The Asset Sell-off continues taking the S&P 500 & Nasdaq are in deep bear territory, and Wall Street closed down.

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The U.S. & European stock markets closed with steep losses as investors retook the asset sell-off with vigor, as investors continue to react, the CPI reading at 8.58% was much higher than the consensus estimates of 8.30% and above last month's 8.26%, and with the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee Meeting two-day meeting slated to commence tomorrow.

We expect the FOMC to raise interest rates by at least 75 or 100 basis points.

We all need to remember that no economic policy or Fed action can lessen the rising oil and commodity prices; for these reasons, we think the Fed needs to act with a white glove approach; doing so decreases the chances of a recession.

The Dow Jones fell to a YTD return of -16.02%; the S&P 500 entered bear territory has a YTD return of -21.33%, and the Nasdaq Composite, with a YTD return of -30.01%, in deep in bear territory. Lastly, the Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index is at -7.07%, beating the other three indices.

Key economic data:

- U.S. Retail Gas Price: rose to $4.977, up from 4.727 last week, an increase of 5.29% from last week and 59.57% from one year ago.
- U.K. Industrial Production Index YoY: is unchanged at 0.70%, compared to 0.70% last month.
- Japan Industrial Production Index MoM: fell to -1.35%, compared to 0.31% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update June 13:

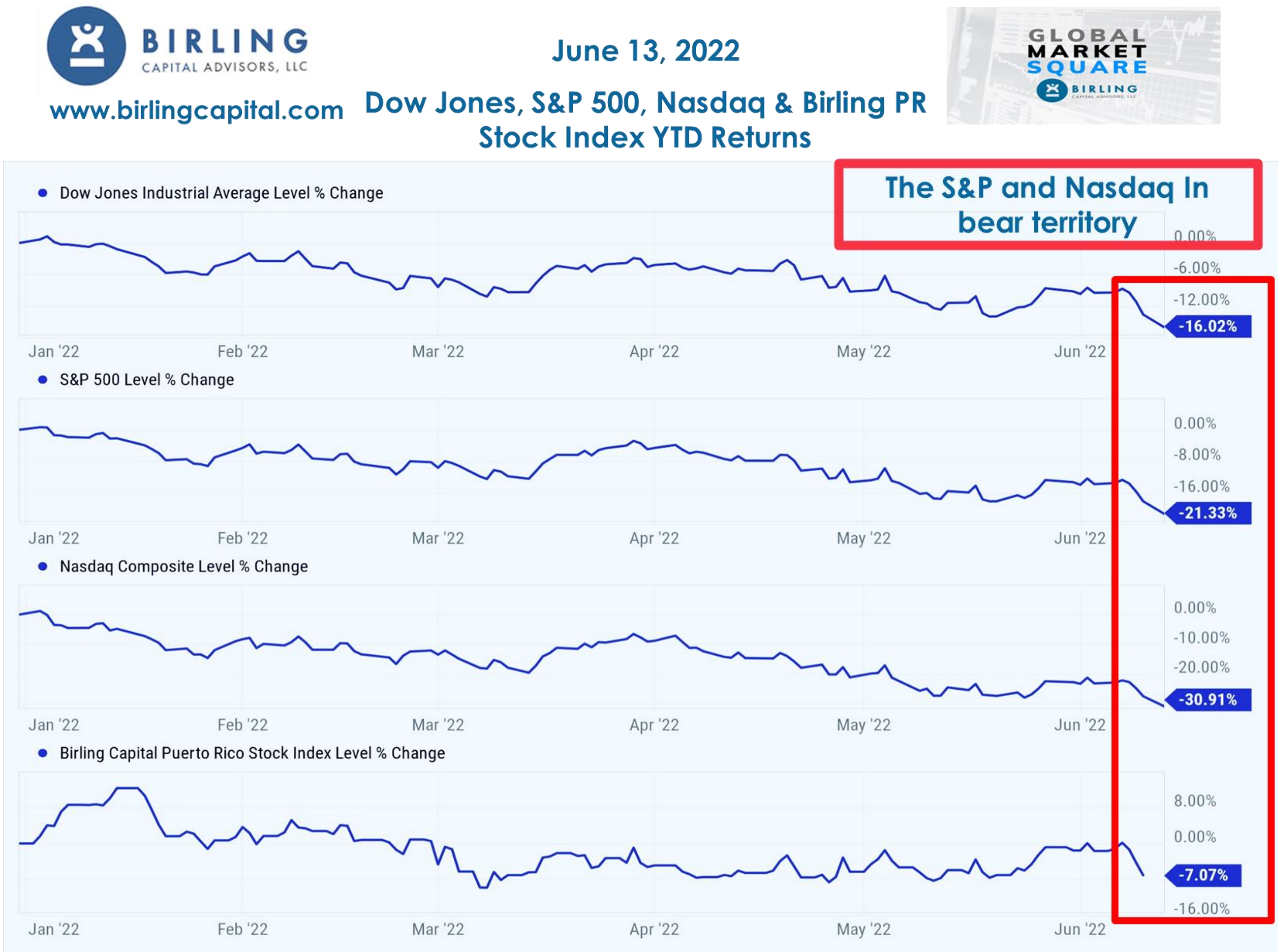
- Daily Cases: 716, down 7.61%.
- Positivity Rate: 33.14%, down 0.65%.
- Hospitalizations: 359, down 6.75%.
- Deaths: 1, down 50%
- Vaccination Rate: 87.5%
- Source Puerto Rico Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for June 13:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 412.72, down 9.99 points or 2.36%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,205.81, down 111.71 points or 1.53%.
- Dax Index closed at 13,427.03, down 334.80 points or 2.43%.

Wall Street Summary for June 13:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 30,516.74, down 876.05 points or 2.79%
- S&P 500 closed at 3,749.63, down 151.23 points or 3.88%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 10,809.23, down 530.80 points or 4.68%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,675.51, down 80.45 points or 2.92%.
- The U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.43%.
- The U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 3.40%.



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