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This week's highlights

EUR/\$
Recovers ground

BOE
Remains on hold
Robust in June

US PCE Inflation
3.9% in May

Euro Area

- The euro recovered some ground against the dollar after last week's fall, rising by a cent to \$1.1950
- German 10-year bond yields marginally higher at -0.17%, while equity markets advanced by around 1%
- · Composite PMI rises for a 5th consecutive month in June and at 59.2 signals economy is expanding

UK

- · Bank of England left interest rates and size of bond purchases programme on hold at this week's meeting
- BOE expects economy to "experience a temporary period of strong GDP growth and above-target inflation"
- Sterling rose by around a cent to \$1.39 against the dollar, unchanged vis-a-vis the euro at circa 86p

US

- The annual rate of PCE inflation picked up further in May to 3.9% with the core rate rising to 3.4%
- Composite PMI eased to a still very robust reading of 63.9 in June, points to ongoing economic expansion
- Having ended broadly flat last week, benchmark government 10-year bond yields about 5bps higher at 1.50%

Ireland

- CSO data this week put the number in employment at 2,230,600 in Q1 2021, down 5.0% year-on-year
- Employment fell in 8 out of 14 sectors over the year to Q1, with food & accommodation posting biggest drop
- COVID-19 adjusted unemployment rate declined further in May though, to 21.9% from 24.8% in April

Tuesday

EA Economic Pulse, Retail Sales

EA Economic Sentiment Indicator; UK House Prices, Mortgage Approvals; US Consumer Confidence

Wednesday

IRL Monthly Unemployment; EA CPI; UK Lloyds Business Barometer, GDP (Q1); US ADP Employment

Thursday

Manufacturing PMIs IRL,EA,UK & US; EA Unemployment; US Jobless Claims, ISM Manufacturing Index

IRL Live Register; EA Producer Prices; US Payrolls Report, Trade Balance, Factory Orders,

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