

USA Market Outlook -09 December 2022

Stocks moved mostly higher during trading on Thursday, regaining some ground following the sell-off seen earlier in the week. The major averages have all moved to the upside, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq leading the way higher.

The major averages finished the session off their best levels of the day but still firmly positive. The Nasdaq jumped 123.45 points or 1.1 percent to 11,082.00, the S&P 500 advanced 29.59 points or 0.8 percent to 3,963.51 and the Dow climbed 183.56 points or 0.6 percent to 33,781.48.

Networking stocks showed a substantial move to the upside on the day, driving the NYSE Arca Networking Index up by 3.9 percent.

Ciena (CIEN) helped lead the sector higher, spiking by 20 percent after reporting better than expected fiscal fourth quarter results and forecasting "outsized" revenue growth in 2023.

Significant strength was also visible among semiconductor stocks, as reflected by the 2.7 percent surge by the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index.

Computer hardware and biotechnology stocks also moved notably higher, while natural gas and airline stocks came under pressure over the course of the session.

Economists expect producer prices to inch up by 0.1 percent in November after rising by 0.2 percent in October, while the annual rate of growth is expected to slow to 7.4 percent from 8.0 percent.

The University of Michigan is also due to release its preliminary report on consumer sentiment in the month of December on Friday. The report includes readings on inflation expectations that could impact the outlook for interest rates.

Traders will be looking for signs of a slowdown in inflation as well as reduction in inflation expectations amid concerns the Federal Reserve will be need to push the economy into a prolonged recession in order to bring inflation down close to its 2 percent target.

The Labor Department released a report this morning showing first-time claims for U.S. unemployment benefits edged slightly higher in the week ended December 3rd.

The report said initial jobless claims crept up to 230,000, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level of 226,000.

Economists had expected jobless claims to inch up to 230,000 from the 225,000 originally reported for the previous week.

| Top Gainers | | |
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| Name | Last Price (in \$) | %Change |
| SVB Financial Group | \$222.64 | 6.89% |
| NVIDIA Corp. | \$171.69 | 6.51% |
| Ceridian HCM Holding Inc. | \$65.82 | 5.03% |
| Monolithic Power Systems Inc. | \$385.35 | 4.78% |
| NXP Semiconductors N.V. | \$171.47 | 4.59% |

| Top Losers | | |
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| Name | Last Price (in \$) | %Change |
| Lincoln National Corp. | \$31.45 | -10.86% |
| Avery Dennison Corp. | \$179.22 | -6.54% |
| Aptiv PLC | \$93.46 | -4.43% |
| Catalent Inc. | \$45.54 | -3.56% |
| Pioneer Natural Resources Co. | \$221.28 | -3.53% |

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