## **Morning Comment**

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## EUR/GBP near 86p

It was a relatively quiet day on financial markets yesterday. Investor sentiment was holding a subdued tone, with the Euro Stoxx 50 falling by 0.4%. The S&P 500 inched 0.1% lower also. On bond markets, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields were little changed. Meantime, oil prices recouped some of their recent losses, rising by circa 2%. Brent crude oil is currently above \$77 per barrel.

Data-wise, the Eurozone unemployment rate edged back to 6.4% in November, just below the 6.5% consensus. However, the release did not impact the euro. Elsewhere, German industrial production declined by 0.7% in November (vs. +0.2% f'cast). Worryingly, data released on Monday showed that industrial orders rose by just 0.3% in November also, well below expectations for a 1% increase. Taken together, the data suggest that German manufacturing continued to struggle in Q4.

On the currency front, the main pairs continued to operate in narrow trading ranges. Of the limited price action to note, the dollar inched slightly higher, supported by the softer tone to risk appetite. Elsewhere, the yen was on the defensive overnight, on the back of some weak earnings data.

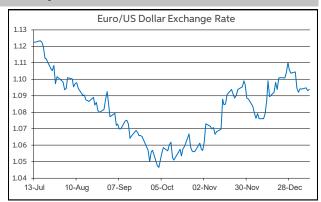
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning in the lower half \$1.09-1.10. EUR/GBP remains in and around the 86p mark. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is changing hands back near the \$1.27 threshold. USD/JPY is operating just below the ¥145 handle.

Today, the data calendar is rather sparse. Meanwhile, remarks from BoE Governor Bailey in testimony to the Treasury Select Committee will garner some attention. Speeches from NY Fed President Williams and ECB Board member Schnabel will also be of interest.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates         |        |          |          |  |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
|                                  |        | % Change |          |  |
|                                  |        | Day *    | End 2023 |  |
| EUR/USD                          | 1.0937 | -0.11    | -0.90    |  |
| EUR/GBP                          | 0.8609 | 0.22     | -0.68    |  |
| GBP/USD                          | 1.2704 | -0.30    | -0.20    |  |
| GBP/EUR                          | 1.1612 | -0.22    | 0.69     |  |
| USD/JPY                          | 144.9  | 0.77     | 2.72     |  |
| EUR/JPY                          | 158.51 | 0.68     | 1.85     |  |
| * v Previous Day's European Open |        |          |          |  |
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| Opening Interest Rates |           |              |       |            |      |      |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|------------|------|------|
|                        | _         | Money Market |       | Swap Rates |      | 5    |
|                        | Base Rate | 1-Mth        | 3-Mth | 1-Yr       | 2-Yr | 5-Yr |
| USD                    | 5.38      | 5.45         | 5.59  | 5.08       | 4.49 | 3.98 |
| EUR                    | 4.50      | 3.87         | 3.93  | 3.57       | 2.98 | 2.60 |
| GBP                    | 5.25      | 5.19         | 5.20  | 4.83       | 4.45 | 3.89 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



| Euro    |         |  |  |  |
|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8608  |  |  |  |
| EUR/USD | 1.0937  |  |  |  |
| EUR/JPY | 158.53  |  |  |  |
| EUR/SEK | 11.2176 |  |  |  |
| EUR/DKK | 7.458   |  |  |  |
| EUR/NOK | 11.3094 |  |  |  |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9322  |  |  |  |
| EUR/AUD | 1.633   |  |  |  |
| EUR/HKD | 8.5527  |  |  |  |
| EUR/CAD | 1.4642  |  |  |  |

| Sterling |         |  |  |
|----------|---------|--|--|
| GBP/EUR  | 1.1611  |  |  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.2704  |  |  |
| GBP/CAD  | 1.7005  |  |  |
| GBP/NZD  | 2.036   |  |  |
| GBP/JPY  | 184.08  |  |  |
| GBP/SEK  | 13.0268 |  |  |
| GBP/DKK  | 8.6598  |  |  |
| GBP/NOK  | 13.1382 |  |  |
| GBP/CHF  | 1.0825  |  |  |
| GBP/AUD  | 1.8964  |  |  |

| Dollar  |         |  |  |  |
|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 144.92  |  |  |  |
| USD/CAD | 1.3385  |  |  |  |
| USD/CHF | 0.8521  |  |  |  |
| USD/CNY | 7.1733  |  |  |  |
| USD/BRL | 4.9067  |  |  |  |
| USD/RUB | 89.615  |  |  |  |
| USD/INR | 83.1025 |  |  |  |
|         |         |  |  |  |
| AUD/USD | 0.6698  |  |  |  |
| NZD/USD | 0.6237  |  |  |  |
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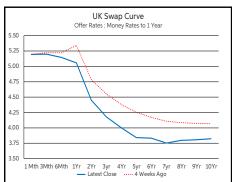
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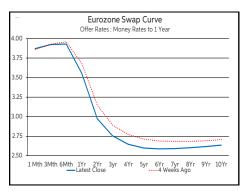
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



|                 | Debt  | Markets    |            |        |  |  |
|-----------------|-------|------------|------------|--------|--|--|
|                 |       |            | Change bps |        |  |  |
|                 | Close | Day        | 4 Weeks    | End 23 |  |  |
| 10 Year Yield % |       |            |            |        |  |  |
| US              | 4.02  | -1         | -20        | +15    |  |  |
| Germany         | 2.19  | +7         | -4         | +16    |  |  |
| UK              | 3.78  | +1         | -19        | +24    |  |  |
| Ireland         | 2.51  | +5         | -6         | +13    |  |  |
| Belgium         | 2.83  | +5         | -6         | +15    |  |  |
| France          | 2.72  | +6         | -5         | +17    |  |  |
| Italy           | 3.86  | +4         | -15        | +16    |  |  |
| Spain           | 3.16  | +5         | -8         | +17    |  |  |
| Portugal        | 2.94  | +6         | -7         | +16    |  |  |
| Greece          | 3.31  | -1         | -17        | +23    |  |  |
| 5 Year Swap %   |       |            |            |        |  |  |
| US              | 3.95  | -1         | -23        | +16    |  |  |
| Eurozone        | 2.60  | +7         | -10        | +17    |  |  |
| UK              | 3.84  | -5         | -41        | +19    |  |  |
| 2 Year Swap %   |       |            |            |        |  |  |
| US              | 4.46  | -1         | -31        | +12    |  |  |
| Eurozone        | 2.97  | +5         | -16        | +18    |  |  |
| UK              | 4.45  | +1         | -33        | +18    |  |  |
| 10 Year Governm |       | ads to Ben | chmark bps |        |  |  |
| Ireland         | 32    | -1         | -2         | -4     |  |  |
| Belgium         | 64    | -1         | -2         | -1     |  |  |
| France          | 54    | -0         | -1         | +1     |  |  |
| Italy           | 167   | -2         | -11        | -1     |  |  |
| Spain           | 97    | -2         | -4         | +1     |  |  |
| Portugal        | 76    | -1         | -3         | -0     |  |  |
| Greece          | 112   | -8         | -12        | +7     |  |  |

| Commodities    |        |          |         |        |  |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--|
|                |        | % Change |         |        |  |
|                | Close  | Day      | 4 Weeks | End 23 |  |
| Brent Oil      | 77.59  | +1.93    | +5.94   | +0.71  |  |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65  | -0.17    | -1.90   | -1.27  |  |
| Gold \$        | 2029.6 | +0.09    | +2.53   | -1.60  |  |

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