

Oriental & Popular delivered full-year 2022 results that beat estimates, with net income growth in the double digits, and Wall Street closed higher.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed with gains today fueled by the U.S. Gross Domestic Product report that delivered a healthy 2.90% GDP increase for the fourth quarter of 2022. Even with the numerous inflationary prices, rising interest rates, and a more selective consumer, the U.S. could deliver strong growth.

While the GDPNow forecast called for a 3.50% GDP for the fourth quarter, it was the best forecast as many had predicted a contraction; the most significant driver of the growth numbers was the normalization of global supply chains and the rising inventories of most goods, even as there was a decrease in total vehicle sales of 6.58%.

Another bright spot is the labor markets which delivered claims of unemployment that fell to 186,000, down 3.21%, showing remarkable resiliency, even with hundreds of thousands of layoffs.

Additionally, the total Job openings are still strong at 10.46 million, outpacing by 57% the level of jobseekers.

Corporate Earnings Parade:

- **OFG Bancorp (OFG):** reported its fourth quarter 2022 earnings with revenues of \$168.9 million, up 16.24%, and net income of \$68.13 million, up 28.65%, which beat estimates. For the Full-year 2022, revenues reached \$607.8 million, up 11.71%, and net income of \$241.1 million, up 12.08%. The stock closed at \$27.05, up \$0.39 or 1.43%. The Stock Price Target is \$34.58.
- **Popular, Inc. (BPOP):** reported its fourth quarter 2022 earnings with revenues of \$559.56 million, up 10.41%, and net income of \$257.13 million, up 19.86%, which beat estimates. For the Full-year 2022, revenues reached \$2.167 billion, up 9.69%, and net income of \$1.1 billion, up 15%. The stock closed at \$65.72, down \$0.44 or 0.67%. The Stock Price Target is \$83.60.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Real GDP QoQ** is at 2.90%, compared to 3.20%, a decreasing 3.18%.
- **U.S. Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance:** fell to 186,000, down from 192,000 last week, declining -3.12%
- **U.S. Total Vehicle Sales: fell to** 13.75 million, down from 14.72 million last month, dropping 6.58%.
- **U.S. New Single-Family Houses Sold: rose to** 616,000, up from 602,000 last month, rising 2.33%.
- **U.S. Durable Goods New Orders MoM:** rose to 5.63%, compared to -1.75% last month.
- **U.S. Gross Domestic Purchases Price Index QoQ:** fell to 3.20%, compared to 4.80% last quarter.
- **Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Production Index:** improved slightly to -4.00, up from -6.00 last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update January 26:

- Daily Cases: 170
- Positivity Rate: 19.60%
- Hospitalizations: 203
- Deaths: 8
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for January 26:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 453.99, up 1.92 points or 0.42%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,761.11, up 16.24 points or 0.21%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,132.65, up 51.21` points or 0.34%.

Wall Street Summary for January 26:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 33,949.41, up 205.57 points or 0.61%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,060.43, up 44.21 points or 1.10%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,512.41, up 199.06 points or 1.76%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,606.24, down 18.12 points or 0.69%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.40%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.17%.



OFG Bancorp & Popular, Inc vs Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index





US Real GDP 4Q22, US New Single Family Home Sold, US Total Vehicle Sales, US Gross Purchases & Kansas City Fed Manufacturing

