Two Fed officers turned bearish, the GDPNow forecast for the 1Q23 rose to 2.5%, and Wall Street closed mixed.

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The U.S. and European stock markets ended the week with more losses are the pessimistic sentiment overtook the markers following back-to-back comments from Federal Reserve Officers, for starters St. Louis Federal Reserve President James Bullard said he supports a 50 basis-point interest-rate increase in March, which twice the market's 25-basis-point expectation. Then for good measure, Federal Reserve Governor Michelle Bowman noted there's a long way to go before the central bank reaches its target of 2% inflation. While this is troubling news, we are a long way away from March, and Bullard does not have a crystal ball as to what the economy may demand then; on the other hand, Ms. Bowman is correct in pointing out that with the CPI at 6.41%, we are 220.5% above the Fed's 2% target, not much has changed, to me, this is all noise.

GDPNow Update:

- Not everything is bad news; the GDPNow forecast for the 1Q23 was updated on 2/16/23 rising to 2.5%, up from 2.40%, a 4% increase. Considering the initial estimates on January 27, 2023, of 0.70%, the forecast has increased by 257.1% since then.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Export Prices YoY:** fell to 2.29%, compared to 4.30% last month.
- **U.S. Import Prices YoY:** fell to 0.79%, compared to 2.98% last month.
- **U.K. Retail Sales YoY:** is at -5.10%, compared to -6.10% last month.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update February 17:

- Daily Cases: 96
- Positivity Rate: 15.45%
- Hospitalizations: 111
- Deaths: 4
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for February 17:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 464.19, down 1.05 points or 0.23%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 8,004.36, down 8.17 points or 0.10%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,482.00, down 51.64 points or 0.33%.

Wall Street Summary for February 17:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 33,826.69, up 129.84 or 0.39%.
- S&P 500 closed at 4,079.09, down 11.32 points or 0.28%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,787.27, down 68.58 points or 0.58%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,744.54, down 17.57 points or 0.63%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.82%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.60%.

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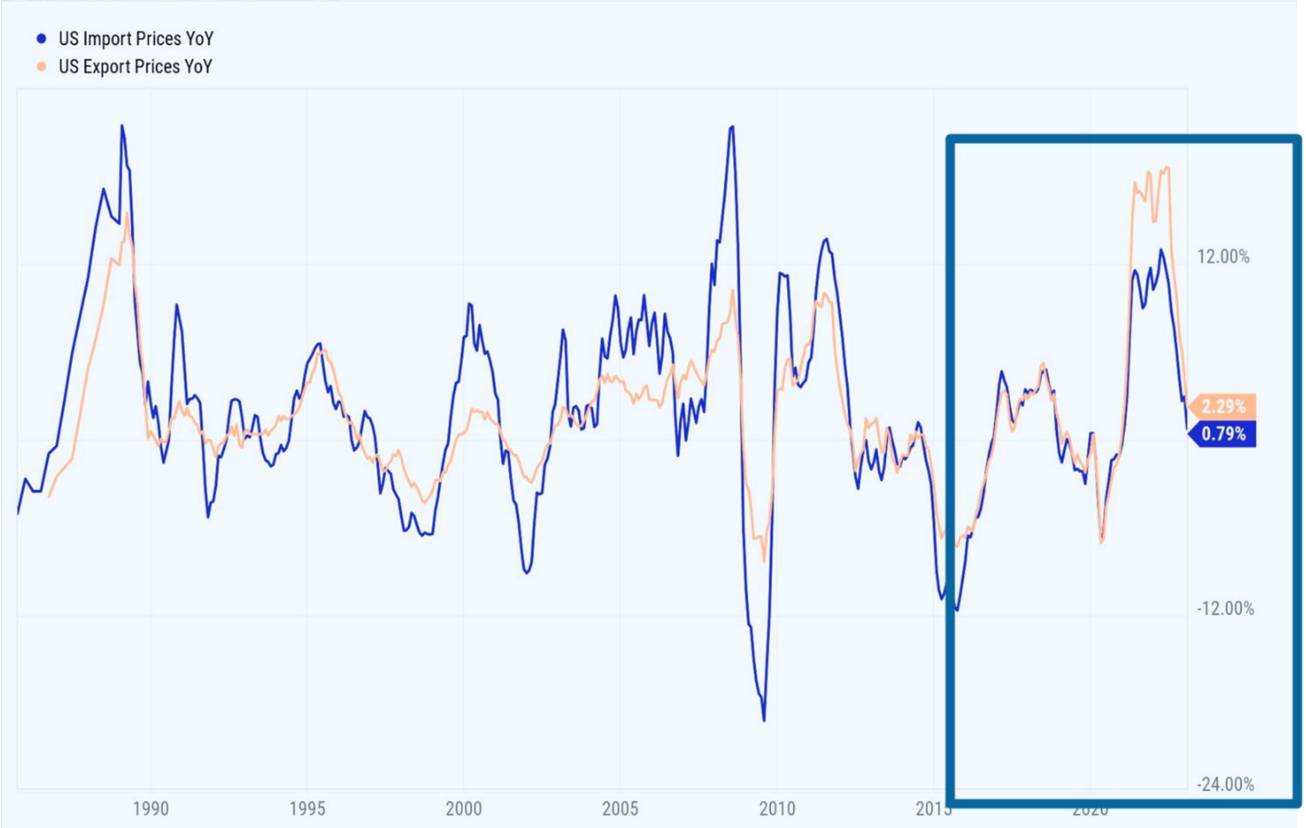
Date	GDPNow 1Q23	Change
1/27/2023	0.70%	Initial Forecast
2/1/2023	2.10%	66.67%
2/8/2023	2.20%	4.55%
2/15/2023	2.40%	8.33%
2/16/2023	2.50%	4.00%

US Import Prices & US Export Prices



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