Morning Comment



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EUR/USD starts the week near \$1.09

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Risk appetite soured last week, with choppy trading conditions on markets, amid on-going concerns regarding the economic outlook. Investor sentiment was buffeted by a raft of disappointing data releases, hawkish central bank comments, as well as, weaker than anticipated corporate earnings updates. Both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 fell by 0.7% on the week.

On the currency front, following a very modest fall in UK CPI inflation to 10.5% from 10.7%, and a further rise in average earnings to +6.4% y/y, UK rate hike expectations hardened somewhat. This in turn supported sterling, which rose by circa 1% versus the euro and the dollar.

Elsewhere, there were large swings in the yen, most notably during the period around the latest BoJ meeting. The BoJ left policy unchanged, despite speculation it may alter its yield curve control range once again. Overall, the currency finished the week on the defensive, with USD/JPY closing on Friday above ¥130. Meanwhile, the euro has firmed in early trading this week, while the dollar has been on the defensive.

As European trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens up near the \$1.09 threshold. EUR/GBP is operating in the top half of 87-88p. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is up close to the \$1.24 mark. USD/JPY is in the lower half of the ¥130-131 corridor.

This week, the flash PMIs in the US, Eurozone and UK for January are the main highlight. Modest improvements are pencilled in all round, but most readings are expected to remain below the key 50 mark. Elsewhere, US core-PCE inflation is projected to edge lower to 4.4% in December. The first reading of US Q4 GDP is also due. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0896	0.56	1.81	
EUR/GBP	0.8789	0.42	-0.62	
GBP/USD	1.2393	0.11	2.45	
GBP/EUR	1.1371	-0.42	0.63	
USD/JPY	130.17	0.77	-0.72	
EUR/JPY	141.84	1.34	1.10	
* 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	4.51	4.82	5.02	4.43	3.61
EUR	2.50	2.00	2.42	3.27	3.22	2.84
GBP	3.50	3.73	4.06	4.58	4.32	3.90

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate





Opening Levels

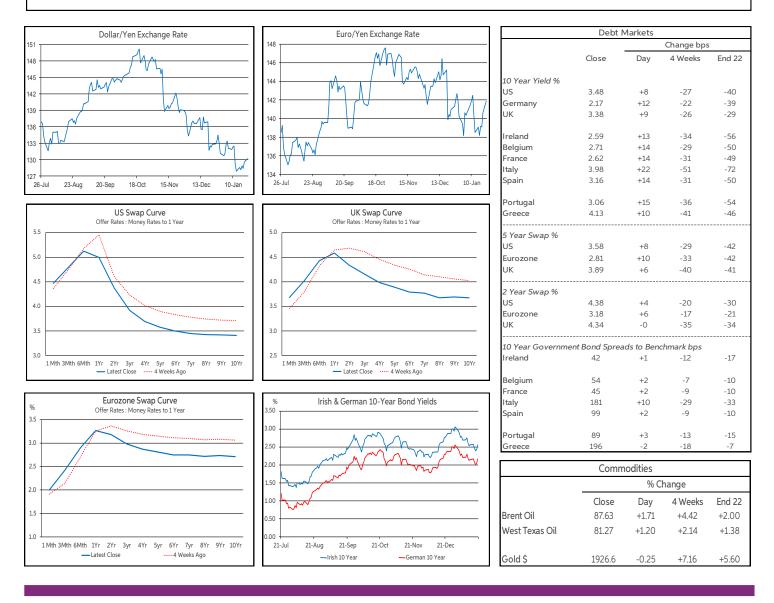
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Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1371			
GBP/USD	1.2393			
GBP/CAD	1.6586			
GBP/NZD	1.9172			
GBP/JPY	161.32			
GBP/SEK	12.7043			
GBP/DKK	8.4603			
GBP/NOK	12.2149			
GBP/CHF	1.1388			
GBP/AUD	1.7772			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	130.17			
USD/CAD	1.3381			
USD/CHF	0.9188			
USD/CNY	6.7825			
USD/BRL	5.2074			
USD/RUB	68.61			
USD/INR	81.355			
AUD/USD	0.6973			
NZD/USD	0.6462			



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