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The U.S Consumer Price Index beats estimates at 3.18%, and Core CPI falls to 4.70%; Wall Street closed higher.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed with gains today as the U.S. Consumer Price Index reading beat the Inflation NowCasting and Economist Consensus estimates with a 3.18% reading; the Inflation NowCast has a projection of 3.42% CPI, and the Economists Consensus estimate had an estimate of 3.30%, which means it beat the Inflation NowCast by 7.01% and the Economist Consensus estimates by 3.63%. However, the CPI rose from last month's 2.97% as housing was by far the most significant contributor increase, with a rise of over 90%.

Meanwhile, the core CPI fell to 4.7%, below last month's 4.8% reading and ahead of the Inflation Nowcast projection of 4.92%, meeting the Economist Consensus estimate of 4.70%. As the U.S. inflation number continues to move in the right direction, investors expect the Fed to remain on pause with no rate increases for the rest of the year, and We have to wait until the September meeting to find out who is correct.

Today the Unemployment Claims rose by 9.25% to 248,000, evidencing that labor markets are softening; even thou the unemployment claims data remain low overall, the trend shows a rise when compared to last year's 212,660 average to this year's 231,645, an 8.92% rise. What remains to be seen is how the unemployment rate will evolve from the current historical low of 3.60% in this cycle.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Consumer Price Index YoY:** rose to 3.18%, compared to 2.97% last month.
- **U.S. Core Consumer Price Index YoY:** fell to 4.70%, compared to 4.86% last month.
- **U.S. Inflation Rate:** rose to 3.18%, compared to 2.97% last month.
- **U.S. Initial Claims for Unemployment:** rose to 248,000, up from 227,000 last week, increasing 9.25%.
- **30-Year Mortgage Rate:** rose to 6.96%, compared to 6.90% last week.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600** closed at 464.14, up 3.56 points or 0.77%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,618.60, up 31.30 points or 0.41%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 15,996.52, up 143.94 points or 0.91%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 35,176.15, up 52.79 points or 0.15%.
- **S&P 500 c**losed at 4,468.83, up 1.12 points or 0.03%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 13,737.98, up 15.97 points or 0.12%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 3,010.07, down 31.96 points or 1.05%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 3,924.94, down 56.14 points or 1.43%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note** closed at 4.09%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note** closed at 4.82%.

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CPI Forecasts Versus Actual

Month	Source	CPI	Core CPI
July	Inflation Nowcast	3.42%	4.92%
July	Economic Consensus	3.30%	4.70%
July-Actual	Bureau of Labor Statistics	3.18%	4.70%

US Consumer Price Index, US Core CPI & US Inflation Rate

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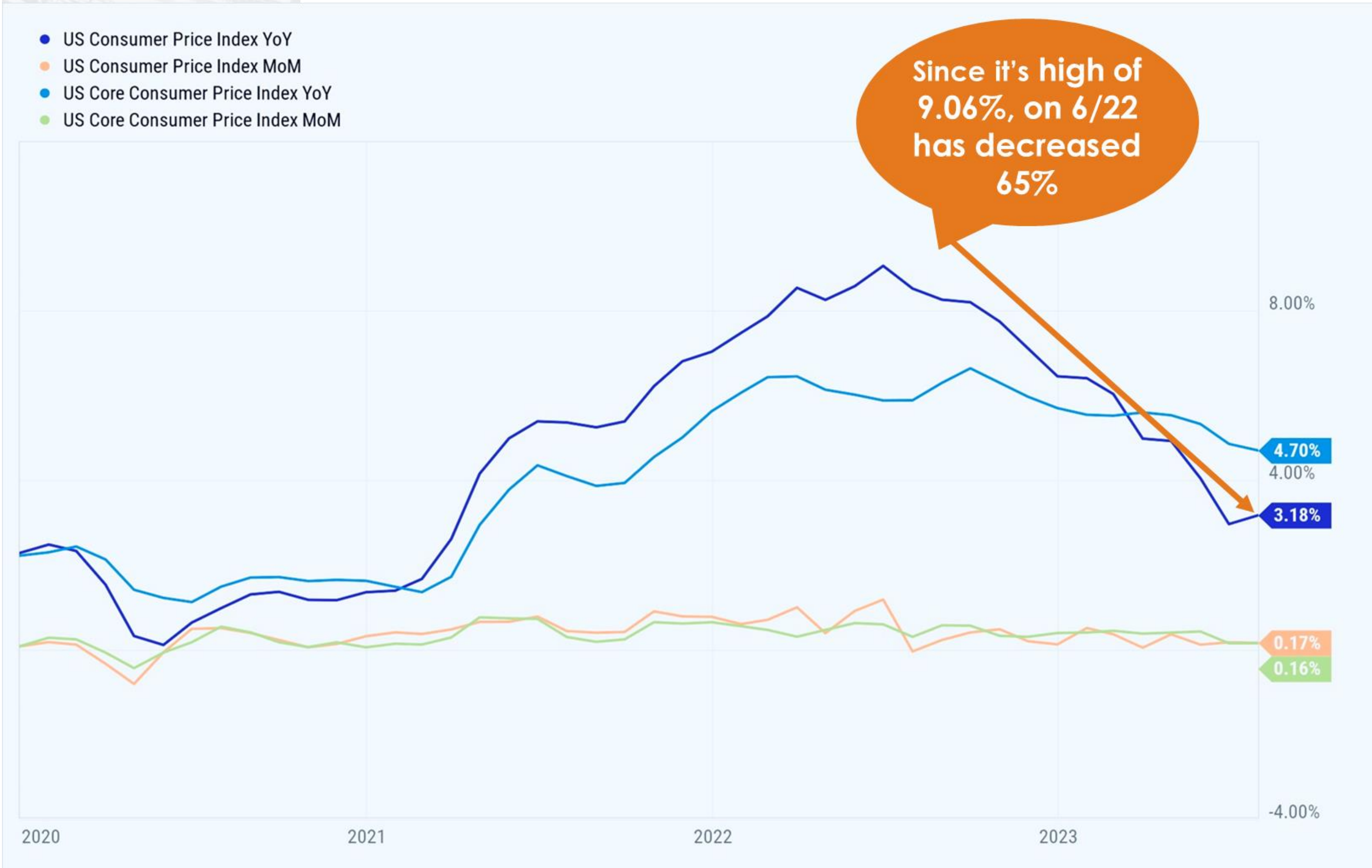

