

# Weekly Round Up



3 March 2023

This week's highlights

### EUR/\$

Slightly firmer

### Bond Yields

Further rise

### EA CPI Inflation

Core rate at 5.6%

### Ireland GDP

+0.3% in Q4

#### Euro Area

- The euro regained a bit more than half a cent against the dollar over the week to trade back at \$1.06
- German 10-year bond yields rose 20bps to 2.70%, as market priced in ECB deposit rate going to 4%
- Headline CPI inflation rate dipped to 8.5% in February, but the core rate rose to a new high of 5.6%

#### UK

- BOE Governor said "further increase in (rates) may turn out to be appropriate, but nothing is decided"
- Government 10-year bond yields increased by the best part of 20bps on the week to circa 3.85%
- Sterling was marginally firmer against the dollar at \$1.20, largely unchanged against the euro at 88.5p

#### US

- Benchmark 10-year yields rose by 5bps to 4.0%, the latter down from an intra-week high of almost 4.10%
- ISM services index remained comfortably in expansionary territory (>50) in Feb at 55.1 (vs 55.2 in Jan)
- Consumer confidence slipped for a second month running in February, according to Conference Board

#### Ireland

- GDP grew by 12.0% in 2022 according to the CSO's latest estimate, after expanding by 13.6% in 2021
- In Q4, GDP rose by 0.3% q-o-q (+12% y-o-y) but modified domestic demand fell by 1.3% (+2.8% yoy)
- Annual rate of HICP inflation reaccelerated in Feb according to flash reading, to 8.0% from 7.5% in Jan

Mon Mar 6	EA Retail Sales; UK Construction PMI; US Factory Orders
Tue Mar 7	UK BRC Retail Sales; US Consumer Credit
Wed Mar 8	US ADP Employment Report, JOLTS Report, MBA Mortgage Applications
Thu Mar 9	IRL Household Saving (Q4), Output & Income in Agriculture (2022); UK RICS Housing; US Jobless Claims
Fri Mar 10	IRL Monthly Services Index, Planning Permissions; UK GDP (Jan); US Employment Report

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