



## The JOLTS Reports Holds Steady, ISM Manufacturing PMI Rises to 47.40, Federal Reserve Minutes Signal Interest Rate Peaked.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed the session with more losses, following the same trend that began in the opening session of 2024.

European markets also closed down as investors await the eurozone inflation data, which is due on Friday.

Markets today are digesting the JOLTS job openings, the ISM manufacturing report, and FOMC minutes.

Let's begin with the JOLTS report, which was expected that Job openings would hold steady in November, and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that job openings changed little at 8.8 million on the last business day of November during the month, the number of hires fell to 5.5 million and total separations to 5.3 million. The separations are divided as follows: personnel quitting 3.5 million and layoffs and discharges 1.5 million.

Since 2003, the average monthly job openings have been about 5.5 million, highlighting that while labor-market conditions have loosened, they remain strong by historical standards.

The Purchasing Managers Index, or PMI, is based on a survey of manufacturing supply executives conducted by the Institute of Supply Management. A PMI above 50 would designate an overall expansion of the manufacturing economy, whereas a PMI below 50 signifies a shrinking manufacturing economy.

That said, ISM Manufacturing PMI rose to 47.40, increasing 1.50% from last month but still 5.20% off from the ideal number of 50. The PMI has remained stubbornly below 50 for the duration of 2023; we review the data below:

1. December 2023 47.40
2. November 2023 46.70
3. October 2023 46.70
4. September 2023 49.00
5. August 2023 47.60
6. July 2023 46.40
7. June 2023 46.00
8. May 2023 46.90
9. April 2023 47.10
10. March 2023 46.30

11. February 2023 47.70

12. January 2023 47.40

Finally, the Federal Reserve Minutes released today show that members wanted their final policy statement for 2023 to show that interest rates could be at their peak. Even though in their forecast, they project at least 75 basis points decrease for 2024 and enter the long-awaited rate pivot; they left the door open to future rate increases.

### Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. ISM Manufacturing PMI:** rose to 47.40, up from 46.70 last month, increasing 1.50%.
- **Germany Unemployment Rate:** rose to 5.70%, compared to 5.60% last month.

### Eurozone Summary:

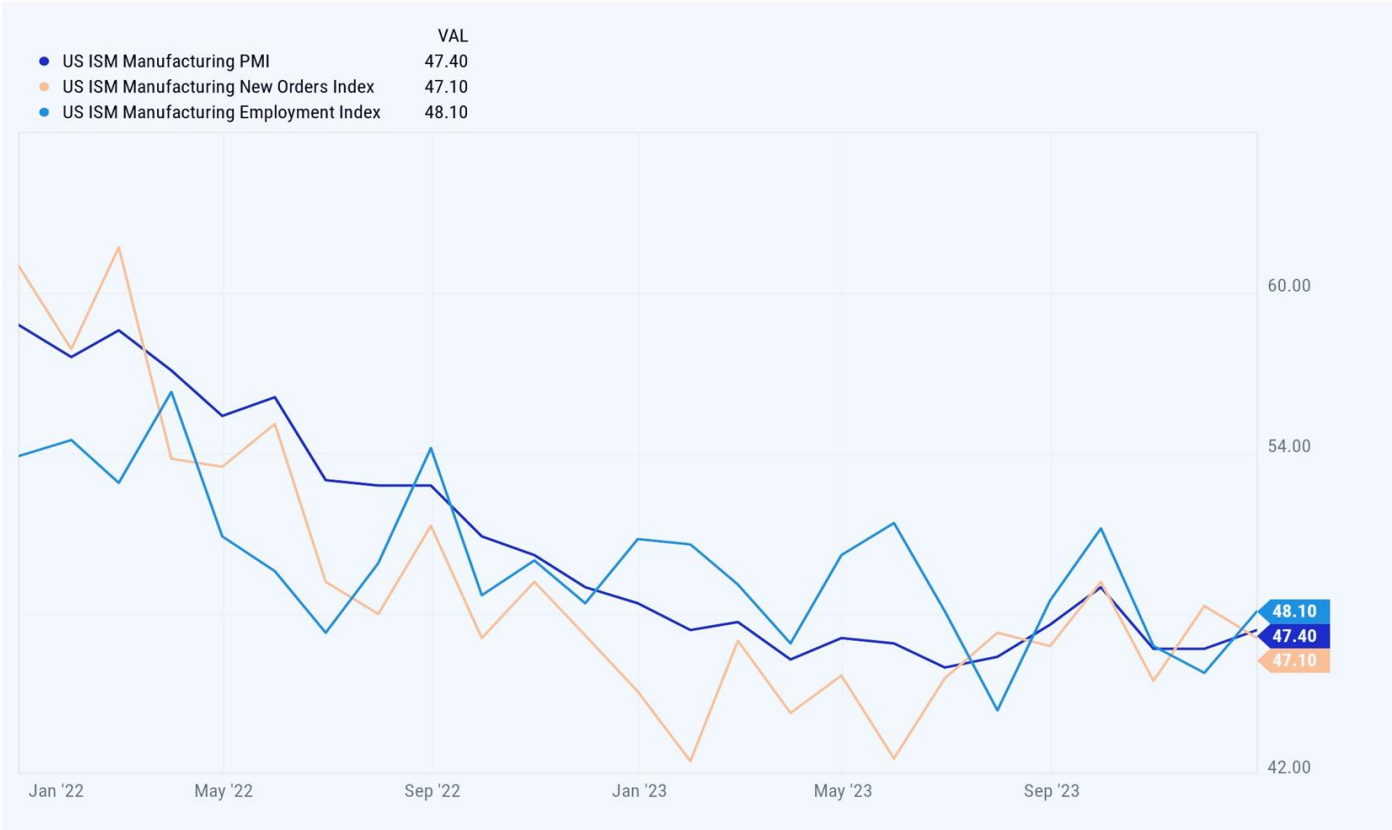
- **Stoxx 600** closed at 474.40, down 4.11 points or 0.86%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,682.33, down 39.19 points or 0.51%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 16,538.39, down 230.97 points or 1.38%.

### Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 37,430.19, down 284.95 points or 0.76%
- **S&P 500** closed at 4,704.81, down 38.02 points or 0.80%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 14,592.21, down 173.73 points or 1.18%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 3,325.60, down 18.31 points or 0.55%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 4,406.34, up 47.47 points or 1.09%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note** closed at 3.91%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note market** closed at 4.33%.



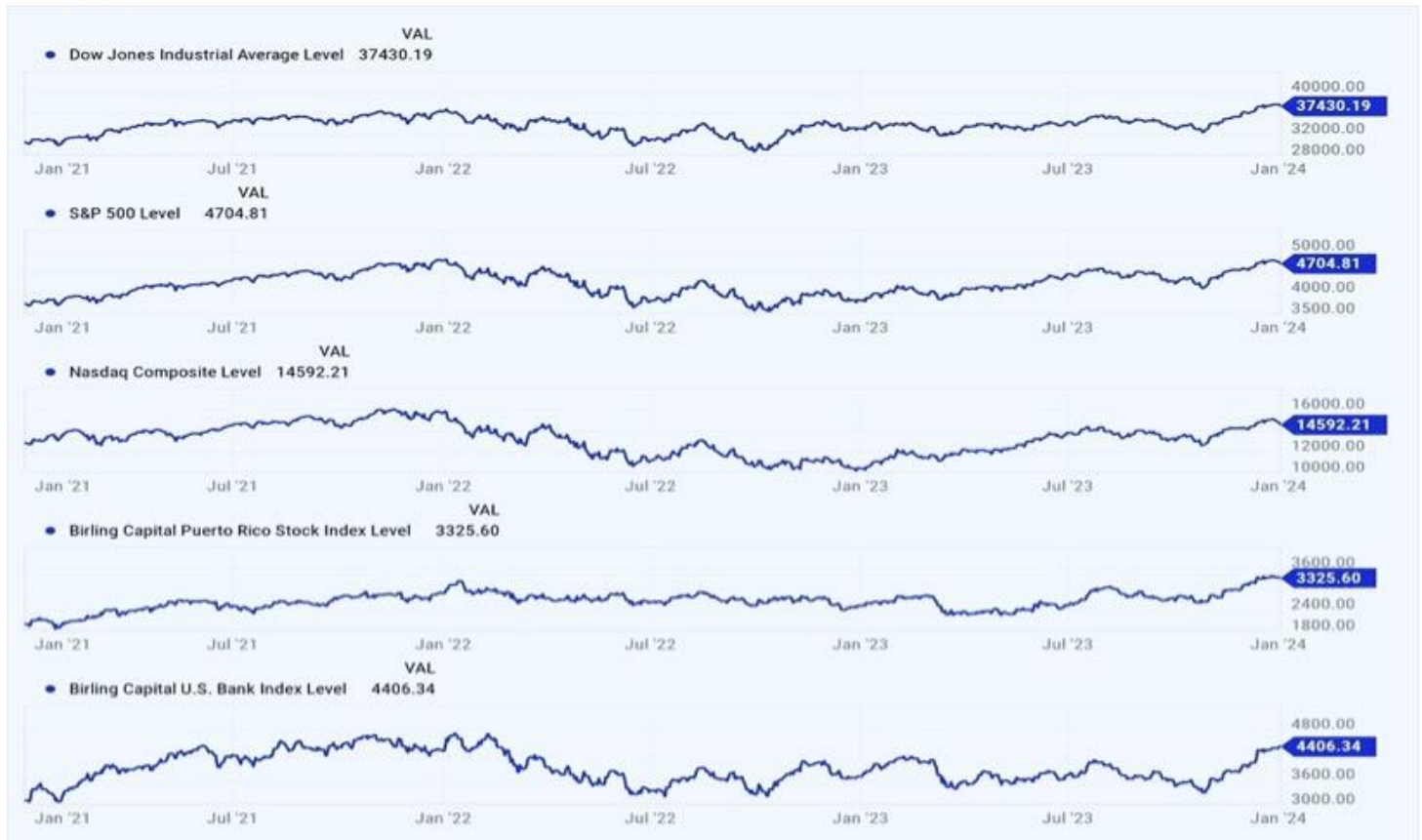
# US ISM Manufacturing PMI, US ISM Manufacturing New Orders and ISM Manufacturing Employment Index





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