

Weekly Round Up



27th May 2022

This week's highlights

Dollar

Loses more ground

US Bond Yields

Nudge down

UK PMIs

Soften in May

US PCE Inflation

Dips in April

Euro Area

- The euro advanced against the dollar for a second week running, gaining about 1.5 cents to over \$1.07
- Stocks rose by around 3.5%, reversing last week's decline, while German 10-year yields flat at 0.95%
- The flash Composite PMI dipped in May but was still comfortably in expansionary territory at 54.9

UK

- Sterling gained some ground against the dollar, up about 1.5 cent to \$1.26; steady versus euro at 85p
- The Composite PMI dropped quite sharply in May, to 51.8, pointing to a slowdown in the pace of growth
- Chancellor of the Exchequer announces £15bn support package to address the increased cost of living

US

- S&P 500 rose 5%, erasing last week's losses, while benchmark 10-year yields nudged down to 2.72%
- The annual rates of headline and core PCE inflation both eased in April, to 6.3% and 4.9% respectively
- Fed minutes confirm 50bps increase in interest rates likely at each of the June and July policy meetings

Ireland

- Employment rose by 275,200 (or 12.3%) year-on-year in Q1, taking the number in jobs to over 2.5m
- The unemployment rate fell to 5.0% in Q1 (from 5.2% in Q4 last year) and is estimated at 4.8% in April
- Government 10-year bond yields ended the week largely unchanged overall trading at around 1.54%

Monday

IRL Economic Pulse, Retail Sales; EA Economic Sentiment Indicator

Tuesday

IRL Earnings & Labour Costs (Q1); EA CPI; UK Lloyds Business Barometer; US Consumer Confidence

Wednesday

Manufacturing PMIs in IRL,EA,UK & US; IRL Unemployment; UK House Prices; US ISM Manufacturing Index

Thursday

IRL Exchequer Returns; EA Producer Prices

Friday

Services PMIs in IRL,EA,UK & US; IRL GDP (Q1); EA Retail Sales; US Payrolls, ISM Services Index

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