

GLOBAL MARKET SQUARE



Puerto Rico's public companies show a spectacular recovery, ranking #1 Popular, #3 FirstBank, #4 Evertec, and #8 Oriental against the Top U.S. Banks, and Wall Street closed up.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed the session mostly with gains as investors pondered the following markets' move in terms of CPI, Interest Rates, and Economic Growth; to that end, the GDPNow forecast reported today a 2.20% GDP for the second quarter, and Birling Capital has lowered its recession probability to 25% as the U.S. growth continues to outperform expectations and the labor market remains robust even as some cracks begin to appear. Should the trend continue, it will shift investor sentiment; with a debt-ceiling deal reached, and GDP growth remains strong, investors on the sidelines may enter the markets, while those in may change focus to riskier and more cyclical asset classes.

While inflation may be subsiding Globally, it remains a challenging problem as the Central Banks of Canada and Australia raised rates pointing to high inflationary pressures. Some international investors may be concerned with these rate hikes as bond yields rise, as a result.

As the Bank's Crisis of Confidence disappears, we looked at how the Top 6 Banks in the U.S. have performed against the Top 3 Banks of Puerto Rico; the results are fascinating.

The 10 Birling Capital PR Stock Index and Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index stocks have performed since the height of the crisis on March 24, 2023, through June 7, 2023, and rank them by performance:

1. Popular, Inc. had a yield of 17.53%.
2. Wells Fargo & Co. had a yield of 16.12%.
3. Firstbank Corp. had a yield of 16.03%.
4. Evertec, Inc. had a yield of 13.15%.
5. JP Morgan Chase had a yield of 12.63%.
6. Citigroup had a yield of 11.37%.
7. Bank of America had a yield of 8.62%.
8. OFG Bancorp. had a yield of 8.60%.
9. Goldman Sachs had a return of 7.42%.
10. Morgan Stanley had a yield of 3.04%.

In conclusion, Puerto Rico's public companies show a spectacular recovery, ranking #1 Popular, #3 FirstBank, #4 Evertec, and #8 Oriental.

The crisis of confidence was nothing more than that, a lack of confidence in some banks that spread like wildfire among the world's economies; we have said it before, and we will say it again, investing in difficult times can be highly profitable if you know how to choose your investments wisely.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the second quarter of 2023 was updated on 6/8/23, unchanged at 2.20% GDP from 2.20%.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance:** rose to 261,000, up from 233,000 last week, increasing 12.02%.
- **U.S. Wholesale Inventories MoM:** are at -0.10%, compared to -0.23% last month.
- **30-Year Mortgage Rate:** rose to 6.79%, compared to 6.57% last week.
- **China Inflation Rate:** fell to 0.10%, compared to 0.70% last month.
- **China Producer Price Index YoY:** fell to -3.60%, compared to -2.50% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600** closed at 460.87, up 0.070 points or 0.015%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,599.74, down 24.60 points or 0.32%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 15,989.96, up 29.40 points or 0.18%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 33,833.61, up 168.59 or 0.50%.
- **S&P 500** closed at 4,293.93, up 26.41 points or 0.62%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 13,238.52, up 133.63 points or 1.02%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 2,646.82, up 64.93 points or 2.51%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 3,752.52, up 54.83 points or 1.48%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note** closed at 3.73%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note** closed at 4.52%.



US Unemployment Claims rose to 261,000 a 12.02% rise.

- US Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance
- US Job Openings: Total Nonfarm
- US Unemployed Persons: Job Seeker





30-year Mortgage Rate, US Wholesale Inventories, China Inflation & China PPI

- 30 Year Mortgage Rate
- US Wholesale Inventories MoM
- China Inflation Rate
- China Producer Price Index YoY





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