Morning Comment

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Inflation data and Fed speak key again this week

There was a mixed mood on financial markets to kick-off 2023. In the Eurozone, better than anticipated inflation data, with the headline HICP rate falling to 9.2% in December helped support risk appetite. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained circa 6% on the week. Meanwhile, the S&P 500 traded sideways for much of the week following some hawkish Fed comments. However, the index rallied late on Friday to finish up 1.4% for the week.

On bond markets, sovereign yields fell across the board. German Bund yields fell by 20-40bps along the curve. The 10-year Italian BTP-Bund yield spread tightened by 10bps also. In the US, Treasury yields moved 15-30bps lower.

Currency-wise, the dollar was holding a firmer tone throughout the week. The dollar index (a measure of the currency's strength against a basket of its peers) rose to its highest level in a month early on Friday. This saw EUR/USD trade to a low of \$1.049. However, a slight easing in US wage inflation, and a sharp fall in the services ISM, coincided with the dollar ending the week under severe downward pressure, erasing all of its gains in the process.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning just below the \$1.07 mark. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of the 87-88p range. GBP/USD is changing hands near the midpoint of the \$1.21-1.22 trading band.

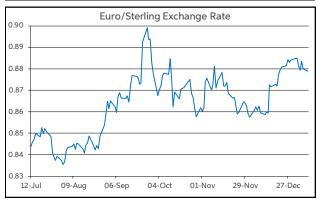
This week, the main release of note will be the US CPI inflation report for December. Both the headline and the core rates of inflation are projected to moderate, in a further sign that price pressures are easing. Meanwhile, comments from a number of Fed officials, including Chair Powell, will garner attention also.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0691	1.69	-0.10	
EUR/GBP	0.8788	-0.49	-0.63	
GBP/USD	1.2162	2.18	0.54	
GBP/EUR	1.1373	0.49	0.64	
USD/JPY	131.66	-1.86	0.42	
EUR/JPY	140.78	-0.21	0.34	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.375	4.40	4.81	5.07	4.54	3.70
EUR	2.50	1.90	2.25	3.25	3.26	2.92
GBP	3.50	3.52	3.93	4.59	4.56	4.15









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8787
EUR/USD	1.0691
EUR/JPY	140.78
EUR/SEK	11.1807
EUR/DKK	7.4366
EUR/NOK	10.6222
EUR/CHF	0.9877
EUR/AUD	1.5394
EUR/HKD	8.3457
EUR/CAD	1.431

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GBP/EUR	1.1373
GBP/USD	1.216
GBP/CAD	1.6281
GBP/NZD	1.8983
GBP/JPY	160.12
GBP/SEK	12.7163
GBP/DKK	8.4592
GBP/NOK	12.0799
GBP/CHF	1.124
GBP/AUD	1.7513

Dollar				
USD/JPY	131.66			
USD/CAD	1.3385			
USD/CHF	0.9238			
USD/CNY	6.7617			
USD/BRL	5.2254			
USD/RUB	70.75			
USD/INR	82.32			
AUD/USD	0.6944			
NZD/USD	0.6404			

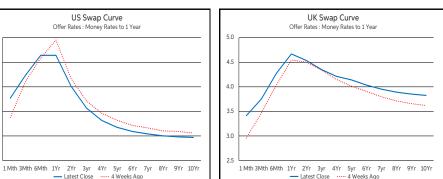


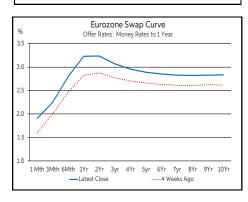
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	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.56	-16	-3	-32	
Germany	2.21	-10	+29	-35	
UK	3.48	-8	+29	-19	
Ireland	2.72	-10	+34	-43	
Belgium	2.81	-11	+32	-39	
France	2.72	-11	+33	-39	
Italy	4.23	-12	+41	-48	
Spain	3.27	-11	+32	-38	
Portugal	3.23	-9	+37	-37	
Greece	4.45	-6	+47	-14	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.68	-20	-10	-32	
Eurozone	2.89	-10	+24	-34	
UK	4.14	-8	+14	-16	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.51	-19	-12	-17	
Eurozone	3.23	-4	+37	-15	
UK	4.54	-7	+4	-14	
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	51	+0	+5	-7	
Belgium	60	-1	+3	-4	
France	51	-1	+4	-4	
Italy	202	-2	+12	-13	
Spain	106	-1	+4	-3	
Portugal	102	+0	+8	-2	
Greece	224	+4	+18	+21	

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks Er			
Brent Oil	78.57	-0.15	+3.25	-8.54
West Texas Oil	73.77	+0.22	+3.83	-7.97
Gold \$	1865.7	+1.77	+3.84	+2.26

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