

The U.S. Index of Consumer Sentiment fell - 8.68%, the United Kingdom GDP fell 50%, and Wall Street closed the week with solid gains.

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The U.S. & European stock markets closed the week with mostly positive results, adding to yesterday's results, recording the best week in two years. Not even the bankruptcy \$32 billion filing of cryptocurrency billionaire Sam Bankman Fried's company FTX or the U.K. 50% decrease in GDP derailed the gains.

The FTX bankruptcy saw Sam Bankman Fried's net worth recorded on Monday to be \$16 billion to near zero following today's filing and unfortunate end.

Following the confirmation that the CPI and Inflation reading fell further than expectations, we must discuss other areas of the economy where we see further inflation pressure trending down.

1. **Housing and Mortgages:** for one, the housing market has fallen more than 20% as mortgage rates have risen to 7.08%; while this is not expensive, it is still lower than the long-term average of 7.76%. The problem is that mortgage rates have been hovering between 3% to 4% for a decade, and the adjustment takes time. Also, most prices of homes are trending down and will continue to go down for a while, and it should show up in later CPI readings.
2. **Supply Chain Normalization:** as the supply chain chaos is normalizing, we see evidence of transportation prices falling and systemwide capacity rising for the holidays. The shipping rates from Asia to the U.S. and Puerto Rico have fallen some 75% from their highest point. Also, the Global Supply Chain Pressure Index fell to 1.001, up from 3.810 one year ago. a decrease of -73.73%.
3. **Jobs and Wages:** one of the drivers of inflation growth was higher wages to allure employees to return to work, the is falling fast, and we shall see a softening of the labor markets. We have already sung some signs as many tech companies have announced rounds of thousands of layoffs. While it is true that job creation remains solid, the total number of job openings has fallen from as high as 11.86 million on March 2022 to 10.72 million in September, a decrease of 1,140 million, evidence that parts of the economy are feeling the effect of the interest rates increases.
4. **Holiday Retail Sales:** The National Retail Federation released its Holiday Sales 2022 forecast, predicting a sales increase of 6% to 8%.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Index of Consumer Sentiment:** fell to 54.70, down from 59.90 last month, down -8.68%.
- **U.K. Real GDP YoY:** fell to 2.40%, compared to 4.40% last quarter, decreasing 50%.
- **U.K. Business Investment YoY:** fell to 3.49%, compared to 5.17% last quarter.

- **U.K. Industrial Production Index YoY:** is at -3.10%, compared to -4.30% last month.
- **Germany Consumer Price Index YoY:** rose to 10.40%, compared to 10.00% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update November 11:

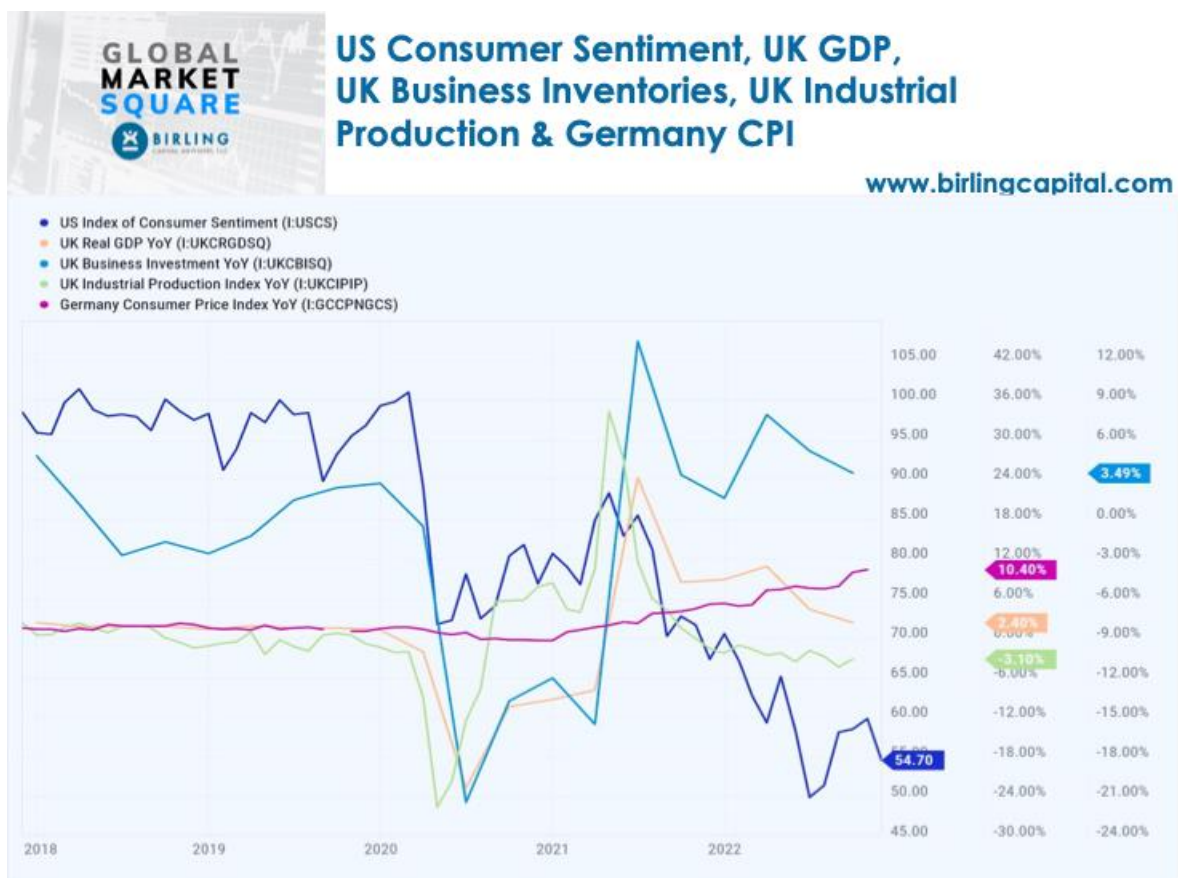
- Daily Cases: 137
- Positivity Rate: 13.62%
- Hospitalizations: 163
- Deaths: 3
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for November 11:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 432.26, up 0.37 points or 0.09%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,318.04, down 57.30 points or 0.78%.
- Dax Index closed at 14,224.86, up 78.77 points or 0.56%.

Wall Street Summary for November 11:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 33,747.86, up 32.49 points or 0.10%.
- S&P 500 closed at 3,992.83, up 36.56 points or 0.92%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,323.32, up 209.18 points or 1.88%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,799.77, up 140.39 points or 5.28%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note Bond Markets were closed.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note Bond Markets were closed.



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