

Giant Retailer's corporate earnings are on deck, Debt Ceiling Negotiations resume, and Wall Street with gains.

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The U.S. and European stock markets opened the week with mixed results as investors debate the ongoing debt ceiling negotiations and the corporate earnings results from big-name retailers Home Depot, Target, and Wal Mart, among others that report earnings beginning tomorrow.

As we had mentioned last week, the Ongoing U.S. Debt Ceiling meeting will continue this Tuesday between President Biden, Speaker McCarthy, and the rest of the Congressional leadership, and this meeting substitutes the one that was postponed last Friday. However, staff members from all sides have continued to meet. President Biden said, and we quote, **"I really think there's a desire on their part as well as ours to reach an agreement, and I think we'll be able to do it"**.

Lastly, as the Corporate Earnings Parade comes to a close as the Retail giants are reporting their respective earnings as follows:

- 5/16 The Home Depot
- 5/17 Target
- 5/18 Wal Mart

So far, some 92% of companies have reported earnings, and north of 78% have beaten forecasts, representing a rise of 6.41% higher than the long-term rate of 73%. As positive as that sounds, the overall earnings growth for the quarter is 2.5% less than the historical numbers but higher than the analyst's expectations of a negative -7.0% growth rate.

Finally, the results during the week of the giant retailers and the Retail Sales report due May 16 provide a solid view of the health of the U.S. consumer.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** fell to \$3.644, down from \$3.711 last week, decreasing -1.81%.
- **Canada Wholesale Sales MoM:** rose to 45.97%, compared to -1.41% last month.
- **Eurozone Industrial Production Index YoY:** fell to -1.50%, compared to 2.00% last month.
- **Eurozone Industrial Production Index MoM:** fell to -4.10%, compared to 1.50% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 466.55, down 1.06 points or 0.23%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,777.70, up 23.08 points or 0.30%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,917.24, up 3.42 points or 0.021%.

Wall Street Summary:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 33,348.60, up 47.98 or 0.14%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,136.28, up 12.20 points or 0.30%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 12,365.21, up 80.47 points or 0.66%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index closed at 2,282.61, down 1.49 points or 0.07%.
- Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index closed at 3,503.81, down 39.76 points or 1.12%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.50%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 3.99%.



US Retail Gas Price, Canada Wholesale Sales, Eurozone Industrial Production Index

- US Retail Gas Price (I:USRGP)
- Canada Wholesale Sales MoM (I:CWSMM)
- Eurozone Industrial Production Index YoY (I:ECIPN0K1)
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