

Sterling in the ascendancy last week

Trading conditions were relatively calm last week, partly due to a market holiday in the US for Thanksgiving on Thursday. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.9% on the week, while the S&P 500 registered a 1% improvement.

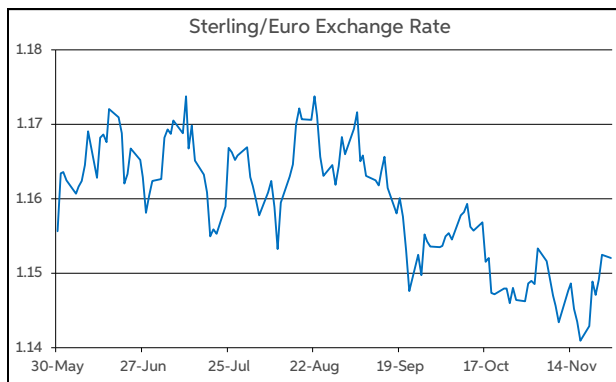
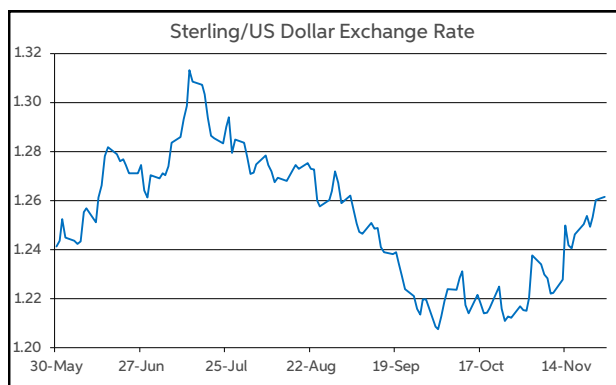
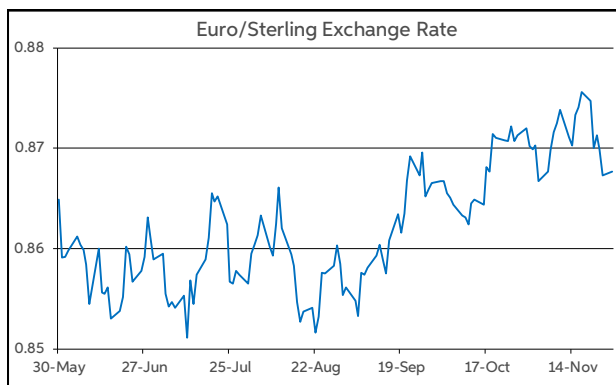
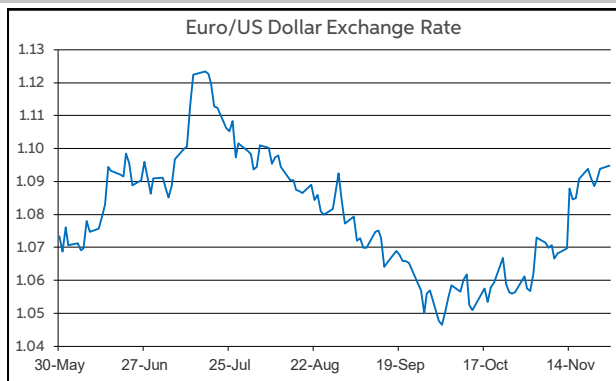
In terms of fixed income, sovereign yields moved higher in the US and Eurozone, and notably so in the UK. German Bund and US Treasury yields rose by 6-10bps. The moves were concentrated at the front end of the curves, amid a slight firming in rate expectations for both regions. In the UK, Gilt yields climbed by circa 20bps along the curve. This coincided with UK futures contracts hardening by more than elsewhere, following some hawkish remarks from BoE officials, the release of the Autumn Statement and better than anticipated UK flash PMI data for November.

Overall, futures contracts pricing indicates markets see around 80-85bps worth of rate cuts in the US and Eurozone next year, compared to at least 90bps at the start of last week. Meanwhile, current pricing suggests UK rates will be cut by roughly 55bps next year, down from around 70bps, which was priced-in last Monday.

Against this backdrop, sterling has been in the ascendancy. Sterling has gained circa 1% versus the euro and dollar. This sees EUR/GBP open this morning below the 87p threshold. GBP/USD is operating above \$1.26. Elsewhere, EUR/USD is at the midpoint of \$1.09-1.10.

This week, inflation data in the US and Eurozone will be the main focus of busy macro calendars on either side of the Atlantic. Both updates are expected to show a further easing in inflationary pressures. A plethora of other data and remarks from a number of central bank officials throughout the week will also be of interest.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.095	0.37	2.32
EUR/GBP	0.8675	-0.24	-1.91
GBP/USD	1.2619	0.59	4.32
GBP/EUR	1.152	0.24	1.95
USD/JPY	149.01	-0.15	13.65
EUR/JPY	163.2	0.21	16.32

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.46	5.65	5.54	5.05	4.51
EUR	4.50	3.81	3.94	3.97	3.58	3.15
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.23	5.24	5.14	4.59

