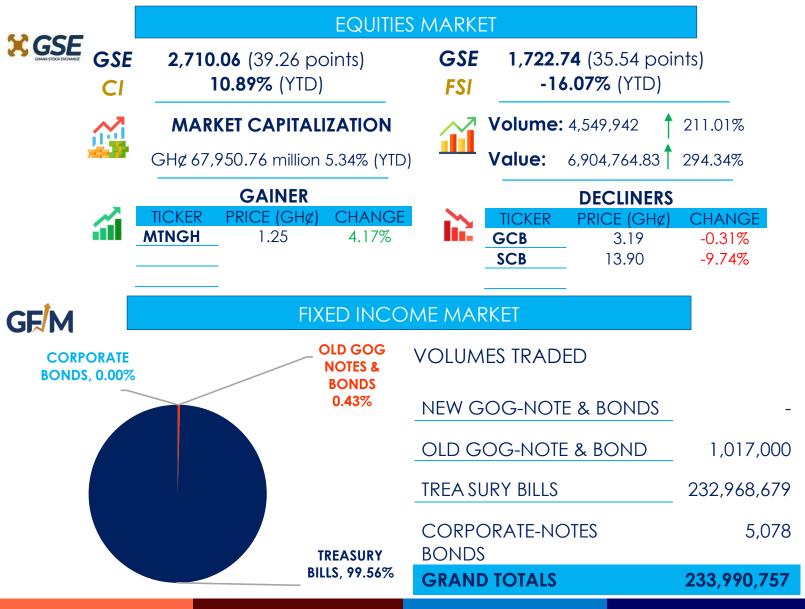


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## **MORNING BRIEF**

## **NEWS HEADLINES**

- Central bank, Dr. Maxwell Opoku Afari is optimistic that the roll out of the electronic Cedi (eCedi) for Ghana will boost financial inclusion especially in rural areas. Speaking at the Payment Canada Summit 2023, Dr. Opoku Afari said central banks must remember that the Central Bank Digital currency (CBDC) is a currency first and foremost, not a wallet for channel with a human-centered design. He further stressed on the importance of the CBDC implementation in some African countries and its potential impact on the economy and fintech development. He concluded that the Bank of Ghana's cash lite agenda will continue to be an ongoing effort aimed at implementing the Central Bank Digital currency in a well conducted manner. (Ghanaweb)
- Fitch Solutions predicts cedi to end 2023 at Gh¢12.40 to one US dollar, citing IMF support programme as a key factor: Ghana's currency, the cedi which has seen constant depreciation against major currencies such as the US dollar, British pound, and euro has been a source of worry for many, especially those involved in international trade. However, there seems to be light at the end of the tunnel as Fitch Solutions predicts that the cedi will end the year on a strong note, with an exchange rate of ¢12.40 to one US dollar. According to Fitch solutions, the cedi's stabilization will be made possible through the expected international Monetary Fund (IMF) support programme which Ghana is set to secure by May 2023. This programme will help cushion the cedi against foreign pressures and restore the currency's value. (Norvanreports)





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