## **Morning Comment**

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## US CPI prints above the consensus

Equity markets declined on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, following slightly stronger than expected US CPI inflation data for December. The Euro Stoxx 50, which had been moving higher before the release, fell by 0.6%. Meantime, the S&P 500 inched 0.1% lower. Elsewhere, oil prices moved higher yesterday and rose further overnight, amid ongoing tensions in the Middle East. Brent Crude is currently up near \$79 per barrel.

Headline US CPI inflation accelerated to 3.4%, above the 3.2% consensus and up from 3.1% in November. Meanwhile, core-CPI edged down to 3.9% from 4%, but printed above the forecast of 3.8%. Despite the data suggesting inflation is somewhat sticky in the US, futures contracts were little changed in the initial aftermath of the release. However, market rate expectations softened overnight. US rate cuts worth 150bps are now priced-in by year.

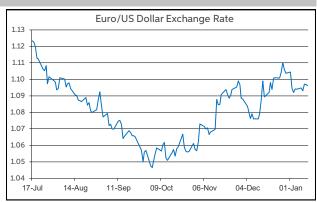
On the currency front, the main FX pairs remained range bound. The dollar reversed its losses from the day before, registering modest gains throughout the European session. As rates softened overnight though, the greenback handed back some of its gains. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning near the midpoint of \$1.09-1.10. EUR/GBP remains in and around 86p. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is at the halfway mark of the \$1.27-1.28 range.

Already today, the November reading of UK GDP has printed slightly above expectations, rising by 0.3% in the month. However, the data have not impacted sterling so far in early trading. Later today, the final reading of French and Spanish HICP inflation for December are due. Barring any major revisions though, the data are unlikely to affect the euro. In the US, Q4 2023 bank earning's reports may influence investor sentiment.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0961	-0.15	-0.68	
EUR/GBP	0.8591	-0.12	-0.89	
GBP/USD	1.2754	-0.07	0.20	
GBP/EUR	1.1635	0.12	0.90	
USD/JPY	145.2	-0.20	2.93	
EUR/JPY	159.17	-0.34	2.27	
* 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	5.02	4.42	3.92
EUR	4.50	3.88	3.94	3.53	2.94	2.57
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.20	4.80	4.43	3.93









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	)
EUR/GBP	0.8591
EUR/USD	1.0961
EUR/JPY	159.17
EUR/SEK	11.2548
EUR/DKK	7.4565
EUR/NOK	11.3051
EUR/CHF	0.9352
EUR/AUD	1.6375
EUR/HKD	8.5696
EUR/CAD	1.4667

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1635		
GBP/USD	1.2754		
GBP/CAD	1.7069		
GBP/NZD	2.0453		
GBP/JPY	185.2		
GBP/SEK	13.0959		
GBP/DKK	8.6753		
GBP/NOK	13.1561		
GBP/CHF	1.0883		
GBP/AUD	1.9056		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	145.2			
USD/CAD	1.3382			
USD/CHF	0.8532			
USD/CNY	7.1661			
USD/BRL	4.8696			
USD/RUB	88.2125			
USD/INR	82.932			
AUD/USD	0.6692			
NZD/USD	0.6235			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

6.25

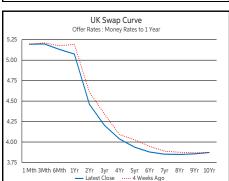
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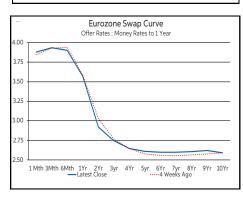
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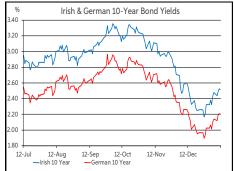
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	3.98	-5	+5	+11		
Germany	2.21	-1	+8	+18		
UK	3.85	+2	+6	+31		
Ireland	2.53	-1	+9	+15		
Belgium	2.85	-1	+8	+17		
France	2.74	-1	+10	+19		
Italy	3.82	-3	+3	+12		
Spain	3.16	-2	+8	+17		
Portugal	2.95	-1	+9	+16		
Greece	3.30	+2	-3	+23		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.85	-10	-2	+6		
Eurozone	2.61	-2	+4	+18		
UK	3.94	+6	-9	+29		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.34	-10	-12	+1		
Eurozone	2.92	-8	-10	+13		
UK	4.46	-2	-14	+20		
10 Year Governm		ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	33	-1	+1	-3		
Belgium	64	-O	+0	-1		
France	54	+0	+2	+1		
Italy	161	-3	-5	-6		
Spain	96	-1	+0	-1		
Portugal	74	-O	+0	-1		
Greece	110	+2	-11	+5		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	77.41	+0.79	+1.04	+0.48	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2028.1	+0.23	-0.37	-1.67	

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