



ILIM - The week that was – WEEK 9 (ending 27/02/2015)

“ Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. ” – John Wooden

Greek government wins agreement for bailout extension - The new Greek government won the agreement of Eurozone's finance ministers to extend its €172bn bailout for four months after Athens presented a six-page letter with a list of economic reforms. It was agreed that the Greek government will not get the €7.2bn in aid from the extended bailout until it agrees and implements a final list of reforms by the end of April.

Irish 10-year bond yield drops below 1% for first time ever – After climbing to nearly 14% during the financial crisis, the Irish 10 year bond yield slipped below 1% for the first time in history.

Irish wages figures up 2.3% - Irish earnings figures showed wages up 2.3% in the year to Q4 2014. However excluding irregular earnings and bonuses, pay growth was less, up by 0.9% on the year.

European profits stage a comeback - European earnings per share (EPS) growth should eclipse America's this year for the first time since 2008, says Morgan Stanley, which is forecasting a 12% increase.

UK and German GDP rise - Economic growth in the UK in 2014 as a whole was up 2.6% compared to 1.7% in 2013. German GDP was up 0.7% in Q4 2014 compared to 0.1% in Q3.

Irish mortgages paid in 2014 at 1976 level and half of house sales paid in cash - Just under half of all homes purchased in Ireland last year – 20,365 in total – were bought for cash while a total of 22,119 mortgages to a value of €3.9bn were drawn down in 2014 compared to a 1976 total of 22,051.

UK FTSE 100 index hits 15 year high - On Tuesday the FTSE 100 closed at 6949.43, surpassing its previous peak of 6930.2 set 15 years ago on 30 December 1999.

The Story of the week: BuzzFeed's recycling of the 'dress' blog last week went viral: 'The Dress - is it blue and black or white and gold?' received 36-million-plus views last week. The original poster, Caitlin McNeill, from the Hebrides confirmed it was blue and black.

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Index Performances and Market Data

Equity Markets (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
ISEQ	-3.0	0.6	14.7	35.8	16.8	15.4
FTSE 100	9.0	-5.6	6.0	18.7	0.7	6.4
Euro Stoxx 50	-0.1	-17.7	13.4	21.5	4.0	14.4
S&P 500	12.8	0.0	12.4	32.4	13.7	2.6
Nasdaq	16.9	-1.8	14.1	36.9	14.8	5.1
Nikkei	-3.0	-17.3	16.24	59.4	7.1	7.9
MSCI Emerging Markets	16.4	-20.4	13.8	-2.3	5.6	4.5
MSCI World	17.2	-7.62	12.1	26.3	10.4	5.1
Sovereign 10yr Bond Yields (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
US	3.3	1.9	1.7	3.0	2.2	2.0
German	3.0	1.8	1.4	1.9	0.5	0.3
UK	3.4	2.0	1.9	3.0	1.9	1.8
Japan	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.3
Ireland	9.1	8.4	4.5	3.4	1.3	0.9
Italy	4.8	7.1	4.6	4.1	2.1	1.3
Greece	12.5	31.7	12.7	8.2	9.6	9.6
Portugal	6.6	13.4	6.9	6.1	2.7	1.8
Spain	5.5	5.1	5.4	4.1	1.6	1.3
Central Bank Rates (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
ECB	1	1	0.75	0.25	0.05	0.05
Bank of England	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.50	0.50
US Federal Reserve	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Foreign Exchange Rates	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
Euro/Dollar (€/\$)	1.34	1.30	1.31	1.37	1.21	1.12
Euro/Sterling (€/£)	0.86	0.83	0.81	0.83	0.78	0.72
Sterling/Dollar (£/\$)	1.56	1.55	1.61	1.65	1.56	1.54
IPD All Property Return (%)	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
Ireland	-2.4	-2.4	3.1	12.7	40.1	TBC
UK	14.5	8.1	2.7	10.7	19.3	TBC
US	14.8	14.5	5.3	11.4	11.2	TBC

*Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance