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This week's highlights

EUR/\$ Down on week	Bond Yields Lower	UK Jobless Rate ticks up	Retail Sales Up again in US
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Euro Area

- The euro reversed course against the dollar, having gained ground recently, falling by about a cent to \$1.17
- German government 10-year bond yields notably lower on the week, ending down around 10bps at -0.62%
- EU leaders instruct Michel Barnier to continue negotiations with the UK, call on the latter to move on key issues

UK

- The pound largely unchanged on the week against the euro at 91p but falls to around \$1.29 against the dollar
- Employment fell by 153,000 or 0.5% in June-August (from March-May) while unemployment rate rose to 4.5%
- PM Johnson says EU "not willing, unless there's fundamental change of approach, to offer a Canada-type deal"

US

- Retail sales rose for a 5th month in a row in September, increasing by 1.9% from August and up 5.4% y-o-y
- Fed's Clarida says additional support from monetary and fiscal policy will be needed to aid economic recovery
- Equity markets marginally higher on the week while benchmark 10-year bond yields 5bps lower at 0.74%

Ireland

- Annual rate of residential property price inflation was in negative territory again in August, remaining at -0.6%
- The value of goods exports rose by 9% y-o-y in August with goods imports down 10% on an annual basis
- Among many measures, Budget 2021 provided for cash payments to businesses impacted by latest restrictions

Monday	EA Construction Output; UK Rightmove House Prices; US NAHB Housing Market Index
Tuesday	US Housing Starts and Building Permits
Wednesday	IRL Government Finance Statistics (Q2); UK CPI, PPI; House Prices
Thursday	IRL Wholesale Prices; EA Consumer Confidence; US Jobless Claims
Friday	Flash PMIs in EA, UK and US; UK Retail Sales; US Existing Home Sales

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