Morning Comment

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Quiet start to a busy week

There was a quiet start, to what is a busy week, on financial markets yesterday. The macro calendar was sparse on both sides of the Atlantic. Indeed, the only release of any note was US homebuilder sentiment for September. Unlike most recent US data, it missed to the downside of expectations.

Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone as market participants await the outcome of some key central bank meetings this week, including the Fed (Wednesday) and BoE (Thursday). In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished its session down 1.1%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was flat for day.

In terms of bond markets, the 10-year US Treasury yield edged back to 4.3%. Most of the main European sovereign benchmark 10-year yields were 2-6bps higher over the course of the day. Meantime, oil prices continued their upward momentum, with Brent crude rising above \$94 per barrel.

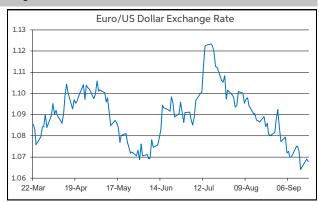
Currency-wise, the majors were confined to narrow trading ranges yesterday. This muted action has continued in overnight trading. As a result, the main pairs open this morning broadly similar to where they started the week 24 hours earlier. EUR/USD continues to trade near to the midpoint of \$1.06-1.07. EUR/GBP remains close to the 86p mark. Elsewhere, GBP/USD is operating in a tight corridor just below \$1.24.

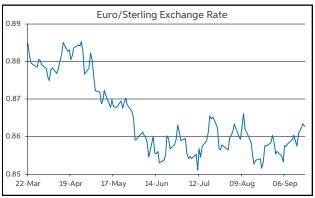
Looking ahead to today, the macro diary remains sparse. Therefore, the main FX pairs could continue to range trade as they adopt a holding pattern in light of the key monetary policy events looming on the horizon.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0678	0.10	-0.22	
EUR/GBP	0.8625	0.23	-2.48	
GBP/USD	1.2379	-0.14	2.33	
GBP/EUR	1.1589	-0.23	2.54	
USD/JPY	147.83	0.12	12.75	
EUR/JPY	157.89	0.22	12.54	
* 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	5.44	5.66	5.60	5.26	4.53
EUR	4.50	3.76	3.88	4.14	3.83	3.34
GBP	5.25	5.36	5.46	5.63	5.53	4.92









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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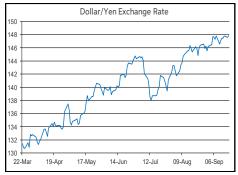
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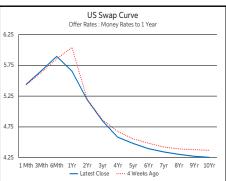
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8625
EUR/USD	1.0678
EUR/JPY	157.89
EUR/SEK	11.9184
EUR/DKK	7.4528
EUR/NOK	11.5617
EUR/CHF	0.9593
EUR/AUD	1.6601
EUR/HKD	8.3462
EUR/CAD	1.4391

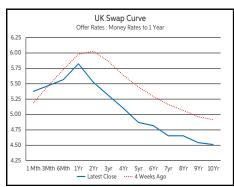
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GBP/EUR	1.1589
GBP/USD	1.2379
GBP/CAD	1.668
GBP/NZD	2.0921
GBP/JPY	183
GBP/SEK	13.8147
GBP/DKK	8.6381
GBP/NOK	13.401
GBP/CHF	1.1118
GBP/AUD	1.9242

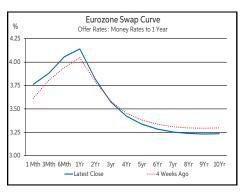
Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.83			
USD/CAD	1.3474			
USD/CHF	0.8981			
USD/CNY	7.297			
USD/BRL	4.8544			
USD/RUB	96.395			
USD/INR	83.32			
AUD/USD	0.6432			
NZD/USD	0.5915			

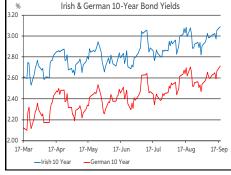












	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.30	-3	-4	+42
Germany	2.72	+5	+1	+15
UK	4.39	+3	-34	+72
Ireland	3.12	+2	+1	-3
Belgium	3.35	+4	-2	+15
France	3.26	+4	+1	+15
Italy	4.52	+6	+11	-18
Spain	3.79	+5	+3	+13
Portugal	3.46	+3	+0	-14
Greece	4.18	+7	+17	-41
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.48	-2	-4	+49
Eurozone	3.34	+4	-4	+11
UK	4.87	+4	-57	+57
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.19	+1	+3	+52
Eurozone	3.82	+5	+4	+43
UK	5.52	+3	-50	+84
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	40	-2	-0	-18
Belgium	63	-1	-3	-1
France	54	-1	+0	-1
Italy	181	+1	+10	-34
Spain	107	-O	+2	-2
Portugal	74	-2	-1	-30
Greece	147	+2	+16	-56

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
Brent Oil	94.43	+0.53	+11.80	+9.92	
West Texas Oil	91.47	+0.70	+13.33	+14.11	
Gold \$	1933.1	+0.50	+2.07	+5.96	

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