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This week's highlights

Stocks Volatile	US Bonds Yields plunge	Euro Firmer again	US Payrolls +273k in Feb
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Euro Area

- Equity markets remain volatile amid ongoing concerns about the economic fall-out from coronavirus
- ECB says virus outbreak "creates risks for the economic outlook" and is "ready to take appropriate...measures"
- German 10-year yields fall by around 15bps to new low of -0.75%; Euro strengthens to over \$1.13 vs dollar

UK

- BOE Governor Carney says the central bank will take "all necessary steps" to support the UK economy
- Sterling gives up some further ground to the euro, falling to 87p, but firms 2 cents against the dollar to \$1.30
- Mortgage approvals for house purchase pick up in Jan to highest level (circa 71k) since pre EU referendum

US

- Fed cuts rates by 50bps in an inter-meeting move, citing evolving coronavirus-related risks to US economy
- Bond yields plunge with 2- and 10-yields both a remarkable 50bps lower at 0.45% and 0.75% respectively
- Employment rose by 273k in February, after a gain of 273k as well in Jan; unemployment rate dipped to 3.5%

Ireland

- Economy grew in GDP terms by 6.2% y-o-y in Q4 2019 (and by 1.8% on a seasonally adjusted q-o-q basis)
- For 2019 as a whole GDP growth averaged 5.5% with GNP increasing by 3.3% on an annual basis
- 10-year yields only marginally lower (4bps) on the week, differential over Germany widens 10bps to 55bps

Monday	GER Industrial Production
Tuesday	IRL Vehicle Licenses; EA GDP & Employment (Q4); UK BRC Retail Sales; US Small Business Optimism
Wednesday	IRL Tourism & Travel (Q4); UK GDP (Jan), Industrial Production, 2020 Budget; US CPI, Real Weekly Earnings
Thursday	IRL CPI, Residential Property Prices; EA Industrial Production, ECB Meeting; UK RICS Survey; US Jobless Claims
Friday	IRL Planning Permissions; US Consumer Confidence, Import Prices

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