Morning Comment

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BoE opts for a dovish hold

In line with market expectations, the Bank of England (BoE) left the Bank rate unchanged yesterday. However, the monetary policy committee was deeply split on the decision, with five members voting to hold, while four were in favour of a 25bps cut. However, remarks from Governor Bailey at the press conference, suggest that if inflation moves in line with the BoE outlook in the coming months, a rate cut is likely at the final meeting of the year in December.

Despite the dovish hold from the BoE, UK interest rate futures were little changed. Current pricing indicates that there is around a 60% chance of a rate cut in December. At the same time, there is still circa 60bps of policy easing expected by the end of 2026.

Elsewhere on markets there was a risk-off tone to investor sentiment yesterday. Ongoing concerns regarding stretched valuations in relation to Al companies and private sector reports which show the US labour market remains weak, as well as the US government shutdown, weighed on sentiment. Against this backdrop, both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 shed circa 1% yesterday.

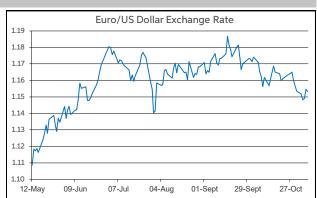
However, unlike earlier in the week, the dollar did not benefit from safe haven demand arising from the risk averse mood. Instead the greenback was on the defensive. Overall though, the main FX pairs were confined to relatively narrow ranges yesterday. This sees EUR/USD open today in the lower half of \$1.15-1.16. GBP/USD is back above the \$1.31 handle. EUR/GBP remains in and around 88p.

Turning to the day ahead, the macro calendar is rather light. Indeed the only release of note will be the preliminary reading of the Michigan measure of US consumer sentiment for November. A slight deterioration from an already weak level is pencilled in for the month. On the monetary policy front, remarks from BoE Chief Economist Pill, and a number of Fed officials will be in focus.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1532	0.20	11.39	
EUR/GBP	0.8791	-0.22	6.26	
GBP/USD	1.3114	0.42	4.82	
GBP/EUR	1.1371	0.22	-5.89	
USD/JPY	153.45	-0.27	-2.37	
EUR/JPY	176.97	-0.08	8.74	
* 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	3.88	3.95	3.84	3.57	3.63	3.67
EUR	2.00	1.87	1.99	2.12	2.16	2.39
GBP	4.00	3.97	3.88	3.66	3.81	3.88









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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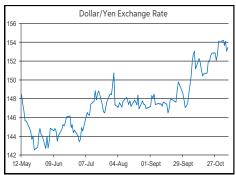
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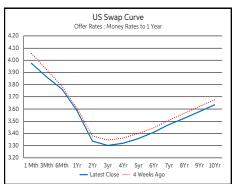
Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8791			
EUR/USD	1.1532			
EUR/JPY	176.97			
EUR/SEK	11.0502			
EUR/DKK	7.4664			
EUR/NOK	11.775			
EUR/CHF	0.9314			
EUR/AUD	1.7786			
EUR/HKD	8.9676			
EUR/CAD	1.628			

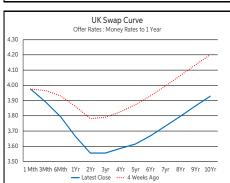
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1371		
GBP/USD	1.3114		
GBP/CAD	1.8511		
GBP/NZD	2.3374		
GBP/JPY	201.23		
GBP/SEK	12.5662		
GBP/DKK	8.4892		
GBP/NOK	13.3919		
GBP/CHF	1.0591		
GBP/AUD	2.0222		

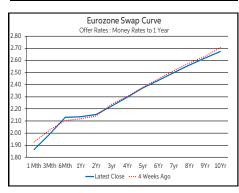
Dollar				
USD/JPY	153.45			
USD/CAD	1.4119			
USD/CHF	0.8076			
USD/CNY	7.1223			
USD/BRL	5.3498			
USD/RUB	81.2			
USD/INR	88.702			
AUD/USD	0.6482			
NZD/USD	0.5608			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.09	-6	-5	-48	
Germany	2.66	-1	-5	+29	
UK	4.44	-3	-32	-14	
Ireland	2.89	-2	-6	+24	
Belgium	3.20	-2	-6	+22	
France	3.44	-2	-8	+25	
Italy	3.41	-1	-13	-11	
Spain	3.17	-2	-8	+10	
Portugal	3.02	-1	-8	+17	
Greece	3.30	-1	-9	+5	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.61	-9	-4	-68	
Eurozone	2.37	+1	-1	+13	
UK	3.87	-3	-24	-41	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.61	-7	-1	-72	
Eurozone	2.15	+0	+1	-4	
UK	3.80	-2	-22	-69	
10 Year Governn		ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	24	-0	-2	-5	
Belgium	54	-0	-2	-8	
France	79	-0	-4	-4	
Italy	76	+0	-8	-40	
Spain	51	-0	-3	-19	
Portugal	36	+1	-4	-12	
Greece	65	+0	-4	-24	

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
Brent Oil	63.38	-0.22	-2.82	-15.09
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	3977.6	-0.12	+0.07	+51.60

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