Morning Comment

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Dollar edges higher

Investor sentiment held a cautious tone yesterday. This was evident in the modest declines among the main equity indices on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a marginal 0.1% fall on the day. At the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was 0.3% lower.

One reason for the muted trading backdrop was the quiet data calendar. The main European release of note was the German Ifo survey for September. In contrast, to the previous day's upbeat PMI, the Ifo printed below expectations, indicating a lack of momentum in the Eurozone's largest economy. Meanwhile, the only noteworthy US data publication was new home sales for August. They jumped 20.5% m/m, but the monthly series is prone to volatility.

Currency-wise, the macro data did not have much of an influence on proceedings. The majors continued to operate within relatively tight ranges. Of the FX moves to register, the dollar has seen some gains over the past 24 hours. A modest firming in US rate expectations, amid some less dovish Fed speak over recent days, provided support to the greenback.

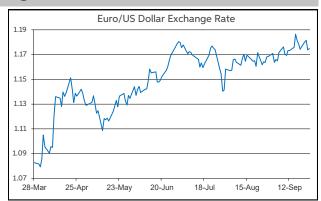
This is reflected in this morning's opening levels for some of the main dollar pairs. EUR/USD starts the European session at the midpoint of \$1.17-1.18, while GBP/USD is near the halfway mark of \$1.34-1.35. Meanwhile, USD/JPY has traded higher, operating towards the upper end of the ¥148-149 band. Elsewhere on the currency front, EUR/GBP has maintained its position above 87p.

Today's macro diary features Eurozone money supply/growth metrics for August. In the US, we get the final reading of Q2 GDP, with no revision to the 3.3% annualised growth rate expected. The US calendar also includes existing home sales and durable goods (both August) as well as weekly jobless claims.

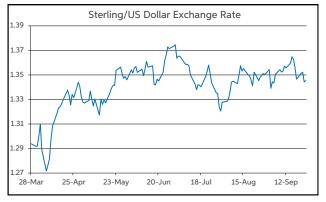
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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | | Day * | End 2024 | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.1749 | -0.45 | 13.48 | | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8728 | -0.08 | 5.50 | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.3455 | -0.38 | 7.55 | | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.145 | 0.08 | -5.21 | | |
| USD/JPY | 148.81 | 0.63 | -5.33 | | |
| EUR/JPY | 174.84 | 0.15 | 7.43 | | |
| * v Previous Day's European Open | | | | | |
| See Next Page for More Rates | | | | | |

| Opening Interest Rates | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|------------|------|------|
| | | Money Market | | Swap Rates | | 5 |
| | Base Rate | 1-Mth | 3-Mth | 1-Yr | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD | 4.13 | 4.16 | 3.98 | 3.63 | 3.65 | 3.63 |
| EUR | 2.00 | 1.87 | 2.00 | 2.11 | 2.17 | 2.41 |
| GBP | 4.00 | 3.97 | 3.97 | 3.83 | 3.98 | 4.05 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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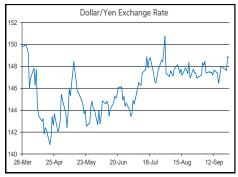
Opening Levels



| Euro | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8728 |
| EUR/USD | 1.1749 |
| EUR/JPY | 174.84 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.0341 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4634 |
| EUR/NOK | 11.6656 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9339 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.7801 |
| EUR/HKD | 9.1355 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.6318 |
| | |

| Sterling | |
|----------|---------|
| GBP/EUR | 1.145 |
| GBP/USD | 1.3455 |
| GBP/CAD | 1.8687 |
| GBP/NZD | 2.3105 |
| GBP/JPY | 200.22 |
| GBP/SEK | 12.6378 |
| GBP/DKK | 8.5449 |
| GBP/NOK | 13.3682 |
| GBP/CHF | 1.0694 |
| GBP/AUD | 2.0386 |
| | |

| Dollar | | | | | |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 148.81 | | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3891 | | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.7949 | | | | |
| USD/CNY | 7.1238 | | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.3309 | | | | |
| USD/RUB | 83.5 | | | | |
| USD/INR | 88.663 | | | | |
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| AUD/USD | 0.6597 | | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.582 | | | | |
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US Swap Curve

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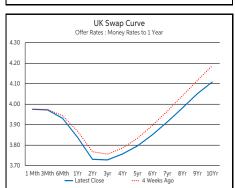
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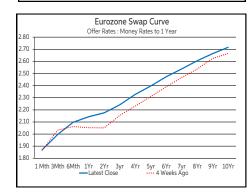
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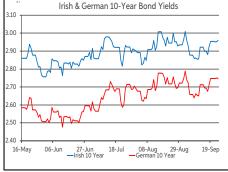
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



| Debt Markets | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | | Change bps | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 24 | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | |
| US | 4.15 | +3 | -9 | -43 | |
| Germany | 2.75 | -0 | +5 | +38 | |
| UK | 4.67 | -1 | -6 | +10 | |
| Ireland | 3.00 | +1 | +2 | +35 | |
| Belgium | 3.30 | +1 | +0 | +31 | |
| France | 3.57 | +0 | +5 | +37 | |
| Italy | 3.59 | +2 | -1 | +7 | |
| Spain | 3.30 | +0 | -3 | +23 | |
| Portugal | 3.16 | +0 | +0 | +31 | |
| Greece | 3.46 | +3 | +2 | +21 | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 3.62 | +5 | +2 | -67 | |
| Eurozone | 2.39 | +0 | +10 | +16 | |
| UK | 4.04 | -1 | -4 | -24 | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 3.62 | +3 | -1 | -71 | |
| Eurozone | 2.14 | -1 | +9 | -6 | |
| UK | 3.97 | -O | -2 | -52 | |
| 10 Year Governme | nt Bond Spread | s to Benchr | nark bps | | |
| Ireland | 25 | +1 | -3 | -3 | |
| Belgium | 55 | +1 | -5 | -7 | |
| France | 82 | +1 | -1 | -1 | |
| Italy | 85 | +2 | -7 | -31 | |
| Spain | 55 | +1 | -8 | -15 | |
| Portugal | 41 | +1 | -5 | -7 | |
| Greece | 71 | +4 | -3 | -17 | |

| Commodities | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|----------|-------|--------|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| Close Day 4 Weeks | | | | | |
| Brent Oil | 69.31 | +2.48 | +1.85 | -7.14 | |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 | |
| Gold \$ | 3735.9 | -0.74 | +9.98 | +42.39 | |

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