

## Investors push stock and bonds higher predicting rates have peaked and Wall Street closed higher.

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The U.S. & European stock markets closed with gains fueled by investors that drove both stocks and bonds higher on the premise that interest rates are near their peak levels both in the U.S. and the Eurozone.

Additionally, the Meta Platforms earnings beat developed into a tech-driven market rally that allowed the Nasdaq Composite to ride up 3.25% and the S&P 500 to rise 1.47%; the outlier was the Dow Jones that closed down 0.11%. With close to 46% of S&P 500 companies already reporting earnings for the 4Q22, results have been mixed, but in our view, better than most had expected.

In the U.S., Fed Chair Powell stated, "disinflationary process has started", the statement gave the markets a broad positive sentiment.

### Corporate Earnings Parade:

- **Meta Platforms (META):** reported its 4Q2022 earnings with revenues of \$32.165 billion, down 4%, and a net income of \$4.592 billion, down 55%, which beat estimates. The full-year 2022 Revenues reached \$116.60 billion, down 1%, and net income of \$39.370 billion, down 41%. The Stock Price Target was \$158.809, and the investors surpassed it, as the stock closed today at \$188.77, up \$35.65 or 23.28%.
- **Amazon (AMZN):** reported its 4Q2022 earnings with revenues of \$149.2 billion, up 9%, and a net income of \$278 million, which beat estimates. The full-year 2022 Revenues reached \$513.983 billion, up 9.85%, and a net loss of (\$2,722) billion. The stock closed today at \$112.65, up \$7.50 or 7.13%, and The Stock Price Target is \$135.61

### Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance:** fell to 183,000, down from 186,000 last week, down -1.61%.
- **U.S. Durable Goods New Orders MoM:** rose to 5.59%, compared to -1.80% last month.
- **U.S. Productivity:** rose to 3.00%, compared to 1.40%.
- **30-Year Mortgage Rate:** fell to 6.09%, compared to 6.13% last week.
- **Canada Building Permits MoM:** fell to -7.26%, compared to 14.88% last month.
- **Germany Exports MoM:** fell to -6.30%, compared to 0.10% last month.
- **Germany Trade Balance:** fell to 10.00 billion, down from 10.90 billion last month to -8.26%.
- **Bank of England Bank Rate:** increased to 4.00%, compared to 3.50% yesterday.

## **Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update February 2:**

- Daily Cases: 154
- Positivity Rate: 17.65%
- Hospitalizations: 156
- Deaths: 6
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

## **Eurozone Summary for February 2:**

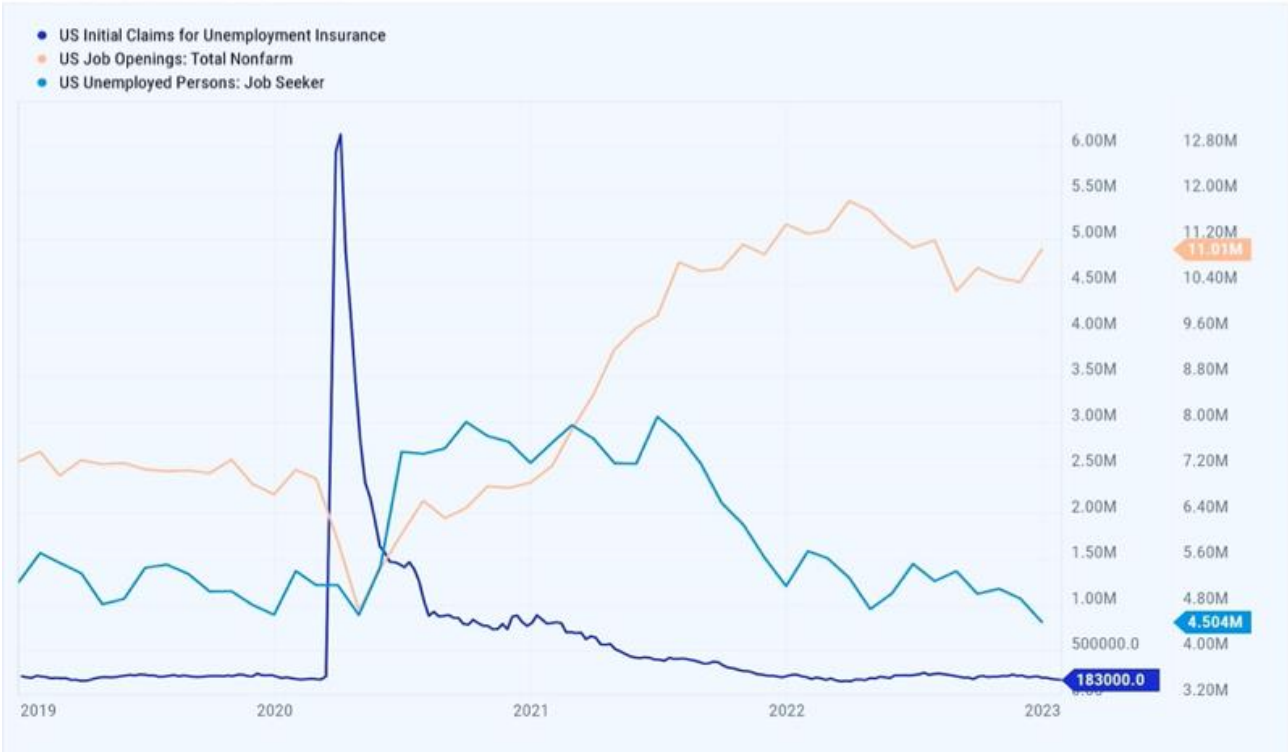
- Stoxx 600 closed at 459.20, up 6.11 points or 1.35%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,820.16, up 59.05 points or 0.76%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,509.19, up 328.45 points or 2.16%.

