Morning Comment

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EUR/USD down at \$1.08

The cautious tone to investor sentiment persisted yesterday. Both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 finished flat for the day. Elsewhere, oil prices moved higher, with Brent crude up by over 2% to \$76 per barrel. In terms of fixed income, benchmark sovereign yields continued to rise across the board.

Currency-wise, the main pairs remained confined to very narrow trading ranges. A sparse data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. Of the limited moves to note, the dollar stayed in the ascendancy. Meanwhile, the yen was under downward pressure overnight, losing 0.8% versus the dollar amid growing concerns that the ruling LDP party may loss its parliamentary majority following this weekends election.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens down at the \$1.08 level. Meantime, GBP/USD is changing hands back below the \$1.30 threshold. USD/JPY is operating above the ¥152 handle. EUR/GBP remains in the lower half of 83-84p.

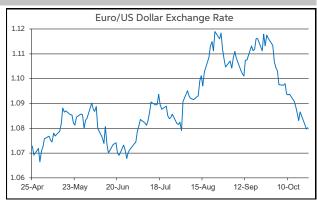
Turning to the day ahead, the data calendar on both sides of the Atlantic remains relatively sparse. In the Eurozone, the flash reading of consumer confidence is forecast to inch higher to -12.5 in October from -12.9. Elsewhere, US existing home sales data for September are due. However, neither release is likely to make the weather for either the euro or the dollar today.

Meantime, public remarks from a number of central bank officials, including ECB President Lagarde and BoE Governor will be under the spotlight once again. From the Fed, comments by Governor Bowman, the sole dissenter from the September FOMC meeting, will also warrant attention.

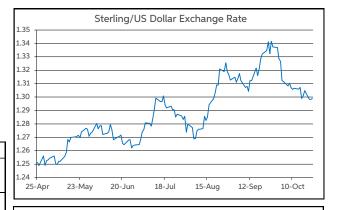
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.0803	-0.16	-2.11	
EUR/GBP	0.8314	-0.11	-4.08	
GBP/USD	1.2986	-0.10	2.02	
GBP/EUR	1.202	0.11	4.26	
USD/JPY	152.07	0.80	7.81	
EUR/JPY	164.28	0.64	5.56	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.74	4.63	4.18	4.16	4.01
EUR	3.40	3.15	3.14	2.59	2.34	2.33
GBP	5.00	4.82	4.69	4.23	4.18	4.00









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8314
EUR/USD	1.0803
EUR/JPY	164.28
EUR/SEK	11.3911
EUR/DKK	7.4567
EUR/NOK	11.796
EUR/CHF	0.9367
EUR/AUD	1.6183
EUR/HKD	8.3939
EUR/CAD	1.493

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.202			
GBP/USD	1.2986			
GBP/CAD	1.7952			
GBP/NZD	2.1518			
GBP/JPY	197.48			
GBP/SEK	13.6932			
GBP/DKK	8.9645			
GBP/NOK	14.1832			
GBP/CHF	1.1261			
GBP/AUD	1.9461			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	152.07			
USD/CAD	1.3818			
USD/CHF	0.8671			
USD/CNY	7.1279			
USD/BRL	5.6901			
USD/RUB	96.4			
USD/INR	84.07			
AUD/USD	0.6672			
NZD/USD	0.6034			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

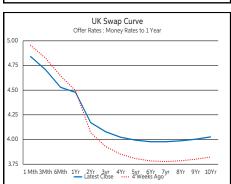
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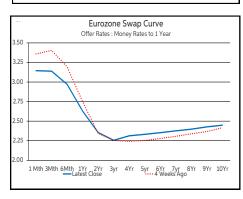
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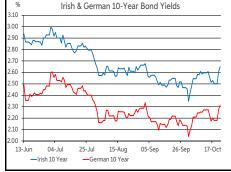
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.21	+2	+47	+35		
Germany	2.32	+4	+18	+29		
UK	4.17	+3	+23	+63		
Ireland	2.68	+4	+17	+31		
Belgium	2.91	+4	+15	+22		
France	3.05	+4	+14	+50		
Italy	3.55	+4	+7	-15		
Spain	3.03	+3	+10	+4		
Portugal	2.77	+3	+6	-2		
Greece	3.18	+4	+0	+10		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.94	+1	+52	+15		
Eurozone	2.33	+3	+8	-10		
UK	3.99	+3	+19	+34		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.10	+0	+52	-24		
Eurozone	2.36	+2	+1	-44		
UK	4.17	+3	+11	-9		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps			
Ireland	36	-0	-1	+2		
Belgium	59	+0	-3	-7		
France	74	+0	-4	+21		
Italy	124	+0	-11	-43		
Spain	71	-1	-8	-25		
Portugal	45	-1	-12	-31		
Greece	86	-0	-18	-19		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
Brent Oil	76.04	+2.36	+1.16	-1.30	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2748.4	+1.06	+3.45	+33.25	

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