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Weekly Round Up



21 July 2023 This week's highlights

UK CPI Inflation

Down to 7.9%

Sterling

Loses ground

UK Bond Yields

Fall on the week

EUR/\$

Marginally lower

Euro Area

- · Euro came off the boil against the dollar in latter part of week, shedding around a cent to just shy of \$1.11
- German 10-year bond yields rose by almost 10bps from early week lows to finish down a touch at 2.45%
- ECB meets this coming Thursday with the market fully priced for another 25bps hike in interest rates

UK

- Annual headline inflation rate fell to 7.9% in June from 8.7% in May; core rate dipped to 6.9% from 7.1%
- The pound lost ground post inflation data, falling to \$1.2850 and 86.6p versus dollar & euro respectively
- Bond yields fell by 15-20bps across the curve as market lowered expected peak in BOE rates (to c.6%)

US

- Number of new jobless claimants fell to a 2-month low last week, suggests labour market remains tight
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields were marginally lower on the week overall at about 3.82%
- Fed meets next Tuesday/Wednesday with the market expecting it to increase interest rates by 25bps.

Ireland

• Residential property price inflation nationally eased again in May to 2.4% year-o-year (from 3.4% in April)

Indicator; UK Nationwide House Prices; US PCE Inflation, Employment Cost Index (Q2), Consumer Spending

- Value of goods exports in Jan-May down 6% on same period in 2022, while goods imports were up 5%
- Government 10-year bond yields were slightly lower on the week as a whole trading just below 2.85%

Mon Jul 24	EA, UK & US Flash PMIs; US Chicago Fed National Activity Index
Tue Jul 25	UK CBI Industry Survey; US Consumer Confidence, House Prices
Wed Jul 26	IRL New Dwelling Completions (Q2); EA Money Supply; US Fed Meeting, New Home Sales
Thu Jul 27	EA ECB Meeting; UK CBI Retail Sales Survey; US GDP (Q2, 1st est.), Jobless Claims, Capital Goods Orders, Trade Balance
Fri Jul 28	IRL Preliminary GDP Estimate (Q2); Flash HICP Inflation; Retail Sales; EA Economic Sentiment

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