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Weekly Round Up



Euro Area

- The euro rebounded from an intra-week low of almost \$1.05 against the dollar to trade at around \$1.0650
- German 10-year bond yields fell 30bps to 2.40%, amid a US-led sell off in equity markets late in the week
- GDP growth in the Euro area was revised down slightly to flat q-o-q in Q4 2022 (from +0.1% previously)

UK

- Sterling bounced off mid-week low of c\$1.18 against dollar to trade back at \$1.21; flat v euro at c.88p
- Government 10-year bond yields fell for the first week in five, declining by around 30 bps to 3.55%
- GDP rose by 0.3% m-o-m in January, only partially reversing the 0.5% decline that occurred in December

US

- Economy added 311k jobs in February, according to payrolls report, ahead of circa 220k gain expected
- Unemployment ticked up to 3.6% (3.4% expected), while hourly earnings rose 0.2% m-o-m (+0.3% exp)
- Benchmark 10-year yields fell 20bps to 3.74%, as a decline in bank shares sent equity markets tumbling

Ireland

- The household saving rate dipped in Q4 2022 but still remained very elevated at just over 20%
- Services output rose strongly at the start of 2023, increasing in volume terms by 4.5% in Jan (from Dec)
- Government 10-year bond yields declined by the best part of 30bps on the week to trade at about 2.90%

Mon Mar 13	IRL Industrial Production, Agricultural Prices
Tue Mar 14	IRL Vehicles Licenses, Services Producer Prices; UK Labour Market Report; US CPI, Real Hourly Earnings, Small Business Optimism Index
Wed Mar 15	IRL Goods Exports & Imports, Residential Property Prices, Payroll Employees; EA Industrial Production; UK Budget; US Retail Sales, Producer Prices, Empire Manufacturing Index
Thu Mar 16	IRL CPI; EA ECB Meeting; US Jobless Claims, Import Prices, Housing Starts, Philly Fed Manufacturing Index
Fri Mar 17	IRL St Patrick's Day; EA CPI, Labour Costs; UK BOE/IPSOS Inflation Expectations; US Industrial Production, Consumer Confidence, Leading Index; OECD Interim Economic Outlook

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