Morning Comment

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Dollar regains some ground

A key feature of markets for much of last week was the risk averse mood. This was against the backdrop of the escalation of the conflict in the Middle East. The nervousness was evident on equity markets, especially on the European indices. The Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 2.2% over the period. Concerns over the potential impact on supply from developments in the Middle East pushed oil prices higher. Brent crude rose by around 9%, to above \$78 per barrel

On the currency front, the dollar benefitted from the risk averse environment. The greenback got a further leg-up on Friday after the much stronger than expected US payroll data for September. The consensus beating data saw a firming in US futures contracts. The market is now expecting a 25bps cut from the Fed in November rather than 50bps. Elsewhere, sterling's recent ascent was paused by dovish comments from BoE Governor Bailey.

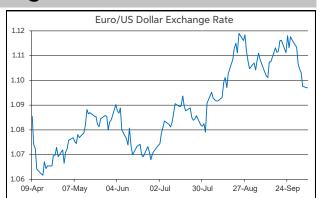
In level terms, EUR/USD fell back from the \$1.12 mark at the start of the week to below the \$1.10 threshold, reaching a trough of \$1.095. Meanwhile, the combination of the firmer dollar and softer sterling saw GBP/USD trade down from near \$1.34 to a low of \$1.307, before settling in the lower half of \$1.31-1.32. The weaker tone to sterling was also reflected in EUR/GBP moving up from the 83p handle, to trade in the upper half of the 83-84p band.

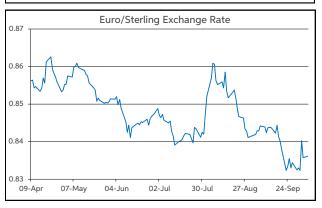
This week, from a dollar perspective, CPI inflation (Sept) will be the key release of note. The Fed meeting minutes will also receive attention from dollar watchers. For the euro, the ECB meeting account is the main agenda item, as market participants look for insight on the near term path for Eurozone rates. From a sterling viewpoint, the data highlight will be GDP figures for August.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.097	-0.51	-0.60	
EUR/GBP	0.8361	-0.46	-3.54	
GBP/USD	1.3118	-0.07	3.06	
GBP/EUR	1.1957	0.47	3.67	
USD/JPY	148.36	1.46	5.18	
EUR/JPY	162.75	0.92	4.57	
* 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	4.88	4.81	4.65	4.11	4.04	3.80	
EUR	3.65	3.27	3.25	2.68	2.43	2.35	
GBP	5.00	4.95	4.78	4.34	4.32	4.06	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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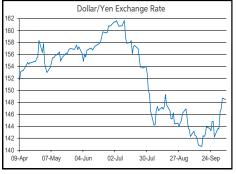
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8361
EUR/USD	1.097
EUR/JPY	162.75
EUR/SEK	11.3755
EUR/DKK	7.4545
EUR/NOK	11.6748
EUR/CHF	0.9408
EUR/AUD	1.6119
EUR/HKD	8.518
EUR/CAD	1.4895

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1957		
GBP/USD	1.3118		
GBP/CAD	1.7814		
GBP/NZD	2.1293		
GBP/JPY	194.62		
GBP/SEK	13.5993		
GBP/DKK	8.915		
GBP/NOK	13.968		
GBP/CHF	1.1252		
GBP/AUD	1.9276		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.36			
USD/CAD	1.3579			
USD/CHF	0.8575			
USD/CNY	7.0176			
USD/BRL	5.4551			
USD/RUB	95.55			
USD/INR	83.97			
AUD/USD	0.6805			
NZD/USD	0.616			



US Swap Curve

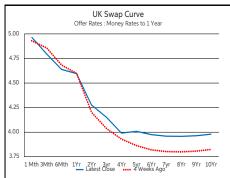
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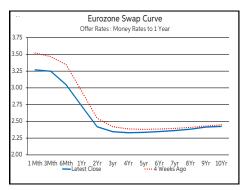
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.98	+13	+27	+12	
Germany	2.21	+8	+4	+18	
UK	4.13	+12	+24	+59	
Ireland	2.56	+7	-2	+20	
Belgium	2.83	+6	+6	+14	
France	2.99	+5	+10	+43	
Italy	3.51	+4	-4	-19	
Spain	2.97	+4	-3	-2	
Portugal	2.74	+4	-6	-4	
Greece	3.18	+3	-6	+10	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.74	+19	+31	-5	
Eurozone	2.34	+9	-4	-9	
UK	4.01	+13	+15	+36	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.98	+24	+32	-35	
Eurozone	2.42	+11	-11	-37	
UK	4.28	+17	+8	+1	
10 Year Governmei	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	35	-1	-6	+1	
Belgium	62	-1	+2	-4	
France	78	-2	+6	+25	
Italy	130	-4	-8	-37	
Spain	76	-3	-7	-20	
Portugal	53	-4	-10	-23	
Greece	97	-4	-10	-8	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 23				
Brent Oil	78.05	+0.55	+9.84	+1.31	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2652.2	-0.14	+6.22	+28.59	

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