

## All eyes on US payrolls figure

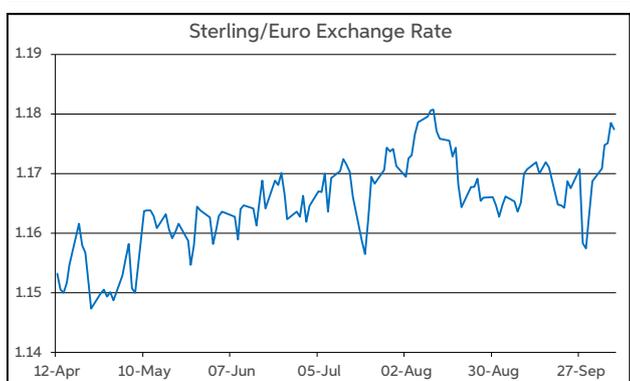
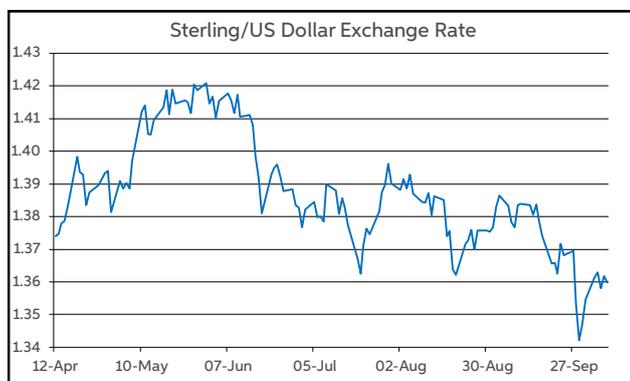
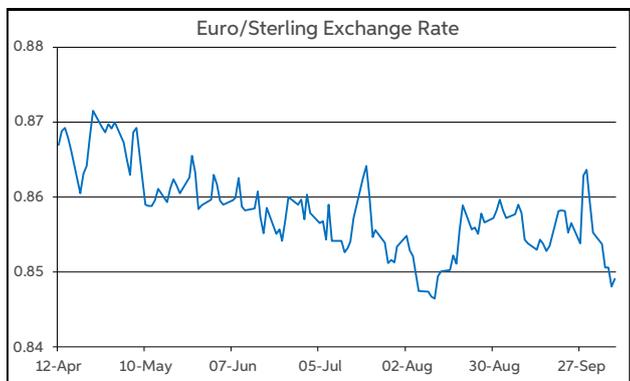
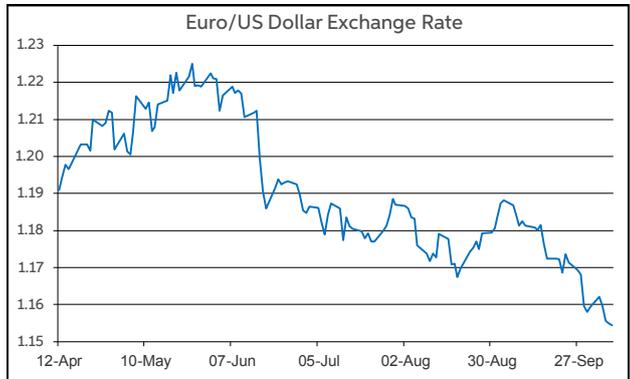
There was a more positive tone to investor sentiment on financial markets yesterday as risk appetite improved. At the close on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished up 0.8%. The Euro Stoxx 50 ended the day 2.1% higher also. Meanwhile, on bond markets, Eurozone yields edged lower. In contrast, US Treasury yields moved circa 5bps higher, along the curve.

On currency markets, the main FX pairs were tightly range bound through out the day. Of the muted action to mention, sterling held a slightly firmer tone on the exchanges yesterday. However, the pound's gains were very modest in nature, and the currency handed back most of its gains overnight.

As trading gets underway this morning, the slightly firmer tone to sterling is reflected in EUR/GBP opening below the 85p mark. The pair is currently changing hands in the top half of the 84-85p range. Cable (GBP/USD) is operating at the \$1.36 threshold, having spent a large part of yesterday near the midpoint of the \$1.36-1.37 corridor. Meantime, EUR/USD remains close to the halfway mark of the \$1.15-1.16 trading band.

Ahead today all eyes will be on the US labour market data for September. The consensus is for a 500k increase in payrolls, which would likely green light a taper announcement from the Fed in November. At the FOMC press conference last month, Fed Chair Powell noted that a taper decision would be forthcoming bar a very weak payrolls number. Therefore, unless there is a major downside miss to the payrolls figure, the dollar reaction to the release may be limited. Elsewhere, the unemployment rate is projected to edge lower to 5.1% from 5.2%.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2020
EUR/USD	1.1546	-0.07	-5.46
EUR/GBP	0.8491	-0.16	-4.99
GBP/USD	1.3598	0.14	-0.55
GBP/EUR	1.1774	0.16	5.25
USD/JPY	111.86	0.41	8.35
EUR/JPY	129.16	0.33	2.38

