## **Morning Comment**

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## Euro firmly on the defensive

The euro continued to sink yesterday, as the prospect of a Republican "clean sweep" came further into focus. Although the race for control of the House of Representatives has not yet officially been declared, expectations are that Republicans will have a majority. This will make it easier for President-elect Trump to enact his policy agenda (Republicans have won the Senate also), which is seen as being negative for the open Eurozone economy.

At the same time, markets continued to digest political turmoil in Germany, and the potential for snap elections there, sooner than anticipated next year. Against this backdrop, the euro was under downward pressure yesterday. This saw EUR/USD trade down to a low of \$1.063, while EUR/GBP troughed at 82.6p. Thus, the euro has operated near/through key support levels over the past 24 hours. The single currency breached below the 83p mark versus sterling, which has largely held since the Brexit Referendum in 2016, and it traded close to its YTD low of \$1.06 against the dollar.

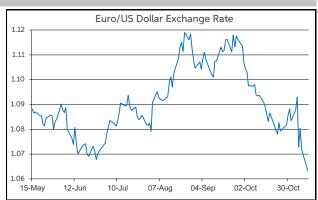
However, overnight the euro recouped some of its loses versus sterling, albeit EUR/GBP opens today just below the 83p handle still. Elsewhere, EUR/USD continues to trade in the bottom half of \$1.06-1.07, near its low from yesterday. GBP/USD is changing hands back close to \$1.28. USD/JPY is in the top half of ¥153-154.

Already this morning, UK labour market data for September have been released. The unemployment rate rose to 4.3% (vs. 4.1% f'cast), while average earnings growth jumped to +4.3% y/y from 3.9% y/y. However, the data have had little impact on sterling so far in early trading. Later today, the German ZEW is forecast to be little changed in November. Meanwhile, there is a quiet look to the US data calendar. With this in mind, the euro will remain in focus.

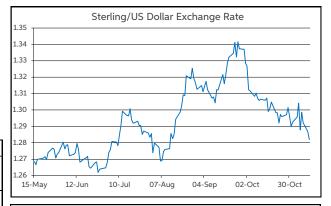
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2023		
EUR/USD	1.0633	-0.77	-3.65		
EUR/GBP	0.8294	-0.04	-4.31		
GBP/USD	1.2819	-0.72	0.71		
GBP/EUR	1.2055	0.04	4.51		
USD/JPY	153.77	0.16	9.01		
EUR/JPY	163.51	-0.63	5.06		
* v Previous Day's 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	4.63	4.60	4.51	4.29	4.40	4.19
EUR	3.40	3.09	3.03	2.45	2.25	2.23
GBP	4.75	4.69	4.67	4.41	4.48	4.27









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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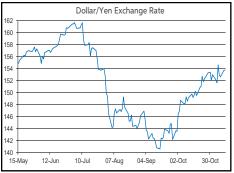
## **Opening Levels**



	Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8	294
EUR/USD	1.0	633
EUR/JPY	163	3.51
EUR/SEK	1:	1.56
EUR/DKK	7.4	584
EUR/NOK	11.7	596
EUR/CHF	0.9	376
EUR/AUD	1.6	221
EUR/HKD	8.2	714
EUR/CAD	1.4	829

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.2055			
GBP/USD	1.2819			
GBP/CAD	1.7878			
GBP/NZD	2.1517			
GBP/JPY	197.12			
GBP/SEK	13.9348			
GBP/DKK	8.9921			
GBP/NOK	14.1749			
GBP/CHF	1.1304			
GBP/AUD	1.9556			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	153.77				
USD/CAD	1.3947				
USD/CHF	0.8818				
USD/CNY	7.2363				
USD/BRL	5.7559				
USD/RUB	97.55				
USD/INR	84.396				
AUD/USD	0.6554				
NZD/USD	0.5957				



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

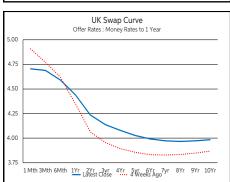
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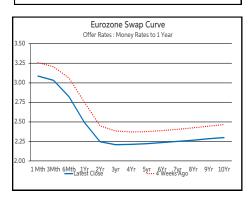
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.31	-4	+23	+45	
Germany	2.33	-4	+5	+30	
UK	4.43	-1	+19	+89	
Ireland	2.63	-4	-2	+27	
Belgium	2.92	-4	+4	+23	
France	3.08	-4	+4	+52	
Italy	3.59	-7	+4	-11	
Spain	3.06	-5	+4	+7	
Portugal	2.83	-5	+6	+4	
Greece	3.22	-7	+0	+14	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.14	+2	+30	+35	
Eurozone	2.22	-5	-14	-21	
UK	4.26	+0	+17	+61	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.31	+0	+29	-2	
Eurozone	2.25	-3	-19	-55	
UK	4.48	+1	+19	+22	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	31	-0	-7	-3	
Belgium	60	-0	-1	-6	
France	75	-0	-1	+22	
Italy	127	-3	-O	-40	
Spain	73	-1	-0	-23	
Portugal	51	-1	+1	-25	
Greece	89	-3	-5	-15	

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day 4 Week				End 23	
Brent Oil	71.83	-2.76	-7.27	-6.76	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2620.2	-2.37	-1.16	+27.03	

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