



27th August 2021
This week's highlights

Bond Yields Rise	EUR/\$ Slightly stronger	UK PMIs Down in August	Irish Retail Sales Slip in July
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Euro Area

- The euro was up marginally on the week versus the dollar, to close to \$1.18, with German 10 year yields rising 8bp to -0.41%
- Composite PMI falls slightly to 59.5 in August, from 60.2 in July, broadly in line with expectations
- Consumer confidence for August was down marginally, though remaining above pre-pandemic levels

UK

- Sterling ends the week broadly unchanged at 85.5p versus the euro
- Composite PMI slips to 55.3 in August from 59.2 in July on foot of weaker services sector readings
- CBI Retail Survey sales balance (past 3 months) strengthens to +60 in August from +23 in July, amidst reports of stock shortages and rising selling prices

US

- The 10 year Treasury yield rose c. 7bp to end the week at c.1.33%
- Personal income rises 1.1% m-o-m in July, with spending up 0.3% (though real spending fell 0.1%)
- At Jackson Hole Fed Chair Powell acknowledged ongoing employment gains, but also noted downside risks related to the Delta variant, adding it could be appropriate to taper asset purchases this year

Ireland

- Retail sales volumes declined by 1.7% m-o-m in July, but were still up 5.2% in y-o-y terms (and were 14% higher than in July 2019)
- Mortgage approvals in July were up c.58% y-o-y in value terms
- The Irish Government 10-year bond yield rose 9bp on the week to -0.03%

Monday	IRL Bank of Ireland Economic Pulse; EA Economic Sentiment Indicator
Tuesday	UK Lloyds Business Barometer; EA CPI; US Conference Board Consumer Confidence
Wednesday	IRL Manuf PMI, Unemployment; UK Nationwide House Prices; EA Unemployment; US ISM Manufacturing
Thursday	IRL Q2 National Accounts; US Trade Balance, Factory Orders
Friday	IRL Services PMI; EA Retail Sales; US Nonfarm Payrolls, ISM Services

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