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This week's highlights

EUR/\$

Lower on the week

Bond Yields

Spike higher

Fed Commentary

Hawkish

Ireland CPI

+6.7% y/y in Mar

Euro Area

- The euro gave up most of last week's gains against the dollar, shedding about two cents to \$1.0850
- German government 10-year bond yields resumed on upward trend, rising by 15bps to just shy of 0.70%
- ECB minutes: "some" members favoured firm end-date for QE in summer to clear way for Q3 rate hike

UK

- Sterling had a mixed week, slipping to \$1.30 against the dollar but firming to 83.5p vis-a-vis the euro
- Government 10-year bond yields rose by around 16bps to a circa 3.5 year high of just over 1.75%
- Latest REC labour market survey reports a "record" rise in starting salaries amid labour shortages

US

- Fed's Brainard says central bank will start reducing its balance sheet "rapidly" as soon as its May meeting
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields surged on the week, increasing by 30bps or so to 2.70%
- Pace of services activity picked up in March judging by ISM index, which rose to 58.3 from 56.5 in Feb

Ireland

- Annual rate of consumer price inflation accelerated to 6.7% in March - highest reading since late 2000
- There were 11,872 new private cars licensed in March, an increase of 11% on March last year
- Government 10-year bond yields rose by more than 20bps to 1.35%, a level not seen since 2015

Monday	UK GDP (Feb), Trade Balance
Tuesday	IRL Agricultural Prices; EA ZEW Index; UK Labour Market Report; US CPI, Small Business Optimism Index
Wednesday	UK CPI, Producer Prices, House Prices; US Producer Prices
Thursday	IRL Residential Property Prices, Goods Exports/Imports; EA ECB Meeting; US Retail Sales, Consumer Conf.
Friday	US Industrial Production

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