



6th August 2021  
This week's highlights

<b>EUR/\$</b> A touch lower	<b>US Bond Yields</b> Nudge up	<b>BOE</b> Remains on hold	<b>US Payrolls</b> +943k in July
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**Euro Area**

- The euro gave up some of last week's gains against the dollar, falling by about a cent to under \$1.18
- German government 10-year bond yields edged down slightly, dipping to -0.50% for a time
- Composite PMI rose to a record high of 60.2 in July, suggests economic recovery is gaining momentum

**UK**

- Bank of England stayed on hold, said some modest policy tightening may be needed to meet inflation target
- Composite PMI dipped for a 2nd month in a row in July (to 59.2) indicates pace of growth easing a little
- Pound largely unchanged against the dollar at circa \$1.39; touch firmer vis-a-vis the euro at just under 85p

**US**

- Employment rose by 943k in July according to latest payrolls report, unemployment rate down to 5.4%
- ISM services index hit a record high in July (64.1), suggests this sector of economy expanding strongly
- Benchmark 10-year bond yields rebounded from an intra-week low of 1.15%, climbing to almost 1.30%

**Ireland**

- Exchequer Returns show tax receipts in January to July - at €35,196 million - up 13% on Jan-July 2020
- The value of services output increased by 8.0% in June from May and by 15.9% from June 2020
- Government 10-year bond yields were flat on the week and remain in negative territory at -0.06%

<b>Monday</b>	IRL Monthly Unemployment, Industrial Production (IP), Vehicle Licenses; US Job Openings
<b>Tuesday</b>	EA ZEW Index; UK BRC Retail Sales; US Small Business Optimism Index, Unit Labour Costs
<b>Wednesday</b>	US CPI, Real Hourly Earnings
<b>Thursday</b>	IRL CPI, Residential Property Prices; EA IP; UK GDP (Q2), RICS Housing Survey; US Jobless Claims, PPI
<b>Friday</b>	EA Trade Balance; US Import Prices, Consumer Confidence

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