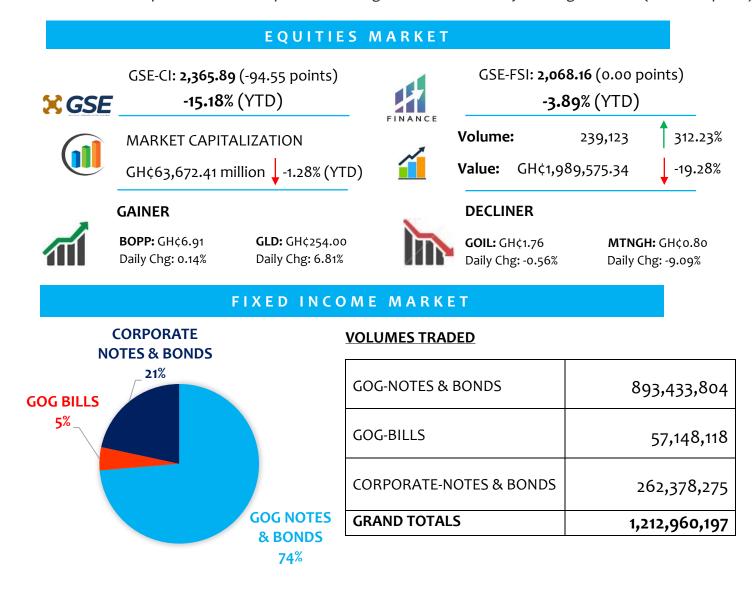
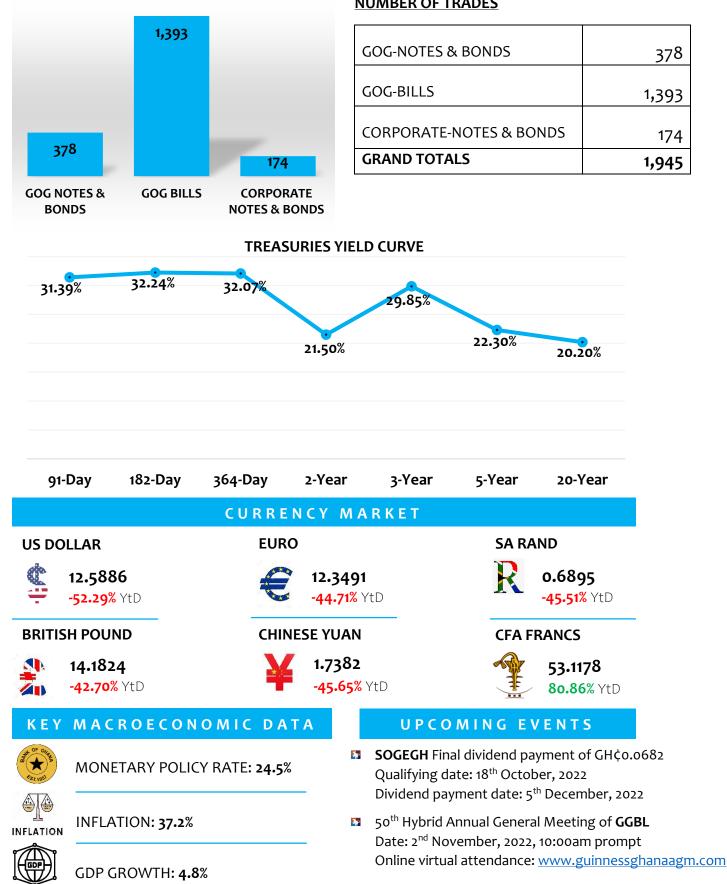


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- IMF indicates commitment in reaching agreement on framework, policies with Ghana: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has indicated it is fully committed to reaching an agreement on a framework and policies for an IMF-supported programme as soon as feasible. According to the Fund, good progress has been made in identifying specific policies that would restore macroeconomic stability and lay the foundation for stronger and more inclusive growth. This follows the conclusion of a meeting between the Fund, led by Stéphane Roudet, and the Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta; the Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Dr Ernest Addison, and other team members. (Myjoyonline)
- **Gov't suspends GRA VAT invigilation exercise aimed at getting GUTA to open shops:** A Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry, Michael Okyere Baafi has hinted that government has made some concessions with the Ghana Union and Traders Association (GUTA) in an effort to get businesses back on stream, chief among them is the suspension of the invigilation exercise being conducted by the Ghana Revenue Authority. He also revealed that the central bank and the finance ministry have agreed on a rate -which will be knocked down for the next three months, specifically for the traders in order for them to undertake their custom activities (payment of duties). Members of the GUTA in Accra have closed down their shops in a nationwide protest over high taxes and difficulty in doing business. (Norvanreports)





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