

GLOBAL MARKET SQUARE



Russia's alleged troop retreat was taken as a positive sign by investors, also the Producer Price Index fell by 1.73%, the second consecutive monthly drop, and Wall Street Closes with gains.

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The U.S. & European stock markets closed markedly higher today as investors took as positive that Russia announced that it was retreating some soldiers to their bases in Russia, reducing the concerns over an invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Russian president Putin has informed that he is prepared to begin negotiations on several issues, including nuclear missile forces and NATO injustices that include never allowing Ukraine to become a member of NATO. In Europe, all the indices closed higher. The big winner was the Dax Index with 1.76%, the Stoxx 600 at 1.34%, and the FTSE at 1.09%. Meanwhile, in the U.S., the Nasdaq Composite lead the pack gaining 2.30%, the S&P 500 1.46%, and the Dow Jones 1.12%.

Key economic data:

- U.S. Producer Price Index YoY: fell to 9.65%, compared to 9.82% last month. Falling 1.73%, the second reduction after ten months of increases.
- U.S. Core Producer Price Index YoY: fell to 8.30%, compared to 8.48% last month.
- U.K. Average Weekly Earnings: rose to 4.30%, compared to 4.20% last month.
- UK ILO Unemployment Rate: fell to 4.10%, compared to 4.20% last month.
- Japan Industrial Production Index MoM: fell to -1.03%, compared to 7.03% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Daily Update:

- New Cases: 185
- Positivity Rate: 8.91%
- Puerto Rico Vaccination Rate: 84.5%
- Total Hospitalizations: 187
- Deaths: 15
- Source: Puerto Rico Department of Health

Eurozone Summary for February 15:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 467.22, up 6.26 points or 1.34%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,608.92, up 77.33 or 1.09%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,380.66, up 266.69 points or 1.76%.

Wall Street summary for February 15:

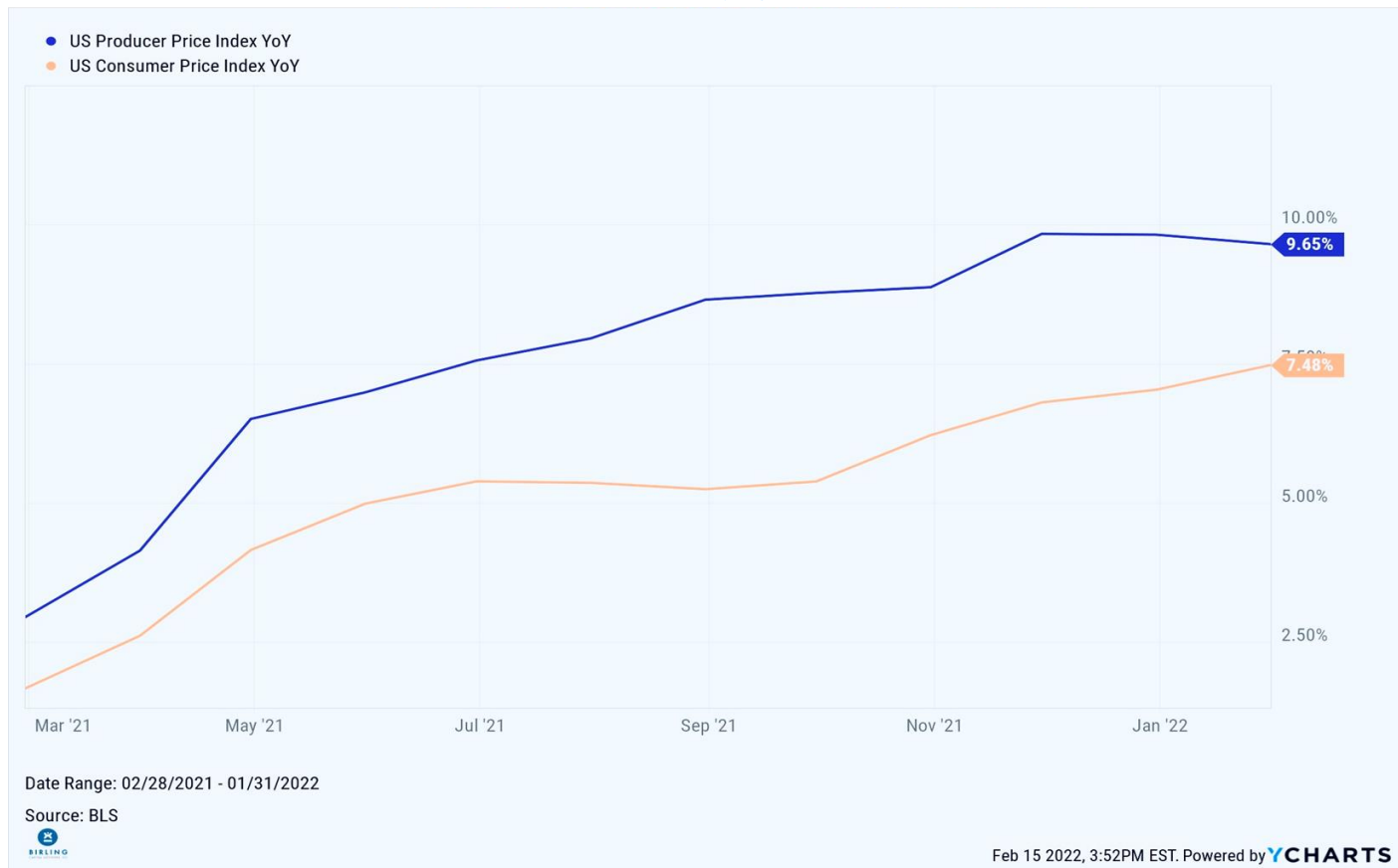
- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 34,988.84, up 422.67 points or 1.22%.
- Standard & Poor's 500 closed at 4,471.65, up 69.38 or 1.58%.
- Nasdaq Composite Index closed at 14,139.76, up 348.84 points, or 2.53%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index closed at 2,939.70, down 19.51 points, or 0.66%.



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Producer Price Index & Consumer Price Index



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