Morning Comment

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Positive mood on markets to start the week

There was a positive tone to investor sentiment yesterday, amid a relatively quiet start to the week on financial markets. The Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.3%. Meantime, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 gained 1.1%, ahead of a busy week of earnings data.

In terms of fixed income, sovereign yields moved higher across the board yesterday. Most notably, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields rose by 7-11bps. German Bund yields edged up by a more modest 2-6bps. Elsewhere on markets, oil prices inched lower, with Brent crude falling back below \$90 per barrel.

Currency-wise, the main pairs remained tightly range bound. A sparse data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action on the exchanges. Of the limited moves to note, the dollar was very marginally lower.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens up near the midpoint of the \$1.05-1.06 range. GBP/USD is operating higher in the top half of the \$1.22-1.23 trading band also. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP remains at the halfway mark of the 86-87p corridor.

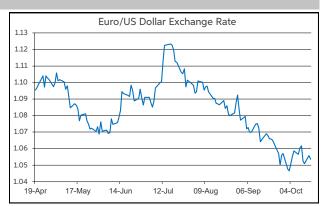
Already today, UK average earnings data have printed below the consensus. Wages rose by 8.1% y/y in the three months to August (vs. +8.3% y/y f'cast). UK rate hike expectations have softened somewhat following the release. Meantime, the ONS has pushed back the publication of other labour market data, such as the unemployment rate, to next week.

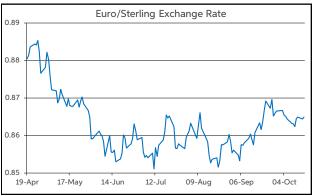
Later today, US industrial production and retail sales (both September) and the German ZEW survey (October) are due. Remarks from a host of Fed officials will also garner attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0537	0.12	-1.54	
EUR/GBP	0.8651	-0.03	-2.18	
GBP/USD	1.218	0.16	0.69	
GBP/EUR	1.1555	0.03	2.23	
USD/JPY	149.61	0.12	14.11	
EUR/JPY	157.66	0.24	12.37	
* 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	5.65	5.29	4.79
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.99	4.09	3.77	3.40
GBP	5.25	5.22	5.29	5.40	5.34	4.84









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8651
EUR/USD	1.0537
EUR/JPY	157.66
EUR/SEK	11.5308
EUR/DKK	7.4591
EUR/NOK	11.5329
EUR/CHF	0.95
EUR/AUD	1.6585
EUR/HKD	8.2388
EUR/CAD	1.4356

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1555
GBP/USD	1.218
GBP/CAD	1.6593
GBP/NZD	2.0643
GBP/JPY	182.22
GBP/SEK	13.332
GBP/DKK	8.6205
GBP/NOK	13.323
GBP/CHF	1.0981
GBP/AUD	1.9169

Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.61			
USD/CAD	1.3622			
USD/CHF	0.9015			
USD/CNY	7.3142			
USD/BRL	5.0386			
USD/RUB	97.29			
USD/INR	83.2525			
AUD/USD	0.6353			
NZD/USD	0.5898			

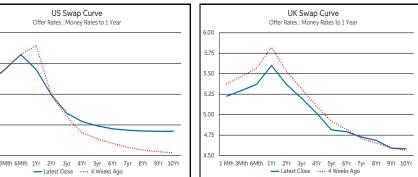


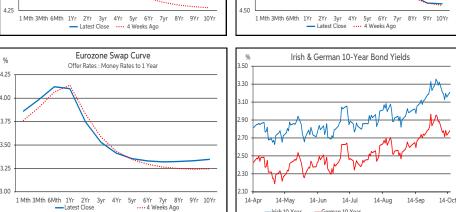
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Debt Markets					
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.70	+8	+40	+82	
Germany	2.78	+5	+6	+22	
UK	4.48	+9	+9	+81	
Ireland	3.23	+4	+11	+8	
Belgium	3.46	+4	+11	+26	
France	3.41	+9	+15	+30	
Italy	4.78	+0	+26	+7	
Spain	3.91	+3	+12	+26	
Portugal	3.51	+3	+5	-9	
Greece	4.33	+5	+15	-26	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.73	+7	+25	+74	
Eurozone	3.36	+2	+2	+13	
UK	4.81	+8	-6	+51	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.24	+5	+5	+56	
Eurozone	3.75	-0	-7	+36	
UK	5.37	+7	-15	+69	
10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	45	-1	+5	-14	
Belgium	68	-1	+4	+4	
France	63	+4	+8	+8	
Italy	200	-5	+19	-15	
Spain	113	-2	+6	+4	
Portugal	73	-2	-1	-31	
Greece	155	+0	+9	-48	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
Brent Oil	89.65	-1.36	-5.06	+4.35	
West Texas Oil	86.65	-1.16	-5.27	+8.10	
Gold \$	1919.4	-0.63	-0.71	+5.21	

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