

Weekly Round Up

31st January 2020
This week's highlights

BOE

No change

Sterling

Firmer

Euro Area

GDP up 0.1%

Fed

Stays on hold

Euro Area

- Core bond yields fall on concerns about the coronavirus; German 10-year yields almost 10bps lower at -0.42%
- GDP increased by 0.1% q-o-q in the final quarter of 2019 (after +0.3% in Q3) and by 1.0% on an annual basis
- The annual rate of headline inflation rose for a third consecutive month in January to stand at 1.4%

UK

- Thursday's eagerly awaited BOE monetary policy decision saw a 7-2 vote to keep interest rates on hold
- BOE put weight on the reduction in uncertainty post the election, the latter allowing for orderly exit from the EU
- The pound popped higher following the BOE rate announcement, strengthened to 84p against the euro

US

- Fed leaves interest rates on hold, saying they're at an 'appropriate' level to sustain the economic expansion
- Economy expanded by a solid 0.5% q-o-q in the final quarter of 2019, same as the third-quarter GDP outturn
- Annual rate of PCE inflation ticked up in December to a still below target 1.6%; core rate nudged up to 1.6%

Ireland

- The volume of retail sales rose by 5.8% y-o-y in December and by 5.0% y-o-y when cars are excluded
- For 2019 as a whole, retail sales excluding cars rose by 4.3% following an increase of 3.7% in 2018
- Total trips to Ireland by overseas residents rose by 1.8% y-o-y in 2019, with trips by GB residents up 0.8%

Monday	Manufacturing PMIs in IRL, EA, UK & US
Tuesday	IRL Unemployment Rate, Services Index; EA PPI; UK Construction PMI; US Factory Orders
Wednesday	IRL Industrial Production; Services PMIs IRL, EA, UK & US; EA Retail Sales; US ISM Non-Manufacturing Index
Thursday	IRL GVA (Q3 2019); EA ECB Monthly Bulletin; US Jobless Claims, Unit Labour Costs
Friday	US Employment Report, Consumer Credit

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