Morning Comment

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US CPI inflation in focus today

Trading conditions remained relatively calm on financial markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx traded sideways for the day, while the S&P 500 notched a 0.6% gain. On bond markets, yields were little changed across the board. Meanwhile, Brent crude oil prices held steady below the \$78 per barrel mark.

A sparse data docket likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. Elsewhere, remarks from a number of key ECB, Fed and BoE officials provided no new information on the outlook for policy. Indeed, the key message from officials remains that, although inflation is expected to continue to decline, it is too early to declare that price stability has been fully restored, meaning monetary policy will remain highly data-dependent in the near-term.

Currency-wise, against this backdrop, the main FX pairs continued to operate in narrow trading ranges. Overall, the dollar was under some modest downward pressure, handing back its gains from the day before. Elsewhere, the yen stayed on the defensive, as markets continued to digest weaker than anticipated inflation and wage data from earlier in the week.

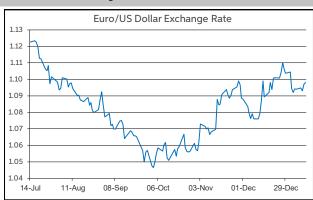
As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens up in the top half of \$1.09-1.10. EUR/GBP remains in and around the 86p threshold. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is operating between the \$1.27-1.28 corridor. USD/JPY is changing hands above the ¥145 mark.

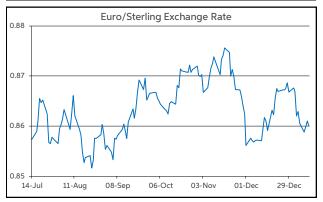
Today, the main data highlight will be the December reading of US CPI inflation. The consensus is for the headline rate to rise slightly to 3.2% from 3.1%, while the core rate is projected to decline to 3.8% from 4%. The release poses some event risk for the dollar. The latest US initial jobless claims figures will also feature.

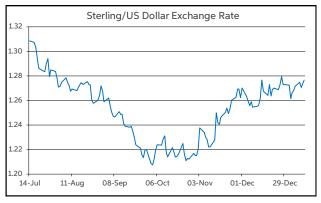
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.098	0.44	-0.51	
EUR/GBP	0.8598	-0.09	-0.81	
GBP/USD	1.2765	0.50	0.28	
GBP/EUR	1.1621	0.09	0.81	
USD/JPY	145.38	0.41	3.06	
EUR/JPY	159.66	0.88	2.59	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.45	5.59	5.06	4.46	3.96
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.93	3.57	3.01	2.63
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.19	4.84	4.47	3.91









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



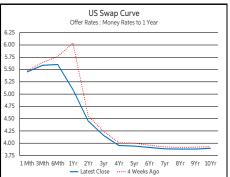
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8598
EUR/USD	1.098
EUR/JPY	159.66
EUR/SEK	11.2036
EUR/DKK	7.4572
EUR/NOK	11.3357
EUR/CHF	0.9334
EUR/AUD	1.6339
EUR/HKD	8.5836
EUR/CAD	1.4669

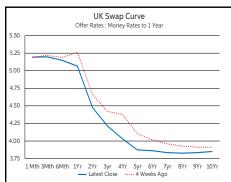
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1621		
GBP/USD	1.2765		
GBP/CAD	1.7055		
GBP/NZD	2.042		
GBP/JPY	185.58		
GBP/SEK	13.0287		
GBP/DKK	8.6682		
GBP/NOK	13.1795		
GBP/CHF	1.0852		
GBP/AUD	1.9001		

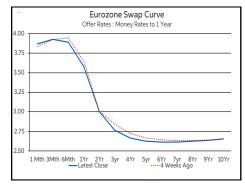
Dollar				
USD/JPY	145.38			
USD/CAD	1.3359			
USD/CHF	0.8499			
USD/CNY	7.1594			
USD/BRL	4.8925			
USD/RUB	88.88			
USD/INR	83.0103			
AUD/USD	0.6719			
NZD/USD	0.6248			













	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.03	+1	+1	+16		
Germany	2.21	+2	+4	+19		
UK	3.82	+4	-1	+28		
Ireland	2.55	+4	+4	+16		
Belgium	2.86	+3	+2	+18		
France	2.75	+2	+3	+19		
Italy	3.85	-O	-9	+15		
Spain	3.18	+2	+0	+19		
Portugal	2.96	+2	+2	+17		
Greece	3.29	-2	-14	+21		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.94	-1	-2	+15		
Eurozone	2.63	+3	-3	+20		
UK	3.88	+3	-22	+22		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.45	-1	-6	+12		
Eurozone	3.00	+3	-O	+21		
UK	4.48	+3	-18	+22		
10 Year Governm	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	33	+1	-0	-2		
Belgium	64	+1	-2	-1		
France	54	+0	-1	+1		
Italy	164	-3	-13	-3		
Spain	97	-1	-4	+0		
Portugal	75	-1	-3	-1		
Greece	107	-5	-18	+3		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks				
Brent Oil	76.8	-1.02	+3.42	-0.31	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2023.4	-0.31	-0.15	-1.90	

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