

U.S. stock indexes moved in different directions on the last day of the current week.

Both buyers and sellers showed little enthusiasm though. U.S. Treasuries yield was in drift.

As at 8:30 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 index gained 0.2%, and Dow Jones, to the contrary, declined, with no aggression though, by only 0.4%. NASDAQ technology index was among the day's leaders with +1.0% growth.

Key indicators as of Friday evening (March 19th, 2021):

- S&P 500: +0.2%
- Dow Jones: -0.4%
- NASDAQ: +1.0%
- IMOEX: -0.84%; RTSI: -0.99%
- Gold: \$1,742.2 (+0.35%)
- Copper: \$90.68.5 (+0.13%)
- Brent: \$64.49 (+1.93%)

Ten-year U.S. Treasuries bond yield decreased insignificantly. As compared to Thursday, yield has lost about 0.5 percentage points so far and is 1.72% at the moment. FRS is not going to extend the waiver to Supplementary Leverage Rate (SLR) expiring March 31.

As a reminder, this relief measure introduced in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak allowed banks not to consider Treasuries and FRS deposits in calculation of debt-to-equity ratio.

Another point is that Friday is Quadruple Witching Day. This means futures and options for indexes and stocks expire today.

There are usually volatile movements in the market. However, judging by index variations, volatility is not so high as yet.

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