Economic Research Unit

Weekly Round Up



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This week's highlights

EUR/\$

Off lows

Sterling

Firmer on the week

EA CPI Inflation

Falls to 6.1%

+339k in May

Euro Area

- The euro rebounded from intra-week lows of sub \$1.0650 against the dollar to trade at about \$1.0750
- German government 10-year bond yields reversed last week's increase, falling by 25bps to 2.30%
- Annual rate of CPI inflation fell to 6.1% in May from 7% in April, with the core rate dipping to 5.3% (5.6%)

UK

- The pound gained 1.5 cents against the dollar to \$1.25; and about a penny firmer v euro at just under 86p
- Government 10-year bond yields reversed about half of last week's increase, falling circa 15bps to 4.15%
- · House prices dipped 0.1% in May according to Nationwide, after 0.4% gain in April, and down 3.4% y-o-y

US

- Economy added 339k jobs in May according to payrolls report, after upward revised gain of 294k in April
- Unemployment rate ticked up to 3.7% though (3.4% in April), while y-o-y earnings growth dipped to 4.3%
- Government 10-year bond yields fell by 15bps to 3.65%; market pared back likelihood of June rate hike

Ireland

- $\bullet \quad \text{GDP fell by } 4.6\% \text{ q-o-q in Q1, due to volatile multinational-dominated industry sector, and by } 0.2\% \text{ y-o-y}$
- Domestic economy performed solidly in Q1 modified domestic demand up 2.7% q-o-q and +5.5% y-o-y
- Annual HICP inflation fell to 5.4% in May (6.3% in Apr); unemployment at new low of 3.8% last month

Mon Jun 5	EA, UK & US Services PMIs; EA PPI; US ISM Services Index, Factory Orders
Tue Jun 6	IRL Services PMI; EA Retail Sales; UK BRC Retail Sales, Construction PMI
Wed Jun 7	IRL Industrial Production; US Consumer Credit, Trade Balance, Mortgage Applications; OECD Economic Outlook
Thu Jun 8	IRL CPI, Household Saving (Q1); EA GDP & Employment (Q1, final); UK RICS Housing Survey; US Jobless Claims, Household Net Worth
Fri Jun 9	IRL Services Index, New Vehicle Licenses, Planning Permissions (Q1)

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