



29 April 2022  
This week's highlights

<p><b>Dollar</b></p> <p>Is King</p>	<p><b>Euro area GDP</b></p> <p>Up 0.2% in Q1</p>	<p><b>US Economy</b></p> <p>Contracts in Q1</p>	<p><b>US PCE Inflation</b></p> <p>6.6% in March</p>
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**Euro Area**

- Euro shed 3 cents against the dollar, falling to intra-week low of \$1.05 before recovering to c. \$1.0550
- Economy grew by 0.2% q-o-q in the first quarter of this year, slightly slower pace of growth than in Q4'21
- Annual rate of CPI inflation largely unchanged in April at 7.5%, but the core rate up quite a bit to 3.5%

**UK**

- Sterling fell by around three cents against the dollar to under \$1.26; flat vis-a-vis the euro at about 84p
- Government 10-year bond yields eased back this week, declining by around 10bps to just over 1.85%
- House prices rose by 0.3% in April according to Nationwide index, up 12.1% on the same month in 2021

**US**

- The economy contracted slightly in the first quarter of the year, with GDP falling by 0.35% from Q4 2021
- The annual rate of headline PCE inflation ticked up to 6.6% in March, though core rate dipped to 5.2%
- Government 10-year bond yields slightly lower on the week at 2.87% (up some 50bps in April though)

**Ireland**

- The volume of retail sales increased by 0.6% in March (from Feb) and was 2.9% higher than in Mar 2021
- There were 5,669 new dwelling completions in the first quarter, an increase of 44.5% on Q1 last year
- Government 10-year bond yields were largely unchanged on the week, trading just north of 1.55%

Monday	EA Manufacturing PMI, Economic Sentiment Indicator; ISM Manufacturing Index, Construction Spending
Tuesday	IRL Manufacturing PMI; EA Unemployment, PPI; UK Manufacturing PMI; US Factory Orders
Wednesday	EA Services PMI, Retail Sales; UK Mortgage Approvals; US ISM Services Index, Fed Meeting
Thursday	IRL Monthly Unemployment, Services PMI; UK Services PMI, BOE Meeting; US Jobless Claims
Friday	UK Construction PMI; US Employment (Payrolls) Report

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