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This week's highlights

<p>EUR/\$</p> <p>Lower again</p>	<p>Bond Yields</p> <p>Increase again</p>	<p>US Payrolls</p> <p>+336k in Sep</p>	<p>US Jobless Rate</p> <p>Steady at 3.8%</p>
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Euro Area

- The euro recovered from intra-week low of about \$1.0450 against dollar, but still down overall at \$1.0510.
- German government 10-year yields rose for fifth week running, increasing by just shy of 10bps to 2.92%.
- ECB's de Guindos: "current level of rates will make important contribution" to meeting 2% inflation target.

UK

- Pound rebounded from low of sub-\$1.2050 against dollar to trade at \$1.2150; steady at c.86.5p to euro.
- Government 10-year bond yields rose sharply again this week, increasing by almost 20bps to 4.62%.
- Composite PMI for September revised up from initial estimate (46.8) but still below key 50 level at 48.5.

US

- Employment rose by larger than expected 336k in Sept, following upwardly revised gain of 227k in Aug.
- Unemployment rate held steady last month at 3.8%, while y-o-y growth in hourly earnings eased to 4.2%.
- Benchmark 10-year bond yields rose by almost 30bps to 4.85%, while 30-year yields breached 5%.

Ireland

- The unemployment rate ticked up in September albeit still remaining low at 4.2% (after 4.1% in August).
- Household saving rate rose slightly in Q2 to 10.6% from 10.3% in Q1 (down from 13.3% in Q2 2022).
- Ahead of Budget 2024 on Tues (10th), Exchequer returns show tax receipts up 6.1% y-o-y in Jan-Sep.

Mon Oct 9	IRL Industrial Production; EA Sentix Investor Confidence
Tue Oct 10	IRL Budget 2024; UK BRC Retail Sales; Labour Productivity; US Small Business Optimism Index
Wed Oct 11	IRL Payroll Employees; EA ECB Consumers' Inflation Expectations; UK REC Report on Jobs; US Producer Prices, Fed Minutes (Sep meeting)
Thu Oct 12	IRL CPI; Agricultural Prices; UK GDP (Aug), Trade Balance, RICS Housing Survey; Bank of England Credit Conditions Survey; US CPI, Real Average Hourly Earnings, Jobless Claims
Fri Oct 13	EA Industrial Production; US Consumer Confidence, Import Prices, Export Prices

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