

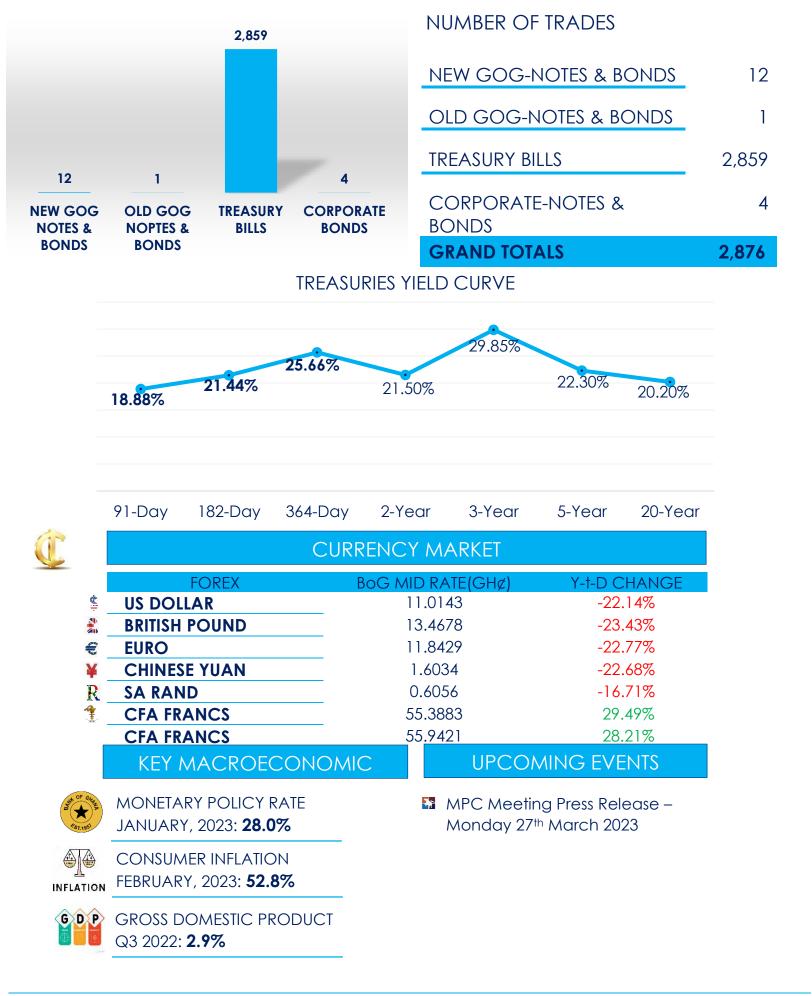
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MORNING BRIEF

NEWS HEADLINES

- **Govt pays additional coupons on matured bonds:** Government has made payments to bondholders who chose not to exchange their old bonds for new ones under the domestic debt exchange programme. This is the second tranche paid to bondholders after the government announced a payment plan and date to honour the coupons on matured bonds. After much agitation from the Coalition of Individual Bondholders, the government on March 15 began paying outstanding coupons to bondholders who failed to participate in the Domestic Debt Exchange programme. The Ministry of Finance in a statement dated March 24 announced that additional coupon payments have been made on Thursday 23rd March 2023. (Citibusinessnews)
- Gold, cocoa and oil boosts exports to \$2.7bn at end-February 2023; trade surplus hit \$752m: The country's latest economic data, released in the March 2022 Summary of Economic and Financial Data, reveals that total exports at the end of February 2022 stood at \$2.7bn, representing an increase of \$300m compared to the same period the previous year. This surge was primarily driven by an uptick in gold and cocoa exports, offset by a decline in crude oil exports. According to the data, the value of gold exports rose from \$824m to \$1.1bn between February 2022 and February 2023, while cocoa exports increased from \$489m to \$546m over the same period. However, the value of crude oil exports declined from \$688m to \$562m, tempering the overall export growth rate. Furthermore, the data shows that the total value of imports at the end of February 2023 stood at \$2.01bn, representing a decrease of \$269m compared to the same period the previous year, which has contributed to a trade surplus. (Norvanreports)





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