

Wall Street advances as the Fed's preferred inflation measure, the PCE, fell to 2.97%, lower than its long-term average.

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed mostly up, with Wall Street trading higher to end one of the busiest weeks regarding earnings and economic data.

The narrative of the U.S. soft landing is gathering support due to the U.S. 2Q23 GDP of 2.40% and today's PCE reading that fell to 2.97%, the Fed's preferred measure of inflation, and the core PCE price index fell to 4.10% from last month. While the PCE at 2.97% is lower than the long-term average of 3.31%, the Core PCE at 4.10% is still higher than the long-term average of 3.24%.

While the U.S. economy has been able to withstand the most aggressive Federal Reserve bank Campaign in 23 years, we expect the U.S. economy to slow as the year progresses gradually.

On the Corporate earnings parade, close to 50% of all the S&P 500 companies have reported earnings after this week, and the parade continues next week with tech giants Apple and Amazon. So far, 80% of the companies are beating earnings estimates; however, if consensus estimates prove correct, the second quarter will become the worst quarterly earnings decline for this cycle, but the future appears bright and prosperous.

Key Economic Data:

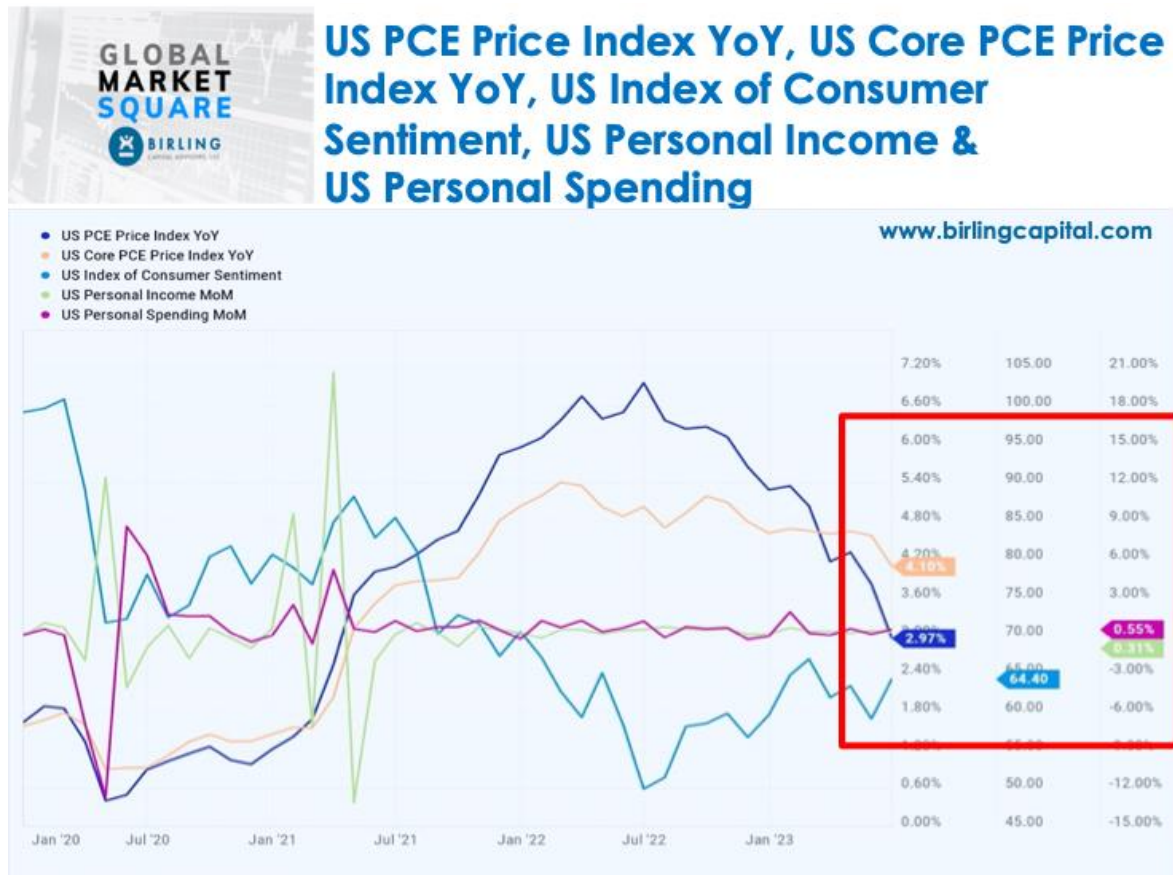
- **U.S. PCE Price Index YoY:** fell to 2.97%, compared to 3.82% last month.
- **U.S. Core PCE Price Index YoY:** fell to 4.10%, compared to 4.58% last month.
- **U.S. Index of Consumer Sentiment:** rose to 71.60, up from 64.40 last month, increasing 11.18%.
- **U.S. Personal Income MoM:** fell to 0.31%, compared to 0.46% last month.
- **U.S. Personal Spending MoM:** rose to 0.55%, compared to 0.18% last month.
- **Eurozone Consumer Confidence Indicator:** improved to -15.10, up from -16.10 last month.
- **Eurozone Economic Sentiment Indicator:** fell to 94.50, down from 95.30 last month.
- **Germany Consumer Price Index YoY:** fell to 6.20%, compared to 6.40% last month.
- **Canada Real GDP MoM:** rose to 0.26%, compared to 0.10% last month.

