Morning Comment

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Attention on the ECB today

The main macro focus yesterday was on US CPI inflation data for August. The headline rate rose by more than expected, from 3.2% to 3.7% (vs. 3.6% f'cast). However, the core rate maintained its decelerating trajectory, printing as forecast, at 4.3%.

From a risk appetite perspective, the mood was generally muted. Most of the main equity indices traded sideways to slightly lower for much of the day. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished its session down 0.4%. Meantime, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was a modest 0.1% higher.

On bond markets, UK Gilt yields continued to trend lower across the curve. The policy sensitive 2-year yield fell below the 5% level. Elsewhere, the moves in Eurozone and US yields were more subdued. Meanwhile, on the commodities front, oil prices remained elevated with Brent crude just below \$92 p/b.

Currency-wise, the majors were confined to relatively narrow ranges. Sterling started the day on the defensive following weaker than expected UK GDP figures for July. Meanwhile, there was no major reaction from the dollar to the US inflation newsflow. The limited FX moves have continued in overnight trading.

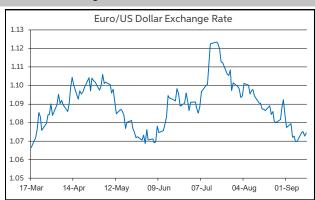
As a result, the main pairs open this morning broadly similar to 24 hours earlier. EUR/USD continues to trade in the lower half of \$1.07 -1.08. EUR/GBP is changing hands in and around the 86p mark. GBP/USD is just under the \$1.25 threshold.

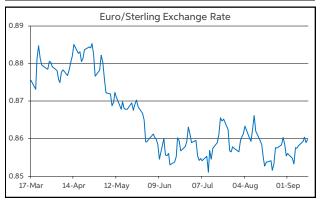
Attention today is on the ECB meeting, which poses some event risk for the euro. The market is pricing in around a 65% probability of a 25bps rate hike, which would see the Deposit rate rise to 4%.

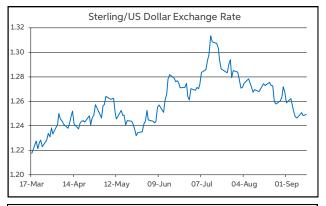
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0744	-0.06	0.39	
EUR/GBP	0.8596	-0.08	-2.80	
GBP/USD	1.2496	0.01	3.30	
GBP/EUR	1.1626	0.08	2.89	
USD/JPY	147.15	-0.16	12.23	
EUR/JPY	158.12	-0.23	12.70	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.67	5.65	5.15	4.45
EUR	4.25	3.70	3.82	4.08	3.78	3.31
GBP	5.25	5.32	5.43	5.62	5.50	4.92









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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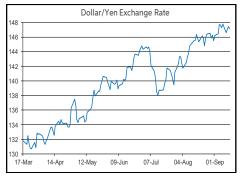
Opening Levels



Euro	0
EUR/GBP	0.8596
EUR/USD	1.0744
EUR/JPY	158.12
EUR/SEK	11.9551
EUR/DKK	7.4597
EUR/NOK	11.4833
EUR/CHF	0.9584
EUR/AUD	1.6678
EUR/HKD	8.4093
EUR/CAD	1.4545

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1626		
GBP/USD	1.2496		
GBP/CAD	1.6917		
GBP/NZD	2.1051		
GBP/JPY	183.88		
GBP/SEK	13.903		
GBP/DKK	8.674		
GBP/NOK	13.355		
GBP/CHF	1.1147		
GBP/AUD	1.9396		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.15			
USD/CAD	1.3537			
USD/CHF	0.8919			
USD/CNY	7.2739			
USD/BRL	4.9158			
USD/RUB	96.59			
USD/INR	82.97			
AUD/USD	0.6442			
NZD/USD	0.5934			



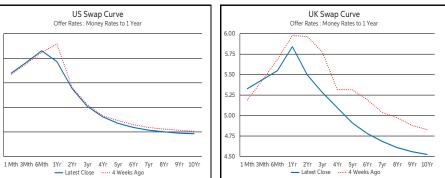
US Swap Curve

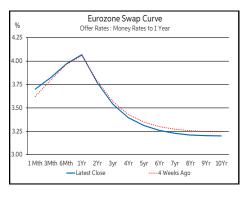
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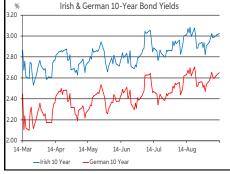
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	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.25	-3	-O	+38	
Germany	2.65	+1	+1	+9	
UK	4.35	-7	-30	+68	
Ireland	3.05	-O	-4	-10	
Belgium	3.30	+1	-4	+10	
France	3.20	+2	+1	+9	
Italy	4.47	+5	+11	-24	
Spain	3.73	+3	+2	+7	
Portugal	3.41	+3	+2	-19	
Greece	4.07	+2	+10	-52	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.43	-5	-1	+43	
Eurozone	3.31	+3	-3	+8	
UK	4.91	-9	-35	+61	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.13	-6	+2	+46	
Eurozone	3.77	+5	-1	+38	
UK	5.49	-6	-47	+81	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	39	-2	-5	-19	
Belgium	65	+0	-5	+1	
France	55	+0	+0	+0	
Italy	181	+4	+10	-33	
Spain	107	+1	+1	-2	
Portugal	76	+2	+1	-28	
Greece	141	+1	+9	-61	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 22				
Brent Oil	91.88	-0.20	+10.10	+6.95		
West Texas Oil	88.59	-0.32	+11.57	+10.52		
Gold \$	1906.3	-0.36	+0.77	+4.49		

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