

American exchanges opened new week with growth. U.S. Treasuries today dropped below 1.7%, thus supporting technology companies' stock.

As at 7:30 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 index grew 0.7%, with Dow Jones showing a moderate gain of only 0.1%. NASDAQ technology index was among today's leaders though, with +1.5% gain.

Key indicators as of Friday evening (March 22nd, 2021):

- S&P 500: +0.7%
- Dow Jones: +0.1%
- NASDAQ: +1.5%
- IMOEX: +0.4%; RTSI: -0.44%
- Gold: \$1,739 (-0.39%)
- Copper: \$9,103 (+0.5%)
- Brent: \$64.30 (+0.36%)
- USD/RUB: RUB 74.9 (1%)

Ten-year U.S. Treasuries yield, which has been watched closely by the market recently, declined today to 1.68%. This surely had a positive effect on trading this Monday. Buyers returned to U.S. bond market and this, in turn, increased appetite for risk in the stock market.

Macroeconomic stats, however, were predominantly negative today. That could somewhat curb enthusiasm of investors. U.S. sales of previously owned homes declined in February below expectations: **6.6%** to **6.2 million** homes (half-year's minimum). Analysts said the indicator would lose 3%.

Chicago Fed National Activity Index (CFNAI) dropped in February to minus 1.09 points, the minimum in the last 9 months. In January, the index was plus 0.75 points.

The market shows mixed performance so far. On one hand, UST yield dropped, which could be a temporary decline due to inflation growth expectations. On the other hand, macroeconomic stats are not so good.

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