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600** closed at 471.17, up 0.57 points or 0.12%.
- **FTSE 100** closed at 7,694.27, up 1.51 points or 0.02%.
- **Dax Index** closed at 16,469.75, up 63.72 points or 0.39%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average** closed at 35,459.29, up 176.57 points or 0.50%.
- **S&P 500** closed at 4,582.23, up 44.82 points or 0.99%.
- **Nasdaq Composite** closed at 14,316.66, up 266.55 points or 1.90%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index** closed at 32,939.67, down 69.65 points or 2.32%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Stock Index** closed at 4,021.26, down 33.46 points or 0.83%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note** closed at 3.96%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note** closed at 4.87%.



EU Consumer Confidence Indicator, EU Economic Sentiment Indicator, Germany CPI & Canada Real GDP



- Eurozone Consumer Confidence Indicator (I:ECCISM)
- Eurozone Economic Sentiment Indicator (I:EESI)
- Germany Consumer Price Index YoY (I:GCCPNGCS)
- Canada Real GDP MoM (I:CRGDPSMP)

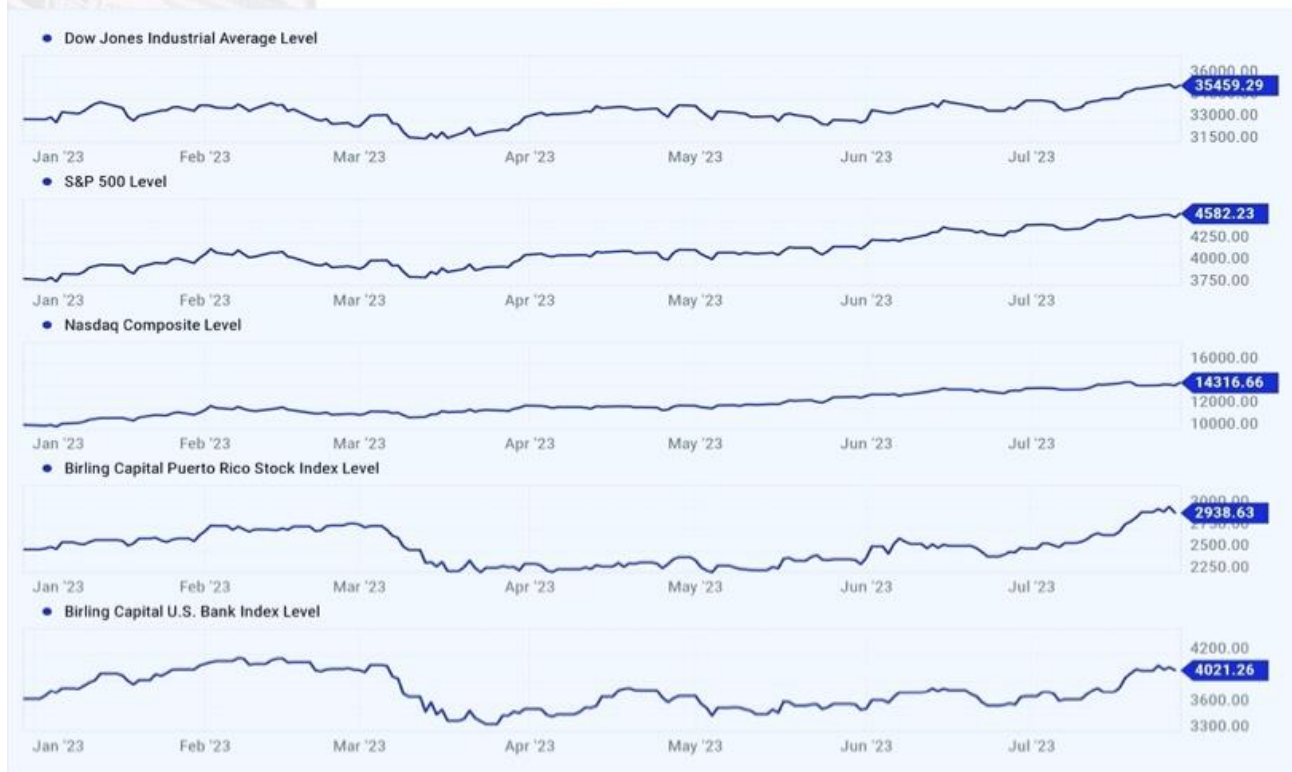




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