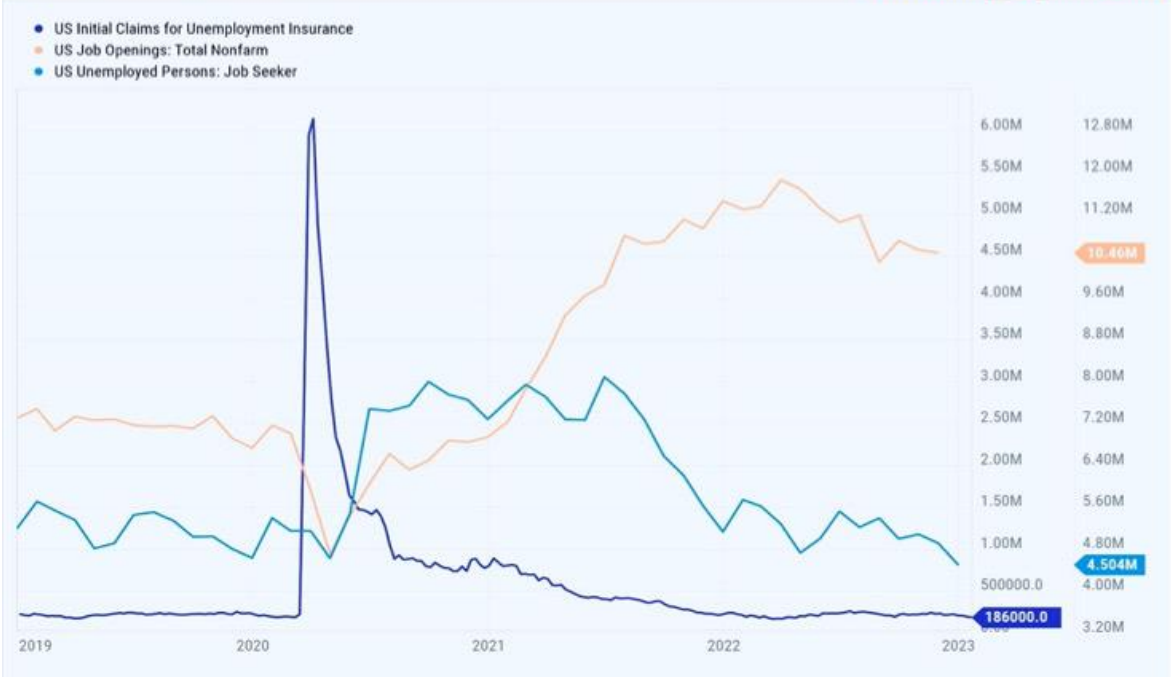
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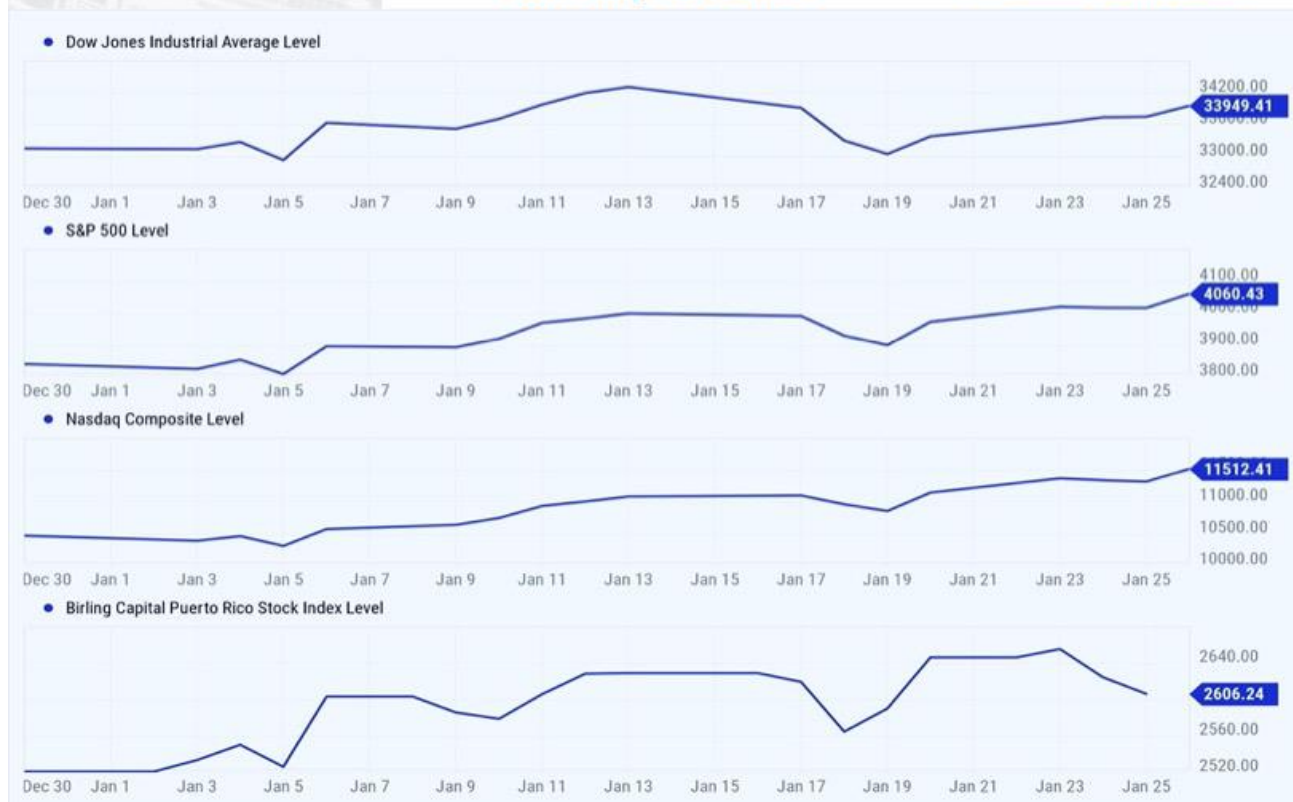
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