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

Monday 27 November 2023
07:00 am



Euro

EUR/GBP	0.8675
EUR/USD	1.095
EUR/JPY	163.2
EUR/SEK	11.4517
EUR/DKK	7.4556
EUR/NOK	11.715
EUR/CHF	0.9654
EUR/AUD	1.6629
EUR/HKD	8.5308
EUR/CAD	1.4936

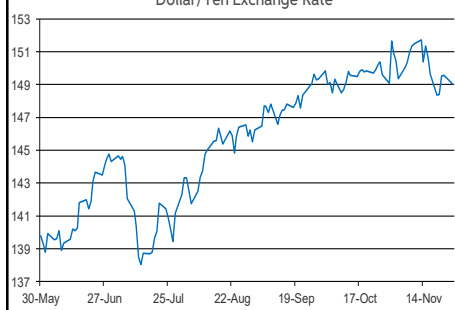
Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.152
GBP/USD	1.2619
GBP/CAD	1.7213
GBP/NZD	2.077
GBP/JPY	188.04
GBP/SEK	13.1979
GBP/DKK	8.5892
GBP/NOK	13.5025
GBP/CHF	1.1128
GBP/AUD	1.9163

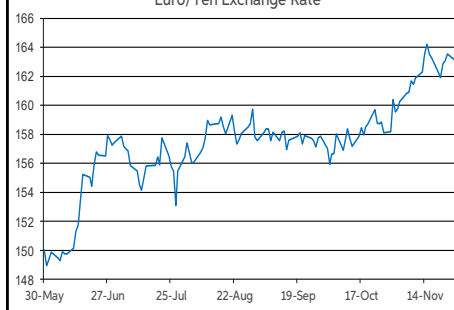
Dollar

USD/JPY	149.01
USD/CAD	1.3638
USD/CHF	0.8815
USD/CNY	7.1541
USD/BRL	4.902
USD/RUB	88.8525
USD/INR	83.398
AUD/USD	0.6584
NZD/USD	0.6074

Dollar/Yen Exchange Rate

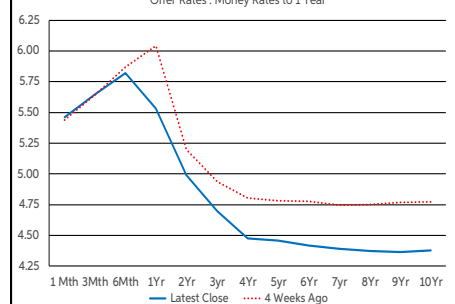


Euro/Yen Exchange Rate



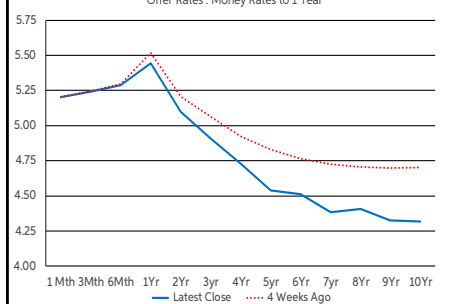
US Swap Curve

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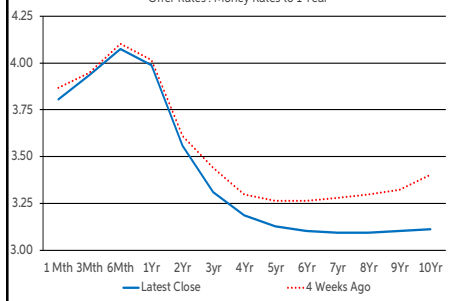
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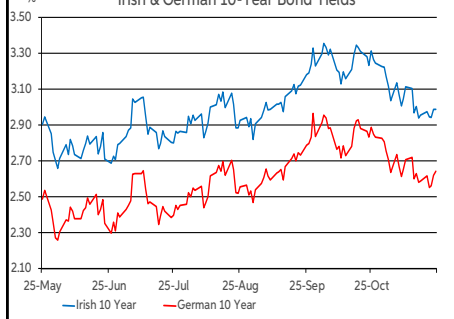


Eurozone Swap Curve

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Irish & German 10-Year Bond Yields



Debt Markets

	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.47	+6	-37	+59
Germany	2.65	+2	-19	+8
UK	4.28	+3	-27	+61
Ireland	3.03	+1	-24	-12
Belgium	3.25	+2	-24	+5
France	3.20	+2	-25	+9
Italy	4.40	+1	-41	-30
Spain	3.64	+2	-29	-2
Portugal	3.31	+2	-23	-29
Greece	3.84	-1	-31	-75
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.46	+5	-29	+46
Eurozone	3.13	+1	-13	-10
UK	4.54	+2	-29	+24
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.99	+0	-17	+31
Eurozone	3.56	+2	-5	+17
UK	5.10	+2	-10	+42
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	39	-1	-6	-20
Belgium	61	-0	-5	-3
France	56	-0	-6	+1
Italy	176	-1	-22	-38
Spain	99	-0	-10	-10
Portugal	67	+0	-4	-37
Greece	120	-3	-12	-83

Commodities

	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	80.58	-1.03	-10.94	-6.20
West Texas Oil	74.83	-2.57	-13.03	-6.65
Gold \$	2002.0	+0.51	-0.19	+9.73

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