

The U.S. Consumer Price Index rises to 7.04%, the most significant increase since 1982, Wall Street closes mostly with gains.

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The U.S. & European stock markets mainly closed with gains, except for the Dow Jones, as investors are absorbing the most significant U.S. consumer price index increase in 40 years.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 7.04%, up from 6.81% the previous month, the most significant rise since June 1982. The market had expected mainly this increase, so it was not a surprise for most. On the flip side, Federal Reserve Chairman Powell told a Senate panel that to control inflation during a period in which the U.S. economy has largely recovered, the Fed must raise rates during 2022. Birling Capital has predicted that at least 3-4 interest rate increases will occur during the year.

On corporate earnings, this coming Friday, the fourth-quarter earnings parade begins with three of the seven largest U.S. banks, JPMorgan, Citi, and Wells Fargo, which all will release 4Q21 earnings before the market opens.

Key Economic Data:

- U.S. Consumer Price Index YoY: rose to 7.04%, compared to 6.81% last month.
- U.S. Core Consumer Price Index YoY: rose to 5.49%, compared to 4.96% last month.
- Eurozone Industrial Production Index YoY: fell to -1.50%, compared to 0.20% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Daily Update:

- New Cases: 1,842 on average per day, falling 17.73% from yesterday.
- Total Cases from 12/13/21 to 1/11/22: 67,543
- Positivity Rate: 36.79%, decreasing 4.93% from yesterday.
- Puerto Rico Vaccination Rate: 81.2%
- New Tests: 6,235 average per day.
- Total Adults Hospitalization's: 773, rising 7.81% since yesterday.
- Total Children Hospitalizations: 100, rising 14.94% since yesterday.
- Total Hospitalizations: 873, rising 8.58% since yesterday.

Eurozone Summary for January 12:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 486.18, up 3.10 points or 0.64%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,551.72, up 60.35 or 0.81%.
- Dax Index closed at 16,010.32, up 68.51 points or 0.43%.

Wall Street summary for January 12:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 36,290.32, up 38.30 points or 0.11%.
- Standard & Poor's 500 closed at 4,726.35, up 13.38 points or 0.28%.
- Nasdaq Composite Index closed at 15,188.39, up 34.94 points or 0.08%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index closed at 3,248.86, up 2.69 points, or 0.08%.
- The U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 1.74%.
- The U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 0.92%.



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