Morning Comment

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Rocky week on markets

For a second consecutive week, a rapid hardening of interest rate expectations weighed heavily on sentiment. Both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 fell by over 4%. Rates are now seen as rising to 3%, 4.8% and 5.75%, in the Eurozone, US and UK next year, up from 2.5%, 4.38% and 4.5%, at the start of last week.

The further hardening of rate hike expectations followed a round of hawkish central bank meetings. The Riksbank set the tone on Tuesday, hiking rates by 100bps. This was followed by 75bps increases from the SNB and US Fed, where Chair Powell struck a particularly hawkish tone. The updated Fed interest rate dotplot also illustrated a more aggressive path of rate hikes than had previously been anticipated.

A day later, a three-way split decision from the BoE ended with a second consecutive 50bps rate hike, bringing Bank rate up to 2.25%. However, the larger hikes from the Fed, and recently from the ECB, saw the pound come under pressure. On Friday, a more substantial tax-cutting package than expected in the UK Mini-Budget, saw sterling plummet to fresh year -to-date lows versus the euro and the dollar. Sterling has remained under severe downward pressure in Asian trading at the start of this week.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens today down at the \$0.96 threshold, a new twenty year low. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating above the 91p handle. GBP/USD is operating down near its all-time low, in the top half of the \$1.05-1.06 corridor.

This week, Eurozone flash HICP inflation (Sep) and US core-PCE inflation (August) are the main highlights. A plethora of central bank speeches will also garner close attention on markets. **Daniel Noonan, Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2021		
EUR/ USD	0.9629	-1.95	-15.30		
EUR/ GBP	0.9107	4.16	8.42		
GBP/USD	1.0571	-5.88	-21.86		
GBP/ EUR	1.0973	-4.00	-7.76		
USD/JPY	143.97	1.19	25.10		
EUR/JPY	138.66	-0.79	5.95		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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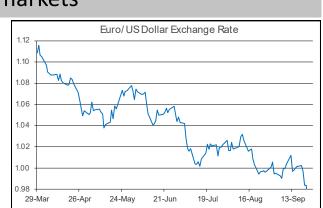
Opening Interest Rates						
Money Market			•	Swap Rates	S	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	2.375	3.08	3.63	4.72	4.72	4.17
EUR	1.25	0.70	1.15	2.59	3.04	3.02
GBP	1.75	2.22	2.80	4.79	5.59	4.98

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

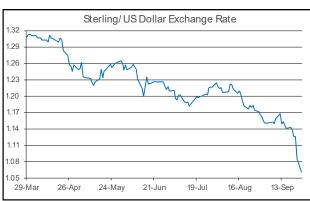
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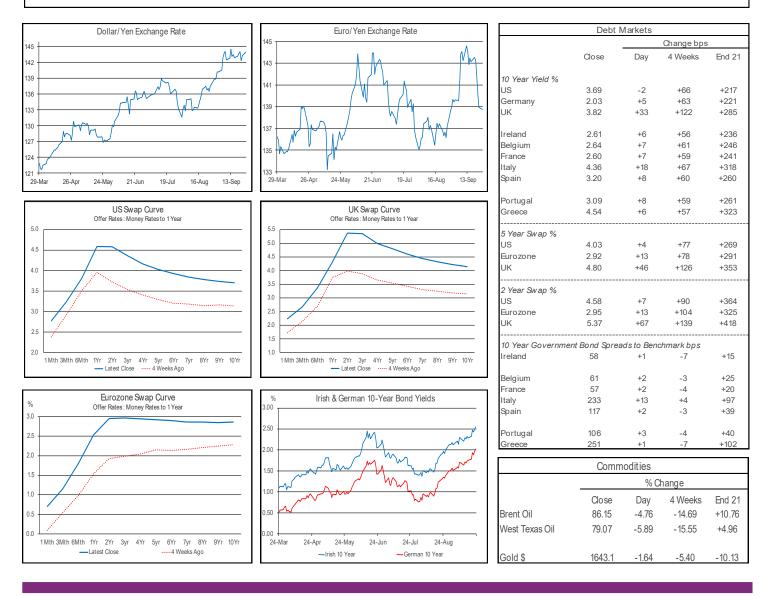
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Eur	0
EUR/GBP	0.9107
EUR/USD	0.963
EUR/JPY	138.67
EUR/ SEK	10.9645
EUR/DKK	7.4359
EUR/NOK	10.3279
EUR/CHF	0.9508
EUR/AUD	1.485
EUR/HKD	7.5601
EUR/CAD	1.3132

Sterlin	ng
GBP/ EUR	1.0974
GBP/USD	1.0572
GBP/ CAD	1.4414
GBP/NZD	1.8513
GBP/JPY	152.21
GBP/SEK	12.0543
GBP/ DKK	8.1608
GBP/NOK	11.3352
GBP/CHF	1.0436
GBP/AUD	1.6303

Dollar				
USD/JPY	143.97			
USD/CAD	1.3634			
USD/CHF	0.9872			
USD/CNY	7.1649			
USD/BRL	5.2599			
USD/RUB	56.5			
USD/INR	81.642			
AUD/USD	0.6485			
NZD/USD	0.5713			



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