Morning Comment

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Cautious tone to start the week

Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone for much of yesterday. This was against the backdrop of the escalation in the Middle East conflict. Risk appetite was already on a more fragile footing in recent weeks as markets fretted over the on-going rise in bond yields. Data-wise, yesterday's macro diary was generally quiet and lacking in top tier releases.

In terms of equity market performance, in Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.8% on the day. Meanwhile, over the course of the US trading session on Wall Street, there was some firming in risk appetite. This was reflected in the S&P 500 registering a 0.6% gain at the closing bell last night.

On bond markets, US Treasuries were closed for the Columbus Day holiday. European yields fell as bond prices were supported by the risk averse backdrop. The 10-year German Bund yield declined by around 10bps to back below 2.8%. Meantime, the 10-year UK Gilt yield fell back below the 4.5% mark.

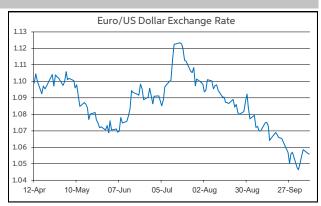
Currency-wise, the action was confined to very tight ranges yesterday. This lack of any notable moves has continued in overnight trading. As a result, the majors open this morning broadly similar to 24 hours earlier. This is evident in EUR/USD starting today's European session near the midpoint of \$1.05-1.06. EUR/GBP continues to operate within the 86-87p trading band. Meanwhile, cable (GBP/USD) remains near to the \$1.22 threshold.

Looking ahead to today, the macro calendar remains sparse. Italian industrial production (Aug) and US small business optimism (Sept) are the few releases of note. Newsflow from the Middle East will also be closely followed by markets.

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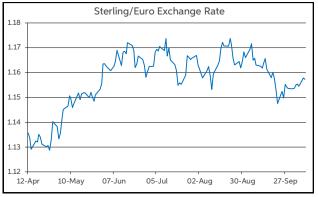
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0558	0.09	-1.35	
EUR/GBP	0.8637	-0.15	-2.34	
GBP/USD	1.2223	0.25	1.04	
GBP/EUR	1.1573	0.15	2.40	
USD/JPY	148.7	-0.34	13.42	
EUR/JPY	157.02	-0.24	11.92	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money	Market	Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.46	5.67	5.60	5.18	4.67
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.98	4.08	3.69	3.33
GBP	5.25	5.20	5.28	5.39	5.30	4.86









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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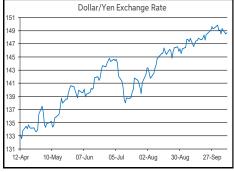
Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8637
EUR/USD	1.0558
EUR/JPY	157.02
EUR/SEK	11.5768
EUR/DKK	7.4566
EUR/NOK	11.4238
EUR/CHF	0.9567
EUR/AUD	1.648
EUR/HKD	8.2626
EUR/CAD	1.4361

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1573		
GBP/USD	1.2223		
GBP/CAD	1.6624		
GBP/NZD	2.0313		
GBP/JPY	181.76		
GBP/SEK	13.3977		
GBP/DKK	8.6299		
GBP/NOK	13.218		
GBP/CHF	1.1078		
GBP/AUD	1.9077		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.7			
USD/CAD	1.36			
USD/CHF	0.906			
USD/CNY	7.2919			
USD/BRL	5.1355			
USD/RUB	98.976			
USD/INR	83.25			
AUD/USD	0.6407			
NZD/USD	0.6016			



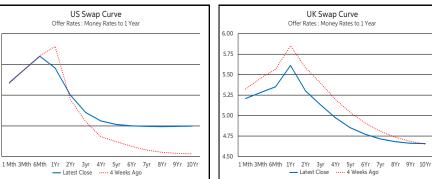
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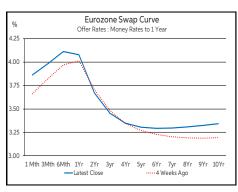
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	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.79	+0	+50	+92		
Germany	2.76	-12	+13	+20		
UK	4.48	-10	+1	+81		
Ireland	3.24	-12	+20	+9		
Belgium	3.46	-12	+18	+26		
France	3.36	-12	+19	+25		
Italy	4.84	-9	+44	+13		
Spain	3.92	-10	+23	+26		
Portugal	3.54	-9	+16	-6		
Greece	4.37	-6	+35	-22		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.77	-O	+32	+78		
Eurozone	3.31	-10	+4	+8		
UK	4.85	-9	-18	+55		
2 Year Swap %						
US	5.25	+0	+12	+58		
Eurozone	3.67	-8	-3	+28		
UK	5.30	-6	-28	+62		
10 Year Governm	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	47	+1	+8	-11		
Belgium	69	+0	+5	+6		
France	60	+0	+6	+5		
Italy	207	+3	+31	-7		
Spain	116	+3	+10	+6		
Portugal	78	+3	+3	-26		
Greece	161	+6	+23	-42		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks En				
Brent Oil	88.15	+4.22	-2.75	+2.61	
West Texas Oil	82.83	+0.64	-5.12	+3.33	
Gold \$	1860.9	+1.56	-3.16	+2.00	

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