Morning Comment

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Tight ranges amongst FX majors

Investor sentiment had a mildly positive tone yesterday amid generally muted market action. At the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 0.4% higher on the day. Data-wise, there was a batch of US data before the Thanksgiving Holiday which were mixed in terms of results. The durable goods report for October missed to the downside of expectations. The headline rate fell by 5.4% (vs. f'cast for -3.1%), mainly due to a plunge in aircraft orders. The underlying details in the report suggest that weakness in business investment has carried over into the start of Q4.

Meanwhile, the weekly jobless claims number came in better than expected and represented a reversal of the trend over recent weeks of accelerating claims. Elsewhere on the data front, the flash November reading of the EC measure of Eurozone consumer confidence, printed ahead of forecasts, albeit while still indicating subdued spending by households in Q4.

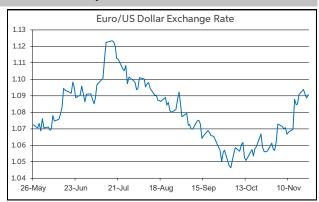
Currency-wise, the dollar was holding a firmer tone for much of yesterday. However, these moves were not sustained in overnight trading, As a result, the most of the FX majors open this morning at levels broadly unchanged to 24 hours earlier, with no noticeable impact on the euro from the surprise election result in the Netherlands. Similar to yesterday's open, EUR/USD is just above the \$1.09, with EUR/GBP in the lower half of 87-88p.

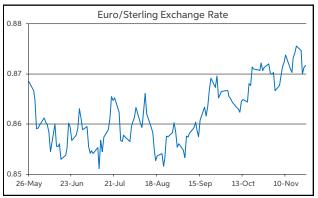
Looking ahead to today, with US markets closed for the aforementioned Thanksgiving holiday, attention is centred on the European macro diary. In this regard, the main data releases of note are the flash PMIs for November for the Eurozone and UK. On the monetary policy front, the ECB publishes its account of the October Governing Council meeting.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
	_	Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.091	0.05	1.94	
EUR/GBP	0.8718	0.14	-1.42	
GBP/USD	1.2512	-0.09	3.43	
GBP/EUR	1.1467	-0.14	1.45	
USD/JPY	149.05	0.20	13.68	
EUR/JPY	162.63	0.22	15.92	
* 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	5.38	5.46	5.64	5.52	5.03	4.44	
EUR	4.50	3.82	3.97	3.97	3.52	3.07	
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.22	5.17	5.02	4.48	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8717
EUR/USD	1.091
EUR/JPY	162.62
EUR/SEK	11.3698
EUR/DKK	7.4551
EUR/NOK	11.7019
EUR/CHF	0.963
EUR/AUD	1.6614
EUR/HKD	8.5072
EUR/CAD	1.4905

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1466		
GBP/USD	1.2514		
GBP/CAD	1.7092		
GBP/NZD	2.0642		
GBP/JPY	186.51		
GBP/SEK	13.0387		
GBP/DKK	8.548		
GBP/NOK	13.4214		
GBP/CHF	1.1047		
GBP/AUD	1.9052		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.04			
USD/CAD	1.3658			
USD/CHF	0.8827			
USD/CNY	7.14			
USD/BRL	4.9068			
USD/RUB	87.9625			
USD/INR	83.33			
AUD/USD	0.6568			
NZD/USD	0.6061			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

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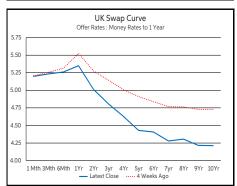
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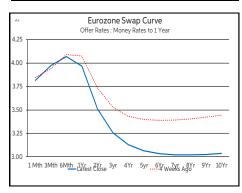
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.41	+1	-55	+53	
Germany	2.57	+1	-32	+0	
UK	4.16	+5	-45	+49	
Ireland	2.96	-0	-37	-19	
Belgium	3.16	-1	-40	-4	
France	3.12	-1	-40	+0	
Italy	4.31	-1	-60	-39	
Spain	3.55	-1	-45	-11	
Portugal	3.22	-0	-39	-38	
Greece	3.76	-2	-52	-84	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.40	+1	-51	+40	
Eurozone	3.07	+2	-32	-17	
UK	4.43	-O	-48	+13	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.96	-1	-33	+29	
Eurozone	3.51	+4	-21	+13	
UK	5.01	+5	-26	+33	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	40	-1	-5	-19	
Belgium	59	-2	-8	-5	
France	55	-2	-8	+0	
Italy	175	-2	-28	-39	
Spain	99	-2	-13	-11	
Portugal	66	-1	-6	-38	
Greece	119	-3	-20	-84	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	81.96	-0.59	-9.06	-4.60	
West Texas Oil	76.8	-1.98	-10.77	-4.19	
Gold \$	1989.7	-0.43	+0.51	+9.06	

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