\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates		
		1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.09	0.12	0.16	0.43	1.13
EUR	0.00	-0.56	-0.55	-0.50	-0.41	-0.15
GBP	0.10	0.06	0.10	0.51	0.80	1.06

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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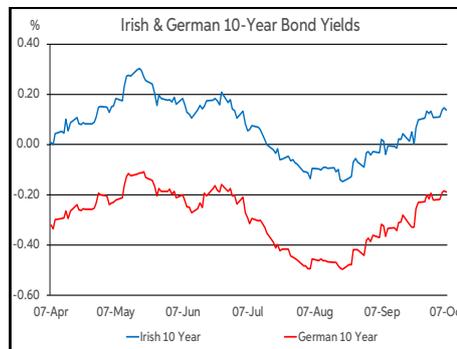
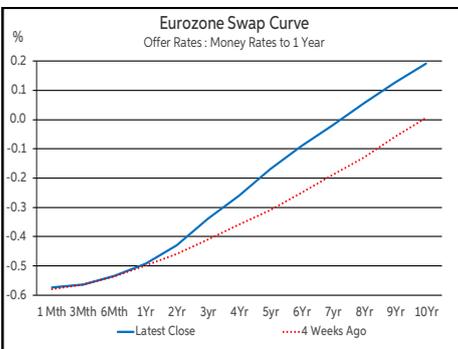
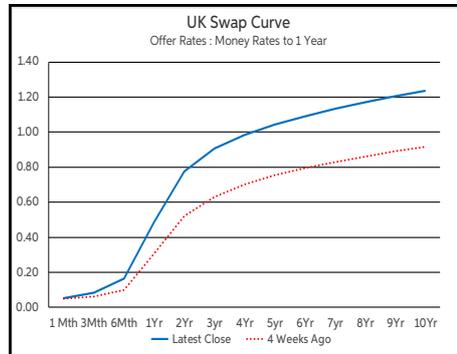
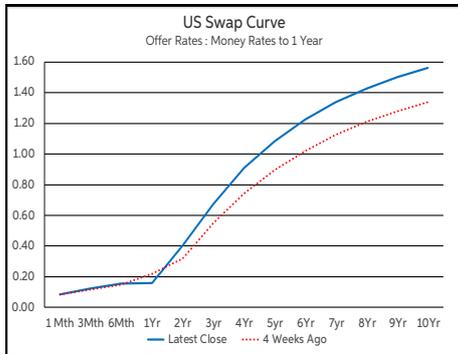
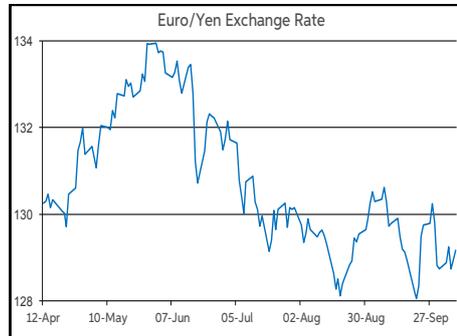
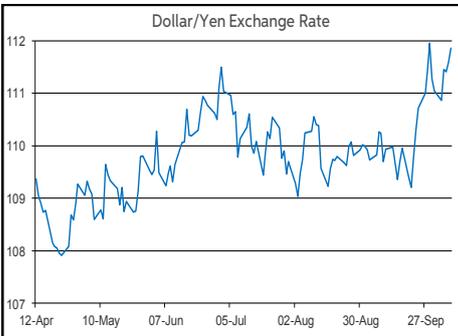
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# Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8491	GBP/EUR	1.1774	USD/JPY	111.86
EUR/USD	1.1546	GBP/USD	1.3598	USD/CAD	1.2549
EUR/JPY	129.16	GBP/CAD	1.7063	USD/CHF	0.9295
EUR/SEK	10.1542	GBP/NZD	1.9626	USD/CNY	6.4492
EUR/DKK	7.4405	GBP/JPY	152.11	USD/BRL	5.5182
EUR/NOK	9.9159	GBP/SEK	11.9546	USD/RUB	71.85
EUR/CHF	1.0734	GBP/DKK	8.7615	USD/INR	74.9625
EUR/AUD	1.5824	GBP/NOK	11.67	AUD/USD	0.7296
EUR/HKD	8.9886	GBP/CHF	1.2637	NZD/USD	0.6923
EUR/CAD	1.4496	GBP/AUD	1.8636		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 20
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	1.58	+5	+28	+66
Germany	-0.19	-1	+18	+39
UK	1.08	+1	+34	+88
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	1.08	+5	+23	+66
Eurozone	-0.17	+1	+15	+29
UK	1.04	+1	+29	+85
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	0.40	+3	+11	+21
Eurozone	-0.43	+0	+4	+10
UK	0.77	+2	+26	+75
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	39	-1	+0	+12
Belgium	32	-0	+0	+12
France	35	-0	+2	+11
Italy	104	-4	+0	-6
Spain	65	-0	-2	+2
Portugal	55	-1	-1	-9
Greece	106	-3	-10	-14

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 20
Brent Oil	81.95	+1.07	+14.70	+58.20
West Texas Oil	78.46	+1.03	+14.94	+62.28
Gold \$	1755.3	-0.41	-2.20	-7.45

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