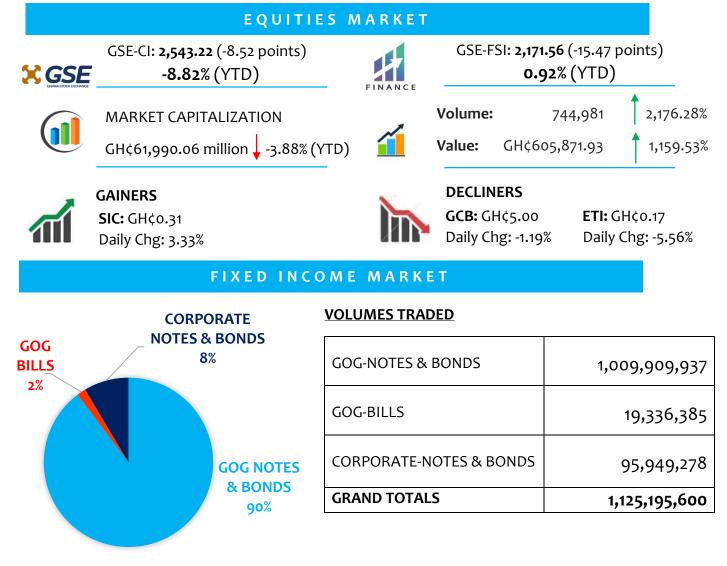
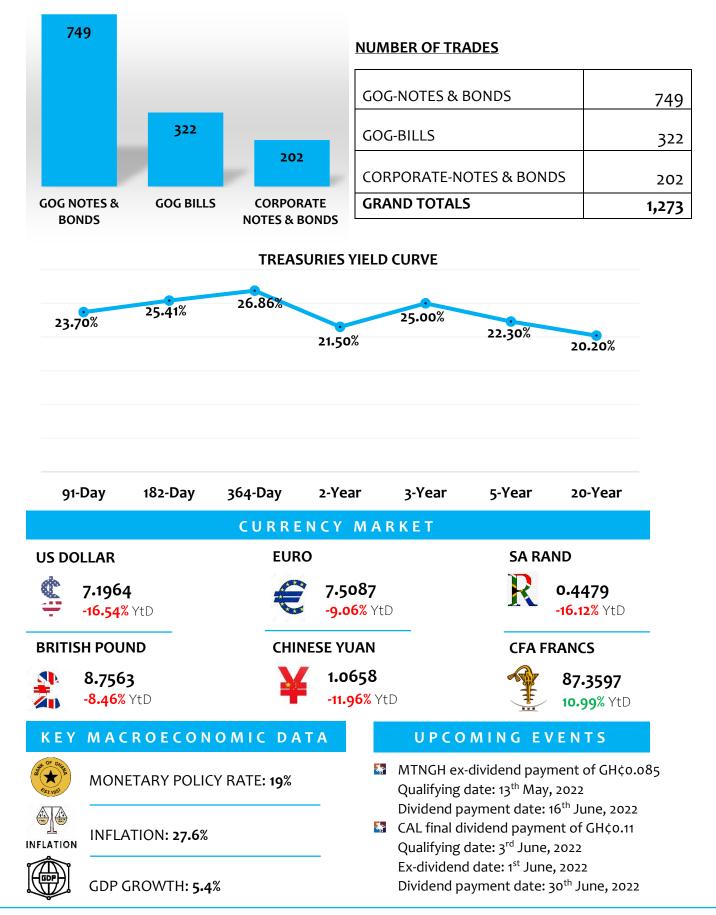


## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- World Bank projects Ghana's economy to expand by additional 0.5% annually for 10 years under AfCFTA: Ghana's economy is expected to expand by additional 0.5% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually over the next 10 years due to the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA). According to the World Bank report on Trade Competitiveness, this is very significant and should motivate the government to follow up with the outstanding negotiations and implementation of the AfCFTA protocols. According to the report, the recent entry into force of the AfCFTA can improve productivity through economies of scale and attract more foreign direct investments (FDIs) inflows. (Myjoyonline)
- Household disposable income to rise to USD5,420 by 2026 Fitch Solutions: Fitch Solutions, is anticipating an increase in Ghana's household disposable income over the next 4 years as it expects household disposable income to rise from the current figure of USD4,488 in 2022 to USD5,420 by 2026. Per its forecast, total household spending is expected to increase from GH¢329.7bn this year to GH¢617.5bn in 2026. Fitch Solutions further stated that due to the current low levels of disposable income, essential spending by households remains the dominant category, asserting essential spending will be almost three times larger than non-essential spending by 2026. (Norvanreports)





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