Morning Comment

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Dollar remains under pressure

Trading conditions on financial markets were somewhat choppy yesterday, as investors continued to digest the Fed policy decision less than 24 hours earlier. On equity markets, European shares outperformed, with the Euro Stoxx 50 rising by 0.8%. On Wall Street though, the S&P 500 rose into the close, to register a 0.2% gain. Meanwhile, on bond markets, benchmark sovereign yields declined by 1-3bps along the curve. Elsewhere, oil prices shed circa 1.5%, with Brent crude now near \$61 per barrel.

Data-wise, the latest US weekly initial jobless claims printed well above the consensus, rising to 236k compared to 220k forecast. However, the data remain heavily impacted by the Thanksgiving holiday the week prior.

On the currency front, the dollar remained on the defensive throughout the European session. The Fed policy decision and the deteriorating weekly jobless claims data weighed on the greenback. However, the dollar recouped some of its losses overnight. Elsewhere, the euro was holding a slightly firmer tone

In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning up above the \$1.17 mark. GBP/USD is in the top half of the \$1.33-1.34 range. USD/JPY is changing hands close to the midpoint of the ¥155-156 corridor. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating above the midpoint of the 87-88p trading band.

Already this morning, the monthly reading of UK GDP for October has been released. GDP contracted by 0.1% m/m, below the consensus for a 0.1% m/m increase. Meanwhile, UK industrial production rose by 1.1% m/m in October (vs. +0.7% m/m, f'cast). Sterling has been under some marginal downward pressure following the release. The remainder of today's macro calendar is relatively sparse.

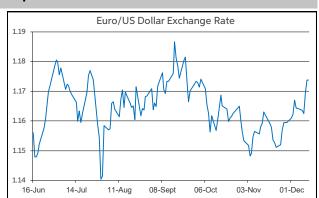
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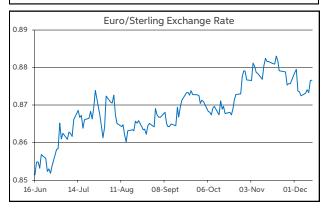
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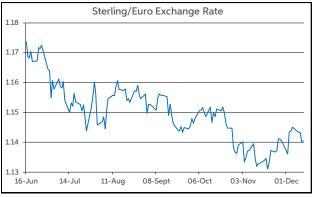
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1738	0.45	13.38	
EUR/GBP	0.8766	0.26	5.96	
GBP/USD	1.3386	0.19	6.99	
GBP/EUR	1.1403	-0.26	-5.62	
USD/JPY	155.6	-0.29	-1.01	
EUR/JPY	182.66	0.16	12.23	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates				5	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.63	3.74	3.70	3.48	3.62	3.72
EUR	2.00	1.91	2.08	2.21	2.32	2.60
GBP	4.00	3.78	3.74	3.58	3.78	3.93









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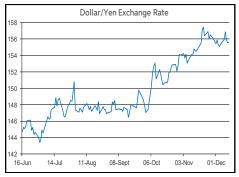
Opening Levels



Euro				
0.8766				
1.1738				
182.66				
10.8529				
7.4693				
11.8097				
0.9328				
1.7595				
9.1377				
1.6158				

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1403		
GBP/USD	1.3386		
GBP/CAD	1.8424		
GBP/NZD	2.3014		
GBP/JPY	208.29		
GBP/SEK	12.3754		
GBP/DKK	8.5164		
GBP/NOK	13.464		
GBP/CHF	1.0636		
GBP/AUD	2.0066		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	155.6			
USD/CAD	1.3766			
USD/CHF	0.7946			
USD/CNY	7.055			
USD/BRL	5.4053			
USD/RUB	79.6			
USD/INR	90.378			
AUD/USD	0.6668			
NZD/USD	0.5813			



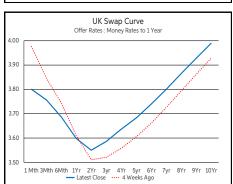
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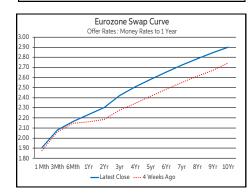
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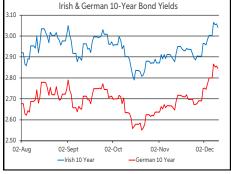
3.70 3.60 3.50







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



	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.14	-2	+2	-44
Germany	2.85	-1	+16	+48
UK	4.49	-2	+5	-9
Ireland	3.04	-2	+13	+39
Belgium	3.34	-3	+13	+35
France	3.56	-2	+14	+36
Italy	3.53	-3	+11	+1
Spain	3.29	-2	+11	+23
Portugal	3.16	-3	+13	+31
Greece	3.47	-3	+15	+22
5 Year Swap %				
US .	3.70	+1	+5	-59
Eurozone	2.57	-2	+17	+33
UK	3.94	-3	+8	-35
2 Year Swap %				
US .	3.62	+1	-2	-71
Eurozone	2.30	-2	+12	+11
UK	3.79	-3	+4	-69
10 Year Governn	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	20	-1	-3	-9
Belgium	49	-2	-2	-13
France	71	-1	-2	-12
Italy	69	-2	-5	-47
Spain	45	-1	-5	-25
Portugal	32	-2	-3	-17
Greece	63	-2	-1	-26

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close Day 4 Weeks End					
Brent Oil	61.28	-1.49	-2.75	-17.90		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold\$	4283.0	+1.30	+2.68	+63.24		

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