



3rd September 2021  
This week's highlights

<b>EUR/\$</b> Edges higher	<b>Bond Yields</b> Up slightly	<b>EA CPI Inflation</b> 3% in August	<b>US Payrolls</b> +235k in August
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**Euro Area**

- The euro continued to edge higher against the dollar, gaining around a cent to trade at about \$1.19
- German 10-year yields rose for a second consecutive week, increasing by around 5bps to -0.37%
- Annual rate of CPI inflation picked up to a near 10-year high of 3.0% in August; core rate up to 1.6%

**UK**

- Pound rose by almost a cent against the dollar to over \$1.38; unchanged vis-a-vis euro at just under 86p
- Business confidence recovered in August having slipped in July, according to Lloyds business barometer
- Nationwide index showed annual house price inflation picked up to 11.0% last month (from 10.5% in July)

**US**

- Employment ('payrolls') rose by 235k in August following an upwardly revised gain of 1.05 million in July
- The unemployment rate nudged down to 5.2% last month, still above where it stood pre-pandemic
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields were marginally higher on the week at around 1.32%

**Ireland**

- GDP grew by 6.3% on a seasonally adjusted quarter-on-quarter basis in Q2 2021, according to CSO data
- Compared to Q2 of last year – when economy was in the throes of the pandemic – GDP was up 21.6%
- COVID-19 adjusted unemployment rate fell further in August, coming in at 12.4% (after 13.5% in July)

<b>Monday</b>	UK Construction PMI
<b>Tuesday</b>	IRL Monthly Services Index, Construction Output; EA GDP, ZEW Index; UK BRC Retail Sales
<b>Wednesday</b>	IRL Vehicle Licenses; US Job Openings, Consumer Credit, Fed Beige Book
<b>Thursday</b>	IRL CPI; ECB Meeting; UK RICS Housing Index; US Jobless Claims
<b>Friday</b>	IRL Industrial Production, Planning Permissions; UK GDP (Jul); US PPI

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