



4th September 2020  
This week's highlights

<b>Euro</b> Slips vs dollar	<b>Bond Yields</b> Lower	<b>US Stocks</b> Late sell-off	<b>US Payrolls</b> +1.4m in August
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**Euro Area**

- The euro got up to almost \$1.20 at one point before losing ground to end lower on the week overall at \$1.18
- Financial Times reports "several" ECB members concerned euro's recent rise will hold back economic recovery
- Retail sales slipped in July, falling by 1.3% month-on-month, having rebounded quite strongly in May-June

**UK**

- Sterling ended more than a cent lower against the dollar at \$1.32; largely unchanged against the euro at 89p
- Bank of England MPC member Ramsden says there is room to "materially" increase bond purchases if needed
- House prices rose 2% in August according to Nationwide (after 1.8% gain in July) & up 3.7% on August 2019

**US**

- Employment recovered further in August, increasing by 1.37 million following a gain of 1.73 million in July
- The unemployment rate fell again last month to stand at 8.4%, down from a peak of almost 15% in April
- Stocks end marginally lower on the week after a late sell-off, while 10-year bond yields 5bps lower at 0.67%

**Ireland**

- Exchequer recorded a deficit of €9,452 million in Jan-Aug, compares to deficit of €625 million in Jan-Aug 2019
- Tax receipts fell by 2.3% year-on-year in Jan-Aug while government spending was up 28.0% y-o-y
- 10-year bond yields declined by around 6bps to finish at -0.12%, reversing much of last week's increase

Monday	IRL GDP (Q2), Industrial Production, Live Register
Tuesday	IRL Earnings & Labour Costs, Monthly Services Index, Vehicle Licenses; EA GDP & Employment (Q2)
Wednesday	IRL Monthly Unemployment; US Job Openings
Thursday	IRL CPI; EA ECB Meeting; UK RICS Housing Survey; US Jobless Claims, PPI
Friday	IRL Planning Permissions; UK GDP (July), Industrial Production; US CPI, Real Weekly Earnings

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