

Arm Holdings IPO surpasses expectations, closing 24.69% over its IPO Price; the European Central Bank increases rates by 25 basis points to 4%, taking rates to a restrictive territory.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed the session higher following retail-sales data that exceeded expectations and the IPO of Chip designer Arm Holdings that has everyone giddy with anticipation.

The Arm Holdings (ARM) IPO had an offer price of \$51 per share; however, once it debuted, it opened at \$56.10 per share, a 10% rise, and rose during trading as high as \$61.99 and it closed at \$63.59 or 24.69% over its IPO price.

In other economic news, the U.S. producer price index (PPI) report PPI rose by 1.63%, higher than expectations and above July's reading of 0.83%. The increase in energy costs was the most significant contributor, as energy rose by 10.5% in August. We affirm that the CPI or the PPI report is not likely to pressure a rate increase in next week's Fed's FOMC meeting, but only they know what the Fed will do.

Also, the August U.S. Retail and Food Services Sales MoM rose to 0.56%, compared to 0.46% last month, beating expectations; much of the increase was due to sales at gasoline stations, which increased by 5.2% in August.

Lastly, the European stock markets closed higher following the European Central Bank's (ECB) determination to increase rates today by 25 basis points to 4%; European markets reacted positively to a commentary from the ECB stating that it believes current interest rates are in the restrictive territory, which could signal a pause for future rate hikes.

GDPNow for the 3Q23:

- The GDPNow was released today, 9/14/23, showing a 4.9% GDP for the third quarter, down from 5.6% GDP on 9/6/23.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Initial Claims for Unemployment:** 220,000, up from 217,000 last week, rising 1.38%.
- **U.S. Producer Price Index YoY:** rose to 1.63%, compared to 0.83% last month.
- **U.S. Core Producer Price Index YoY:** fell to 2.16%, compared to 2.38% last month, and is lower than the long-term average of 2.60%.
- **U.S. Retail and Food Services Sales MoM:** rose to 0.56%, compared to 0.46% last month.
- **U.S. Business Inventories MoM:** rose to 0.03%, compared to -0.14% last month.
- **U.S. Wholesalers Inventories MoM:** improved to -0.16%, compared to -0.68% last month.
- **30-Year Mortgage Rate:** rose to 7.18%, compared to 7.12% last week.
- **Canada Wholesale Sales MoM:** rose to 5.27%, compared to -6.20% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600** closed at 460.86, up 6.92 points or 1.52%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,674.08, up 147.09 points or 1.95%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 15,805.29, up 151.26 points or 0.97%.

Wall Street Summary:

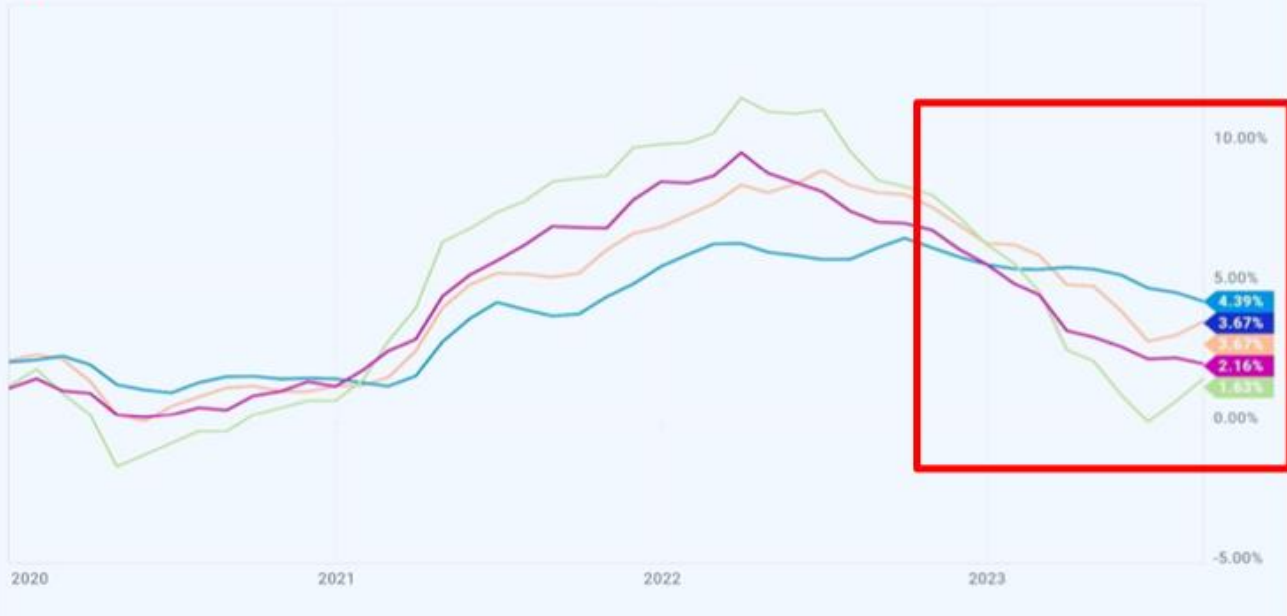
- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 34,907.11, up 331.58 points or 0.96%.
- **S&P 500** closed at 4,505.10, up 37.66 points or 0.84%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 13,926.05, up 112.47 points or 0.81%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 2,746.31, down 28.10 points or 1.01%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 3,793.42, up 24.15 points or 0.65%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note** closed at 4.29%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note** closed at 5.00%.



US Consumer Price Index YoY, US Inflation Rate, US Core CPI YoY, US Producer Price Index & US Core PPI

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