



31st July 2020
This week's highlights

Dollar Under pressure	Bond Yields Lower	EA GDP Big fall in Q2	US GDP -9.5% in Q2
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Euro Area

- The euro gained further ground against the beleaguered dollar, strengthening by 2 cents to around \$1.18
- The economy contracted sharply in Q2, with GDP falling by 12.1% from Q1 and down 15.0% year-on-year
- The annual rate of CPI inflation ticked up to 0.4% in July from 0.3% in June; core rate rose to 1.2% (from 0.8%)

UK

- Sterling rose to around \$1.31 against the dollar but was largely unchanged against the euro at just under 91p
- Government 10-year bond yields continue to fall, down a further 5bps or so this week to under 0.10%
- The annual rate of house price inflation picked up in July according to Nationwide, to 1.5% from -0.1% in June

US

- GDP fell by 9.5% q-o-q in Q2 following a fall of 1.3% in the first quarter, with consumer spending down sharply
- The annual rate of PCE inflation nudged up to 0.8% in June while the core rate dipped to 0.9%
- The dollar was under pressure for much of the week, while 10-year bond yields were down 5bps to 0.55%

Ireland

- The Economic Pulse came in at 61.8 in July, up 5.5 on June but 21.0 lower than a year ago
- Retail sales recovered more ground in June, increasing by 38.4% from May to leave them up 3.5% on Jun 2019
- Number in receipt of the emergency Pandemic Unemployment Payment continues to fall, now down to 287k

Monday	Manufacturing PMIs in EA, UK and US; US ISM Manufacturing Index, Construction Spending
Tuesday	IRL Manufacturing PMI; EA Producer Prices; US Factory Orders
Wednesday	IRL Monthly Unemployment, Services PMIs EA, UK & US; EA Retail Sales; US ISM Non-Manufacturing Index
Thursday	IRL Services PMI, Industrial Production, Services Index; UK BOE Meeting; US Jobless Claims
Friday	IRL Live Register; US Employment Report, Consumer Credit

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