Morning Comment

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Main FX pairs within narrow ranges

There was a cautious mood to investor sentiment yesterday. This was against the backdrop of on-going geo-political concerns/ uncertainty. The subdued tone to risk appetite was reflected in the performance of the main equity indices on both sides of the Atlantic.

In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.5%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was flat on the day. On bond markets, the action was generally uneventful. There was a move higher in UK gilt yields following the higher than expected inflation numbers for October. Overall, the main 10-year sovereign benchmarks saw their yields rise by between 1-3bps.

On the currency front, sterling started yesterday with some upward momentum after the aforementioned early morning release of UK inflation data. The remainder of the day's macro diary was very sparse, with no releases of any note from the Eurozone or US diaries. As a result, the FX action has tended to remain within relatively narrow ranges, over the past 24 hours.

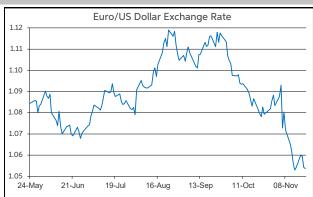
Of the action to register, the euro has been holding a softer tone, while the dollar has been somewhat firmer over this period. In level terms, this is evident in EUR/USD opening this morning in the lower half of the \$1.05-1.06 band. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is below the midpoint of 83-84p. From a GBP/USD perspective, the pair continues to trade in and around the midpoint of \$1.26-1.27.

Looking ahead to today, the macro schedule remains fairly quiet. The main data highlights are the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence (Nov) and US existing home sales (Oct).

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0537	-0.45	-4.52	
EUR/GBP	0.8331	-0.16	-3.89	
GBP/USD	1.2644	-0.31	-0.67	
GBP/EUR	1.1996	0.16	4.05	
USD/JPY	154.96	-0.14	9.85	
EUR/JPY	163.3	-0.60	4.93	
* 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	4.63	4.57	4.51	4.29	4.40	4.21
EUR	3.40	3.04	3.01	2.48	2.30	2.30
GBP	4.75	4.69	4.67	4.43	4.48	4.26









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8331
EUR/USD	1.0537
EUR/JPY	163.3
EUR/SEK	11.6121
EUR/DKK	7.4586
EUR/NOK	11.6398
EUR/CHF	0.9306
EUR/AUD	1.617
EUR/HKD	8.2011
EUR/CAD	1.4717

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1996			
GBP/USD	1.2644			
GBP/CAD	1.7657			
GBP/NZD	2.1544			
GBP/JPY	195.93			
GBP/SEK	13.9179			
GBP/DKK	8.9482			
GBP/NOK	13.9677			
GBP/CHF	1.1168			
GBP/AUD	1.9403			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	154.96				
USD/CAD	1.3966				
USD/CHF	0.8831				
USD/CNY	7.2407				
USD/BRL	5.7725				
USD/RUB	100.3				
USD/INR	84.46				
AUD/USD	0.6513				
NZD/USD	0.5866				



US Swap Curve

5.00

4.75

4.50

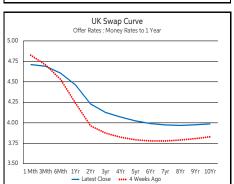
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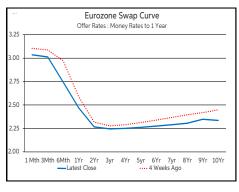
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close •••• 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.41	+3	+16	+55		
Germany	2.34	+0	+3	+31		
UK	4.47	+2	+27	+93		
Ireland	2.66	+2	+1	+29		
Belgium	2.93	+1	+3	+24		
France	3.10	+2	+6	+54		
Italy	3.58	+2	+5	-12		
Spain	3.05	+1	+5	+6		
Portugal	2.81	+2	+6	+3		
Greece	3.23	+2	+4	+15		
 5 Year Swap %						
US	4.19	+3	+19	+39		
Eurozone	2.26	+2	-4	-17		
UK	4.26	-O	+23	+61		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.36	+4	+23	+3		
Eurozone	2.27	+1	-4	-53		
UK	4.47	-2	+28	+21		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	31	+2	-2	-2		
Belgium	58	+1	+0	-8		
France	76	+2	+4	+23		
Italy	123	+2	+2	-44		
Spain	71	+0	+2	-25		
Portugal	47	+1	+3	-29		
Greece	89	+1	+1	-16		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	72.81	-0.68	-2.87	-5.49	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2650.1	+0.70	-2.48	+28.48	

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