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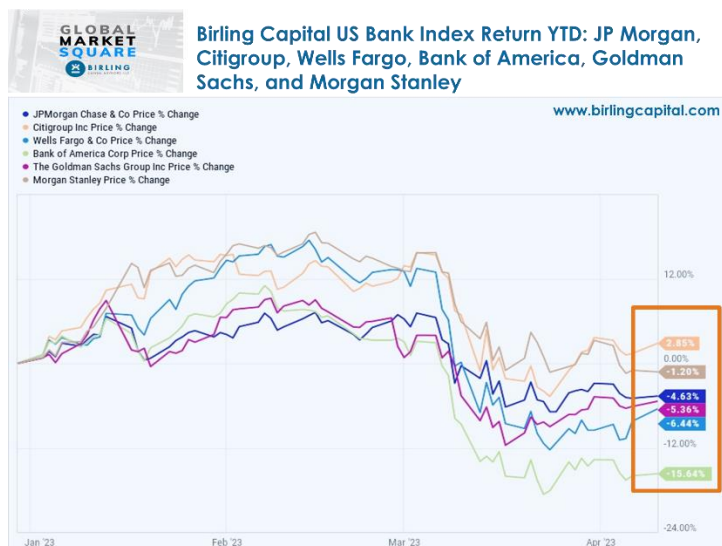
To Report First Quarter 2023 Results, Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index & Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index Banks

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Components of the Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index reporting results:

The Birling U.S. Bank Index constituents include the top 6 U.S. banks reporting their Q1 2023 results as follows:

1. **JP Morgan Chase (JPM):** reports its results on April 14, with a price target of \$152.40 and an earnings per share estimate of \$3.40.
2. **Citigroup (C):** reports its results on April 14, with a price target of \$55.33 and an earnings per share estimate of \$1.71.
3. **Wells Fargo (WFC):** reports its results on April 14, with a price target of \$49.76 and an earnings per share estimate of \$1.18.
4. **Bank of America (BAC):** reports its results on April 18, with a price target of \$36.63 and an earnings per share estimate of \$0.80.
5. **Goldman Sachs (G.S.):** reports its results on April 18, with a price target of \$391.14 and an earnings per share estimate of \$8.53.
6. **Morgan Stanley (M.S.):** reports its results on April 19, with a price target of \$99.65 and an earnings per share estimate of \$1.70.



Watch out for **First Republic Bank (FRC)**: it releases its results on April 14, with a price target of \$82.38 and an earnings per share estimate of \$0.50.

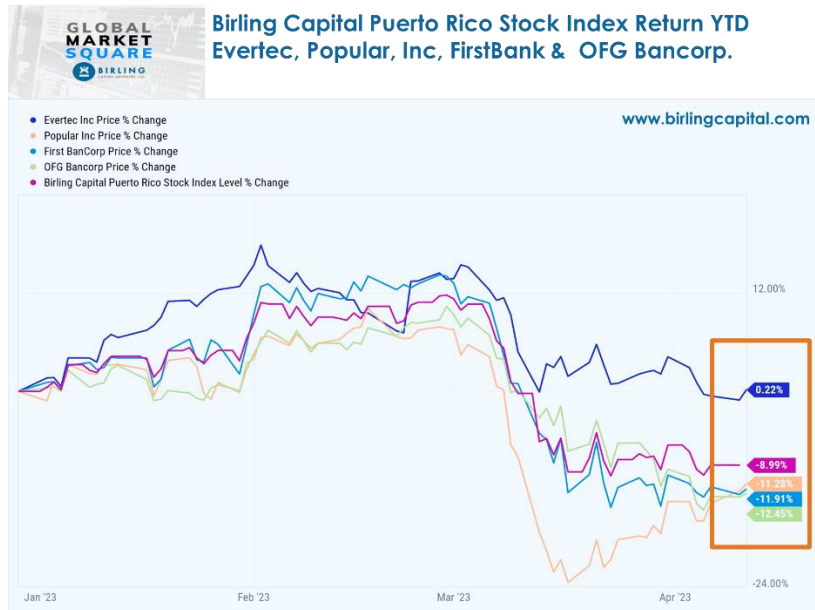
The Bank saw its shares fall on February 2 from \$147.00 to \$14.16 on April 10, a decline of 88.36%. The Bank had \$4.180 billion in unrealized losses on its securities held to maturity at the end of 2022. These losses only count as actual losses once they are sold. The Bank engaged JP Morgan Chase and Lazard to explore various options to restore stability.

Components of the Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index that will report their results:

The Puerto Rico public companies will report their 1Q23 earnings as follows:

1. **OFG Bancorp (OFG)**: reports results on April 20, 2023, with a share price target of \$32.75 and an earnings per share estimate of \$0.8625.
2. **First BanCorp (FBP)**: reports its results on April 25, 2023, with a price target of \$14.90 and an earnings per share estimate of \$0.35.
3. **Popular, Inc. (BPOP)**: reports its results on April 26, 2023, with a price target of \$73.00 and an earnings per share estimate of \$2.35.
4. **Evertec (EVTC)**: reports its results on April 28, 2023, with a price target of \$36.20 and an earnings per share estimate of \$0.60.

On a side note, Popular, Inc (BPOP) shares were upgraded since Keefe Bruyette & Woods Investment Bank upgraded the stock to outperform.



For the banking sector, we will examine deposit outflows or growth, unrealized losses on securities and loan portfolios, and all key metrics.

Broader Outlook

The recent turmoil in the banking sector following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank has made some wonder about the broader outlook for U.S. economic growth this year. We continue to monitor the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta **GDPNow Forecast**, and the latest GDPNow for the first quarter of 2023 was updated on 4/10/23, increasing to 2.20% GDP from 1.50% GDP.

Date	GDPNow 1Q23	Change
1/27/2023	0.70%	Initial Forecast
2/1/2023	2.10%	66.67%
2/8/2023	2.20%	4.55%
2/15/2023	2.40%	8.33%
2/16/2023	2.50%	4.00%
2/24/2023	2.70%	7.41%
2/27/2023	2.80%	3.57%
3/1/2023	2.30%	-21.74%
3/7/2023	2.00%	-15.00%
3/8/2023	2.60%	23.08%
3/15/2023	3.20%	18.75%
3/16/2023	1.50%	-113.33%
3/24/2023	3.20%	53.13%
3/31/2023	2.50%	-28.00%
4/3/2023	1.70%	-47.06%
4/5/2023	1.50%	-13.33%
4/10/2023	2.20%	31.82%

Also, the latest **Inflation Nowcasting from the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland** continues to predict lower inflation but is still too high for the Fed to pause; the forecast is as follows:

Month	CPI	Core CPI	PCE	Core PCE
March	5.22%	5.66%	4.29%	4.60%

The Fed will continue increasing rates since inflation numbers are still too high, some 150% over the Fed's inflation target of 2%. Even though the most recent PCE Price Index fell to 5.00%, it is far from the Fed's inflation target.

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