Morning Comment

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Euro and sterling edge higher versus dollar

There was a subdued tone to investor sentiment for much of yesterday. A quiet data calendar meant there was no major macro releases to influence markets. The only release of note was US producer price inflation for September. The headline rate of 'factory gate' inflation rose unexpectedly to 2.2% from 1.6%.

Meanwhile, in terms of monetary policy newsflow, there was no major new insight to glean from the release of the Fed September minutes. At the meeting, the Fed left rates unchanged, in a target range of 5.25-5.50%, whilst maintaining a hawkish tone. However, in recent days, a number of FOMC members have been sounding less hawkish on the need for additional rate hikes.

The muted mood to risk appetite was evident in the main European equity indices being in side-ways mode yesterday. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was up by a modest 0.4%. In contrast, there was a bit more activity on bond markets, with yields declining. The 10-year US Treasury yield fell by 10bps, moving back down below the 4.6% threshold.

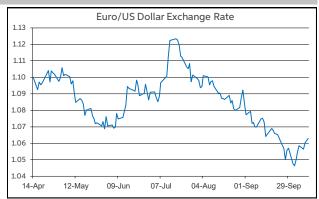
Currency-wise, the main pairs remained within confined ranges. Of the limited action to register, the euro and sterling continued to eke out some slight gains versus the dollar. EUR/USD edged marginally higher within the lower half of \$1.06-1.07, while GBP/USD moved back above \$1.23. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continued to trade just below the midpoint of 86-87p.

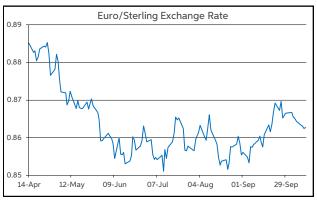
Today's macro calendar is busier. Already this morning we have got UK GDP for August. Its rose by 0.2% m/m, which was in line with expectations. Later today, we get US CPI figures for September. The ECB meeting account from September is also due.

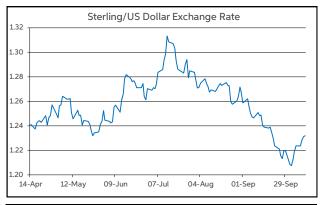
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.063	0.25	-0.67	
EUR/GBP	0.8627	0.05	-2.45	
GBP/USD	1.2318	0.22	1.83	
GBP/EUR	1.1585	-0.05	2.52	
USD/JPY	149.11	0.17	13.73	
EUR/JPY	158.51	0.43	12.98	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.45	5.66	5.62	5.19	4.64
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.99	4.10	3.73	3.31
GBP	5.25	5.21	5.27	5.36	5.29	4.78









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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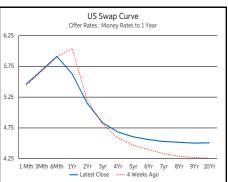
Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8627			
EUR/USD	1.063			
EUR/JPY	158.51			
EUR/SEK	11.5895			
EUR/DKK	7.4571			
EUR/NOK	11.536			
EUR/CHF	0.956			
EUR/AUD	1.6569			
EUR/HKD	8.314			
EUR/CAD	1.4439			

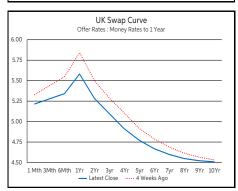
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1585			
GBP/USD	1.2318			
GBP/CAD	1.6732			
GBP/NZD	2.05			
GBP/JPY	183.7			
GBP/SEK	13.4309			
GBP/DKK	8.6395			
GBP/NOK	13.3689			
GBP/CHF	1.1079			
GBP/AUD	1.9199			

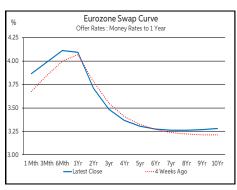
Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.11			
USD/CAD	1.3582			
USD/CHF	0.8991			
USD/CNY	7.2998			
USD/BRL	5.0496			
USD/RUB	96.9925			
USD/INR	83.19			
AUD/USD	0.6415			
NZD/USD	0.6006			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.56	-10	+30	+68	
Germany	2.72	-6	+6	+15	
UK	4.34	-10	-1	+67	
Ireland	3.16	-6	+11	+1	
Belgium	3.37	-7	+8	+17	
France	3.28	-6	+7	+16	
Italy	4.67	-7	+20	-4	
Spain	3.81	-7	+9	+16	
Portugal	3.42	-9	+1	-18	
Greece	4.24	-13	+17	-36	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.61	-3	+18	+61	
Eurozone	3.31	-1	-1	+8	
UK	4.77	-4	-14	+47	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.15	+0	-1	+47	
Eurozone	3.71	+3	-6	+32	
UK	5.28	-O	-21	+60	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	44	+1	+5	-14	
Belgium	66	-O	+1	+2	
France	56	+0	+1	+1	
Italy	195	-0	+14	-19	
Spain	110	-0	+2	+0	
Portugal	71	-2	-5	-33	
Greece	152	-6	+10	-51	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	85.82	-2.09	-6.60	-0.10	
West Texas Oil	83.7	-2.55	-5.52	+4.42	
Gold \$	1873.6	+0.73	-1.72	+2.70	

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