Morning Comment

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FX majors range bound

There were generally muted trading conditions across most of the main asset markets for much of yesterday. Investor sentiment was holding somewhat of a cautious stance. In Europe, after posting a modest fall on Monday, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 0.6% gain. Meantime, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.6% lower on the day.

Data-wise, yesterday's focus was on the flash September PMIs. The survey results were mixed in tone. The Eurozone composite index rose to a 16-month high, amid a strong showing in the services sector. Geographically, this was driven by Germany. In contrast, the French PMI results were weaker than anticipated, with private sector activity challenged by domestic political uncertainty. In the UK, the composite index printed below expectations and implied a weak end to Q3 for the UK economy, with potential tax hikes in the November Budget looming on the horizon. The headline US PMI also missed to the downside of expectations, amid a weaker than forecast service sector performance, but remains comfortably above its Eurozone and UK equivalent.

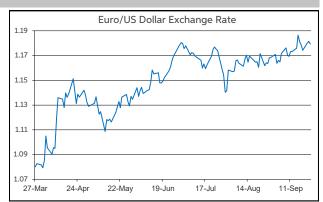
From a currency viewpoint, the PMIs did not have any impact. On the central bank speaking circuit, Fed Chair Powell's comments did not provide any new insight. Overall, the FX majors operated within tight ranges yesterday. This has continued in overnight trading on Asia-Pacific markets. As a result, the main pairs start this morning showing minimal changes over the past 24 hours. In level terms, the EUR/USD pair continues to straddle \$1.18, opening just below this threshold. Meanwhile EUR/GBP has held its ground up in 87p territory. Elsewhere, GBP/USD remains in and around \$1.35.

Looking ahead to today, the main release of note from the European diary is the German Ifo for September. In the US, the data highlight, from a quiet schedule, are new home sales for August.

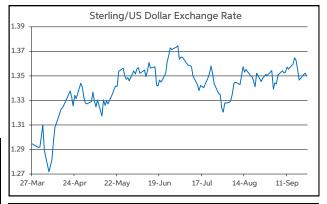
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1792	-0.03	13.90	
EUR/GBP	0.8735	0.03	5.58	
GBP/USD	1.3497	-0.06	7.88	
GBP/EUR	1.1444	-0.03	-5.29	
USD/JPY	148.01	0.14	-5.83	
EUR/JPY	174.55	0.10	7.25	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.13	4.15	3.99	3.61	3.62	3.58
EUR	2.00	1.91	2.00	2.11	2.16	2.39
GBP	4.00	3.97	3.97	3.84	3.99	4.05









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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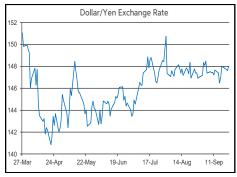
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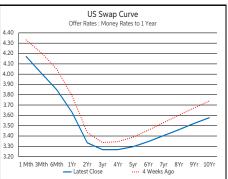
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8735
EUR/USD	1.1792
EUR/JPY	174.55
EUR/SEK	11.0251
EUR/DKK	7.4636
EUR/NOK	11.6695
EUR/CHF	0.9347
EUR/AUD	1.7801
EUR/HKD	9.1702
EUR/CAD	1.6331

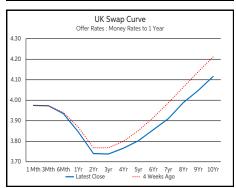
Sterling				
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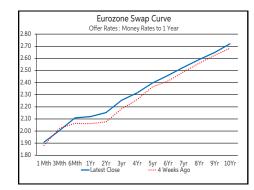
Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.01			
USD/CAD	1.3849			
USD/CHF	0.7924			
USD/CNY	7.1166			
USD/BRL	5.2821			
USD/RUB	83.55			
USD/INR	88.748			
AUD/USD	0.6622			
NZD/USD	0.5853			

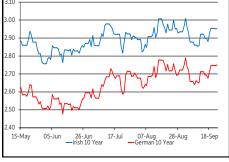












Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields

Debt Markets					
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.12	-3	-14	-46	
Germany	2.75	+0	+3	+39	
UK	4.69	-3	-5	+11	
Ireland	2.99	+0	+0	+34	
Belgium	3.29	+0	-1	+31	
France	3.56	+0	+6	+37	
Italy	3.57	-0	-1	+5	
Spain	3.30	-0	-2	+23	
Portugal	3.16	-0	-0	+31	
Greece	3.43	+1	-1	+18	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.56	-2	-6	-73	
Eurozone	2.39	+1	+7	+16	
UK	4.05	-2	-4	-24	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.60	-3	-7	-74	
Eurozone	2.15	+0	+8	-4	
UK	3.97	-2	-2	-51	
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	24	-0	-3	-4	
Belgium	54	+0	-4	-8	
France	81	+0	+3	-2	
Italy	82	-0	-4	-34	
Spain	54	-O	-5	-16	
Portugal	41	-1	-3	-8	
Greece	68	+0	-4	-21	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	67.63	+1.59	+0.61	-9.39	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	3763.8	+0.47	+10.95	+43.45	

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