

Weekly Round Up



31 March 2023

This week's highlights

Dollar

Loses ground

Bond Yields

Spike higher

EA CPI Inflation

Falls to 6.9%

US PCE Inflation

Down to 5%

Euro Area

- The euro gained around a cent against the dollar over the course of the week, trading up to about \$1.09
- German government 10-year bond yields spiked higher, rising by the best part of 25bps to around 2.35%
- Annual rate of headline inflation in the zone fell to 6.9% in March, but the core rate edged up to 5.7%

UK

- Sterling gained around 1.5 cents to near \$1.24 against the dollar, little changed versus the euro at 88p
- Government 10-year bond yields rose by more than 25bps on the week to trade at around 3.55%
- House prices fell by 0.8% in March according to Nationwide, leaving them 3.1% lower than in Mar 2022

US

- Annual rate of headline PCE inflation fell to 5% in Feb (5.3% in Jan); core rate dipped to 4.6% (4.7%)
- Consumer confidence rose slightly in March according to Conference Board, still well off its recent highs
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields rose by best part of 20bps on the week to about 3.55%

Ireland

- The annual rate of HICP inflation fell to 7.0% in March according to flash reading, from 8.1% in February
- The volume of retail sales rose by 0.7% month-on-month in February and was up 3.6% on Feb 2022
- Government 10-year bond yields increased by about 25bps to just shy of 2.80% (recent high was 3.25%)

Mon Apr 3

Manufacturing PMIs IRL, EA, UK & US; US ISM Manufacturing Index, Construction Spending

Tue Apr 4

EA PPI; US Factory Orders, Job Openings

Wed Apr 5

Services PMIs IRL, EA, UK & US; IRL Unemployment; US ISM Services, ADP Employment, Trade Balance

Thu Apr 6

IRL Industrial Production, Services Index; UK Construction PMI; US Jobless Claims

Fri Apr 7

IRL Institutional Sector Accounts (Non Financial); US Employment (Payrolls)

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