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Markets See-Saw Continues with the Dow Jones rising 1,016.57 points as Wall Street Edges Higher with Financials Leading, and Investors Focus on Earnings.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed with gains, led by financial stocks signaling a renewed appetite for risk. The Dow Jones snapped a four-day losing streak, rising 1,016.57 points, the Nasdaq Composite climbed 429.52 points, and the S&P 500 rose 129.56 points. Asian indices closed mixed, while European markets are trending higher following the release of a new European Central Bank survey indicating heightened inflation expectations and slower growth ahead, primarily attributed to the impact of tariffs.

Treasury yields are easing, with the benchmark 10-year yield dipping to 4.41%, offering further support to equities. WTI crude is modestly higher at \$63.43 in the commodity space, staging a minor rebound after recent sharp declines.

Spotlight on Earnings: Magnificent Seven in Focus

Investor attention is shifting toward corporate earnings, particularly from the often-called Magnificent Seven. Tesla is set to report its first-quarter results after today's market close, with Alphabet following on Thursday. So far, the Q1 earnings season has gotten off to a strong start—16% of S&P 500 constituents have reported, with 76% surpassing analyst expectations and average earnings beat of 6.1%.

Despite a downward revision in first-quarter earnings growth forecasts to 6.9%, the breadth of earnings strength is notable. Seven of eleven sectors are projected to post year-over-year growth, while sectors expected to show earnings declines represent only about 14% of the S&P 500's total market cap*. This suggests a more balanced performance across sectors, reinforcing the importance of portfolio diversification.

Economic Data Ahead: PMI Reports in Focus

Preliminary April readings for the S&P Global U.S. Purchasing Managers' Indexes (PMIs) are due Wednesday. The Flash Services PMI is projected to ease to 52.5, down from 54.4 in March*, while the Manufacturing PMI is expected to slip below the expansion threshold to 48.7, from 50.2 previously*.

Even with a potential dip in manufacturing, continued service strength—a larger share of the U.S. economy—should help sustain overall growth. If confirmed, the data would align with the current narrative of a gradually slowing but still resilient economy supported by a strong labor market and steady consumer demand.

Economic Update:

- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** fell to \$3.295, down from \$3.37 last week, down -2.23%.
- **Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index:** fell -13.00, down from -4.000 last month.
- **Eurozone Consumer Confidence Indicator:** fell -14.50, down from -13.60 last month.
- **Eurozone Economic Sentiment Indicator:** fell to 95.20, down from 96.30 last month, down -1.14%.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600:** Closed at 507.71, up 1.29 points or 0.25%.
- **FTSE 100:** Closed at 8,328.53, up 52.94 or 0.64%.
- **DAX Index:** Closed at 21,293.53, up 87.67 or 0.41%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average:** closed at 39,186.98, up 1,016.57 points or 2.66%.
- **S&P 500:** closed at 5,287.76, up 129.56 points or 2.51%.
- **Nasdaq Composite:** closed at 16,300.42, up 429.52 points or 2.71%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index:** closed at 3,341.48, down 37.56 points or 1.11%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index:** closed at 5,594.31, down 83.62 points or 1.47%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note:** closed at 4.41%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note:** closed at 3.76%.



US Retail Gas Price & Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index





Eurozone Economic Sentiment & Eurozone Consumer Confidence





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