

# GLOBAL MARKET SQUARE



## Federal Reserve Chair Powell to moderate the pace of interest rate hikes, Eurozone inflation falls for the first time in 17 months, and Wall Street rallies.

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The U.S. and European stock markets rallied today for distinct reasons. The main story in the Eurozone is the fall of inflation for the first time in 17 months. Inflation fell to 10%, from 10.6% in October to a decrease of 5.66%. In the U.S., the story is today Federal Reserve Chairman Powell's Speech at the Brookings Institution in which he stated that the Fed would contemplate smaller interest rate increases as the bank is seeing progress in the fight to curb inflation.

The Fed Chairman cautioned that the bank's monetary policy would remain restrictive until they see definitive inflation-lowering progress.

"Despite some promising developments, we have a long way to go in restoring price stability. Thus, it makes sense to moderate the pace of our rate increases as we approach the level of restraint that will be sufficient to bring inflation down," Chairman Powell said. If you would like to watch the Fed Chairman's Brookings Q&A please click the link: <https://www.brookings.edu/events/federal-reserve-chair-jerome-powell-the-economic-outlook-and-the-labor-market/>

If you would like to read the Fed Chairman's Speech please click the link: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/powell20221130a.htm>

Wall Street reacted with vigor; the Nasdaq Composite led the way, rising 4.41%, followed by the S&P 500, rising 3.08%, and the Dow Jones rising 2.17%, allowing Wall Street to record the first consecutive monthly gains since 2021.

### Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Real GDP QoQ:** rose to 2.90%, compared to -0.60% last quarter.
- **ADP Employment Change:** fell to 127,000, down from 239,000 last month, decreasing -46.86%.
- **U.S. Job Openings: Total Nonfarm:** rose to 10.72 million, up from 10.28 million last month, increasing 4.25%.
- **U.S. Pending Home Sales YoY:** is at -30.99%, compared to -24.10% last month.
- **U.S. Pending Home Sales MoM** is at -10.17%, compared to -1.88% last month.
- **U.S. Total Vehicle Sales:** rose to 14.00 million, up from 13.62 million last month, increasing 2.75%.
- **Chicago PMI:** fell to 45.20, down from 45.70 last month, decreasing -1.09%.
- **Japan Consumer Confidence Index:** fell to 29.90, down from 30.80 last month, decreasing -2.92%.
- **Japan Housing Starts YoY:** fell to -1.81%, compared to 1.13% last month.
- **Germany Unemployment Rate:** is unchanged at 5.30%.

### **Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update November 30:**

- Daily Cases: 122
- Positivity Rate: 22.82%
- Hospitalizations: 220
- Deaths: 6
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

### **Eurozone Summary for November 30:**

- Stoxx 600 closed at 440.04, up 2.75 points or 0.63%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,573.05, up 51.05 points or 0.81%.
- Dax Index closed at 14,397.04, up 41.59 points or 0.29%.

### **Wall Street Summary for November 30:**

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 34,589.77, up 737.24 points or 2.18%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,080.11, up 122.48 points or 3.09%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,468.00, up 484.22 points or 4.41%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,724.59, up 15.85 points or 0.22%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.68%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.38%.



# US Real GDP 3Q, US Pending Home Sales & US Total Vehicle Sales



# ADP Employment Change VS. US Job Openings Total Nonfarm

- ADP Employment Change
- US Job Openings: Total Nonfarm



# Wall Street Recap

## November 30, 2022

• Dow Jones Industrial Average Level



• S&P 500 Level



• Nasdaq Composite Level



• Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index Level





# Wall Street YTD Returns 11/30/22

## Dow Jones, S&P 500, Nasdaq Composite & Birling Puerto Rico Stock Index

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