

Bora Research - Weekly Market Review (14 April '22)

WEEKLY MARKET HEADLINES

- Inflation jumps to 19.4% in March; highest rate since August 2009;** Foodstuffs such as Oil and Fats (28.2%), Water (27.1%), Cereal Products (25.0%), Vegetables (23.8%), Fish and Other Seafood (23.7%), Fruits and Nuts (22.1%), Soft Drinks (20.5%) and Live Animals and Meat (20.2%) recorded inflation rate higher than the national average. ([GSS](#))
- Foreign investor trades in equities market drops in March 2022;** According to the Ghana Stock Exchange's report for fund managers, foreign investors contributed 66% of equity market trades in 2022 compared to 87% for the same period in 2021.
- Business sentiment to remain fragile in the coming quarters – Fitch Solutions;** According to Fitch's Sub-Saharan African macroeconomic update, the introduction of the 1.5% E-Levy tax is expected to create headwinds on domestic demands with a direct effect on mobile money, consequently, causing a deceleration in private consumption growth this year. ([Fitch](#))

FIXED INCOME MARKET

- Short-term instruments edged higher, maintaining the upward trend observed in recent weeks.

Government of Ghana Treasury Bill Rates

Instrument	14 Apr 22	08 Apr 22	WoW	YTD
91-Day	16.33	15.74	▲ 3.74%	▲ 30.36%
182-Day	16.32	15.93	▲ 2.44%	▲ 23.50%
364-Day	18.85	18.27	▲ 3.16%	▲ 13.26%


Bora Purchase Rates for Clients


Instruments	Min. Yield (%)	Max. Yield (%)
Under 182 Days	20.00	20.00
Up to 1 Year	16.50	20.50
1-3 Years	20.00	20.00
Over 3 Years	20.75	21.40

EQUITIES MARKET

- The GSE Composite Index inched up marginally by ▲ 0.14% this week on the back of two (2) price gainers;
- Trading values and volumes were lower compared to the previous week's levels;
- ACCESS (▲ 9.57%; GH¢2.29) and SIC (▲ 8.33%; GH¢0.26) were the only price gainers, with no laggards for the week.

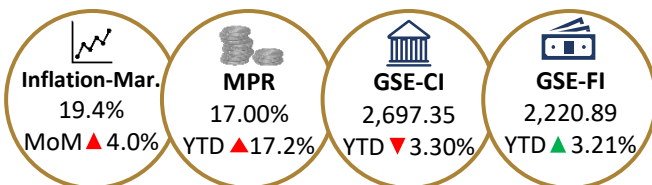
UPCOMING EVENTS

 E-levy implementation | 1st May, 2022

 RBGH Final dividend payment | 12th May, 2022

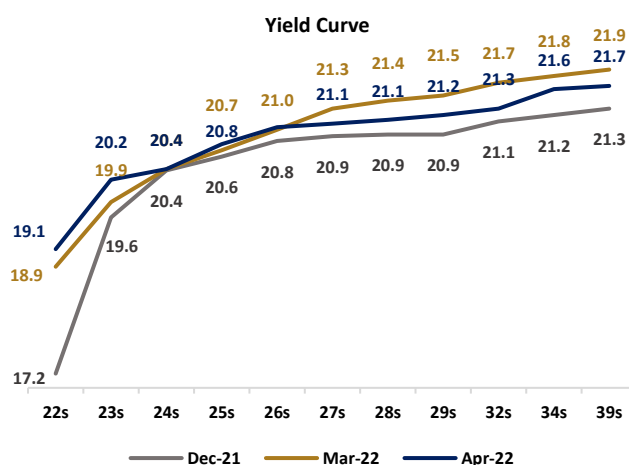
* **WoW** – week on week **MoM** – month on month **YTD** – year-to-date

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



TREASURY YIELD CURVE

Short-term yields on the secondary market saw marginal increases over the past week by an absolute average of about 0.1%. The medium and long-term end however remained stable.



COMMODITIES

- Brent crude oil prices increased this week as a large increase in U.S. crude inventories failed to soothe worries about tight global supply, with major oil traders expected to shun Russian barrels..



1,972.60 US\$/TOZ
WoW ▲ 1.62%
YTD ▲ 7.85%



109.93 US\$/B
WoW ▼ 8.43%
YTD ▲ 39.19%



1,760.00 GBP/T
WoW ▼ 0.28%
YTD ▲ 3.47%

CURRENCIES

\$ / ¢
7.5745
YTD ▼ 22.46%

£ / ¢
9.8692
YTD ▼ 18.09%

€ / ¢
8.1574
YTD ▼ 16.38%

Source: Bloomberg, xe.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The easiest way to manage your money is to take it one step at a time and not worry about being perfect." – Ramit Sethi