Morning Comment

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Dollar edges slightly lower

Investor sentiment staged a modest rebound yesterday. Equity markets moved higher on both sides of the Atlantic, with the Euro Stoxx 50 gaining 0.3%, while the S&P 500 rose by 0.2%. In terms of fixed income, German Bund yields declined by 1-6bps along the curve. The move coincided with a slight softening in Eurozone futures contracts, amid dovish remarks from a number of ECB officials. US Treasury yields fell by 2-4bps also.

Data-wise, the Eurozone flash PMIs for October printed broadly in-line with expectations. The manufacturing sector remained deep in contraction territory, while the services stayed in expansion mode. In the UK, both sectors came in below the consensus, showing a slower pace of growth in the month. In contrast, the US PMIs were slightly better than anticipated, albeit the data suggest activity in the manufacturing sector declined once again.

On the currency front, the main pairs remained range bound. Against the backdrop of the improvement in risk appetite, the dollar was under some downward pressure. This saw the greenback decline by around 0.2% versus the euro, sterling and yen yesterday.

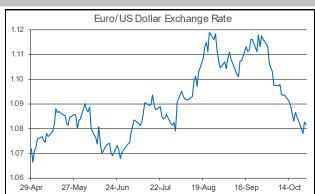
As trading gets underway this morning, the weaker dollar is reflected by EUR/USD opening up above \$1.08. GBP/USD is operating up in the top half of \$1.29-1.30 also. Meanwhile, USD/JPY is back below the ¥152 handle. EUR/GBP remains in the lower half of the 83-84p corridor.

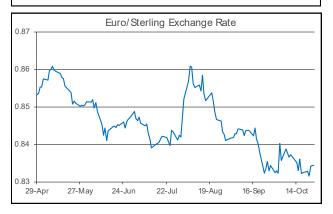
Today, the main release of note will be the German Ifo survey for October. Meantime in the US, durable goods data for September are due. However, neither release is likely to impact FX markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2023	
EUR/ USD	1.0817	0.22	- 1.98	
EUR/GBP	0.8345	-0.01	-3.73	
GBP/ USD	1.2962	0.25	1.83	
GBP/ EUR	1.1982	0.01	3.87	
USD/JPY	151.93	-0.18	7.71	
EUR/JPY	164.35	0.04	5.60	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates							
		Money Market			Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	4.88	4.70	4.59	4.14	4.14	3.97	
EUR	3.40	3.11	3.09	2.54	2.29	2.27	
GBP	5.00	4.81	4.70	4.25	4.23	4.07	









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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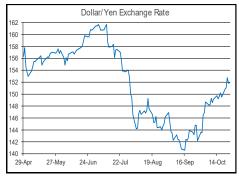
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/ GBP	0.8345
EUR/USD	1.0817
EUR/JPY	164.35
EUR/ SEK	11.442
EUR/ DKK	7.4594
EUR/NOK	11.844
EUR/CHF	0.9365
EUR/AUD	1.6329
EUR/HKD	8.4062
EUR/ CAD	1.4986

Sterling			
GBP/ EUR	1.1982		
GBP/ USD	1.2962		
GBP/ CAD	1.7957		
GBP/ NZD	2.162		
GBP/ JPY	196.93		
GBP/ SEK	13.7082		
GBP/ DKK	8.9388		
GBP/ NOK	14.1971		
GBP/ CHF	1.1221		
GBP/ AUD	1.9566		

Dollar					
USD/JPY	151.93				
USD/CAD	1.3854				
USD/CHF	0.8656				
USD/CNY	7.1265				
USD/BRL	5.6672				
USD/RUB	96.9455				
USD/INR	84.047				
AUD/USD	0.6624				
NZD/USD	0.5993				



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

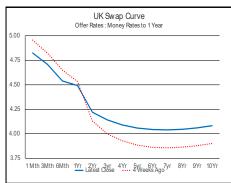
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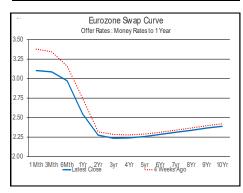
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr



Debt Markets						
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.20	-4	+41	+34		
Germany	2.26	-6	+9	+23		
UK	4.24	+4	+23	+70		
Ireland	2.61	-4	+6	+25		
Belgium	2.84	-6	+2	+15		
France	2.99	-5	+2	+43		
Italy	3.47	-5	-1	-23		
Spain	2.95	-6	-1	-4		
Portugal	2.69	-6	-6	-10		
Greece	3.14	-5	+4	+6		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.96	-3	+46	+17		
Eurozone	2.26	-4	-2	-17		
UK	4.06	+3	+18	+41		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.12	-1	+45	-21		
Eurozone	2.28	-3	-4	-52		
UK	4.22	+3	+9	-5		
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchr	nark bps			
Ireland	36	+2	-3	+2		
Belgium	58	-0	-7	-8		
France	73	+1	-7	+20		
Italy	121	+0	-10	-46		
Spain	69	-0	-10	-27		
Portugal	43	-1	-14	-33		
Greece	88	+0	-5	-17		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	74.38	-0.77	+3.88	-3.45	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	2735.7	+0.67	+2.45	+32.63	

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