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20 January 2023 This week's highlights

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Little changed

Sterling

Gains ground

UK CPI Inflation

Dips to 10.5%

US Retail Sales

Soft in Dec

Euro Area

- The euro traded in a narrow range against the dollar either side of \$1.08 over the course of the week
- It was a week of two halves for German 10-year yields, falling to 2% early on before rebounding to 2.15%
- · Annual rate of CPI inflation in the zone confirmed at 9.2% in Dec, core rate confirmed at new high of 5.2%

UK

- Sterling gained ground against the dollar (to \$1.2350) and euro (to 87.5p) despite mixed economic data
- Government 10-year bond yields were just marginally lower on the week trading a touch under 3.35%
- The annual rate of CPI inflation dipped to 10.5% in December, while retail sales fell 1.0% from November

US

- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields fell for 3rd consecutive week, down about 5bps to 3.45%
- A number of Fed speakers pointed to a further increase in interest rates over the opening months of 2023
- The value of retail sales dipped for a second month in a row in December, falling by 1.1% from November

Ireland

- The annual rate of CPI inflation dropped for a second month running in December, coming in at 8.2%
- Residential property price inflation nationally eased for 8th straight month in November to 8.6% (y-o-y)
- Dublin property prices rose by 7% in the year to November, while prices outside Dublin were up 9.8%

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