Morning Comment

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EUR/USD up above \$1.08 level

The Euro Stoxx 50 continued to trend higher yesterday, gaining 0.7%. Across the Atlantic, the S&P 500 rose by 0.3%. On bond markets, US Treasury yields fell by 5-12bps, led lower by the frontend of the curve, as US rate hike expectations softened. A further decline in CPI inflation and some dovish comments from Fed voter Harker pushed US yields lower also. UK Gilt yields declined as well, with a similar softening in UK rate expectations.

The aforementioned US CPI inflation report, showed the headline rate eased to 6.5% in December, from 7.1%, as expected. Similarly, core CPI dropped to 5.7%, from 6.0%, in-line with the consensus. Speaking after the release, Fed President Harker noted that a move to smaller 25bps rate hikes "will be appropriate going forward". Market pricing now leans heavily towards a 25bps rate hike from the Fed in February.

On currency markets, the dollar was under some downward pressure throughout the day. Similarly, sterling lost ground versus the euro. Meanwhile, the yen was holding a notably firmer tone as reports suggest the BoJ may assess the impact of its ultra-loose policy stance at its next meeting.

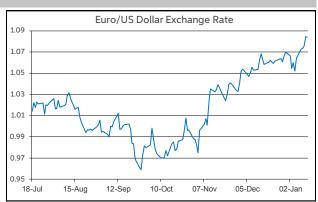
In level terms, the softer tone to the dollar sees EUR/USD open today above the \$1.08 mark. GBP/USD is operating up at the \$1.22 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP is changing hands just below 89p. USD/JPY is trading back below the \$129 handle.

Already this morning, UK GDP unexpectedly rose by 0.1% in November (vs. f'cast for -0.2%). Later today, Eurozone industrial production (Nov) and the US Michigan measure of consumer sentiment (Jan) will feature.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| | | % Change | | |
| | _ | Day * | End 2022 | |
| EUR/USD | 1.0837 | 0.71 | 1.26 | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8881 | 0.30 | 0.42 | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2204 | 0.40 | 0.88 | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1255 | -0.30 | -0.42 | |
| USD/JPY | 128.6 | -2.30 | -1.91 | |
| EUR/JPY | 139.4 | -1.60 | -0.64 | |
| * 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 | 4.375 | 4.46 | 4.83 | 5.01 | 4.41 | 3.56 |
| EUR | 2.50 | 1.92 | 2.30 | 3.21 | 3.16 | 2.79 |
| GBP | 3.50 | 3.62 | 3.96 | 4.52 | 4.30 | 3.86 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



| Euro | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8881 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0837 |
| EUR/JPY | 139.4 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.2822 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4381 |
| EUR/NOK | 10.732 |
| EUR/CHF | 1.0053 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.5558 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.4643 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.4486 |

| Sterling | | | | |
|----------|---------|--|--|--|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1255 | | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2204 | | | |
| GBP/CAD | 1.631 | | | |
| GBP/NZD | 1.9126 | | | |
| GBP/JPY | 156.93 | | | |
| GBP/SEK | 12.7073 | | | |
| GBP/DKK | 8.3734 | | | |
| GBP/NOK | 12.0824 | | | |
| GBP/CHF | 1.1319 | | | |
| GBP/AUD | 1.7515 | | | |

| Dollar | | | | |
|---------|--------|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 128.6 | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3365 | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.9275 | | | |
| USD/CNY | 6.7195 | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.1082 | | | |
| USD/RUB | 67.4 | | | |
| USD/INR | 81.385 | | | |
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| AUD/USD | 0.6966 | | | |
| NZD/USD | 0.6378 | | | |
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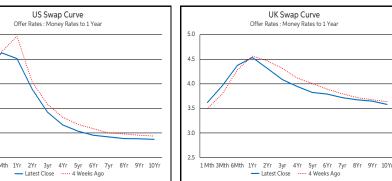


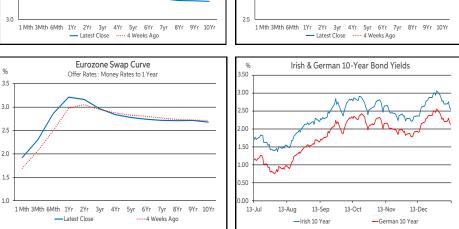
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| Debt Markets | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------|--|--|
| | | | Change bps | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 22 | | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | | |
| US | 3.44 | -10 | -1 | -43 | | |
| Germany | 2.13 | -5 | +4 | -43 | | |
| UK | 3.33 | -8 | +9 | -34 | | |
| Ireland | 2.57 | -6 | -2 | -57 | | |
| Belgium | 2.69 | -7 | +3 | -51 | | |
| France | 2.62 | -5 | +4 | -49 | | |
| Italy | 4.00 | -5 | -16 | -71 | | |
| Spain | 3.15 | -5 | +0 | -51 | | |
| Portugal | 3.08 | -5 | -2 | -52 | | |
| Greece | 4.04 | -15 | -10 | -55 | | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | | |
| US | 3.54 | -10 | -10 | -46 | | |
| Eurozone | 2.78 | -6 | -4 | -45 | | |
| UK | 3.83 | -10 | -18 | -48 | | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | | |
| US | 4.39 | -5 | -10 | -28 | | |
| Eurozone | 3.16 | -2 | +12 | -23 | | |
| UK | 4.31 | -5 | -15 | -37 | | |
| 10 Year Governme | ent Bond Spre | ads to Ben | chmark bps | | | |
| Ireland | 44 | -1 | -6 | -14 | | |
| Belgium | 56 | -2 | -1 | -8 | | |
| France | 49 | +0 | +0 | -6 | | |
| Italy | 187 | +1 | -20 | -27 | | |
| Spain | 102 | +0 | -4 | -7 | | |
| Portugal | 95 | +0 | -6 | -9 | | |
| Greece | 191 | -10 | -14 | -12 | | |

| Commodities | | | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|---------|--------|
| | % Change | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 22 |
| Brent Oil | 84.03 | +1.65 | +3.47 | -2.19 |
| West Texas Oil | 78.32 | +1.11 | +3.20 | -2.30 |
| Gold \$ | 1896.9 | +1.09 | +6.77 | +3.97 |

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