

The stock and asset rotation continues as investors prepare their portfolios for a rising interest rate environment; Wall Street closes down.

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The U.S. and European stock markets ended the day with asymmetrical results. In the U.S., the stock markets had a very volatile session that saw the indexes were all over the place to end with losses for the day. In Europe, the markets ended with gains.

The stock and asset rotation continues as investors prepare their portfolios for a rising interest rate environment and a Federal Reserve more restrained with the monetary policy. However dark the scenario looks today, the light will soon shine thru as we have been down this road before, just not with a pandemic.

#### **Corporate News:**

- Bank of America (BAC): reported 4Q21 earnings with revenues of \$22.10 billion, down 3%, and Net Income of \$7.0 billion, down 9%. Total 2021 Revenues of \$89.1 billion and Net Income of \$32.0 billion. The stock closed at \$46.45, up \$0.19 or 0.41%.
- Morgan Stanley (MS): reported 4Q21 earnings that beat estimates with revenues of \$14.524 billion, up 6.38%, and Net Income of \$3.696 billion, up 8.41%. Total 2021 Revenues of \$59.8.1 billion and Net Income of \$15.0 billion. The stock closed at \$95.75, up \$1.74 or 1.83%.

# Key economic data:

- U.S. Housing Starts: rose to 1.702 Million, up from 1.678 Million last month, increasing 1.43%.
- U.S. Building Permits: rose 1.873 Million, up from 1.717 million the previous month, rising 9.09%.
- N.Y. Fed Business Leaders Survey of Business Activity: fell to 9.20, down from 14.40 last month, a decrease of -36.11%.
- Canada Consumer Price Index YoY: rose to 4.80%, compared to 4.72% last month.
- Canada Inflation Rate: rose to 4.80%, compared to 4.72% last month.
- Germany Consumer Price Index YoY: remained at 5.30%, compared to 5.30% last month.
- U.K. Consumer Price Index YoY: rose to 5.40%, compared to 5.10% last month.
- U.K. Producer Price Index: rose to 8.68%, compared to 8.24% last month.

## Puerto Rico COVID-19 Daily Update:

- New Cases: 1,702 average per day, falling 19.45% from yesterday.
- Total Cases from 12/13/21 to 1/17/22: 86,159.
- Positivity Rate: 30.49%, down 9.89% from yesterday.
- Puerto Rico Vaccination Rate: 81.7%.
- New Tests: 5,448, average per day falling 8.75%
- Total Adults Hospitalization's: 815, falling 1.80% since yesterday.

- Total Children Hospitalizations: 58, falling 13.43% since yesterday.
- Total Hospitalizations: 873, falling 2.67%.
- Deaths: 21, decreasing 4.54%
  Source: Puerto Rico Department of Health

# **Eurozone Summary for January 19:**

- Stoxx 600 closed at 480.90, up 1.11 points or 0.23%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,589.66, up 26.11 or 0.35%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,809.72, up 37.16 points or 0.24%.

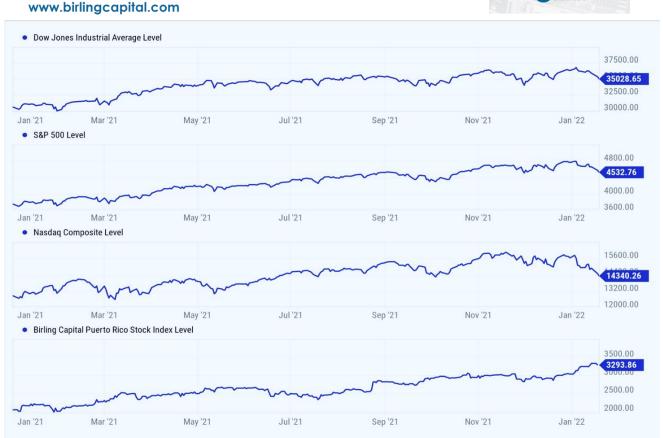
### Wall Street summary for January 19:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 35,028.65, down 339.82 points or 0.96%.
- Standard & Poor's 500 closed at 4,532.76, down 44.35 or 0.97%.
- Nasdag Composite Index closed at 14,340.26, down 166.64 points, or 1.15%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index closed at 3,293.86, down 42.21 points, or 1.27%.
- The U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 1.83%.
- The U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 1.04%.



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