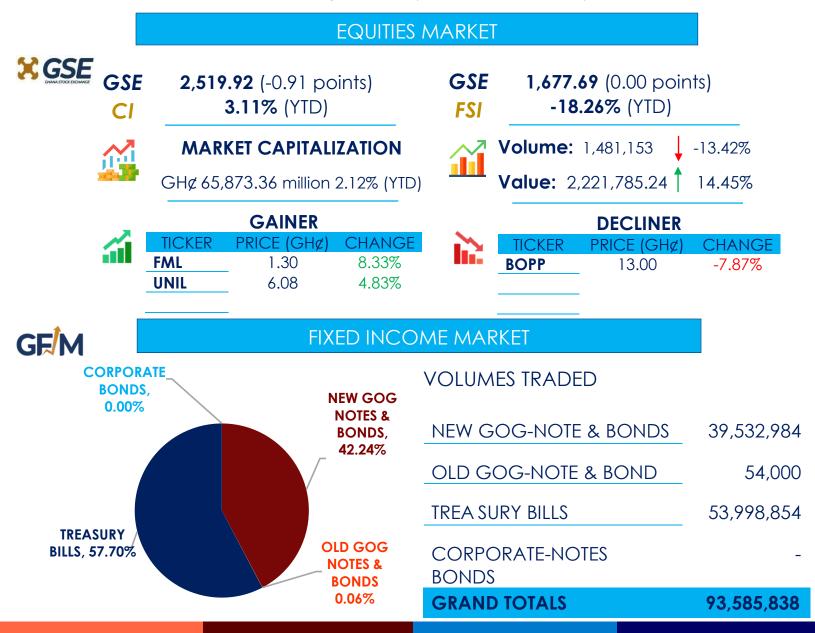


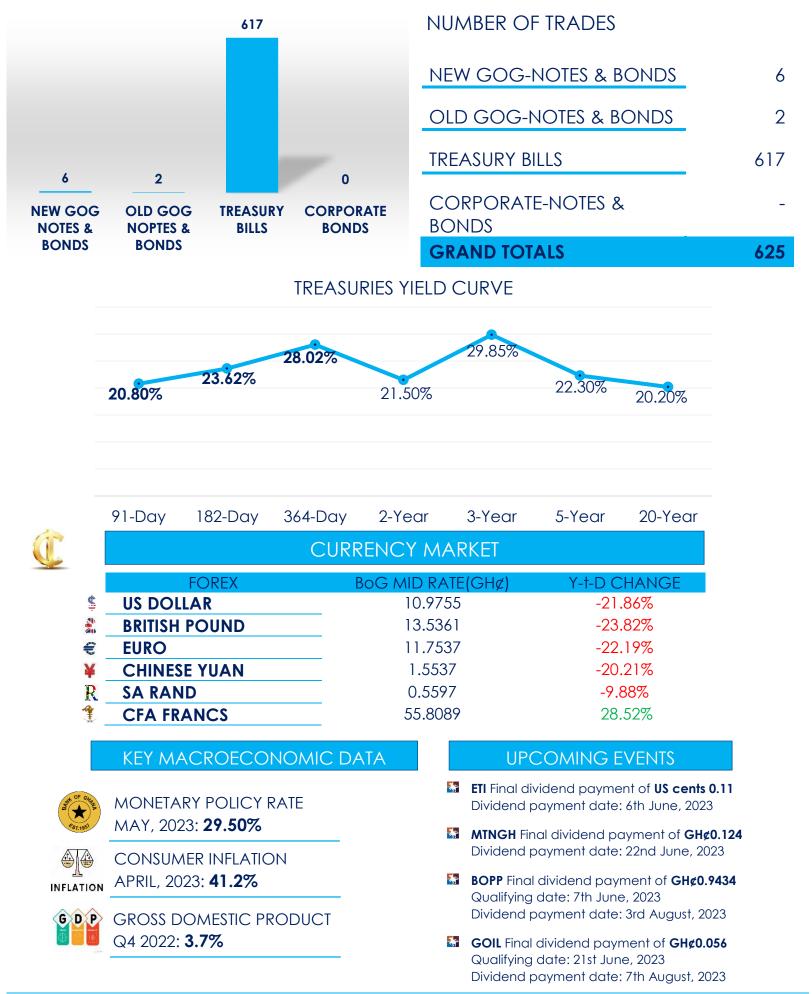
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NEWS HEADLINES

- Fitch Solutions projects 5.5% cut in monetary policy rate for 2024: In a bid to bolster economic activity and counter the headwinds faced by Ghana's economy, the Bank of Ghana (BoG) is expected to embark on an aggressive monetary easing cycle, according to a recent report by Fitch Solutions. The renowned financial research firm forecasts a substantial cut of 550 basis points (5.5%) in the benchmark interest rate by year-end 2024, bringing it down to 22%. This move comes amidst a backdrop of lackluster growth, fiscal consolidation efforts, and the need for stimulus measures to revive the economy. One key factor driving this expectation is the fall in the level of economic activity, easing of inflationary pressures which is expected to keep falling at an average of 17.1% throughout 2024. (Norvanreports)
- **BoG Act review will ensure clarity Governor:** The Bank of Ghana (BoG) Governor, Dr. Ernest Addison, has emphasized that the primary objective of the bank's stance on the new Bank of Ghana Act of 2002 (Act 612) is to guarantee clarity of the law. He pointed out that the current Act requires an amendment to address inconsistencies and challenges with its implementation; and to clarify measurement issues, procedural matters, and other related aspects to facilitate a smoother process. These comments come on the back of indications from the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) staff report that the Bank of Ghana Act will undergo revisions to strengthen the central bank's independence and mitigate government dominance in fiscal matters. According to the IMF, the amended Central Bank Act will introduce a stricter limit on monetary financing, mechanisms to monitor and enforce compliance, as well as a clear definition of emergency situations that would warrant a temporary lifting of the limit. (Business & Financial Times)





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