

The ISM PMI rises above estimates to 49, the GDPNow is at 4.90%, and Wall Street closes Mixed.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed with mixed results to begin the fourth quarter.

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed marginally up, and the Dow Jones closed down. Investors reacted to the better-than-expected ISM manufacturing PMI and construction-spending data that aligned with expectations. Also, the latest ISM PMI appears to support the Fed's narrative that points to keeping interest rates higher for longer, also the latest GDP Now is at 4.90% GDP for the third quarter, maintaining the soft landing prediction while attempting to achieve the Fed's 2% inflation target.

As the US was able to skirt the Government shutdown, the focus for the markets will be on several key economic benchmarks due this week.

The main focus will be on the robust labor markets, but as of late, it has begun to show signs of softening; for starters, unemployment has risen to 3.80% from its low of 3.40%; additionally, job openings fell to 8.8 million, the lowest number since 2021 and Job seekers at 5.75 million continue to show a deficit 53%.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the third quarter was updated today and is unchanged at 4.90%.

Key Economic Data:

- **US ISM Manufacturing PMI:** rose to 49.00, up from 47.60 last month, increasing 2.94%.
- **U.S. Construction Spending MoM:** fell to 50%, compared to 0.89% last month.
- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** fell to \$3.963, down from \$4.001 fell -0.95%.
- **Eurozone Unemployment Rate:** fell to 6.40%, compared to 6.50% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600** closed at 445.59, down 4.63 points or 1.03%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,510.72, down 97.36 points or 1.28%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 15,247.21, down 139.37 points or 0.91%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 33,433.35, down 74.15 points or 0.22%.
- **S&P 500** closed at 4,288.39, up 0.34 points or 0.01%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 13,307.77, up 88.45 points or 0.67%.

- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 2,731.11, down 7.54 points or 0.28%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 3,600.10, down 23.17 points or 0.64%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note** closed at 4.69%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note** closed at 5.12%.



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