

Bora Research - Weekly Market Review (24-Mar-23)

WEEKLY MARKET HEADLINES

- **IMF calls on bilateral creditors to support Ghana's effort to restore debt sustainability;** While the IMF is engaging Ghanaian authorities on progress made on its request, they are also seeking assurances from Ghana's partners with regards to external debt restructuring. The IMF has indicated that this is necessary for Ghana before the country can present its programme request to the Executive Board for approval. ([CitiBusiness](#))
- **MTNGH shares hit a one-year high of GH¢1.30 per share;** The telecommunications giant has become the most traded stock on the Ghana Stock Exchange over the past three months, with volume of 168 million shares valued at over GH¢150million traded over the period. A volume high of 142million was registered today, 24th March. ([Bora Research](#))
- **Market eagerly awaits Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) rate decision on 27th March;** The market suspects that the MPC may face a challenging decision in setting the benchmark interest rate. This is on the back of the conflicting factors of high inflation and the Government's drive to reduce borrowing costs by lowering interest rates on Treasury bills. ([BFTOnline](#))

FIXED INCOME MARKET

- This week's auction saw the 91-day and the 182-day inching up slightly, after six straight weekly declines.

Government of Ghana Treasury Bill Rates (%)				
Instrument	24 Mar 23	17 Mar 23	WoW	YTD
91-Day	18.88	18.53	▲ 1.89%	▼ -47.06%
182-Day	21.44	21.27	▲ 0.79%	▼ -40.36%
364-Day	25.66			▼ -28.54%

Bora Purchase Rates for Clients		
Instruments	Min. Yield (%)	Max. Yield (%)
Under 182 Days	21.50	23.00

EQUITIES MARKET

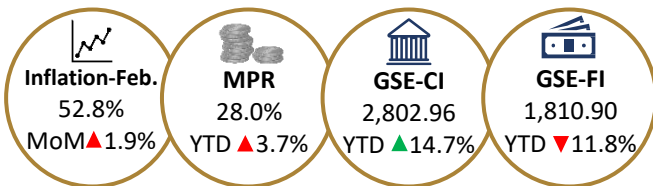
- The stock market edged up by ▲3.33% with gains in two equities outweighing two laggards;
- Trading volumes were higher compared to the previous week's levels;
- MTNGH (▲8.33%; GH¢1.30) was the biggest gainer while FML (▼16.67% ; GH¢1.50) led the laggards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 📅 MPC Press Conference | 27th March 2023
- 📅 Conclusion of IMF negotiations | March 2023

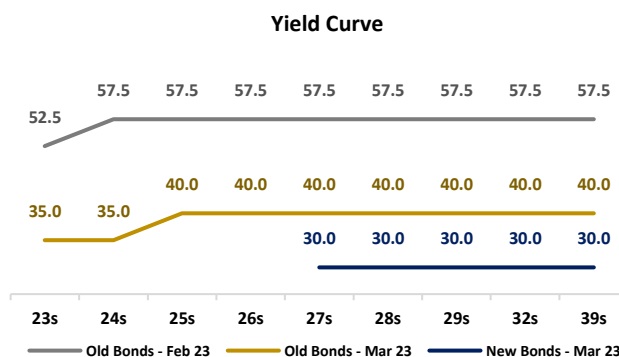
* WoW – week on week MoM – month on month YTD – year-to-date

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



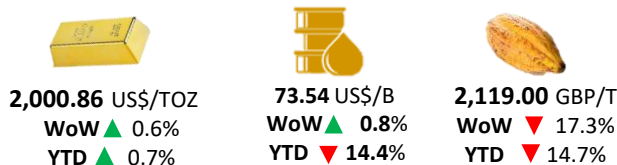
TREASURY YIELD CURVE

- The yields on the old bonds, after realizing about 15% absolute decline in the middle of the month, remained relatively stable during the week under review. The new bonds are however experiencing an improvement in trade volumes.



COMMODITIES

- Oil prices made gains at the end of the week despite the U.S. Energy Secretary indicating that refilling the country's Strategic Petroleum Reserves (SPR) may take several years.



CURRENCIES



Source: Bloomberg, xe.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I believe that the root cause of every financial crisis, the root cause, is flawed government policies." — **Henry Paulson**