

# Weekly Round Up

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This week's highlights

## Stocks

Under pressure

## Bond Yields

Lower

## Sterling

Still at 90p v Euro

## US Payrolls

+312k in Dec

### Euro Area

- Equity markets under pressure at the start of 2019 prompting a further decline in core bond yields
- German government 10-year yields around 5bps lower at 0.20%. Euro a touch softer against dollar at \$1.1350
- Annual inflation rate down to 1.6% in December (from 1.9% in November) reflecting impact of lower oil prices

### UK

- Pound continues to hover around 90p versus euro ahead of Parliament's vote on Brexit deal later this month
- Composite PMI ticks up in December with both manufacturing and services improving from November
- House prices fall by 0.7% in December according to Nationwide, and up just 0.5% on December 2017

### US

- Benchmark 10-year yields fall by 7bps to 2.65%, bringing the cumulative decline to circa 60bps since early Nov
- Payrolls increase by 312k in Dec but unemployment rate ticks up to 3.9% reflecting increase in participation rate
- ISM index of manufacturing falls to 54.1 in December, signalling moderating growth in the sector

### Ireland

- The Economic Pulse stood at 88.3 in December, down 1.6 on November and 0.6 lower than a year earlier
- There was a small Exchequer surplus of €100m in 2018, the first underlying surplus since 2006
- Tax revenues rose by 8.3% y-o-y in 2018 and were 2.6% or circa €1.4bn ahead of target

### The week ahead

Monday	EA Retail Sales; UK New Car Registrations; US Factory Orders, ISM Non-Manufacturing Index
Tuesday	IRL Unemployment, Retail Sales; EA Economic Sentiment Indicator; UK Halifax House Prices; US Job Openings
Wednesday	IRL Industrial Production, Services Index; EA Unemployment Rate; UK BRC Retail Sales; Fed Minutes
Thursday	US Jobless Claims, Wholesale Inventories
Friday	IRL Vehicle Licenses; UK Monthly GDP (Nov), Industrial Production, Trade Balance; US CPI

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