Economic Research Unit

Weekly Round Up



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This week's highlights

Bond Yields

Sizeable decline

Dollar

Loses ground

US CPI Inflation

Falls to 3.2%

UK CPI Inflation

Sharp drop in Oct

Euro Area

- Euro rose by almost 2 cents to \$1.0860 versus dollar, which came under pressure after US inflation data.
- German government 10-year bond yields fell by about 15bps to a circa two-month low of around 2.55%.
- Industrial production in the zone ended Q3 on a weak note, falling by 1.1% m-o-m in Sep (-6.9% y-o-y).

UK

- Annual rate of headline CPI inflation fell sharply but not unexpectedly in Oct, to 4.6% from 6.7% (Sep).
- · Core inflation dropped to 5.7% from 6.1%, with both core goods and core services inflation easing.
- 10-year gilt yields 25bps lower on week (4.08%); pound rose 2 cents to \$1.24 v \$, flat v euro at 87.5p.

US

- CPI inflation resumed its descent in Oct, falling to 3.2% from 3.7% in Sep; core rate down to 4.0% (4.1%)
- Inflation data prompted a rally in bonds, with 2- and 10-yields both around 20-25bps lower on the week.
- Fed's Daly said inflation readings "very encouraging", but interest rate cuts "not happening for a while."

Ireland

- Annual rate of residential property price inflation nationally picked up to 1.4% in Sep from 1.1% in August.
- Residential property prices in Dublin were down 1.9% y-o-y, while prices outside of Dublin rose by 4%.
- Number of payroll employees was flat in Sep v Aug, with y-o-y increase easing to 2.3% (2.9% in Aug).

Mon Nov 20

EA Construction Output; US Leading Index

Tue Nov 21

EA New Car Registrations; **UK** Public Sector Net Borrowing, Productivity; **US** Existing Home Sales, Fed Minutes (October meeting)

Wed Nov 22

EA Consumer Confidence; **UK** Autumn Statement, CBI Industrial Trends Survey; **US** Jobless Claims, Durable Goods Orders, Consumer Confidence

Thu Nov 23

IRL Labour Force Survey (Q3); EA & UK Flash PMIs

Fri Nov 24

IRL Wholesale Prices, Industrial Disputes (Q3); UK Consumer Confidence; US Flash PMIs

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