

Weekly Round Up



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This week's highlights

Dollar

Reverses course

Bond Yields

Lower again

UK GDP

-0.3% in Sep-Nov

US CPI Inflation

Now down to 6.5%

Euro Area

- The euro regained ground against the dollar this week, strengthening by about 2 cents to around \$1.08
- German government 10-year bond yields headed further south, declining by another 10bps to 2.10%
- Industrial production in the zone rose by 1.0% in November, only partially reversing Oct's circa 2% decline

UK

- Sterling gained around 1.5 cents to \$1.22 against the dollar, but dipped to almost 89p versus euro
- Government 10-year bond yields declined by the best part of 15bps over the week to around 3.30%
- GDP fell by 0.3% in Sep-Nov from Jun-Aug with the annual rate of growth slowing to 0.6% from 2.5%

US

- Annual rate of CPI inflation fell for a 6th month in a row in Dec to 6.5%, down from a high of 9.1% in Jun
- The core inflation rate - which excludes energy and food prices - also fell again in Dec, coming in at 5.7%
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields were more than 10bps lower on the week at about 3.45%

Ireland

- The unemployment rate nudged lower in Dec, ending 2022 at 4.3%, down from 5.1% in December 2021
- The number of new cars licensed in 2022 (101,349) was down slightly compared with 2021 (101,853).
- Similar to elsewhere, government 10-year bond yields fell on the week, declining by 20bps to 2.50%

Monday

IRL Goods Exports & Imports

Tuesday

IRL CPI; UK Labour Market Report

Wednesday

IRL Residential Property Prices, Services Index; EA CPI; UK CPI; US Retail Sales, Industrial Production

Thursday

EA Current A/C; US Housing Starts, Jobless Claims

Friday

IRL Wholesale Prices; UK Retail Sales, Consumer Confidence; US Existing Home Sales

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