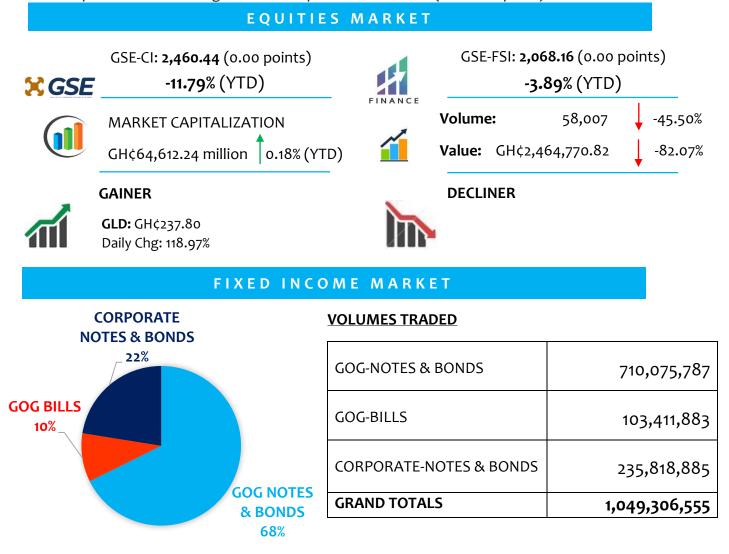
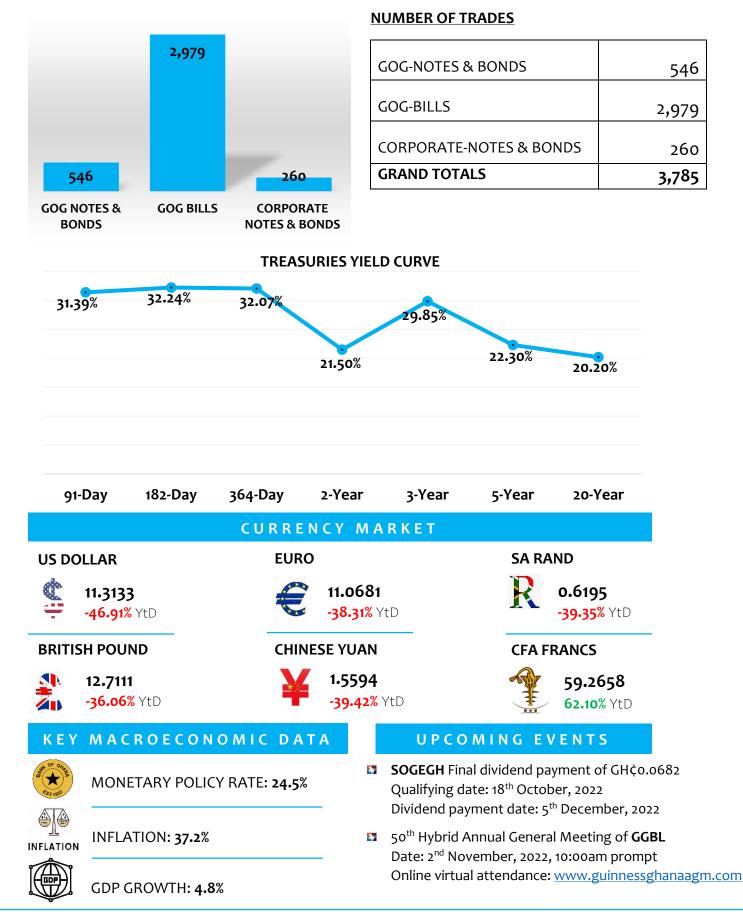


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Ghana should have signed up for Debt Service Suspension Initiative – World Bank President: The World Bank Group President, David Malpass has expressed disappointment over Ghana's decision not to sign up for the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI). The DSSI, put together by the IMF and World Bank offers countries an opportunity to freeze debt servicing, whiles they concentrate on using their minimum funds to deal with other commitments. Mr. Malpass stated that such initiatives are designed to help reduce the impact of economic hardship on developing countries. He, however pointed out that some developing countries have refused to take advantage of the initiative to minimize the impact of the current global hardship on their citizens. (Norvanreports)





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