## **Morning Comment**

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## US labour market report in focus today

Equity markets moved lower on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday, amid some disappointing Q3 earnings reports. The Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 1.2%, while the S&P 500 shed 1.9%. Meantime, on bond markets, UK Gilt yields continued to move higher, rising by 3-12bps along the curve. In contrast, German Bund yields and US Treasury yields rose by a more modest 1-3bps.

Data-wise, Eurozone Flash HICP inflation printed slightly above the consensus. The headline rate increased to 2.0% in October (vs. 1.9% f'cast), while the core rate remained at 2.7% (2.6% f'cast). However, the data had a minimal impact on markets. Meanwhile, US core-PCE inflation also came in higher than anticipated, staying at 2.7% in September (vs. 2.6% f'cast). Elsewhere, US personal income and consumption grew by more than expected in September, rising by 0.3% and 0.5% in nominal terms, respectively. Overall, the data suggest the US economy maintains solid momentum.

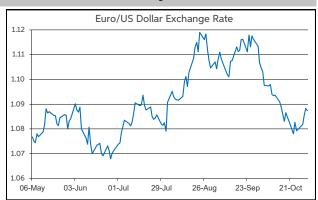
On the currency front, sterling was on the defensive yesterday. The move coincided with the sell-off in Gilts as markets continue to digest the UK Autumn Budget. Overall sterling lost circa 0.7% against the euro and 0.5% versus the dollar. The weaker tone to sterling is reflected by EUR/GBP opening this morning up above the 84p handle. GBP/USD is back at the \$1.29 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/USD is in the top half of \$1.08-1.09. USD/JPY is in the lower half of ¥152-153, as the BoJ left policy on hold overnight.

Turning to the day ahead, the US labour market report for October is due. Payrolls are forecast to rise by 113k, while the unemployment rate is projected to remain at 4.1%. Average earnings growth is set to stay at 4.1% in the month. The release poses some event risk for the dollar and US rate expectations.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates     |                                  |          |          |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|--|
|                              |                                  | % Change |          |  |
|                              |                                  | Day *    | End 2023 |  |
| EUR/USD                      | 1.0874                           | 0.21     | -1.47    |  |
| EUR/GBP                      | 0.843                            | 0.66     | -2.75    |  |
| GBP/USD                      | 1.2898                           | -0.45    | 1.33     |  |
| GBP/EUR                      | 1.186                            | -0.65    | 2.82     |  |
| USD/JPY                      | 152.27                           | -0.37    | 7.95     |  |
| EUR/JPY                      | 165.6                            | -0.16    | 6.41     |  |
| * v Previous Day's Eu        | * 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                    | 4.88      | 4.64  | 4.54   | 4.17       | 4.24 | 4.08 |
| EUR                    | 3.40      | 3.13  | 3.06   | 2.56       | 2.41 | 2.38 |
| GBP                    | 5.00      | 4.77  | 4.73   | 4.45       | 4.51 | 4.30 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



| 0.843   |
|---------|
| 1.0874  |
| 165.6   |
| 11.6042 |
| 7.4593  |
| 11.9548 |
| 0.9429  |
| 1.657   |
| 8.4568  |
| 1.5154  |
|         |

| Sterling |         |  |  |
|----------|---------|--|--|
| GBP/EUR  | 1.186   |  |  |
| GBP/USD  | 1.2898  |  |  |
| GBP/CAD  | 1.7974  |  |  |
| GBP/NZD  | 2.1605  |  |  |
| GBP/JPY  | 196.4   |  |  |
| GBP/SEK  | 13.763  |  |  |
| GBP/DKK  | 8.8476  |  |  |
| GBP/NOK  | 14.1792 |  |  |
| GBP/CHF  | 1.1184  |  |  |
| GBP/AUD  | 1.9655  |  |  |

| Dollar  |        |  |  |  |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 152.27 |  |  |  |
| USD/CAD | 1.3936 |  |  |  |
| USD/CHF | 0.867  |  |  |  |
| USD/CNY | 7.1226 |  |  |  |
| USD/BRL | 5.7925 |  |  |  |
| USD/RUB | 97.05  |  |  |  |
| USD/INR | 84.054 |  |  |  |
|         |        |  |  |  |
| AUD/USD | 0.6562 |  |  |  |
| NZD/USD | 0.5969 |  |  |  |
|         |        |  |  |  |



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

5.00

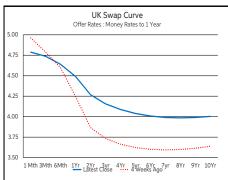
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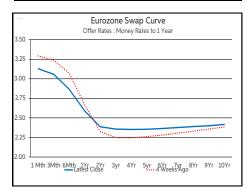
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr Latest Close 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



|                  | Debt            | Markets     |            |        |  |  |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|--------|--|--|
|                  |                 |             | Change bps |        |  |  |
|                  | Close           | Day         | 4 Weeks    | End 23 |  |  |
| 10 Year Yield %  |                 |             |            |        |  |  |
| US               | 4.28            | +2          | +43        | +42    |  |  |
| Germany          | 2.39            | +2          | +26        | +36    |  |  |
| UK               | 4.45            | +10         | +43        | +91    |  |  |
| Ireland          | 2.72            | +0          | +23        | +36    |  |  |
| Belgium          | 2.98            | +2          | +21        | +29    |  |  |
| France           | 3.14            | +2          | +20        | +58    |  |  |
| Italy            | 3.67            | +4          | +24        | -3     |  |  |
| Spain            | 3.11            | +2          | +18        | +11    |  |  |
| Portugal         | 2.82            | +3          | +11        | +3     |  |  |
| Greece           | 3.35            | +6          | +20        | +27    |  |  |
| 5 Year Swap %    |                 |             |            |        |  |  |
| US               | 4.04            | -1          | +49        | +25    |  |  |
| Eurozone         | 2.36            | -3          | +11        | -7     |  |  |
| UK               | 4.28            | +5          | +40        | +62    |  |  |
| 2 Year Swap %    |                 |             |            |        |  |  |
| US               | 4.20            | -1          | +46        | -13    |  |  |
| Eurozone         | 2.39            | +1          | +7         | -41    |  |  |
| UK               | 4.48            | +6          | +37        | +21    |  |  |
| 10 Year Governme | ent Bond Spread | s to Benchn | nark bps   |        |  |  |
| Ireland          | 33              | -1          | -3         | -1     |  |  |
| Belgium          | 59              | +0          | -4         | -7     |  |  |
| France           | 74              | +0          | -5         | +21    |  |  |
| Italy            | 127             | +2          | -2         | -40    |  |  |
| Spain            | 71              | +0          | -8         | -25    |  |  |
| Portugal         | 42              | +2          | -14        | -33    |  |  |
| Greece           | 95              | +4          | -6         | -9     |  |  |

| Commodities    |                          |          |       |        |  |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|--------|--|
|                |                          | % Change |       |        |  |
|                | Close Day 4 Weeks End 23 |          |       |        |  |
| Brent Oil      | 73.16                    | +0.84    | -5.75 | -5.04  |  |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65                    | -0.17    | -1.90 | -1.27  |  |
| Gold \$        | 2743.8                   | -1.52    | +3.31 | +33.03 |  |

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