## **Wall Street Summary for February 2:**

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 34,052.94, down 39.02 points or 0.11%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,179.76, up 60.55 points or 1.47%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 12,200.82, up 384.50 points or 3.25%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,731.08, up 46.20 points or 1.73%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.40%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.09%.



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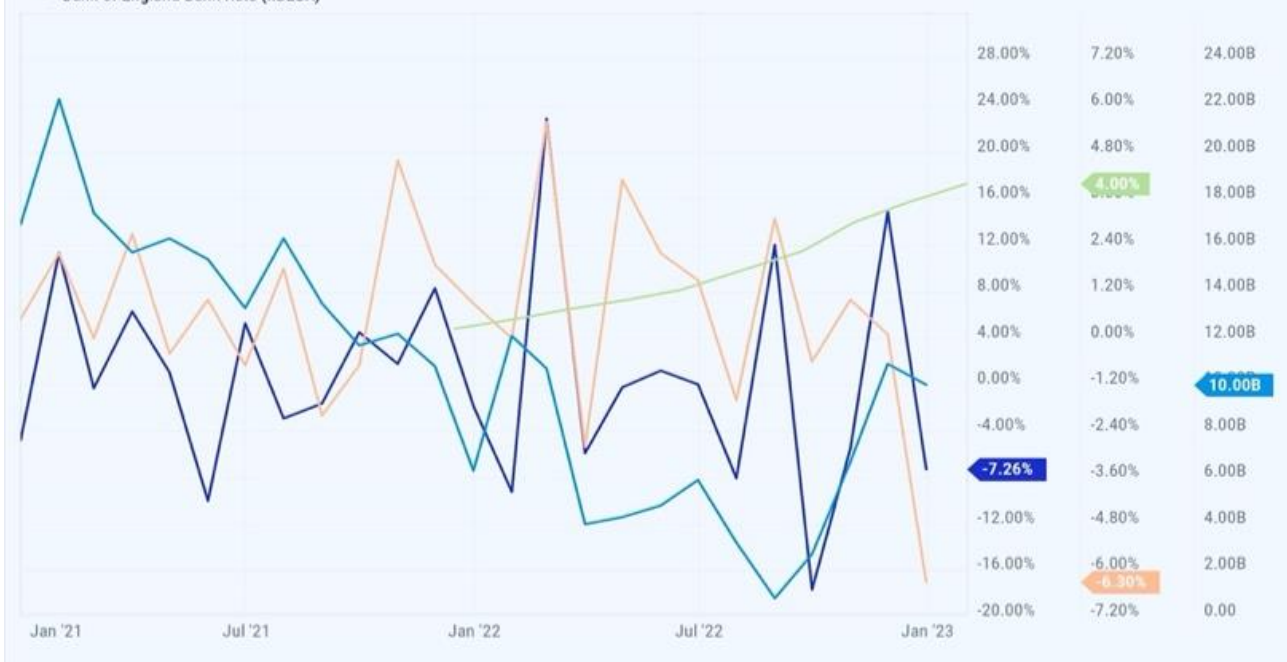


# US Durable Goods, US Productivity & 30-Year Mortgage Rate



## Canada Building Permits, Germany Exports, Germany Trade Balance & Bank of England Bank Rate

- Canada Building Permits MoM (I:CBPMM)
- Germany Exports MoM (I:GCEM)
- Germany Trade Balance (I:GTBSM)
- Bank of England Bank Rate (I:BEER)



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