Morning Comment

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Uneventful start to a busy week

A packed week of central bank meetings got off to an uneventful start yesterday. This was not surprising given the lack on any top tier data on either side of the Atlantic. It was also likely a case of investors/market participants keeping their powder dry with the aforementioned raft of monetary policy decisions looming on the horizon.

This muted backdrop was evident in a generally cautious tone to investor sentiment. After registering strong gains of between 2-4% last week, the main equity indices, for the most part, traded sideways yesterday. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was a modest 0.1% higher on the day. Meanwhile, on bond markets, the main benchmark sovereigns saw yields decline marginally, by between 1-3bps.

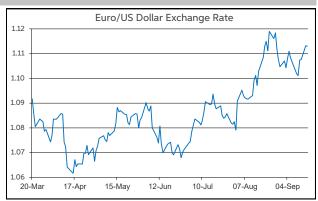
On the currency front, it was a similar picture of subdued trading amongst the majors. However, within this limited price action, the dollar retained the softer tone that re-emerged towards the end of last week on renewed speculation of a 50bps (rather than a 25bps) rate cut from the Fed this week. In level terms, the softer dollar was reflected in EUR/USD edging higher within the lower half of the \$1.11-1.12 band and GBP/USD trading above the \$1.32 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP continued to change hands within the bottom half of the 84-85p corridor.

Today's macro diary is US centric. It features retail sales and industrial production (both Aug) as well as homebuilder sentiment (Sept) for the world's largest economy. However, with tomorrow evening's Fed rate announcement very much front and centre of investor's minds, unless today's data surprises significantly versus expectations, market impact may be limited.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/USD	1.113	0.30	0.85	
EUR/GBP	0.8424	-0.14	-2.81	
GBP/USD	1.3212	0.45	3.79	
GBP/EUR	1.187	0.14	2.90	
USD/JPY	140.53	0.23	-0.38	
EUR/JPY	156.41	0.53	0.50	
* 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	5.38	5.13	5.12	4.11	3.65	3.41
EUR	3.65	3.41	3.47	2.85	2.44	2.28
GBP	5.00	4.89	4.78	4.16	3.97	3.66









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8424
EUR/USD	1.113
EUR/JPY	156.41
EUR/SEK	11.317
EUR/DKK	7.4622
EUR/NOK	11.7702
EUR/CHF	0.9393
EUR/AUD	1.6474
EUR/HKD	8.672
EUR/CAD	1.5121

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.187		
GBP/USD	1.3212		
GBP/CAD	1.7949		
GBP/NZD	2.1334		
GBP/JPY	185.67		
GBP/SEK	13.4297		
GBP/DKK	8.857		
GBP/NOK	13.972		
GBP/CHF	1.115		
GBP/AUD	1.9554		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	140.53			
USD/CAD	1.3586			
USD/CHF	0.8439			
USD/CNY	7.093			
USD/BRL	5.5038			
USD/RUB	91.3			
USD/INR	83.8225			
AUD/USD	0.6754			
NZD/USD	0.619			



US Swap Curve

5.50

5.25 5.00 4.75

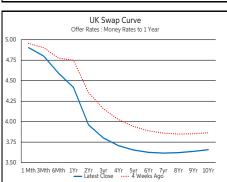
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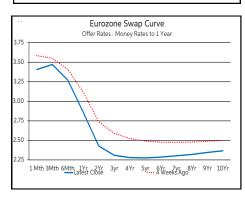
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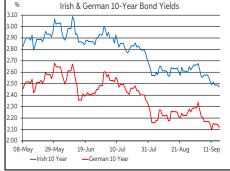
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.62	-3	-25	-24	
Germany	2.12	-3	-13	+9	
UK	3.76	-1	-17	+22	
Ireland	2.51	-2	-16	+14	
Belgium	2.71	-2	-13	+2	
France	2.83	-1	-15	+27	
Italy	3.48	-4	-15	-22	
Spain	2.92	-3	-17	-7	
Portugal	2.71	-3	-16	-8	
Greece	3.13	-1	-20	+5	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	3.35	-3	-36	-44	
Eurozone	2.28	-4	-21	-15	
UK	3.65	-1	-28	+0	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.59	-6	-53	-75	
Eurozone	2.43	-3	-30	-37	
UK	3.96	-3	-39	-30	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	39	+1	-2	+5	
Belgium	59	+0	+0	-7	
France	71	+2	-1	+18	
Italy	136	-1	-1	-31	
Spain	80	+0	-3	-17	
Portugal	59	+0	-3	-17	
Greece	101	+2	-7	-4	

Commodities					
		% Change			
Close Day 4 Weeks End					
Brent Oil	72.75	+1.59	-6.32	-5.57	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2582.6	+0.24	+3.14	+25.21	

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