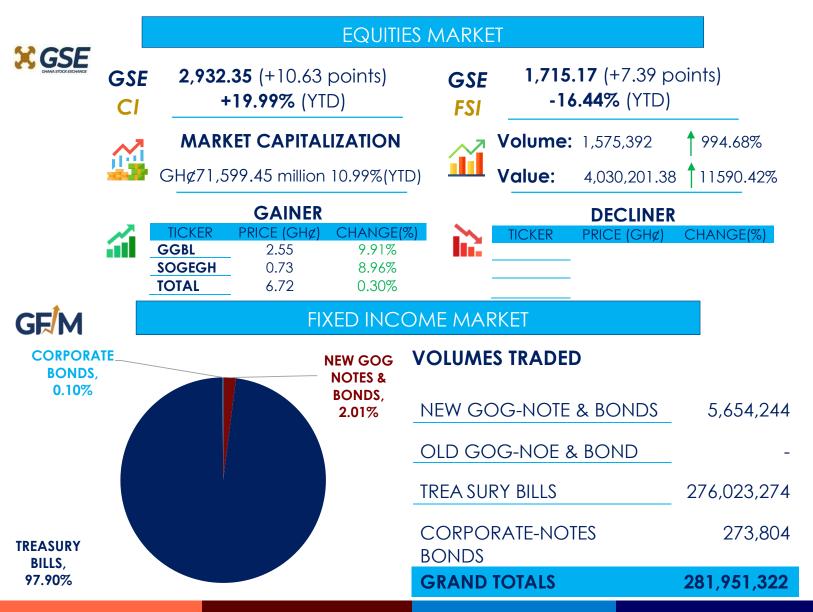


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## MORNING BRIEF

## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- **Government's indebtedness to IPPs increases to US\$ 2.3 billion; prompts emergency meeting:** The government's inability to pay arrears owed Independent Power Producers (IPPs) despite assurances has forced the producers to convene an emergency meeting because the debt has risen from US\$ 2 billion to about US\$ 2.3 billion. The IPPs halted their planned shutdown of plants powering the national grid a month ago, citing what they said were fruitful engagements with the Electricity Company of Ghana, however, sources suggest that the agreements have been breached, much to the disappointment of the IPPs. The IPPs have remained tight-lipped about their predicaments, promising to provide fuller details after their emergency meeting. (Citibusinessnews)
- Banks expected to rebuild capital buffers quickly: The Bank of Ghana Governor, Dr. Ernest Addison, has expressed optimism about the banking sector's ability to rebuild capital buffers swiftly with support from an equity capital infusion by shareholders, amid significant growth in profits within the industry during the first half of 2023. However, Dr. Addison noted that data provided by banks for the first half of 2023 indicated that lingering effects of the DDEP persisted, despite the strong rebound in profitability following the losses incurred at end-2022 due to impairments of holdings in Treasury bonds. To further ensure stability of the banking industry, Dr. Addison emphasized the importance of activating the Financial Stability Fund, which will provide crucial recapitalization assistance to eligible banks. (Business&FinancialTimes)





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