

The FDIC announcement that First Citizens Bank had agreed to buy Silicon Valley Bank eased pressure on the sector, providing some optimism, and Wall Street closed mixed

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The U.S. & European stock markets began the week with mixed results even as investors have a more optimistic outlook following reports that U.S. regulators would support the regional banks facing challenges. The ongoing crisis is one of confidence that began with Silicon Valley Bank. Similarly, focused First Republic Bank as SVB, had a large number of unrealized bond losses, and its deposit base was largely uninsured deposits that are more prone to leave the bank; at one point, the bank lost close to \$70 billion in deposits, for that reason 11 banks stepped in and deposited \$30 billion in First Republic. First Republic Bank (FRC) stock closed at \$13.84, up \$1.48 or 11.98%.

Today the FDIC announced that First Citizens Bank (FCNCA) agreed to buy Silicon Valley Bank (SVB); the transaction included purchasing about \$72 billion of SVB Bank's assets at a discount of \$16.5 billion. After the news, First Citizen's shares rallied to close at First Citizens BancShares Inc (FCNCA) \$895.33, up \$312.78 or 53.69%.

The market reacted positively to the news related to the banking sector, which helped the sector move higher.

European markets closed higher by over 1.0% following a rally in Deutsche Bank (DB) shares which closed at \$9.80, up \$0.44 or 4.76%.

Included for your review are reports on the following banks:

- 1. First Republic Bank (FRC): FirstRepublicBankReport.3.27.2023.pdf (birlingcapital.com)
- 2. First Citizens Bank (FCNCA): FirstCitizensBancSharesReport.3.27.2023.pdf (birlingcapital.com)
- 3. Deutsche Bank (DB): DeutscheBankReport.3.27.2023.pdf (birlingcapital.com)

Key Economic Data:

- U.S. Retail Gas Price: fell to \$3.534, down from \$3.568 last week, decreasing -0.95%.
- **Germany Ifo Business Climate Index:** rose to 93.30, up from 91.10 last month, increasing 2.41%.
- **Germany Ifo Business Expectations Index:** rose to 91.20, up from 88.40 last month, increasing 3.17%.
- **Germany Ifo Business Situation Index:** rose to 95.40, up from 93.90 last month, increasing 1.60%.
- Japan Business Conditions Composite Coincident Index: fell to 96.40, down from 99.40 last month, decreasing -3.02%.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update March 27:

Daily Cases: 68

Positivity Rate: 12.28%Hospitalizations: 87

Deaths: 2

Source P R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for March 27:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 444.73, up 4.62 points or 1.05%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,471.77, up 66.32 points or 0.90%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,127.68, up 170.45 points or 1.14%.

Wall Street Summary for March 27:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 32,432.08, up 194.55 or 0.60%.
- S&P 500 closed at 3,977.53, up 6.54 points or 0.16%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,768.84, down 55.12 points or 0.47%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,311.23, up 50.40 points or 2.23%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.53%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 3.94%.



US Retail Gas Price, Germany Ifo Busines Expectations, Business Climate, Business Situation Index & Japan Business Conditions Composite Index





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