Morning Comment

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Subdued mood on markets

There was a generally subdued mood to risk appetite yesterday. Investors were keeping a close eye on the Middle East amid ongoing concerns over the risk of a further escalation in the conflict. Meantime, the macro data diary was lacking in 'top tier' releases on both sides of the Atlantic.

Against this backdrop, on equity markets, the S&P 500 was 1% lower at the closing bell on Wall Street last night. Meanwhile, oil prices continued to move higher, with Brent crude up around 4%, to above \$80 per barrel.

On bond markets, yields were on an upward trajectory. The 10-year yields on the main sovereign benchmarks were up by between 3-8bps. This included the 10-year US Treasury yield rising back above 4%, continuing its upward momentum that was underpinned by last Friday's consensus beating payrolls data.

Currency-wise, the majors were contained within relatively tight ranges yesterday. This has continued in overnight Asia-Pacific trading. Of the modest moves to register over the past 24 hours, sterling has retained its softer tone from last week.

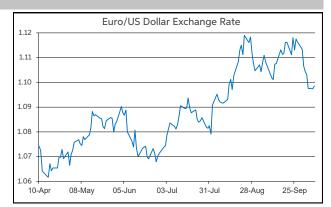
This is reflected in EUR/GBP edging up nearer to the 84p threshold. At the same time, GBP/USD has been unable to hold onto the \$1.31 mark. Elsewhere, EUR/USD continues to change hands below \$1.10, confined to a narrow \$1.095-1.099 range.

Ahead today, the macro data calendar remains sparse. US small business optimism (Sept) is one of the few highlights. Therefore, geopolitical newsflow may be the main potential source of any directional impact for investor sentiment.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0985	0.15	-0.46	
EUR/GBP	0.8391	0.36	-3.20	
GBP/USD	1.309	-0.20	2.84	
GBP/EUR	1.1915	-0.36	3.30	
USD/JPY	147.9	-0.42	4.85	
EUR/JPY	162.48	-0.28	4.40	
* 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	4.82	4.66	4.11	4.05	3.80
EUR	3.65	3.27	3.25	2.75	2.46	2.38
GBP	5.00	4.94	4.78	4.40	4.36	4.12









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8391
EUR/USD		1.0985
EUR/JPY		162.48
EUR/SEK		11.3685
EUR/DKK		7.4562
EUR/NOK		11.7031
EUR/CHF		0.9375
EUR/AUD		1.6326
EUR/HKD		8.5348
EUR/CAD		1.4976

GBP/EUR 1.1915 GBP/USD 1.309
GBP/CAD 1.7846
GBP/NZD 2.1388
GBP/JPY 193.63
GBP/SEK 13.5458
GBP/DKK 8.8846
GBP/NOK 13.94
GBP/CHF 1.117
GBP/AUD 1.9455

Dollar					
USD/JPY	147.9				
USD/CAD	1.3633				
USD/CHF	0.8534				
USD/CNY	7.0628				
USD/BRL	5.497				
USD/RUB	96.25				
USD/INR	83.928				
AUD/USD	0.6726				
NZD/USD	0.6119				



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

5.25

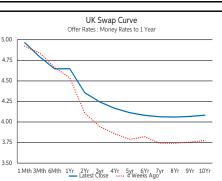
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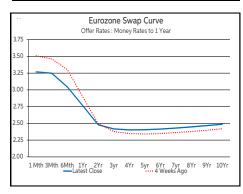
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



Debt Markets					
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.03	+4	+33	+17	
Germany	2.25	+4	+8	+22	
UK	4.21	+8	+35	+67	
Ireland	2.61	+5	+3	+25	
Belgium	2.87	+4	+9	+18	
France	3.02	+3	+14	+46	
Italy	3.57	+5	+2	-13	
Spain	3.02	+4	+2	+2	
Portugal	2.77	+3	-3	-1	
Greece	3.21	+3	-4	+14	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	3.80	+6	+37	+1	
Eurozone	2.41	+6	+8	-2	
UK	4.11	+10	+33	+46	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.04	+7	+33	-29	
Eurozone	2.48	+5	-1	-32	
UK	4.36	+9	+25	+9	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	36	+1	-5	+3	
Belgium	62	-0	+1	-4	
France	77	-0	+6	+24	
Italy	132	+2	-6	-35	
Spain	77	+1	-6	-20	
Portugal	52	-1	-11	-24	
Greece	96	-1	-12	-9	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	80.93	+3.69	+12.65	+5.05	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2643.6	-0.33	+5.52	+28.17	

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