

Domestic Irish News

Irish property prices continue to rise

According to the Irish Central Statistics Office, residential property prices gained 12.4% year-on-year (YoY) during September. This is the measure's highest level since 2018 and reflects a 12.8% YoY increase in house prices and 9.8% YoY rise in apartment prices. The Irish home price index is now only 7.4% below its highest level, which was set in 2007.

Global Share Markets

Global equities depreciated over the week

Despite the Nasdaq Index closing the week at a record high, equity markets, according to the MSCI AC World Index, depreciated by 0.25% over the past week. New Covid-19-related restrictions in continental Europe weighed on investor sentiment. At the same time, expectations around US President Joe Biden's decision on a new Federal Reserve chair drove further uncertainty among market participants.

European Economy

European countries reintroduce restrictions

Late in the week, and days after announcing a lockdown on unvaccinated people, Austria said that it will introduce a full national lockdown. Alexander Schallenberg, the Austrian chancellor, announced that vaccinations will become a legal requirement on the first of February 2022. Angela Merkel, the German Chancellor, also declared tighter restrictions for unvaccinated people. These measures are likely to act as a hindrance to economic recovery.

UK Inflation

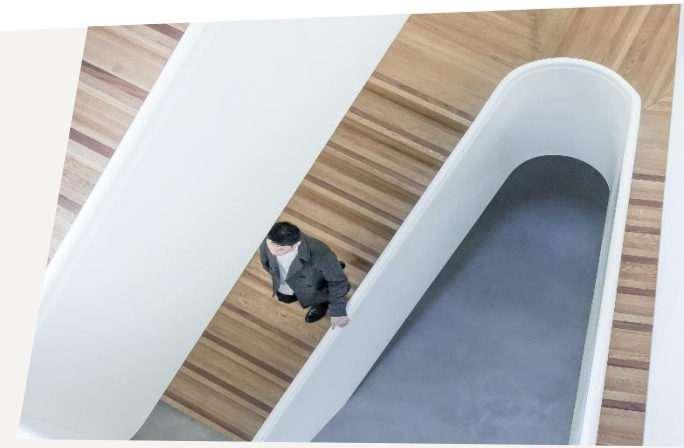
UK inflation at its highest level since 2011

The UK's annual inflation rate rose to 4.2% during October. This is the UK's highest level of inflation since 2011 and reflects a massive 69.1% increase in liquid fuels prices. At the same time, electricity and gas prices also contributed to inflation as the cap on energy prices was raised and the global surge in energy prices continued.

Individual Stocks

EV frenzy

On Wednesday, electric vehicle (EV) company Rivian saw its first daily loss since its initial public offering on 10 November. Rivian's IPO made the company the US's second most valuable carmaker – despite having zero revenue. Lucid Group, a luxury EV manufacturer, also saw the value of its shares fall. Meanwhile, Tesla gained 3.25% despite Elon Musk selling more shares.



“Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change”

STEPHEN HAWKING

The Story of the Week

Boy uses Make-A-Wish to feed the homeless

Last year, thirteen-year-old Abraham Olagbegi found out he needed a bone marrow transplant due to a rare blood disorder. Abraham has since had a successful transplant and qualified for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Abraham used his wish to give out free food in Jackson, Mississippi every day for a year.

Index performances and market data

Equity & Bond Markets (%) in Local Currency	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD (19/11)
MSCI AC World (Gross TR)	9.3	11.7	9.5	-4.3	29.6	7.2	21.2
ISEQ Overall Return	33.6	-2.7	9.5	-20.8	33.6	4.2	13.4
Euro Stoxx 50 TR	7.3	4.7	10.0	-11.2	29.3	-2.6	25.6
S&P 500 TR	12.9	15.3	7.0	0.4	33.9	8.6	26.7
Nasdaq Composite	19.1	12.1	13.9	2.1	39.2	32.9	25.3
Nikkei 225	23.2	8.8	10.3	-3.2	24.1	14.2	10.1
MSCI Emerging Markets	-4.9	14.9	21.0	-9.9	21.1	8.9	2.6
Eurozone Government Bonds 1–5 yr	1.0	0.9	-0.2	0.0	1.1	0.6	-0.4

Central Bank Rates (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (19/11)
ECB	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank of England	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.75	0.75	0.10	0.10
U.S. Federal Reserve	0.50	0.75	1.50	2.50	1.75	1.75	0.25

Sovereign 10yr Bond Yields (%)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD (19/11)
U.S.	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.7	1.9	0.9	1.5
German	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3
UK	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.9
Japan	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Ireland	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.1
Italy	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.7	1.4	0.5	0.9
Greece	8.2	7.2	4.1	4.4	1.5	0.6	1.2
Portugal	2.5	3.8	1.9	1.7	0.4	0.0	0.3
Spain	1.8	1.3	1.5	1.4	0.5	0.0	0.4

Foreign Exchange Rates	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (19/11)
Euro/Dollar (€/\$)	1.09	1.05	1.20	1.14	1.12	1.22	1.13
Euro/Sterling (€/£)	0.74	0.85	0.89	0.90	0.85	0.90	0.84
Sterling/Dollar (£/\$)	1.47	1.24	1.35	1.27	1.32	1.37	1.35

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