

Dow soars 490 points, its best day since March 2009 after central banks ease flow of dollars globally

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The Dow rocketed 490 points, notching its biggest gain since March 2009 as investors cheered action by major central banks to ease the flow of dollars into the global financial system.

All three indexes surged more than 4%. The Dow jumped 4.24% or a whopping 490.05 points to finish the day at 12,045.68.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 4.33% or 51.77 to 1,246.96 and the Nasdaq closed at 2,620.34, up 104.83, or 4.17%.

The Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank as well as the central banks of Canada, Britain, Japan and Switzerland all agreed to lower the cost of existing dollar swap lines by 50 basis points starting on Dec. 5.

"They pumped money into the system," [Ralph Fogel](#), head of investment strategy at Fogel Neale Wealth Management, told the Daily News. "The market loves this, because the fear was that institutions would not lend to one another and it would freeze up the system."

Investors also cheered a report that showed the pace of job growth in the private sector accelerated in November. U.S. employers added 206,000 jobs, the ADP National Employment Report showed, topping forecasts.

Big banks were among the top gainers. JPMorgan Chase jumped 8.4%, Morgan Stanley rose 11.1% and Citigroup jumped 8.9%.

There was also good news from China which reduced the amount of cash that banks must set aside as reserves for the first time since 2008. Easing in China, which contributes most to global growth, may boost confidence as Europe's crisis worsens.

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