

Weekly Round Up

17th January 2020
This week's highlights

US Equities
Fresh highs

EUR/\$
Little changed

UK Yields
Fall on week

UK Inflation
Lower in Dec

Euro Area

- Euro steady against the dollar at around \$1.11, while German 10-year yields just marginally lower at -0.21%
- The annual rate of inflation confirmed at 1.3% in December according to final CPI reading, core rate also 1.3%
- Minutes of the ECB's December meeting note "continued weak but stabilising euro area growth dynamics"

UK

- The headline and core rates of CPI inflation both fall further in December, to 1.3% and 1.4% respectively
- Soft inflation data add to market expectations for an interest rate cut at the BOE's January 30th meeting
- Bond yields lower on the week, but sterling surprisingly resilient ending largely unchanged against euro at 85p

US

- US and China formally sign what Donald Trump described as a "big beautiful monster" interim trade deal
- Equity markets continue to set fresh all-time highs, with the S&P 500 ahead by almost 3% in January to date
- 10-year yields end marginally higher on week at 1.85%, towards middle of the recent circa 1.72%-1.92% range

Ireland

- The annual rate of CPI inflation picked up for a second month running in December to stand at 1.3%
- Residential property prices rose by 1.4% y-o-y in November, with Dublin down 0.7% but ex Dublin up 3.6%
- The value of goods exports fell by 2% y-o-y in November but for period January-November were up 9% y-o-y

Monday	UK Rightmove House Prices
Tuesday	EA ZEW Index; UK Labour Market Report
Wednesday	IRL Wholesale Price Index; UK CBI Industry Survey; US Existing Home Sales
Thursday	EA Consumer Confidence, ECB Meeting; US Jobless Claims, Leading Index
Friday	Flash PMIs in EA, UK and US

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