## **Morning Comment**

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## EUR/USD below \$1.05

Trading conditions were somewhat choppy yesterday, amid ongoing geopolitical tensions, a busy Q3 earnings slate and remarks from a number of central bank officials. Overall, the Euro Stoxx 50 registered a 0.6% gain, while the S&P 500 rose by 0.5%. Meantime on bond markets, German Bund and UK Gilt yields fell by 2-5bps. In contrast US Treasury yields edged 2-4bps higher.

Data-wise, US weekly initial jobless claims fell to a six month low of 213K (vs. 220k f'cast). Elsewhere, Eurozone consumer confidence deteriorated slightly to -13.7 in November (vs. -12.4 f'cast). Meanwhile, on the monetary policy front, remarks from Fed officials Collins, Bowman and Williams suggested rates should be lowered gradually and cautiously in the US. In contrast, a plethora of ECB officials struck a more dovish tone yesterday.

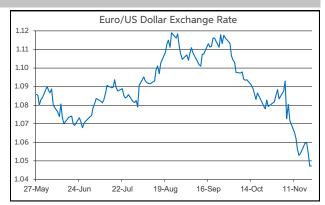
Amid the remarks from central bank officials yesterday, US futures contracts firmed slightly, while Eurozone futures were marginally softer. Against this backdrop the dollar was in the ascendancy on currency markets. This was reflected by EUR/USD recording a new year-to-date low of \$1.0462.

The greenback has maintained most of its gains overnight, which sees EUR/USD open this morning in the top half of \$1.04-1.05. GBP/USD is operating back in the \$1.25-1.26 range. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is below the midpoint of 83-84p.

Already today, UK retail sales have printed below the consensus, contracting by 0.7% in October (vs. -0.3% f'cast). However, the data have not impacted sterling so far in early trading. Later today, the focus will be on the flash PMIs in the Eurozone, UK and UK for November. The releases pose some event risk on currency markets. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB** 

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0473	-0.69	-5.10	
EUR/GBP	0.8332	-0.04	-3.88	
GBP/USD	1.2567	-0.64	-1.27	
GBP/EUR	1.1997	0.04	4.03	
USD/JPY	154.73	-0.28	9.69	
EUR/JPY	162.08	-0.96	4.14	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

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	4.41	4.23
EUR	3.40	3.05	3.00	2.43	2.26	2.26
GBP	4.75	4.69	4.66	4.42	4.45	4.24









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8332
EUR/USD	1.0473
EUR/JPY	162.08
EUR/SEK	11.5872
EUR/DKK	7.4582
EUR/NOK	11.5912
EUR/CHF	0.9281
EUR/AUD	1.611
EUR/HKD	8.1511
EUR/CAD	1.4636

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1997			
GBP/USD	1.2567			
GBP/CAD	1.756			
GBP/NZD	2.1523			
GBP/JPY	194.44			
GBP/SEK	13.8828			
GBP/DKK	8.9508			
GBP/NOK	13.905			
GBP/CHF	1.1135			
GBP/AUD	1.9333			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	154.73				
USD/CAD	1.3974				
USD/CHF	0.8861				
USD/CNY	7.2475				
USD/BRL	5.8137				
USD/RUB	102				
USD/INR	84.492				
AUD/USD	0.6498				
NZD/USD	0.5837				



US Swap Curve

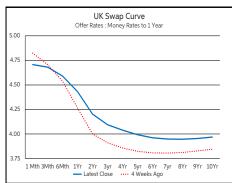
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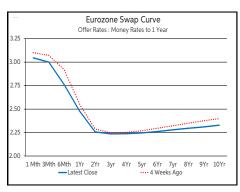
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.43	+3	+23	+57		
Germany	2.31	-3	+6	+29		
UK	4.44	-3	+20	+90		
Ireland	2.63	-3	+2	+27		
Belgium	2.92	-1	+8	+23		
France	3.10	+0	+11	+54		
Italy	3.58	+0	+11	-12		
Spain	3.04	-2	+9	+5		
Portugal	2.79	-2	+11	+1		
Greece	3.19	-4	+5	+12		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.21	+3	+25	+42		
Eurozone	2.25	-2	-1	-18		
UK	4.23	-3	+17	+58		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.39	+3	+27	+6		
Eurozone	2.26	-1	-2	-54		
UK	4.44	-3	+23	+18		
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	32	+0	-4	-2		
Belgium	60	+2	+2	-6		
France	79	+3	+6	+26		
Italy	126	+3	+5	-41		
Spain	73	+1	+3	-24		
Portugal	48	+1	+5	-28		
Greece	88	-1	-0	-17		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks E				
Brent Oil	74.23	+1.95	-0.20	-3.65	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2669.7 +0.74 -2.41 +29.43				

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