

Weekly Round Up



12th August 2022

This week's highlights

EUR/\$

Regains ground

Bond Yields

Largely unchanged

UK GDP

-0.1% in Q2

US CPI Inflation

Falls to 8.5% in July

Euro Area

- The euro recovered some ground against the dollar, strengthening by around a cent to just shy of \$1.03
- German government 10-year bond yields were broadly flat on the week trading at around 0.95%
- Industrial production ended Q2 on a solid note, increasing by 0.7% in June and by 2.4% from June 2021

UK

- The economy contracted slightly in the second quarter with GDP falling by 0.1% from the first quarter
- Consumer spending slipped in Q2 amid the cost of living squeeze, though investment and exports rose
- The pound was little changed against the dollar at \$1.21, but a touch softer vis-a-vis euro at almost 85p

US

- Annual rate of consumer price inflation fell to 8.5% in July from 9.1% in June; core rate steady at 5.9%
- Fed member Evans expects Fed "will be increasing (interest) rates for rest of this year and into next"
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields were very marginally higher on the week at about 2.85%

Ireland

- The annual rate of consumer price inflation came in at 9.1% in July, the same as the June outturn
- There were 15,078 new private cars licensed in July, which was 25% lower than in same month in 2021
- Residential property prices rose 1.2% in June (+14.1% y-o-y), now back at their peak level in April 2007

Monday

IRL Goods Exports and Imports; UK Rightmove House Prices; US Empire Manufacturing Index

Tuesday

IRL Services Index; EA ZEW Index; UK Labour Market Report; US Housing Starts, Industrial Output

Wednesday

EA GDP & Employment (Q2); UK CPI, PPI, House Prices; US Retail Sales, Fed minutes

Thursday

EA Construction Output, CPI; US Jobless Claims, Existing Home Sales

Friday

EA Current Account; UK Retail Sales, Consumer Confidence

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