Morning Comment

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EUR/USD remains below \$1.06

Risk appetite remained weak yesterday, amid a relatively quiet day on markets. The recent move higher in bond yields, and concerns of a government shutdown in the US weighed on sentiment. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 0.9%. Meantime, at the closing bell on Wall Street, the S&P 500 was down by 1.5%.

Although, yields closed below their peak yesterday, medium to long-term sovereign bond yields have risen sharply in recent weeks, most notably in the US. Indeed, the benchmark US 10-year Treasury yield climbed to a fresh 16-year high, at 4.56% yesterday, before finishing the day slightly lower. 10-year German Bund yields remain near 12-year highs also. The recent move higher in yields reflects guidance from central banks that rates will likely remain at elevated levels for an extended period of time.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs were range bound yesterday. Of the limited moves to note, the yen moved off its lows, as senior Japanese officials warned about a possible intervention to support the currency. Overnight though, the dollar regained the upper hand, supported by the risk averse backdrop.

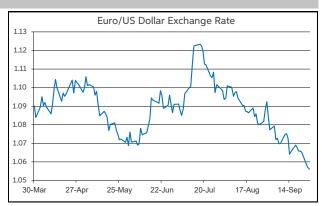
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning near the midpoint of the \$1.05-1.06 range. GBP/USD is operating at the halfway mark of \$1.21-1.22. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is in the top half of 86-87p. USD/JPY is trading jus above the ¥149 threshold once again.

Today, there is a somewhat sparse data schedule. The only release of note is US durable goods data for August. However, the release is unlikely to impact the dollar. Thus, the focus will remain on the potential government shutdown in the US, as well as the elevated level of sovereign bond yields.

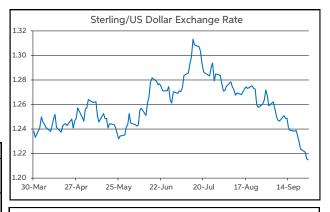
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0561	-0.29	-1.32	
EUR/GBP	0.8692	0.16	-1.72	
GBP/USD	1.2148	-0.46	0.42	
GBP/EUR	1.1498	-0.16	1.75	
USD/JPY	149.12	0.16	13.74	
EUR/JPY	157.52	-0.11	12.27	
* v Previous Day's European 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	5.43	5.65	5.51	5.29	4.66
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.98	4.13	3.81	3.39
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.28	5.42	5.30	4.77









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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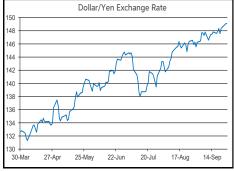
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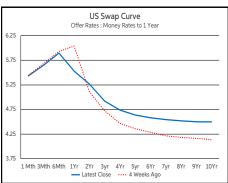
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8692
EUR/USD	1.0561
EUR/JPY	157.52
EUR/SEK	11.6557
EUR/DKK	7.4563
EUR/NOK	11.4297
EUR/CHF	0.9685
EUR/AUD	1.6567
EUR/HKD	8.2601
EUR/CAD	1.428

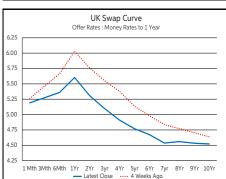
Sterlin	ng
GBP/EUR	1.1498
GBP/USD	1.2148
GBP/CAD	1.6426
GBP/NZD	2.0488
GBP/JPY	181.16
GBP/SEK	13.4066
GBP/DKK	8.575
GBP/NOK	13.148
GBP/CHF	1.1141
GBP/AUD	1.9057

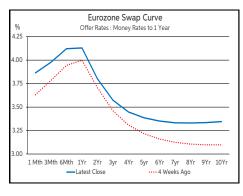
Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.12			
USD/CAD	1.352			
USD/CHF	0.917			
USD/CNY	7.3039			
USD/BRL	4.9868			
USD/RUB	96.4725			
USD/INR	83.225			
AUD/USD	0.6374			
NZD/USD	0.5926			

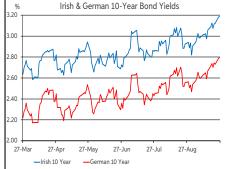












	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.55	+2	+43	+67	
Germany	2.80	+1	+29	+24	
UK	4.33	+0	-9	+66	
Ireland	3.22	+0	+30	+7	
Belgium	3.45	+2	+31	+24	
France	3.36	+2	+33	+25	
Italy	4.73	+8	+58	+3	
Spain	3.90	+3	+37	+24	
Portugal	3.56	+2	+34	-4	
Greece	4.31	+4	+43	-28	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	4.64	-1	+32	+64	
Eurozone	3.39	+1	+18	+16	
UK	4.77	+8	-36	+47	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.27	-2	+20	+59	
Eurozone	3.80	-0	+11	+41	
UK	5.31	+3	-44	+63	
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	42	-O	+1	-16	
Belgium	65	+1	+2	+1	
France	56	+1	+4	+1	
Italy	193	+7	+29	-21	
Spain	110	+3	+8	+0	
Portugal	76	+1	+5	-27	
Greece	151	+3	+14	-52	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
Brent Oil	93.96	+0.72	+9.91	+9.37	
West Texas Oil	91.43	+1.95	+12.68	+14.06	
Gold \$	1900.5	-0.79	-1.89	+4.17	

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