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This week's highlights

<p><b>EUR/\$</b></p> <p>Weaker again</p>	<p><b>Sterling</b></p> <p>Loses ground v \$</p>	<p><b>US Payrolls</b></p> <p>+199k in Nov</p>	<p><b>US Jobless Rate</b></p> <p>Dips to 3.7%</p>
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<b>Euro Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The euro lost more ground to the dollar this week, shedding around 1.5 cents to trade just below \$1.0750</li> <li>• German government 2-year bond yields flat at 2.67%, while 10-year yields fell by about 10bps to 2.25%.</li> <li>• ECB set to leave rates on hold again next Thursday, market pricing in c.40bps of cuts by April next year.</li> </ul>
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<b>UK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pound gave up all of last week's gains against the dollar, falling by the best part of 2 cents to \$1.25.</li> <li>• Government 10-year bond yields headed further south, down more than 10bps to just shy of 4.0%.</li> <li>• Bank of England MPC expected to leave rates unchanged for 3rd consecutive meeting next Thursday.</li> </ul>
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<b>US</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy added 199k jobs in November according to Friday's payrolls report, after a gain of 150k in Oct.</li> <li>• Unemployment dipped to 3.7% from 3.9% in Oct, while y-o-y growth in hourly earnings remained at 4%.</li> <li>• The Fed is almost certain to keep interest rates in 5.25%-5.5% range again at its Dec 12/13 meeting.</li> </ul>
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<b>Ireland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporation tax receipts recovered strongly in November, up almost 27% (or €1.3bn) on November 2022.</li> <li>• The unemployment rate ticked up to 4.8% in November from 4.7% in October (latter revised from 4.8%).</li> <li>• Government 10-year yields fell by circa 10bps to 2.60%, followed a fall of almost 30bps last week.</li> </ul>
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Mon Dec 11	IRL Vehicle Licenses, Agricultural Prices; <b>UK</b> Rightmove House Prices; <b>US</b> Small Business Optimism Index
Tue Dec 12	EA ZEW Index; <b>UK</b> Average Earnings; <b>US</b> CPI, Real Hourly Earnings
Wed Dec 13	IRL Payroll Employees, Residential Property Prices; <b>EA</b> Industrial Production; <b>UK</b> GDP (Oct), Trade Balance; <b>US</b> Fed Meeting, Producer Prices
Thu Dec 14	IRL CPI; <b>EA</b> ECB Meeting; <b>UK</b> BOE Meeting, RICS Housing Survey; <b>US</b> Jobless Claims, Retail Sales, Import Prices
Fri Dec 15	IRL Goods Exports & Imports, Services Producer Prices; <b>EA, UK &amp; US</b> Flash PMIs; <b>EA</b> Labour Costs, Trade Balance; <b>UK</b> Consumer Confidence; <b>US</b> Industrial Production

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