

**US stock indexes show minor fluctuations during Monday trade session.** Earnings season starts this week, and investors are unwilling to be too active in anticipation of this event.

As at 7:45 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 hovered around zero. Dow Jones decreased by 0.1%, and NASDAQ technology index lost about 0.3%.

Key indicators as of Monday evening (April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021):

- S&P 500: +0.02%
- NASDAQ: -0.3%
- Dow Jones: -0.1%
- 10-Yr UST yield: 1.671 (+0.3%)
- IMOEX: +1.05%, RTSI: +1.04%
- Gold: \$1,732 (-0.64%)
- Copper: \$8,862 (-0.72%)
- Brent: \$63.3 (+0.6%)
- USD/RUB: 77.3 (-0.09%)

**Earnings season in the U.S. is customarily opened by banks.** Leading banks will release their earnings data for the past quarter, including **JPMorgan (JPM US)**, **Bank of America (BAC US)** and **Wells Fargo (WFC US)**. In addition, some companies will also publish their reports, for example, **PepsiCo (PEP US)** and **UnitedHealth (UNH US)**.

*Apart from results and the match with expert forecasts, the market will await comments from corporate management regarding outlook for recovery from crisis. Forecasts on key figures for the current quarter will also be in focus.*

**U.S. FRS head Jay Powell said Sunday he expects acceleration of U.S. economy growth with more jobs to be created in the nearest future.** He believes the economy is now at “inflection point”. Naturally, Powell also mentioned the importance of vaccination. Besides, he said once again that regulator is unlikely to increase interest rates this year.



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