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Bora Research - Weekly Market Review (25 Nov 22)

WEEKLY MARKET HEADLINES

- Ghanaians to pay more for goods and services as VAT rate goes up by 2.5% in 2023; According to the Minister of Finance, the Government's intention to increase the VAT rate is expected to yield some GH¢2.70 billion. This amount will be used to augment funding for road infrastructure development. (2023 Budget)
- Investors concerned about an over 40% increase in Government expenditure for 2023; The 2023 budget read by the Finance Minister showed expenditure pegged at GH¢ 205.4 billion, which is more than 40% increase on 2022 expenditure values. This is despite Government's seeming priority to cut down on expenses. (2023 Budget)
- Government is considering a review of the Electronic transaction levy (E-levy) Act; The Government is set to reduce the rate of E-levy from 1.5% to 1.0%. As part of the review, the daily threshold will also be removed. (2023 Budget)

FIXED INCOME MARKET

• Treasury bill rates edged higher at this week's auction, maintaining their upward trend.

Government of Ghana Treasury Bill Rates (%)					
Instrument	25 Nov 22	18 Nov 22	WoW	YTD	
91-Day	35.54	35.20	۵.98% 🛦	1 83.76%	
182-Day	36.38	35.99	1.08%	1 75.35%	
364-Day	35.90		-	1 15.67%	

Bora Purchase Rates for Clients				
Instruments	Min. Yield (%)	Max. Yield (%)		
Under 182 Days	33.00	40.00		
Up to 1 Year	39.00	39.00		
1-3 Years	37.00	42.00		
Over 3 Years	-	-		

EQUITIES MARKET

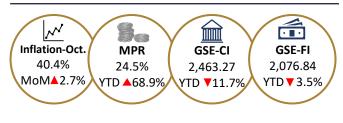
- The stock market inched up marginally by ▲ 0.02% as two gainers offset two laggards;
- Trading volumes were also higher compared to the previous week's levels;
- TBL (▲ 11.76%; GH¢0.76) was the highest price gainer whereas UNIL (▼ 9.98%; GH¢4.78).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MPC Press Conference | 28th Nov. 2022
- SOGEGH final dividend payment | 5th Dec. 2022
- TOTAL interim dividend payment | 15th Dec. 2022

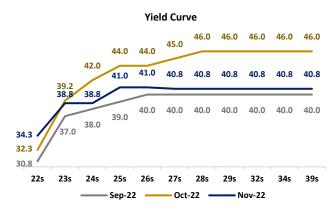
* WoW – week on week MoM – month on month YTD – year-to-date

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



TREASURY YIELD CURVE

Yields on the secondary market have retreated to an upward trend after two consecutive weeks of significant declines. The short and medium ends of the curve realized an absolute average of 1.5% increase in yields whiles the long end of the curve realized an absolute average increase of 0.7%.



COMMODITIES

 Brent Crude prices fell, registering a second weekly decline, pressured by concerns about weakening demand in China.



CURRENCIES



Source: Bloomberg, xe.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Your money mindset is like a parachute while you're skydiving. It can either save you or it can cost you your life." — David Angway

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