Morning Comment

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Subdued mood on markets

There was a subdued mood on markets yesterday, amid a relatively sparse data schedule. On the monetary policy front, some hawkish remarks from a number of BoE officials, including Governor Bailey, did not influence proceedings on UK markets. Similarly, the release of the latest Fed meeting minutes overnight caused only a muted market reaction.

Against this backdrop, both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 declined by a modest 0.2%. In terms of fixed income, sovereign yields moved lower in Europe. German Bund and UK Gilt yields fell by 2-6bps along the curve. In the US, short-dated Treasury yields edged down by 1-3bps, although, longer-dated yields were flat to slightly higher yesterday.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs were also confined to narrow trading bands. Of the limited price action to register, the yen was on the defensive, while the euro was holding a softer tone. The single currency lost circa 0.4% against the dollar and sterling.

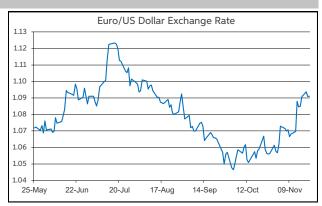
In level terms, the softer euro tone is evidenced by EUR/USD opening this morning back in the lower half of \$1.09-1.10. EUR/GBP is operating down near the 87p mark. Meanwhile, GBP/USD continues to change hands between \$1.25-1.26. USD/JPY is trading up close to the ¥149 handle.

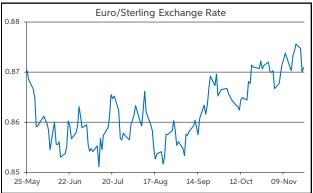
Today, the flash reading of Eurozone consumer confidence for November is due. A slight improvement, albeit from a low level is anticipated. In the US, there are a number of releases including the latest weekly jobless claims figures. However, barring any major surprises, the data are unlikely to impact on currency markets. In the UK, the focus will be on the Autumn Statement.

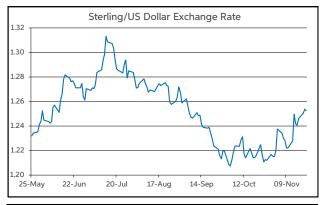
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0911	-0.41	1.95	
EUR/GBP	0.8708	-0.42	-1.54	
GBP/USD	1.2526	0.00	3.55	
GBP/EUR	1.1476	0.42	1.56	
USD/JPY	148.85	0.72	13.53	
EUR/JPY	162.46	0.35	15.79	
* v Previous Day's European Open				











All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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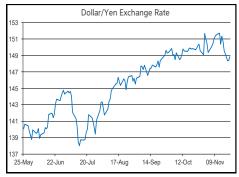
Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8708
EUR/USD	1.0911
EUR/JPY	162.46
EUR/SEK	11.4261
EUR/DKK	7.4547
EUR/NOK	11.6756
EUR/CHF	0.9642
EUR/AUD	1.6676
EUR/HKD	8.5066
EUR/CAD	1.4965

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1476		
GBP/USD	1.2526		
GBP/CAD	1.718		
GBP/NZD	2.077		
GBP/JPY	186.45		
GBP/SEK	13.1138		
GBP/DKK	8.556		
GBP/NOK	13.4041		
GBP/CHF	1.1069		
GBP/AUD	1.9148		

Dollar	
USD/JPY	148.85
USD/CAD	1.3712
USD/CHF	0.8837
USD/CNY	7.1438
USD/BRL	4.9006
USD/RUB	87.94
USD/INR	83.32
AUD/USD	0.6541
NZD/USD	0.6029



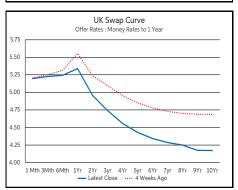
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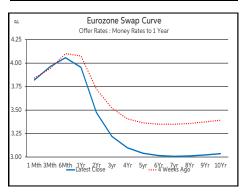
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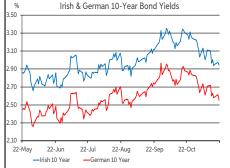
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ---- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt Markets				
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.40	-3	-42	+52	
Germany	2.56	-6	-28	-1	
UK	4.11	-2	-43	+44	
Ireland	2.96	-4	-30	-18	
Belgium	3.17	-5	-36	-4	
France	3.13	-5	-34	+1	
Italy	4.32	-4	-53	-38	
Spain	3.56	-5	-39	-10	
Portugal	3.22	-3	-32	-38	
Greece	3.78	-8	-47	-81	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.39	-2	-42	+39	
Eurozone	3.04	-4	-31	-19	
UK	4.43	+8	-42	+13	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.96	+0	-28	+28	
Eurozone	3.47	-2	-24	+9	
UK	4.96	+3	-27	+28	
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	41	+2	-2	-18	
Belgium	61	+1	-8	-3	
France	57	+1	-6	+2	
Italy	177	+2	-25	-38	
Spain	101	+1	-11	-9	
Portugal	67	+3	-5	-37	
Greece	122	-2	-19	-81	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
Brent Oil	82.45	+0.16	-6.38	-4.03	
West Texas Oil	78.35	+0.32	-7.37	-2.26	
Gold\$	1998.4	+1.07	+1.43	+9.54	

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