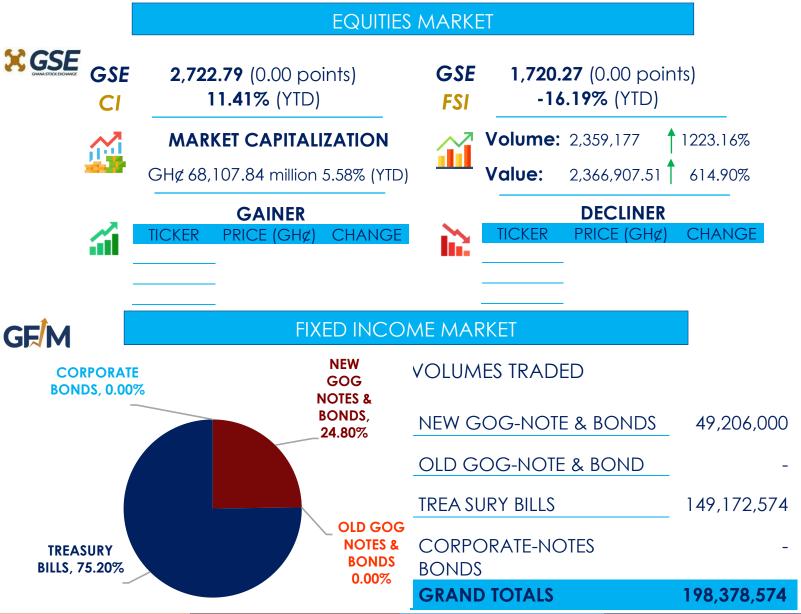


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MORNING BRIEF

17TH MAY, 2023

- Ghana's economic recovery programme set for IMF approval, boosting investor confidence and currency strength: Ghana's economic outlook has received a significant boost as the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will convene to consider the country's Economic Recovery Program. With indications pointing towards a favorable outcome, Ghana is poised to secure approval for the program, which will unlock the disbursement of the first tranche of a substantial \$3 billion balance of payment support package. This much-anticipated development is set to stimulate economic growth, stabilize the currency, and restore investor confidence in the West African nation. This has been evidenced by growth in the cedi's value by 5.3% on May 15, 2023, with a further rise to Gh¢11.78 for a Dollar on May 16, 2023. (Norvanreports)
- **PURC increases electricity tariff by 18.36%:** The Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) has increased tariffs for electricity and natural gas by 18.36% across the board for all consumer groups. PURC in a statement explained that the decision was taken to balance the prevention of extended power outages and their adverse implications on jobs and livelihoods while minimizing the impact of rate increases on consumers. The PURC blamed the Ghana Cedi/US Dollar exchange rate, inflation, electricity generation mix, and the weighted average cost of natural gas (WACOG) as the factors that influenced the latest increment. According to a statement by the PURC, the review has become necessary to maintain the real value of the cost of supply of the utility services and to ensure that the utility companies do not under or over-recover costs. (Citibusinessnews)





- Qualifying date: 25th May, 2023 Dividend payment date: 6th June, 2023
- MTNGH Final dividend payment of GH¢0.124
 Qualifying date: 19th May, 2023
 Dividend payment date: 22nd June, 2023

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CONSUMER INFLATION

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

APRIL, 2023: 41.2%

Q4 2022: 3.7%

INFLATION

GDP