Morning Comment

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Dollar slightly softer

A limited data schedule contributed to a relatively quiet day on markets yesterday. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.7%. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished broadly flat for the day, having registered a fresh all-time high on Monday.

In terms of fixed income, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields inched 2-3bps higher along the curve. Similarly, German Bund yields rose by 2-5bps yesterday, with the larger move concentrated at the front-end of the curve. The spread between 10-year German and French sovereign yields narrowed slightly to 84bps.

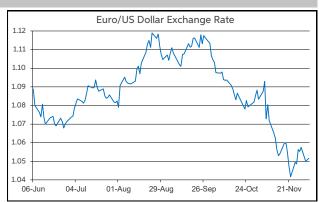
Of the limited data releases to note yesterday, US JOLTS job openings printed above the consensus in October. The number of job openings jumped to 7.74m in the month, up from 7.37m in September and versus 7.47m forecast. The dollar edged off its lows following the release.

Overall though, the dollar was under some downward pressure yesterday. The greenback declined by circa 0.3% against the euro and sterling. The softer dollar tone is reflected by EUR/USD opening this morning north of the \$1.05 threshold. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is changing hands in the top half of the \$1.26-1.27 corridor. EUR/GBP remains just below the 83p mark.

Today, the main release of note will be the US Non-manufacturing ISM for November. Meantime, political developments in France will be in focus, as PM Barnier's Government faces two no confidence votes in the Assembly. Remarks from a number of central bank officials including, Fed Chair Powell, ECB President Lagarde, and BoE Governor Bailey, will also garner some interest. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0516	0.25	-4.71	
EUR/GBP	0.8284	-0.11	-4.43	
GBP/USD	1.2688	0.34	-0.32	
GBP/EUR	1.2063	0.11	4.64	
USD/JPY	149.92	-0.06	6.28	
EUR/JPY	157.69	0.18	1.32	
* 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	4.63	4.51	4.44	4.18	4.28	4.08
EUR	3.40	2.99	2.92	2.30	2.08	2.02
GRD	1 75	168	1.63	V 33	1 33	4 08









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8284
EUR/USD	1.0516
EUR/JPY	157.69
EUR/SEK	11.5763
EUR/DKK	7.4581
EUR/NOK	11.6301
EUR/CHF	0.9317
EUR/AUD	1.6324
EUR/HKD	8.1854
EUR/CAD	1.4786

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.2063			
GBP/USD	1.2688			
GBP/CAD	1.7838			
GBP/NZD	2.1661			
GBP/JPY	190.24			
GBP/SEK	13.9497			
GBP/DKK	8.9959			
GBP/NOK	14.0208			
GBP/CHF	1.1239			
GBP/AUD	1.969			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	149.94				
USD/CAD	1.4059				
USD/CHF	0.8857				
USD/CNY	7.2687				
USD/BRL	6.044				
USD/RUB	105				
USD/INR	84.69				
AUD/USD	0.6441				
NZD/USD	0.5854				

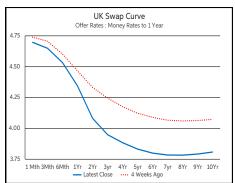


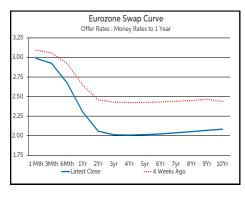
US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

4.75

4.25 4.00 3.75







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 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.22	+3	-7	+36		
Germany	2.06	+2	-38	+3		
UK	4.25	+3	-29	+71		
Ireland	2.37	+1	-37	+1		
Belgium	2.66	-0	-34	-2		
France	2.90	-2	-26	+34		
Italy	3.24	-2	-43	-46		
Spain	2.76	-1	-37	-24		
Portugal	2.51	-0	-38	-27		
Greece	2.93	+1	-37	-14		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.04	+2	-1	+25		
Eurozone	2.01	+1	-40	-41		
UK	4.07	+2	-29	+42		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.25	-0	+3	-8		
Eurozone	2.06	+2	-39	-73		
UK	4.33	+0	-23	+6		
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	32	-1	+0	-2		
Belgium	61	-2	+3	-5		
France	84	-4	+11	+31		
Italy	119	-4	-6	-49		
Spain	70	-3	+0	-26		
Portugal	46	-2	-1	-30		
Greece	88	-1	+1	-17		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	73.62	+2.49	-2.53	-4.44	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2643.4	+0.17	-3.65	+28.16	

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