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This week's highlights

EUR/\$ Broadly flat	US Bond Yields Nudge up further	UK GDP +4.8% in Q2	US CPI Inflation Steady in July
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Euro Area

- The euro was on the back foot over the first half of the week but steadied to end flat at a tad over \$1.17
- German government 10-year bond yields traded in a very narrow range in and around -0.46%
- Industrial output slipped for a second month in a row in June, though it was still up almost 10% on June 2020

UK

- The economy rebounded in Q2 after contracting in Q1, with GDP increasing by 4.8% quarter-on-quarter
- On an annual basis, GDP in Q2 was up 22.2% from its very depressed level in the same quarter last year
- Sterling slipped by almost a cent against the dollar to \$1.38; was a touch softer vis-a-vis the euro at 85p

US

- Annual CPI inflation held steady at 5.4% in July, having risen sharply in the previous few months
- A number of Fed members say they favour beginning to wind down the pace of bond purchases later this year
- Benchmark 10-year bond yields rose for a second consecutive week, nudging up by about 5bps to 1.35%

Ireland

- The annual rate of CPI inflation picked up to 2.2% in July, its highest level in just over nine years
- Residential property prices nationally rose by 6.9% year-on-year in June, up from 5.4% in May
- The COVID-19 adjusted unemployment rate fell to 13.5% in July from 16.2% the previous month

Monday	IRL Goods Exports & Imports; US Empire Manufacturing Index
Tuesday	EA GDP & Employment (Q2); UK Labour Market Report; US Retail Sales, Industrial Production
Wednesday	EA CPI; UK CPI & PPI; US Housing Starts, Fed Minutes (July meeting)
Thursday	US Jobless Claims; Philly Fed Manufacturing Index
Friday	IRL Wholesale Prices; UK Retail Sales, Consumer Confidence

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