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This week's highlights

Dollar Loses ground	Bond Yields Nudge down	UK GDP Solid growth in Nov	US CPI Inflation 7.0% in Dec
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Euro Area

- The euro regained some ground against a generally weaker dollar, rising by almost a cent to c. \$1.1450
- German government 10-year bond yields reversed course after last week's spike, dipping to -0.08%
- Unemployment rate nudged down to 7.2% in November, back to where it stood at onset of pandemic

UK

- The pace of economic activity picked up in November with GDP increasing by 0.9% from October
- November's increase took the level of GDP to 0.7% above its pre-pandemic peak in February 2020
- Sterling gained around a cent against the dollar to \$1.37; largely unchanged vis-a-vis the euro at 83.5p

US

- The annual rate of CPI inflation nudged up again in December to 7.0%; core rate accelerated to 5.5%
- Fed member Waller says three quarter-point hikes in interest rates this year is a 'reasonable baseline'
- Having risen by about 25bps last week, benchmark 10-year yields were a touch lower this week at 1.75%

Ireland

- COVID-19 unemployment rate rose in Dec to 7.5% reflecting the impact of recent public health measures
- There were 101,853 new private cars licensed in 2021, an increase of 20.8% on the previous year.
- Household saving rate fell in Q3 2021 as economy re-opened but at 16.7% well above long-term average

Monday	IRL Goods Exports & Imports; UK Rightmove House Prices
Tuesday	EA Current Account, ZEW Index; UK Labour Market Report; US Housing Market Index
Wednesday	IRL CPI, Residential Property Prices; EA Construction Output; UK CPI, PPI, House Prices; US Housing Starts
Thursday	IRL Government Finances (Q3); EA CPI; UK RICS Housing Survey; US Jobless Claims, Existing Home Sales
Friday	IRL Wholesale Prices; EA Consumer Confidence; UK Retail Sales, Consumer Confidence

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