Morning Comment

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US Government shutdown risk this week

There was a generally cautious tone to market sentiment last week. However, this must be viewed in the context of many of the main equity indices registering new record highs earlier in the month. At the closing bell on Wall Street on Friday night, the benchmark S&P 500 index was 0.3% lower on the week. From a currency viewpoint, the dollar held a firmer tone for much of last week. Some less dovish comments from a number of Fed speakers, which coincided with a firming in US futures contracts provided a supportive backdrop for the dollar. The currency was also boosted by US macro data tending to surprise to the upside of expectations. This included Q2 GDP being revised higher to an annualised 3.8% growth rate (from 3.3%).

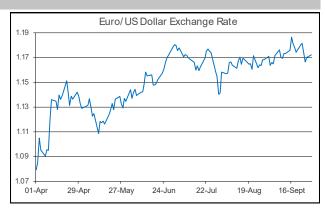
In level terms, EUR/USD traded down to a low near \$1.165 last week, GBP/USD fell below \$1.34, while USD/JPY traded to a high of ¥149.9. However, the risk of a US government shutdown this week has put the dollar under some pressure over the last 24 hours. EUR/USD starts this week back above the \$1.17 threshold, GBP/USD is operating in the lower half of \$1.34-1.35, and USD/JPY is below the \$149 mark. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP remains confined to a narrow trading range in the lower half of the \$7-88p band.

Ahead this week, the initial focus for markets will be the aforementioned risk of a US government shutdown on Wednesday, which could impact the publication of official US data. In this regard, the key scheduled data event is on Friday with a raft of US labour market data due for September, including the much-anticipated non-farm payrolls. The recent softness in jobs growth underpinned the Fed's decision to resume its rate cutting cycle this month. From a euro perspective, the main release of note is the flash reading of HICP inflation (Sept). However, barring any significant results versus the consensus it may not be much of a dial mover for the euro. Meantime, for sterling, the UK macro diary is sparse this week.

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T	Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change				
		Day * End 2024				
EUR/USD	1.1723	0.39	13.23			
EUR/GBP	0.872	-0.27	5.40			
GBP/USD	1.3439	0.65	7.42			
GBP/EUR	1.1462	0.28	-5.13			
USD/JPY	148.76	-0.59	-5.36			
EUR/JPY	174.4	-0.21	7.16			
* v Previous Day's European Open						

Opening Interest Rates						
Money Market Swap Rates					3	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.13	NULL	NULL	NULL	3.70	3.69
EUR	2.00	1.91	2.00	NULL	2.18	2.41
GRP	4.00	NHHI	NHHI	NHHI	4.03	<i>4</i> 12









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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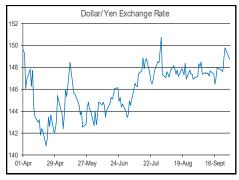
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.872
EUR/USD	1.1723
EUR/JPY	174.4
EUR/SEK	10.9962
EUR/ DKK	7.4641
EUR/NOK	11.6681
EUR/CHF	0.9333
EUR/AUD	1.7841
EUR/HKD	9.122
EUR/ CAD	1.632

Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1462
GBP/USD	1.3439
GBP/CAD	1.8707
GBP/NZD	2.3203
GBP/JPY	199.92
GBP/SEK	12.6048
GBP/ DKK	8.5543
GBP/NOK	13.377
GBP/CHF	1.0702
GBP/AUD	2.0452

Dollar				
USD/JPY	148.76			
USD/CAD	1.392			
USD/CHF	0.7961			
USD/CNY	7.1197			
USD/BRL	5.3496			
USD/RUB	83.1			
USD/INR	88.745			
AUD/USD	0.6567			
NZD/USD	0.5788			



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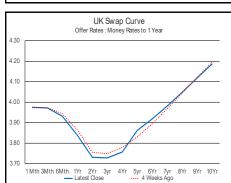
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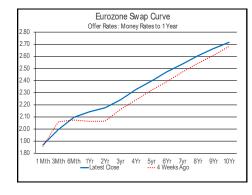
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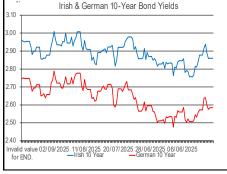
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr — Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.19	+1	-4	-39	
Germany	2.75	-3	+2	+38	
UK	4.75	-1	+2	+17	
Ireland	3.01	-2	+3	+36	
Belgium	3.30	-4	-0	+31	
France	3.57	-4	+5	+37	
Italy	3.61	-3	-1	+9	
Spain	3.31	-3	-2	+24	
Portugal	3.17	-3	-1	+32	
Greece	3.45	-5	+2	+20	
 5 Year Swap %					
US	3.68	+1	+9	-61	
Eurozone	2.39	-4	+9	+16	
UK	4.12	+2	+6	-17	
2 2 Year Swap %					
US	3.68	+1	+4	-65	
Eurozone	2.15	-2	+9	-4	
UK	4.03	+2	+6	-45	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	26	+1	+1	-2	
Belgium	55	-2	-3	-7	
France	82	-1	+3	-1	
Italy	86	-1	-3	-29	
Spain	56	-0	-4	-14	
Portugal	43	-0	-3	-6	
Greece	70	-2	-1	-18	

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2					
Brent Oil	70.13	+1.02	+2.95	-6.04		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	3759.6	+0.29	+9.08	+43.29		

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