

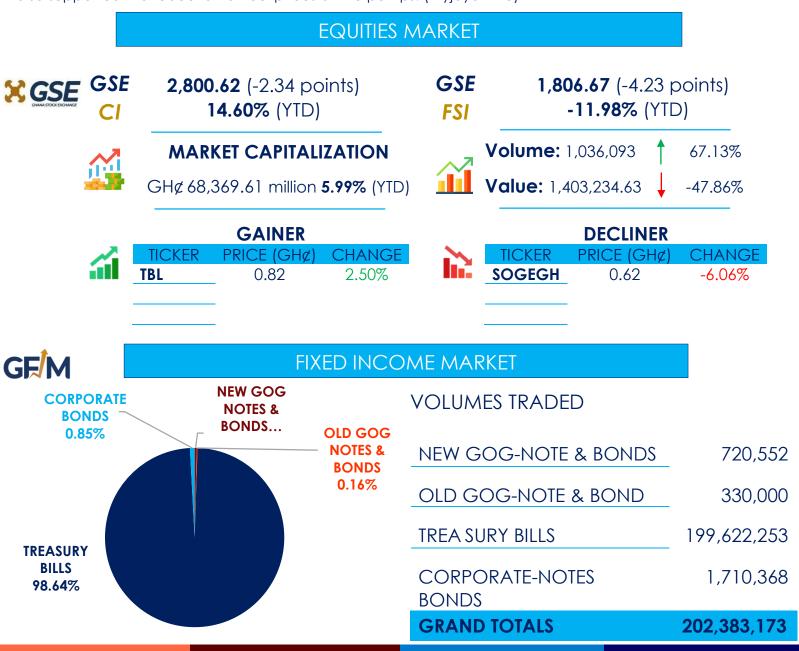
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MORNING BRIEF

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NEWS HEADLINES

- Ghana, bondholders' advisers kick off debt talks under non-disclosure agreements: Ghana's government and international bondholders are pushing forward with formal debt talks after advisors to both sides signed non-disclosure agreements. The West African country, which suspended payments on most of its external debt last year, has picked Lazard as its financial adviser, while a group of international private lenders are represented by Rothschild & Co. Ghana's dollar-denominated debt is more than US\$13 billion across maturities ranging from 2023 to 2061, according to Refinitiv data. After signing the NDAs earlier this month, both parties cannot share any information under the agreement with any non-authorised party. (Norvanreports)
- Falling oil price only explanation for low fuel prices: Weakened oil demand is triggered by fears of global recession coupled with the high interest rates by central banks to fight inflation. Price of crude oil has dropped significantly to \$75 per barrel from the high of \$147 a year ago when the Ukraine war first started. The supply disruption on the oil markets resulting from the war has seen some correction and resulted in realignment of the markets with Russia now selling its oil to Asian countries like China and India instead of Western Europe. Higher supply from non-OPEC countries including members of International Energy Agency (IEA) has resulted in increase in inventories globally and is forcing prices down. Locally, initiatives like the Gold for Oil policy have also supported the reduction of fuel prices at the pumps. (Myjoyonline)





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