Morning Comment

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Slightly softer dollar, marginal gains for euro

Investor sentiment was holding a mildly positive tone yesterday after Monday's risk averse start to the week. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.5%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.1% higher on the day. Yesterday's macro data calendar was relatively sparse. Indeed, there were no European releases of note. In the US, small business optimism for December came in ahead of expectations. Meanwhile, both the headline and core rates of US producer price inflation were below consensus forecasts. There was no significant market impact from the data.

On bond markets, the upward move in yields continued for some sovereigns. The 10-year German Bund yield rose by 3bps to above 2.6%. Meanwhile, after grabbing headlines over recent weeks, the action in UK gilts was less eventful yesterday. The 10-year UK yield was unchanged. In the US, the 10-year Treasury yield eased back by 2bps to just below 4.8%.

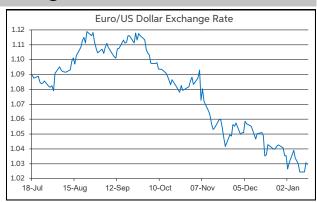
Currency-wise, the action was generally confined to narrow ranges. Of the modest moves to register, the dollar was slightly softer, taking a breather from its recent rally. At the same time, the euro posted some marginal gains. In level terms, EUR/USD has traded up to, in and around, the \$1.03 mark, while EUR/GBP has regained the 84p threshold.

Today's macro diary has an inflation theme to it. Indeed already this morning we have had the release of the UK CPI data for December. The headline and core rates have printed below forecasts at 2.5% (f'cast 2.6%) and 3.2% (f'cast 3.4%), respectively. Meantime, later this afternoon, we get the US CPI numbers for December which will pose some event risk for the dollar.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.0294	0.49	-0.57	
EUR/GBP	0.8438	0.54	1.99	
GBP/USD	1.2195	-0.05	-2.53	
GBP/EUR	1.1846	-0.53	-1.96	
USD/JPY	157.29	-0.18	0.07	
EUR/JPY	161.92	0.30	-0.51	
* 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	4.38	4.30	4.30	4.26	4.51	4.56	
EUR	3.15	2.85	2.79	2.51	2.43	2.50	
GBP	4.75	4.65	4.58	4.51	4.68	4.56	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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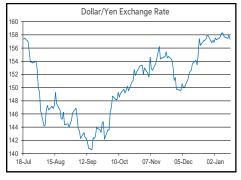
Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8438
EUR/USD	1.0294
EUR/JPY	161.92
EUR/SEK	11.5144
EUR/DKK	7.4605
EUR/NOK	11.7114
EUR/CHF	0.9393
EUR/AUD	1.6623
EUR/HKD	8.0188
EUR/CAD	1.4779

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1846			
GBP/USD	1.2195			
GBP/CAD	1.7505			
GBP/NZD	2.1762			
GBP/JPY	191.79			
GBP/SEK	13.638			
GBP/DKK	8.8341			
GBP/NOK	13.8524			
GBP/CHF	1.1124			
GBP/AUD	1.9688			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	157.29			
USD/CAD	1.4355			
USD/CHF	0.9123			
USD/CNY	7.3317			
USD/BRL	6.0559			
USD/RUB	103.05			
USD/INR	86.463			
AUD/USD	0.6192			
NZD/USD	0.5599			

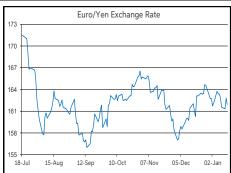


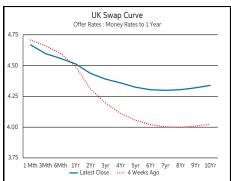
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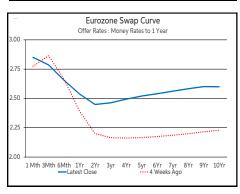
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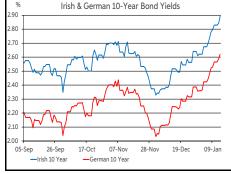
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.79	-2	+40	+21	
Germany	2.62	+3	+39	+26	
UK	4.89	+0	+36	+32	
Ireland	2.92	+4	+40	+27	
Belgium	3.24	+3	+40	+25	
France	3.47	+2	+44	+28	
Italy	3.84	+2	+45	+32	
Spain	3.33	+2	+40	+26	
Portugal	3.10	+2	+36	+25	
Greece	3.48	+0	+38	+23	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	4.54	-0	+36	+25	
Eurozone	2.52	+4	+36	+28	
UK	4.56	+4	+26	+27	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.48	-2	+17	+14	
Eurozone	2.45	+3	+25	+26	
UK	4.67	+4	+14	+19	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	30	+1	+1	+1	
Belgium	61	-0	+1	-0	
France	85	-1	+5	+2	
Italy	122	-1	+6	+6	
Spain	70	-1	+1	+0	
Portugal	48	-1	-3	-1	
Greece	86	-3	-1	-3	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	79.92	-1.35	+9.20	+7.07	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2677.2	+0.56	+1.20	+2.03	

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