

**American stock indexes were divergent on Friday.** The main focus today is on the pandemics and coronavirus spread in the U.S. To remind, the United States leads the world's statistics of COVID-19 new infections and deaths.

*As at 7:15 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 index gained about 0.15%, Dow Jones hovered around zero, and NASDAQ technology index grew by 0.2%.*

Key indicators as of Thursday evening (February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021):

- S&P 500: +0.15%
- Dow Jones: -0.08%
- NASDAQ: +0.2%
- IMOEX: +0.37%; RTSI: +0.05%
- Gold: \$1,826 (+0.02%)
- Copper: \$8,310 (+0.3%)
- Brent: \$62.4 (+0.1%)
- USD/RUB: RUB 73.8 (+0.1%)

**The market was rather volatile this week.** Some sectors like Canadian Environment sector companies showed highly abrupt movements in both directions. There is still excess liquidity in the market.

**Our activity in portfolios is minimal today, considering the approaching weekends.** In the **Optimum** portfolio, we closed position in **Whirlpool Corporation (WHR US)**. The idea pays off too slowly. The position will be rebalanced in favor of more dynamic ideas.

Additionally, we opened a position in **Plains GP (PAGP US)** shares. Recent decline allowed us to enter this undervalued energy sector company at a good price. **A more detailed review will be available quite soon.**



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