Morning Comment

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Eurozone inflation sends EUR/USD back near \$1.09

Investor sentiment was holding a slightly positive tone yesterday. Encouraging inflation data, mixed labour market updates, and remarks from a number of central bankers impacted sentiment throughout the day. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 was a modest 0.3% higher, while the S&P 500 gained 0.4%.

Data-wise, the flash estimate of Eurozone HICP inflation eased to 2.4% in November (vs. 2.7% f'cast). The core rate declined to 3.6% (vs. 3.9% f'cast). Meantime, US core-PCE inflation fell to 3.5% in October, as expected. Elsewhere on the data front, the Eurozone unemployment rate remained at 6.5% in October, despite the Italian jobless rate rising to 7.8% from 7.6%. At the same time, US initial jobless claims printed broadly in-line with expectations, but continuous claims rose to their highest level since November 2021.

Amid the lower than anticipated Eurozone inflation data, the euro was under downward pressure. Meanwhile, the dollar was holding a firmer tone, as comments from a number of Fed officials left the door open to hiking rates further. Elsewhere, hawkish remarks from BoE MPC member Greene provided some support for sterling.

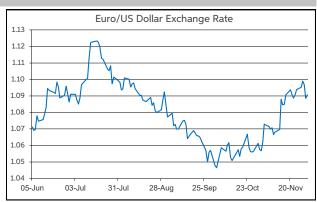
As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens down near \$1.09. EUR/GBP is operating back in the lower half of 86-87p. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is changing hands close to the midpoint of \$1.26-1.27, having traded down near the \$1.26 threshold yesterday.

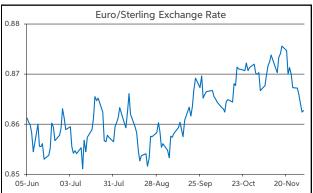
Later today, the main release will be the US manufacturing ISM for November. The consensus is for a slight improvement, although, the index is set to remain in contraction mode. Remarks from a plethora of central bankers, including from ECB President Lagarde and Fed Chair Powell, will also garner attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0906	-0.60	1.91	
EUR/GBP	0.8626	-0.15	-2.46	
GBP/USD	1.264	-0.46	4.49	
GBP/EUR	1.1586	0.15	2.53	
USD/JPY	148.16	0.77	13.00	
EUR/JPY	161.63	0.19	15.20	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Money	Market	Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.46	5.64	5.36	4.78	4.28
EUR	4.50	3.85	3.98	3.80	3.31	2.92
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.23	5.17	4.96	4.43









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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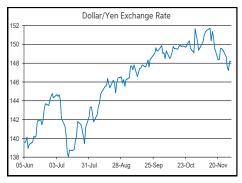
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8626
EUR/USD	1.0906
EUR/JPY	161.63
EUR/SEK	11.4026
EUR/DKK	7.4556
EUR/NOK	11.7538
EUR/CHF	0.9533
EUR/AUD	1.6525
EUR/HKD	8.5202
EUR/CAD	1.4777

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1586		
GBP/USD	1.264		
GBP/CAD	1.7126		
GBP/NZD	2.0542		
GBP/JPY	187.27		
GBP/SEK	13.2142		
GBP/DKK	8.6393		
GBP/NOK	13.6211		
GBP/CHF	1.1049		
GBP/AUD	1.9151		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.16			
USD/CAD	1.3548			
USD/CHF	0.874			
USD/CNY	7.1457			
USD/BRL	4.9263			
USD/RUB	89.25			
USD/INR	83.3325			
AUD/USD	0.66			
NZD/USD	0.6149			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

6.25

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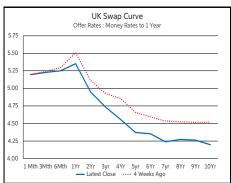
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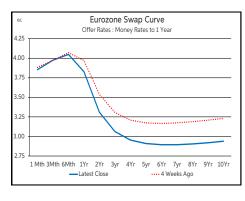
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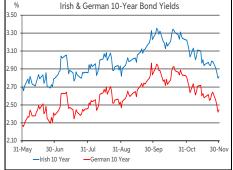
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.33	+7	-33	+45
Germany	2.45	+2	-26	-11
UK	4.18	+7	-21	+51
Ireland	2.85	+2	-30	-30
Belgium	3.07	+3	-27	-13
France	3.03	+4	-28	-9
Italy	4.24	+6	-32	-47
Spain	3.48	+5	-28	-18
Portugal	3.12	+2	-27	-48
Greece	3.71	+6	-37	-89
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.25	+6	-38	+25
Eurozone	2.91	-0	-26	-32
UK	4.37	+0	-28	+7
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.79	+3	-30	+12
Eurozone	3.31	-3	-22	-8
UK	4.95	+4	-16	+27
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	40	-0	-4	-19
Belgium	62	+1	-1	-2
France	58	+1	-2	+3
Italy	179	+4	-6	-35
Spain	103	+2	-2	-7
Portugal	67	-1	-1	-37
Greece	126	+4	-11	-77

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	82.83	-0.32	-4.63	-3.59	
West Texas Oil	75.66	-2.45	-8.89	-5.61	
Gold \$	2035.8	-0.43	+2.53	+11.58	

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