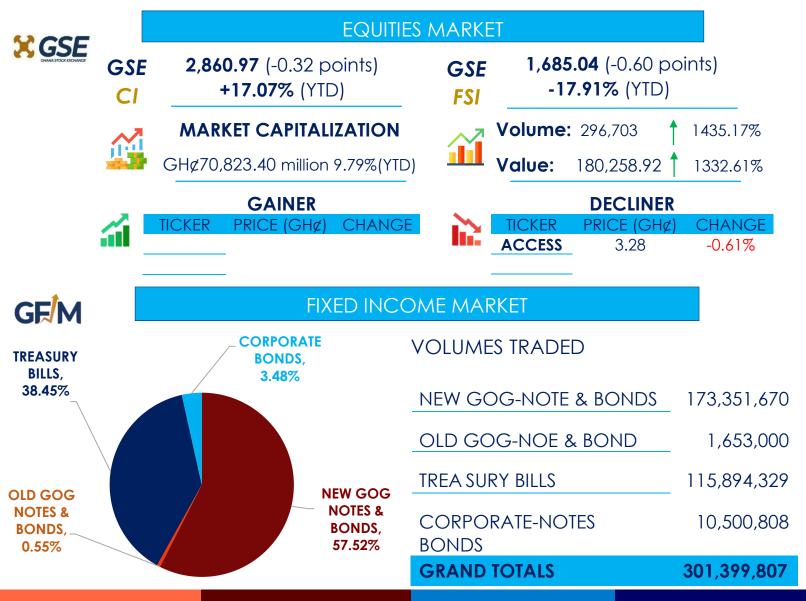


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NEWS HEADLINES

- Capital market to see greater transparency: The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is set to introduce a new programme aimed at providing the investing public with increased transparency concerning capital market operations, its Director-General Daniel Ogbarmey Tetteh has hinted. He stated that the initiative forms part of the regulator's ongoing efforts to empower investors to ensure they make informed decisions. The programme which is to be launched in a few weeks. Elaborating, he said the watchdog will be applying a three-pronged approach that includes increasing access to data, enhancing regulation and enforcement, and conducting capacity building for capital market operators. This development comes within the context of waning investor confidence on the back of a rapid downturn in the macroeconomic space with sky-high inflation, resultant spike in interest rates, and the ensuing domestic debt exchange programme (DDEP). (Business and Financial Times)
- Ghana's strategic oil reserves depleted since 2006 BOST MD: Ghana's strategic petroleum reserves, vital for ensuring oil supply during emergencies, have been non-existent since 2006, according to Edwin Alfred Provencal, the Managing Director of the Bulk Oil Storage and Transportation Company (BOST). Strategic petroleum reserves are emergency stockpiles of crude oil carefully set aside to mitigate potential disruptions in supply. Mr. Provencal highlighted that the country halted the stockpiling of crude oil following the removal of the strategic reserve levy in 2006, which had been solely dedicated to financing these reserves. He emphasized that the country's current oil storage only constitutes inventory, rather than strategic reserves. Thus, he expressed the need for stakeholders to explore optimal ways to funding the reserves to ensure the country's energy security. (Norvanreports)





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