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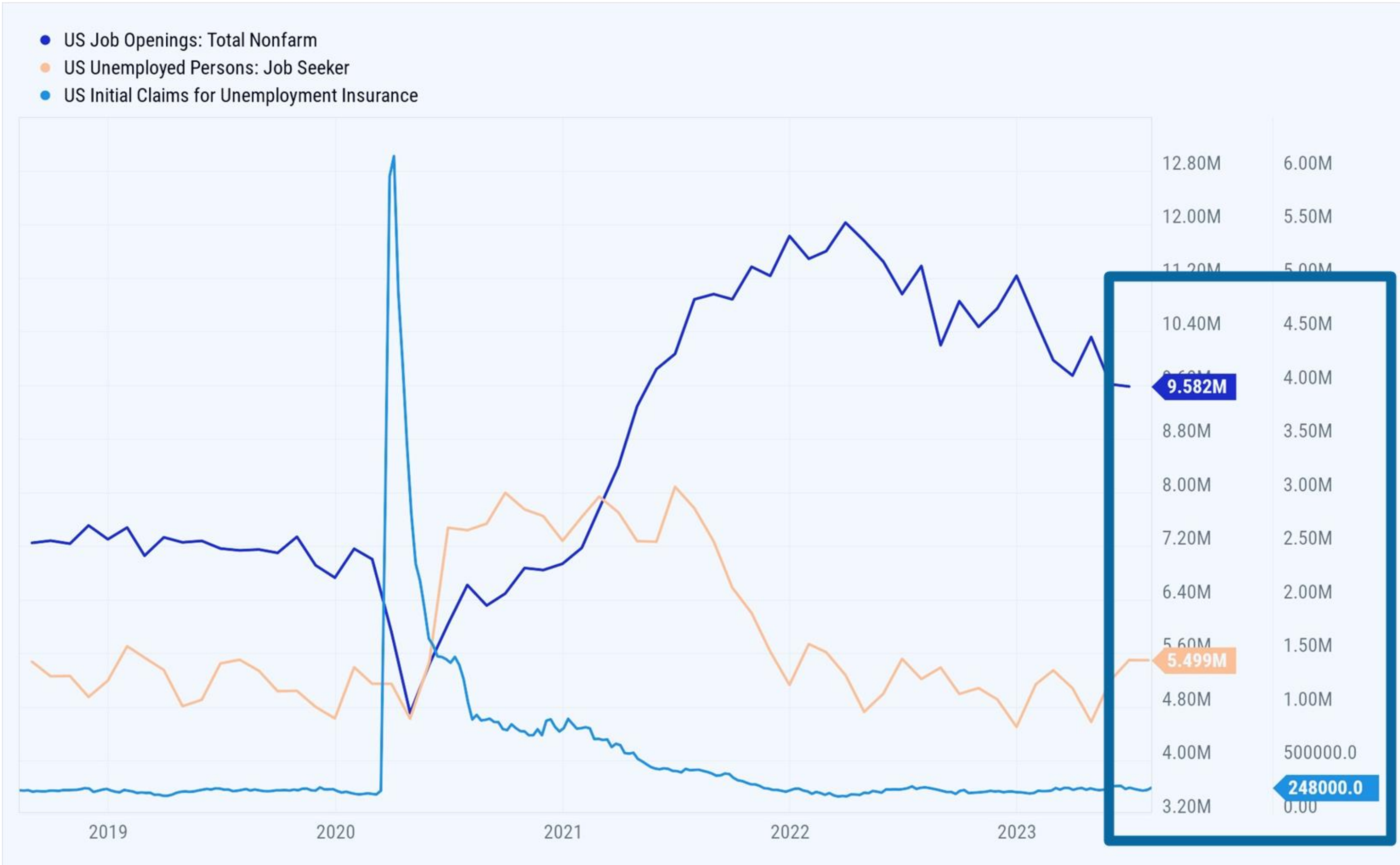

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