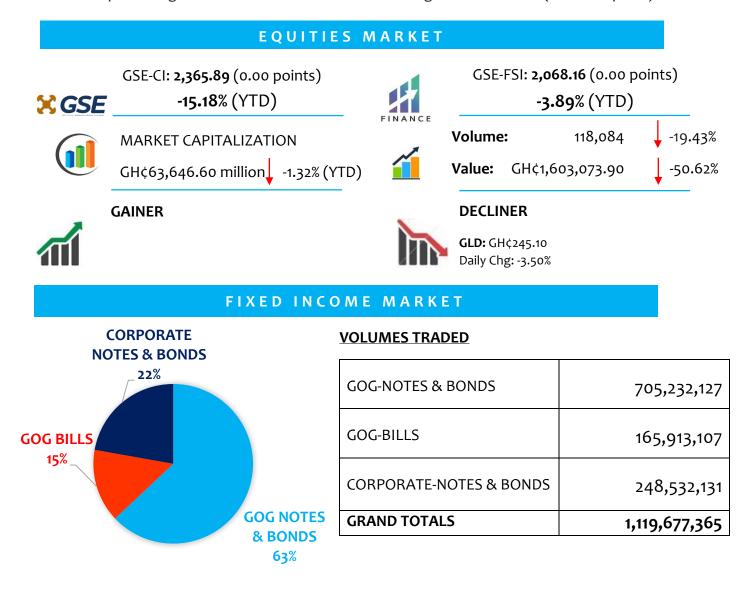
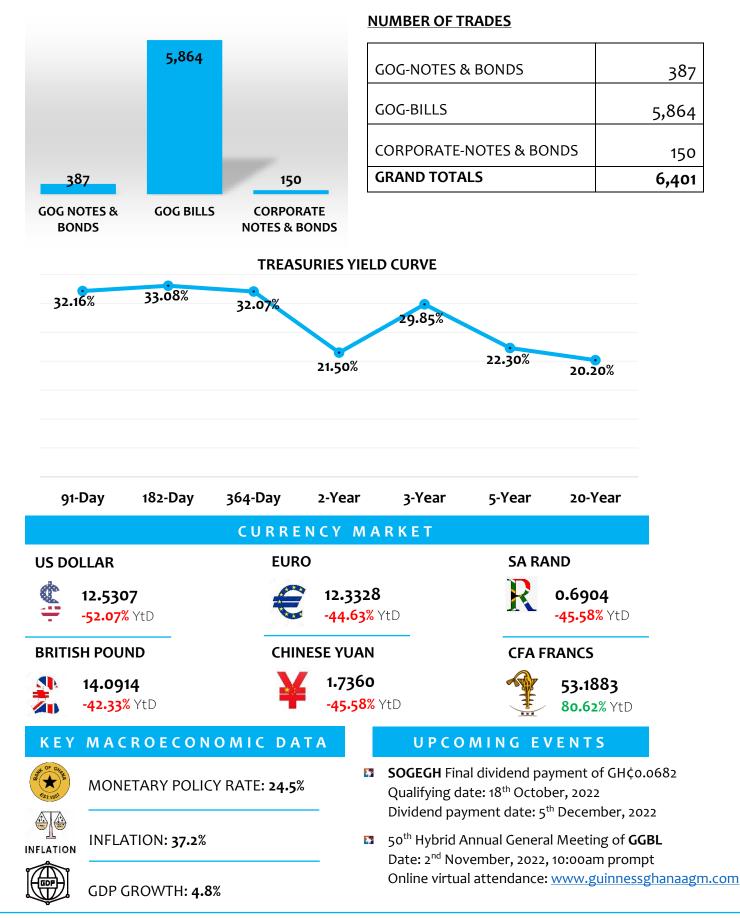


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Government to maintain forex rate at ports to aid traders – Deputy Trade Minister: The government will maintain a fixed exchange rate at the ports for the next three months to cushion traders who import goods into Ghana, Deputy Trade Minister, Michael Okyere Baafi, has said. The dollar rate will be kept at the same level as the Bank of Ghana's interbank rate. The fixed exchange rate is expected to provide better certainty for importers and help the government maintain low inflation. The forex challenges prompted the protest by traders, who planned to lock their shops for six days. (Citibusinessnews)

Government to force banks to cede 20% of their loan portfolio to Agric; seeks legislation: The Ministry of Food and Agriculture is seeking legislation that will make it compulsory for lenders to dedicate at least 20% of their loan portfolios to the agriculture sector. The move is a bid to overcome banks' reluctance to extend credit to agribusinesses and was announced by the Minister of Food and Agriculture, Dr. Afriyie Owusu Akoto, who insisted that banks must use a share of their 'supernormal profits' to aid the development of the agriculture sector. The ministry is currently awaiting approval from the Cabinet to design the policy that will make it compulsory for banks to set aside a certain percentage of their loan books to finance the agriculture sector. (Norvanreports)





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