Economic Research Unit

Weekly Round Up



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This week's highlights

Dollar
Slightly firmer

Bond Yields
Edge higher

UK Inflation
US Retail Sales
Recover in August

Euro Area

- The euro was a touch weaker against the dollar again this week, dipping below the \$1.18 level
- German 10-year yields nudged higher for a fourth week in a row, rising by around 5bps to -0.28%
- · Annual rate of CPI inflation confirmed at 3% in August according to the final reading, core rate at 1.6%

UK

- The annual rate of CPI inflation accelerated to 3.2% in August (from 2% in July), highest since Mar 2012
- Retail sales fell for a 4th consecutive month in August, down 0.9% from July (and flat on August 2020)
- Sterling weakened to below \$1.38 against the dollar but was unchanged vis-a-vis the euro at 85.5p

US

- The value of retail sales partially recovered last month, increasing by 0.7% following a 1.8% fall in July
- Annual CPI inflation dipped slightly in August to 5.3%; core rate down for a second month running to 4%
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields were marginally higher on the week at around 1.38%

Ireland

- The annual rate of residential property price inflation nationally picked up again in July to 8.6%
- Number in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment (PUP) down 25.5k in latest week (to 114.6k)
- Government 10-year bond yields ticked up this week, increasing by around 5bps to 0.10%

Monday

IRL Goods Exports & Imports; UK Rightmove House Prices; US NAHB Housing Market Index

UK Public Sector Net Borrowing, CBI Industrial Trends Survey; US Housing Starts & Building Permits

IRL Wholesale Prices; EA Consumer Confidence; US Fed Meeting, Existing Home Sales

Thursday

Flash PMIs EA, UK & US; UK Bank of England MPC Meeting; US Jobless Claims

IRL Labour Force Survey (Q2); UK Consumer Confidence, CBI Retail Sales; US New Home Sales

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