

# Weekly Round Up

18th January 2019  
This week's highlights

## Brexit Deal

Heavily defeated

## PM May

Plan B Monday

## Sterling

Firmer

## Euro

Softer v \$

### Euro Area

- Euro loses ground against the dollar to trade at about \$1.14, down from last week's high of over \$1.1550
- Industrial output fell sharply in the month of December and was down more than 3% on December 2017
- ECB's Mario Draghi says the recent slowdown in growth could persist for longer than previously expected

### UK

- Brexit deal resoundingly defeated in Parliament by a majority of 230 votes (with 118 Tory MPs dissenting)
- Theresa May to present a "Plan B" on the next steps / way forward to Parliament on Monday (21 January)
- Sterling firmer on the week against both the euro and the dollar at about 88p and \$1.29 respectively

### US

- Main equity indices advance further to bring their gains since the start of 2019 to between 5% and 7%
- Benchmark 10-year bond yields move up on the week, increasing by around 7bps to 2.77%
- Fed members say that, with inflation contained, central bank can be patient in deciding on further rate hikes

### Ireland

- The annual CPI inflation rate nudged up to 0.7% in December and averaged 0.5% for 2018 as a whole
- Annual increase in residential property prices moderated to 7.1% in November 2018 from 8.4% in October
- Prices in Dublin rose by 5.0% in year to November, and by 9.3% outside of Dublin over the same period

### The week ahead

Monday	UK Rightmove House Prices
Tuesday	IRL Wholesale Prices; EA ZEW Index; UK Labour Market Report; US Existing Home Sales
Wednesday	EA Consumer Confidence; UK CBI Business Optimism
Thursday	EA Flash PMIs, ECB Meeting; US Jobless Claims, Flash PMIs
Friday	UK Finance Housing Loans

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