

American exchange market to close current week on an up note. Good news for banking sector from FRS, along with growth of cyclical sector stocks, push indexes up today.

As at 7:45 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 index gained 0.85%, Dow Jones grew by nearly 0.75%, and NASDAQ technology index lost 0.5%.

Key indicators as of Friday evening (March 26th, 2021):

- S&P 500: +0.85%
- Dow Jones: +0.75%
- NASDAQ: +0.5%
- IMOEX: +1.47%; RTSI: +2.31%
- Gold: \$1,733 (+0.37%)
- Copper: \$8,960 (+2.0%)
- Brent: \$64.5 (+4.5%)
- USD/RUB: RUB 75.9 (-0.4%)

U.S. FRS to ease dividend payment and buyback restrictions for most U.S. banks starting June 30. This is planned to happen after traditional summer bank stress tests. Good news for the banking sector.

Some more details: *earlier FRS banned buyback and restricted dividend payments to the last 4 quarters' mean net profit. Dividend restrictions were then extended several times. Buyback restrictions were lifted in 2021 Q1.*

As for the macroeconomic statistics, personal income notably declined 7.1% in February. This is a record drop for this indicator. In the last month, personal income declined **1%**. Analysts predicted **7.3%** income drop and **0.7%** spendings reduction.

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