

Weekly Round Up

6th December 2019
This week's highlights

Sterling

On the front foot

EUR/\$

A little firmer

PMIs

Mixed bag

US 'Payrolls'

+266k in Nov

Euro Area

- The euro advanced against a generally soft dollar strengthening to \$1.11 (still within recent \$1.09-\$1.12 range)
- Core bond yields fluctuate but end higher on the week, with German 10-year yields rising by 7bps to -0.29%
- The Composite PMI nudges up in November but at 50.6 it continues to signal only very modest growth in GDP

UK

- The FX market is taking comfort from the Tories fairly steady lead in the polls, propelling the pound higher
- Sterling rose to about 84.5p against the euro, its best level since mid-2017, and to over \$1.31 against the dollar
- The Composite PMI fell back below the 50 level last month, pointing to a contraction in economic activity

US

- Employment rose by 266k in November, according to the latest 'payrolls' report, after a gain of 156k in October
- The unemployment rate dipped to 3.5% last month while the annual pace of growth in earnings eased to 3.1%
- 10-year bond yields bounce around during the week though strong 'payrolls' sees them end higher at 1.86%

Ireland

- The unemployment rate for November was 4.8%, unchanged from October and down from 5.6% in Nov 2018
- Industrial production rose by 5.4% y-o-y in Oct, with gains in output in both the modern and traditional sectors
- Tax revenues in January-November were up 6.7% on the same 11 months in 2018 and 2.7% ahead of target

The week ahead

Monday	IRL Vehicle Licences
Tuesday	EA ZEW Index; UK GDP, Industrial Production, Services Index; US Small Business Optimism, Unit Labour Costs
Wednesday	IRL Tourism & Travel (Q3); UK RICS Housing Survey; US CPI, Fed Meeting
Thursday	IRL CPI, Residential Property Prices; EA Industrial Production, ECB Meeting; US Jobless Claims
Friday	IRL Quarterly National Accounts (Q3); International Accounts (Q3); US Retail Sales, Import & Export Prices

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