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The Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index became the only index with a positive year-to-date return at 0.71%, and Wall Street closed with gains.

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The U.S. and European Stock markets added more gains to begin the week. Even the news of China's weaker-than-expected economic data forced the nation to lower its key lending rate to promote economic growth as the global powerhouse was close to economic contraction due to a series of COVID-19 lockdowns and complex property crises.

The People's Bank of China lowered its medium-term lending rate for one-year banking system loans by ten basis points to 2.75%.

Among the weaker-than-expected data include:

- A 19.9% increase in youth unemployment
- Lower Industrial production of 3.8%, below the consensus estimates of 4.6%.
- Retail Sales Grew 2.7%, well below the consensus estimates of 5%.

Finally, we must highlight that since the third quarter of 2022 began, the market has staged a rally of significant proportions.

From June 30, 2022, to August 15, 2022, these are the numbers:

- Dow Jones rose 3,137.20 points with a return of 10.19%.
- S&P 500 rose 511.76 points with a return of 13.52%.
- Nasdaq Composite rose 2,099.71 points with a return of 19.03%.
- Birling Puerto Rico Stock index climbed 301.52 points with a return of 11.61%.

The rise since June 30 has allowed most investors to recuperate a significant part of the losses so far in the year. While the indices still have an overall negative return year to date, in our view, we predict that the markets will end the year with positive returns.

**When Reviewed with their year-to-date returns, these are the results:**

- Dow Jones has a 6.68% YTD Return.
- S&P 500 has a -9.84% YTD Return,
- Nasdaq Composite has a -16.49% YTD Return.
- Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index has a 0.71% YTD Return.

So far, the only index with a positive year-to-date return is the Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index with 0.71%, not significant but positive.

However, we expect increased volatility, particularly in September and October, with some peaks and valleys along the way, principally driven by the Federal Reserve bank's interest rate increases.

### Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** fell to \$4.151, down from \$4.304 last week down -3.55% from last week.
- **N.A.H.B./Wells Fargo US Housing Market Index:** fell to 55.00, down from 67.00 last month, decreasing -17.91%.
- **Canada Manufacturing Shipments:** fell to 71.83 billion, down from 72.42 billion last month, a slight decrease of -0.81%.
- **Canada Wholesale Sales MoM:** fell to 0.11%, compared to 0.87% last month.

### Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update August 15:

- Daily Cases: 525, down 5.74%.
- Positivity Rate: 31.29%, down 3.98%.
- Hospitalizations: 355, down 9.43%.
- Deaths: 1, down 91.66%.
- Source Puerto Rico Department of Health.

### Eurozone Summary for August 15:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 442,35, up 1.48 points or 0.34%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,509.15, up 8.26 points or 0.11%.
- Dax Index closed at 13,816.61, up 20.76 points or 0.15%.

### Wall Street Summary for August 15:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 33,761.05, up 151.39 points or 0.45%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,297.14, up 16.99 points or 0.40%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 13,128.05, up 80.87 points or 0.62%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,899.64, up 51.85 points or 1.82%.
- The U.S.U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 2.79%.
- The U.S.U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 3.20%.



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<b>Market Close Comparison</b>	<b>8/15/22</b>	<b>6/30/22</b>	<b>Return</b>	<b>YTD Retun</b>
<b>Dow Jones Industrial Average</b>	<b>33,912.63</b>	<b>30,775.43</b>	<b>10.19%</b>	<b>-6.68%</b>
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>4,297.14</b>	<b>3,785.38</b>	<b>13.52%</b>	<b>-9.84%</b>
<b>Nasdaq Composite</b>	<b>13,128.05</b>	<b>11,028.74</b>	<b>19.03%</b>	<b>-16.09%</b>
<b>Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index</b>	<b>2,899.64</b>	<b>2,598.12</b>	<b>11.61%</b>	<b>0.71%</b>
<b>U.S. Treasury 10-Year Note</b>	<b>2.79%</b>	<b>2.83%</b>	<b>-1.41%</b>	<b>1.30%</b>
<b>U.S. Treasury 2-Year Note</b>	<b>3.29%</b>	<b>3.24%</b>	<b>1.54%</b>	<b>1.20%</b>





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