Morning Comment

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Cautious tone to investor sentiment

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment yesterday, amid a mixed bag of US data and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 declined by 0.2%. Meantime, oil prices moved higher, with Brent crude up by circa 3% to \$79 per barrel.

Data-wise, US CPI inflation for September printed above the consensus. The headline rate edged down to 2.4% (vs. 2.3% f'cast), while core-CPI rose to 3.3% (vs. 3.2% f'cast). Meanwhile, the latest initial jobless claims jumped to 258k up from 225k, albeit this was partly due to the impact of Hurricane Helene. Overall, the data indicate that the Fed is likely to cut rates at a gradual pace. Elsewhere, the latest ECB meeting minutes suggest that the Governing Council is also in favour of a steady pace of rate cuts. However, more recent remarks from ECB officials have opened the door to a faster pace of easing.

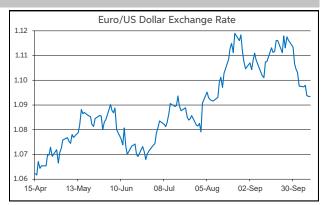
On the currency front, the dollar firmed in the initial aftermath of the US CPI inflation release. EUR/USD dropped to a session low of \$1.091, while GBP/USD fell to a trough of \$1.3025. However, the greenback handed back its gains before the close. Elsewhere, the yen recouped some of its recent losses yesterday. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning in the bottom half of the \$1.09-1.10 range. GBP/USD is near the halfway mark of \$1.30-1.31. Meantime, EUR/GBP remains in the top half of the 83-84p band. USD/JPY is changing hands above the midpoint of ¥148-149.

Already this morning, UK GDP has printed in line with expectations, rising by 0.2% in August. However, the July reading was revised lower to +0.3% from +0.5%. The data have not impacted sterling in early trading. The remainder of today's data calendar is quiet.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0934	-0.06	-0.92	
EUR/GBP	0.8382	0.16	-3.30	
GBP/USD	1.3045	-0.21	2.48	
GBP/EUR	1.193	-0.16	3.41	
USD/JPY	148.72	-0.46	5.43	
EUR/JPY	162.63	-0.50	4.50	
* 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	4.78	4.64	4.13	4.04	3.84
EUR	3.65	3.26	3.22	2.75	2.46	2.38
GBP	5.00	4.92	4.76	4.36	4.30	4.09









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8382			
EUR/USD	1.0934			
EUR/JPY	162.63			
EUR/SEK	11.3743			
EUR/DKK	7.4596			
EUR/NOK	11.7676			
EUR/CHF	0.9375			
EUR/AUD	1.6247			
EUR/HKD	8.4963			
EUR/CAD	1.5054			

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.193		
GBP/USD	1.3045		
GBP/CAD	1.7959		
GBP/NZD	2.1414		
GBP/JPY	194.01		
GBP/SEK	13.568		
GBP/DKK	8.8998		
GBP/NOK	14.0371		
GBP/CHF	1.1184		
GBP/AUD	1.9382		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.72			
USD/CAD	1.3764			
USD/CHF	0.8574			
USD/CNY	7.077			
USD/BRL	5.5828			
USD/RUB	96.7			
USD/INR	84.045			
AUD/USD	0.6728			
NZD/USD	0.6089			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

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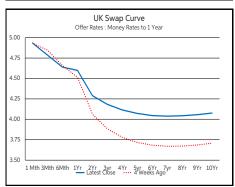
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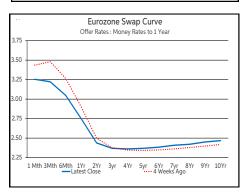
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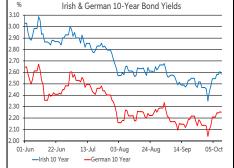
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



	Debt	Markets		
		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.09	+3	+41	+23
Germany	2.25	-0	+10	+23
UK	4.22	+3	+43	+68
Ireland	2.63	-0	+9	+26
Belgium	2.86	-2	+11	+17
France	3.02	-0	+17	+47
Italy	3.53	-3	-1	-17
Spain	2.99	-2	+3	+0
Portugal	2.76	-1	-1	-3
Greece	3.21	-0	+6	+14
 5 Year Swap %				
US	3.81	-4	+41	+2
Eurozone	2.37	-3	+4	-6
UK	4.07	-1	+36	+42
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.01	-7	+35	-32
Eurozone	2.44	-4	-5	-36
UK	4.29	-4	+23	+3
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	37	+0	-1	+4
Belgium	61	-1	+1	-5
France	77	-0	+8	+24
Italy	128	-2	-11	-39
Spain	74	-2	-7	-22
Portugal	51	-1	-10	-25
Greece	96	-0	-4	-9

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	79.4	+3.68	+10.32	+3.06	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2629.5	+0.83	+2.76	+27.48	

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