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This week's highlights

<p>ECB</p> <p>Hikes by 25bps</p>	<p>EUR/\$</p> <p>Lower on the week</p>	<p>UK GDP</p> <p>-0.5% in July</p>	<p>US CPI Inflation</p> <p>Picks up in August</p>
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Euro Area

- The ECB raised rates by 25bps at Thursday's meeting but indicated it would now pause its hiking cycle.
- It kept the door open to a further increase, if needed, with Lagarde refusing to say rates have peaked.
- The euro lost ground against the dollar post the ECB's announcement, shedding half a cent to \$1.0660.

UK

- GDP fell by 0.5% in the month of July, with declines in output across industry, construction and services.
- The underlying trend is one of continuing modest expansion, with GDP in May-July up 0.2% on Feb-Apr.
- Sterling lower on the week against the dollar at around \$1.24; little changed vis-a-vis euro at about 86p.

US

- Annual rate of CPI inflation picked up to 3.7% in August, from 3.2% in July, due to higher energy prices.
- However the core rate of inflation fell for a fifth consecutive month, coming in at 4.3% after 4.7% in July.
- Benchmark government 10-year bond yields rose for 2nd week running, increasing to just over 4.30%.

Ireland

- The number of payroll employees dipped by 0.1% in July (from June) but was up 2.4% on July 2022.
- New private cars licensed in August up 27% on a year earlier, and up 19% y-o-y for the Jan-Aug period.
- The value of goods exports rose by 7% y-o-y in July, while the value of goods imports increased by 3%.

Mon Sep 18	IRL Residential Property Prices; UK Rightmove House Prices; US NAHB Housing Index
Tue Sep 19	EA CPI; US Housing Starts & Building Permits; OECD Economic Outlook
Wed Sep 20	EA Construction Output; UK CPI, Producer Prices; US Fed Meeting
Thu Sep 21	UK Bank of England Meeting, Public Sector Borrowing; EA Consumer Confidence; US Jobless Claims, Current Account, Existing Home Sales; Leading Index
Fri Sep 22	IRL Wholesale Prices; EA, UK & US Flash PMIs; UK Retail Sales, Consumer Confidence, CBI Industry Survey

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