

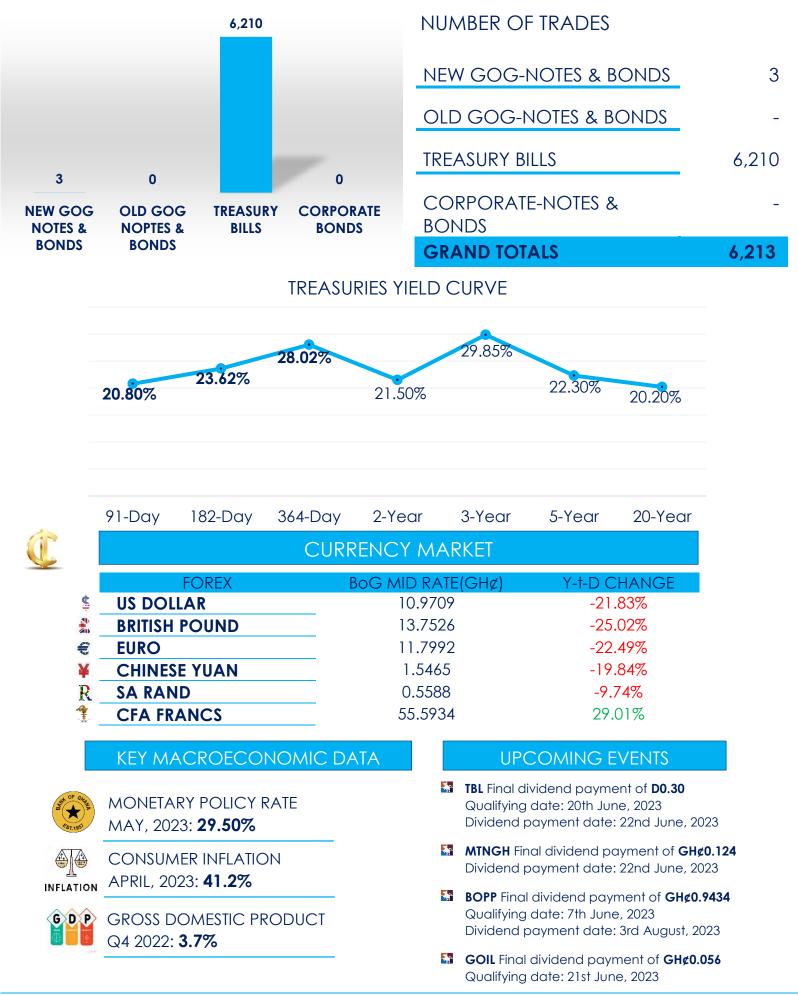
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MORNING BRIEF

NEWS HEADLINES

- Ghana to receive \$300m first tranche of \$1bn World Bank budget support funding in September: Ghana is poised to receive a significant financial boost as it prepares to receive the first tranche of \$300 million out of a total US\$1 billion budget support funding from the World Bank. According to Pierre Laporte, the Country Director of the World Bank for Ghana, the disbursement of the funds is scheduled to take place in September of this year. It is important to note that the \$1 billion budget support from the World Bank is separate from the \$3 billion already anticipated to be received from the IMF. Mr. Pierre Laporte stated that the US\$1 billion funds will be spread out over the next three years from 2023 to 2026. This extended disbursement period allows for sustained support to Ghana's development initiatives and provides flexibility in implementing projects and programs. (Norvanreports)
- **Government ensuring fiscal adjustments non-negotiable IMF:** It is the expectation of the IMF that the government of Ghana under its obligations rolls out a raft of measures aimed at ensuring that the distressed economy is put on the track of recovery during the period of the three-year extended credit facility. IMF representative in Ghana, Dr. Leandro Medina said the government must prioritize fiscal adjustments to ensure it meets the performance criteria for the disbursement of the other loan tranches. He indicated that adjustments will have to be made to the 2023 budget as well as reforms and measures put in place to improve the business climate and the growth of the private sector. The Fund has also justified the adoption of three mobilization measures as well as the increase in utility costs as Ghana attempts to fix its balance of payment problems. (Citibusinessnews)





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