Morning Comment

AIB Treasury Economic Research Unit



Thursday 28 September 2023 07:28 am

EUR/USD falls to \$1.05

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment yesterday. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished flat, ending a four-day losing streak. Similarly, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 closed flat for the day, having suffered heavy losses in the past week.

In terms of fixed income, US Treasury yields continued to climb higher, up by 5-7bps along the curve. Meantime, a modest firming in UK rate expectations saw UK Gilt yields rise by circa 5bps. German Bund yields also moved 3-4bps higher. Elsewhere, oil prices regained some upward momentum, with Brent crude oil rising above \$96 per barrel.

On the currency front, the euro was under some downward pressure yesterday. Updated Eurozone monetary statistics for August, which showed bank lending to businesses grew at the slowest rate since 2015, weighed on the single currency. The yen remained on the defensive also. Meanwhile, overnight, the dollar regained the upper hand. This saw EUR/USD fall to a low of \$1.049, and USD/JPY rise to a high of ¥149.7.

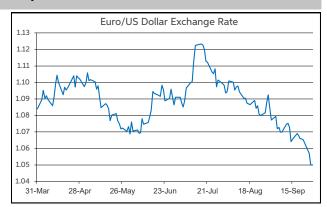
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning at the \$1.05 threshold. EUR/GBP is operating back near the midpoint of the 86-87p range. Meantime, GBP/USD is just below the halfway mark of the \$1.21-1.22 corridor. USD/JPY is trading in the ¥149-150 band.

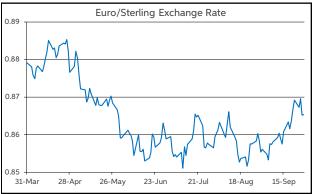
Turning to the day ahead, the EC sentiment indicators are projected to deteriorate further in September. Meantime, flash September German and Spanish inflation data will also garner attention. In the US, the latest initial jobless claims data, and remarks from Fed Chair Powell will be in focus.

Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB

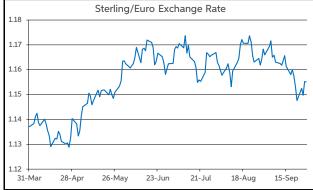
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0501	-0.56	-1.88	
EUR/GBP	0.8654	-0.44	-2.15	
GBP/USD	1.2134	-0.09	0.31	
GBP/EUR	1.1551	0.44	2.20	
USD/JPY	149.38	0.24	13.93	
EUR/JPY	156.9	-0.30	11.83	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
See Next Page for More Rates				

Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates				5	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	5.38	5.43	5.65	5.52	5.33	4.74
EUR	4.50	3.84	3.94	4.14	3.82	3.43
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.27	5.44	5.38	4.83









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

See Next Page For More Rates & Charts

FX Spot Karl Cooke FX Options Mark Tuite Reuters AIBG.I Morning Comment John Fahey john.j.fahey@aib.ie

Thursday 28 September 2023 07:28 am

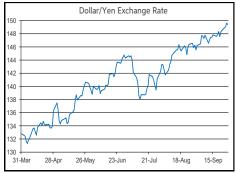
Opening Levels



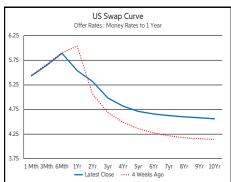
EUR/GBP0.8654EUR/USD1.05EUR/JPY156.87EUR/SEK11.6027EUR/DKK7.4554EUR/NOK11.2737EUR/CHF0.9666
EUR/JPY 156.87 EUR/SEK 11.6027 EUR/DKK 7.4554 EUR/NOK 11.2737 EUR/CHF 0.9666
EUR/SEK 11.6027 EUR/DKK 7.4554 EUR/NOK 11.2737 EUR/CHF 0.9666
EUR/DKK 7.4554 EUR/NOK 11.2737 EUR/CHF 0.9666
EUR/NOK 11.2737 EUR/CHF 0.9666
EUR/CHF 0.9666
EUR/AUD 1.6481
EUR/HKD 8.221
EUR/CAD 1.4175

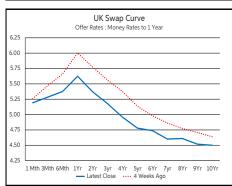
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1551			
GBP/USD	1.2133			
GBP/CAD	1.6376			
GBP/NZD	2.0419			
GBP/JPY	181.24			
GBP/SEK	13.405			
GBP/DKK	8.6122			
GBP/NOK	13.0309			
GBP/CHF	1.1172			
GBP/AUD	1.9042			

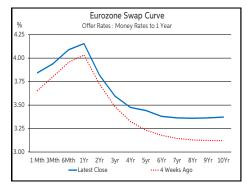
Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.38			
USD/CAD	1.3495			
USD/CHF	0.9205			
USD/CNY	7.3066			
USD/BRL	5.0437			
USD/RUB	96.7			
USD/INR	83.155			
AUD/USD	0.6371			
NZD/USD	0.5941			

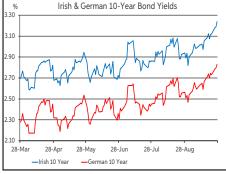












	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.61	+6	+50	+73	
Germany	2.83	+3	+30	+27	
UK	4.36	+3	-6	+69	
Ireland	3.27	+5	+31	+12	
Belgium	3.49	+5	+30	+29	
France	3.40	+4	+34	+29	
Italy	4.79	+6	+59	+8	
Spain	3.94	+4	+38	+28	
Portugal	3.61	+4	+36	+0	
Greece	4.32	+1	+46	-28	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.71	+7	+39	+71	
Eurozone	3.44	+6	+22	+21	
UK	4.78	+1	-35	+48	
2 Year Swap %					
US	5.32	+5	+29	+65	
Eurozone	3.82	+2	+11	+43	
UK	5.37	+6	-40	+69	
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	44	+2	+1	-15	
Belgium	66	+1	+0	+2	
France	57	+1	+5	+2	
Italy	195	+2	+30	-19	
Spain	111	+1	+9	+1	
Portugal	77	+1	+6	-27	
Greece	148	-3	+16	-55	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 22				
Brent Oil	96.55	+2.76	+12.45	+12.39		
West Texas Oil	93.67	+2.45	+14.74	+16.85		
Gold\$	1874.7	-1.36	-3.48	+2.76		

This publication is for information purposes and is not an invitation to deal. The information is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed. Any expressions of opinions are subject to change without notice. This publication is not to be reproduced in whole or in part without prior permission. In the Republic of Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. In the UK it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. and Allied Irish Bank (GB). In Northern Ireland it is distributed by Allied Irish Bank (NI). In the United States of America it is distributed by Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., incorporated in Northern Ireland. Registered Office 92 Ann Street, Belfast BT1 3HH. Registered Number NI018800. Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. In the United States of America, Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c., New York Branch, is a branch licensed by the New York State Department of Financial Services. Deposits and other investment products are not FDIC insured, they are not guaranteed by any bank and they may lose value. Please note that telephone calls may be recorded in line with market practice.