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The GDPNow for 1Q23 rises to 2.80%, up 75% since January, Pending Home Sales in the U.S. fell -33.76%, and Wall Street closed up.

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The U.S. and European stock markets open the week snapping the worst losing week of 2023 while absorbing a mixture of economic data for the U.S. economic data, including the GDPNow update for 1Q23 rose to 2.80%, U.S. Pending Home sales that fell -33.76%, durable goods that increased 5.63%, while in the Eurozone Economic Sentiment Indicator rose to 99.90%, and Consumer Confidence Indicator improved to -20.90%.

While investors today recuperated some ground, their attention is directed towards a rather intense week of corporate earnings.

The stock markets suffered heavily from last week's higher-than-expected PCE inflation data, and stronger-than-anticipated labor-market data is fueling fears that the Fed will have no option but to increase rates further and for longer to tamp down inflation for good. The renewed fear that the U.S. could be ushered into a recession is taking hold, even though the latest estimate predicts a GDP of 2.80% for 1Q23.

GDPNow Update:

- The GDPNow for the first quarter of 2023 was updated today, 2/27/23, showing an increase to 2.80% GDP, up from 2.70% GDP on 2/24/23 and a 75% increase since the initial forecast of 0.70% on 1/27/23.

Key Economic Data:

- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** fell to $3.494, down from $3.502 last week, decreasing -0.23%.
- **U.S. Pending Home Sales YoY:** rose to -33.76%, compared to -36.87% last month.
- **U.S. Durable Goods New Orders MoM:** rose to 5.63%, compared to -1.75% last month.
- **Eurozone Economic Sentiment Indicator:** rose to 99.90, up from 97.10 last month, increasing 2.88%.
- **Eurozone Consumer Confidence Indicator:** is at -20.90, up from -22.10 last month.
- **Japan Industrial Production Index MoM:** increased to 0.31%, compared to 0.21% last month.
- **Japan Business Conditions Composite Coincident Index:** fell to 99.10, down from 99.30 last month, decreasing -0.20%.

Puerto Rico COVID-19 Update February 27:

- Daily Cases: 77
- Positivity Rate: 12.73%
- Hospitalizations: 9
- Deaths: 1
- Source P.R. Department of Health.

Eurozone Summary for February 27:

- Stoxx 600 closed at 462.90, up 5.20 points or 1.13%.
- FTSE 100 closed at 7,935.11, up 56.45 points or 0.72%.
- Dax Index closed at 15,403.47, up 193.73 points or 1.27%.

Wall Street Summary for February 27:

- Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 32,889.09, up 72.17 or 0.22%.
- S&P 500 closed at 3,982.24, up 12.20 points or 0.31%.
- Nasdaq Composite closed at 11,466.98, up 72.04 points or 0.63%.
- Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock index closed at 2,795.14, up 9.01 points or 0.33%.
- U.S. Treasury 10-year note closed at 3.92%.
- U.S. Treasury 2-year note closed at 4.78%.

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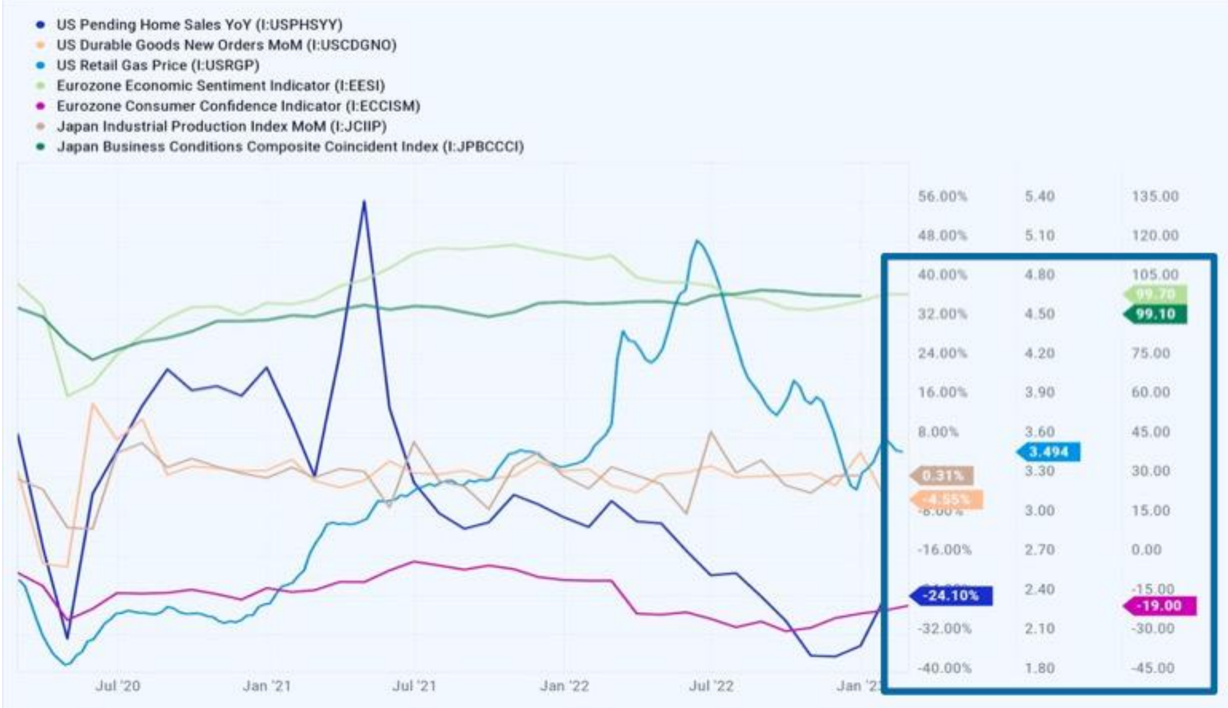
GDPNow Update 2/27/23

Date	GDPNow 1Q23	Change
1/27/23	0.70%	Initial Forecast
2/1/23	2.10%	200.0%
2/8/23	2.20%	4.5%
2/15/23	2.40%	8.3%
2/16/23	2.50%	4.0%
2/24/23	2.70%	7.4%
2/27/23	2.80%	3.6%

US Pending Home Sales, US Durable Goods New Orders, US Gas Price, EU Economic Sentiment, EU Consumer Confidence, Japan Industrial Production & Japan Business Conditions



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