

# Financial companies lead stocks lower

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Specialist Peter Mazza works at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017. U.S. stocks moved broadly lower in early trading Thursday, giving back the market's gains from ... [more](#)

Banks and other financial companies led U.S. stocks modestly lower Thursday, wiping out much of the market's gains from a day earlier.

Phone companies, real estate, utilities and health care stocks eked out gains. Energy, technology and other stocks that posted big gains in the weeks after the November election lost ground.

Banks, which moved sharply higher through much of the post-election rally in November and December, were hurt by a drop in bond yields, which can push down interest rates on loans, squeezing banks' profits.

"The market has been running pretty nicely this year, so this is just a little bit of a pullback, a little bit of a consolidation," said Troy Logan, managing director of Warren Financial Service. "Anything that has run well post-election has pulled back somewhat today."

The market's slide came as investors looked ahead to several weeks of companies reporting their latest quarterly results.

That begins Friday, when several major banks are due to report earnings, including Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo.

Beyond the drop in bond yields, some traders may have also been selling bank stocks to lock in the sector's recent gains ahead of Friday's earnings releases, Logan said.

"Tomorrow is the big day for a lot of the big banks," he said. "They've run up pretty nicely postelection and through this year."

TRANSLATOR

Mylan fell 1.4 percent on news that CVS slashed its price on a generic version of Adrenaclick, a treatment similar to Mylan's EpiPen, which can cost more than \$600. The version that CVS is selling costs about a sixth of the price of Mylan's EpiPen.

Fiat Chrysler tumbled 10.3 percent after the U.S. government accused the automaker of violating vehicle emission laws.

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