Morning Comment

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FX majors remain range bound

Investor sentiment had somewhat of a cautious tone yesterday. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was only slightly higher (+0.1%) on the day. This was against the backdrop of very little in the way of market moving news. Indeed, for the third day running this week, the macro data diary on both sides of the Atlantic was characterised by its sparseness. The only data release of any note was Eurozone retail sales for September. Sales fell by 0.3% in the month, which was slightly weaker than the -0.2% forecast. Not surprisingly, the lower tier category data had no market impact.

The action on bond markets yesterday saw yields continue to moved lower. The 10-year US Treasury yield finished below the 4.5% threshold, a fall of around 8bps from where it had started the day. Meanwhile, the German 10-year Bund yield moved down to nearer the 2.6% level. On commodity markets, oil prices remained on a downward trajectory, in part due to expectations of softer demand. Brent crude fell below \$80 per barrel.

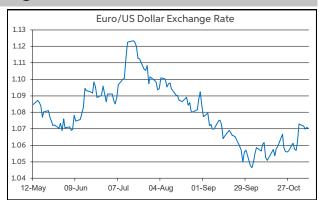
Currency-wise, the majors remained confined to narrow ranges. In level terms, the euro has edged marginally higher versus the dollar and sterling over the past 24 hours. EUR/USD opens this morning just above the \$1.07 mark. Meantime, the EUR/GBP pair is trading over the 87p threshold. Elsewhere, GBP/USD continues to change hands within the \$1.22-1.23 trading band.

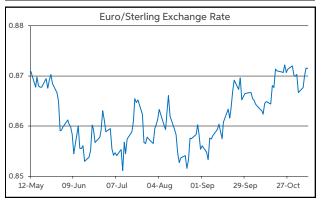
Today's global macro data agenda is once again thin. As a result, the main FX pairs could continue to trade in tight ranges near to their current levels over the course of the day. US weekly jobless figures are one of the few data highlights, while remarks from Fed Chair Powell may also garner some attention.

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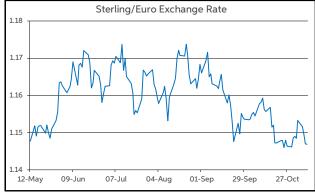
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0704	0.19	0.02	
EUR/GBP	0.8717	0.15	-1.44	
GBP/USD	1.2282	0.06	1.53	
GBP/EUR	1.147	-0.15	1.46	
USD/JPY	150.88	0.16	15.08	
EUR/JPY	161.53	0.35	15.13	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.44	5.63	5.55	5.05	4.53
EUR	4.50	3.85	3.97	3.98	3.54	3.13
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.23	5.20	5.03	4.52









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8717
EUR/USD	1.0704
EUR/JPY	161.53
EUR/SEK	11.6614
EUR/DKK	7.4571
EUR/NOK	11.9586
EUR/CHF	0.9634
EUR/AUD	1.6677
EUR/HKD	8.3602
EUR/CAD	1.476

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.147			
GBP/USD	1.2282			
GBP/CAD	1.6931			
GBP/NZD	2.0698			
GBP/JPY	185.31			
GBP/SEK	13.3774			
GBP/DKK	8.5535			
GBP/NOK	13.7188			
GBP/CHF	1.1051			
GBP/AUD	1.9131			

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USD/JPY	150.88
USD/CAD	1.3787
USD/CHF	0.8997
USD/CNY	7.2863
USD/BRL	4.9103
USD/RUB	92.11
USD/INR	83.266
AUD/USD	0.6419
NZD/USD	0.5932
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US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

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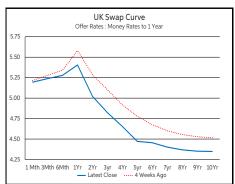
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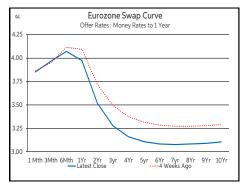
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	S
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.49	-8	-7	+61
Germany	2.61	-5	-10	+5
UK	4.25	-3	-9	+58
Ireland	3.05	-5	-11	-9
Belgium	3.25	-5	-12	+5
France	3.21	-5	-7	+9
Italy	4.48	-2	-19	-23
Spain	3.66	-6	-15	+1
Portugal	3.36	-5	-7	-24
Greece	3.90	-8	-34	-69
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.49	-3	-11	+49
Eurozone	3.11	-1	-20	-12
UK	4.47	+0	-30	+17
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.04	+1	-12	+36
Eurozone	3.52	+1	-19	+13
UK	5.02	+2	-26	+34
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	44	+0	-0	-15
Belgium	64	+0	-2	-O
France	59	+0	+3	+4
Italy	186	+4	-8	-28
Spain	105	-1	-5	-5
Portugal	74	+0	+4	-29
Greece	129	-3	-23	-74

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22		
Brent Oil	79.54	-2.54	-7.32	-7.41		
West Texas Oil	75.85	-2.71	-9.38	-5.38		
Gold \$	1949.8	-0.95	+4.07	+6.87		

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