

Wall Street falls as the FOMC minutes reveal the Fed will take rates higher to reach its 2% inflation target.

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The U.S. and European stock markets restarted the holiday-shortened week with more losses as the combination of additional affirmations from the Federal Reserve that is ready to take interest rates higher to achieve its 2% inflation target and geopolitical issues that arose from an inclination from the U.S. to ban Chinese companies access to cloud-computing services. On the other hand, China imposes export restrictions on gallium and germanium products used in computer chips and other components to protect its national security interests.

There is no question that the interest rate direction and inflation continue to rattle markets, and the release of the FOMC minutes shows that most Federal Reserve officials at their June meeting want to increase rates further, albeit at a slower pace.

The FOMC will continue to monitor the economic data as it determines rates, focusing on not impacting economic growth. This week and the next several key economic metrics are due to report beginning with the ISM Services PMI and Unemployment claims tomorrow, followed by the U.S. Total Nonfarm jobs report on Friday and the CPI report on July 12.

The most recent Inflation Nowcast estimates the June CPI of 3.22% and the Core CPI of 5.11%.

The pending econ data and CPI results will have a key bearing on the Fed's interest rate moves.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Durable Goods New Orders MoM:** rose to 1.78%, compared to 1.24% last month.
- **U.S. Nondefense Capital Goods Excluding Aircraft New Orders MoM:** fell to 0.71%, compared to 0.74% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600** closed at 457.94, down 3.36 points or 0.23%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,442.10, down 77.92 points or 1.03%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 15,951.58, down 101.59 points or 0.63%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 34,288.64, down 129.83 points or 0.28%.
- **S&P 500** closed at 4,446.82, down 8.77 points or 0.20%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 13,791.65, down 25.12 points or 0.19%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 2,590.93, up 59.78 points or 0.36%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 3,762.58, up 50.93 points or 1.37%.

- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.95%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.94%.



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