Morning Comment

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EUR/USD remains below \$1.05

US Treasury yields continued to move higher yesterday. This was against the backdrop of on-going hawkish Fed comments and another upside surprise from the US macro diary (an unexpected rise in US job openings for August). The 10-year US Treasury yield rose above the 4.7% threshold and up to the 4.8% level. Yields were also higher elsewhere, although not to the same degree. The 10-year German Bund yield rose up to around 3%.

Investor sentiment retained its cautious tone yesterday amid the persistent rise in yields. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 declined by 1.0%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was 1.4% lower on the day.

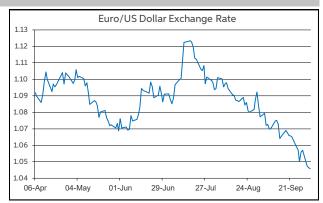
Currency-wise, against the risk averse environment and continued rise in US Treasury yields, the dollar maintained the upper hand. Albeit yesterday's action was confined to fairly tight ranges for some of the majors. In level terms, EUR/USD remained pinned down below the \$1.05 mark, trading to a low of \$1.0449. GBP/USD continued to trade under the \$1.21 handle.

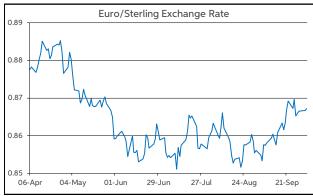
Meanwhile, USD/JPY briefly breached the closely watched ¥150 level, followed by a sharp reversal. This prompted speculation of FX intervention from the Japanese Finance Ministry. However, a Japanese official refused to confirm this. The BoJ intervened in the bond market, though, after 10-year Japanese yields hit their highest level in a decade. Elsewhere, on the currency front, EUR/GBP traded in the upper half of 86-87p.

Today's macro diary includes the final PMI readings from the Eurozone, US and UK. The US diary also features the non-manufacturing ISM and the ADP employment report (both Sept). **John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB**

Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0457	-0.04	-2.29	
EUR/GBP	0.8671	0.00	-1.96	
GBP/USD	1.2058	-0.02	-0.32	
GBP/EUR	1.1527	0.00	2.00	
USD/JPY	149.23	-0.43	13.82	
EUR/JPY	156.1	-0.46	11.26	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates							
		Money Market			Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.44	5.68	5.61	5.37	4.92	
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.95	4.14	3.86	3.54	
GRP	5 25	5 19	5 28	5 11	5 /1	1 96	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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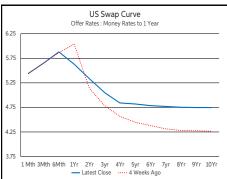
Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8671			
EUR/USD	1.0457			
EUR/JPY	156.1			
EUR/SEK	11.6223			
EUR/DKK	7.4586			
EUR/NOK	11.4893			
EUR/CHF	0.9646			
EUR/AUD	1.6592			
EUR/HKD	8.1897			
EUR/CAD	1.4344			

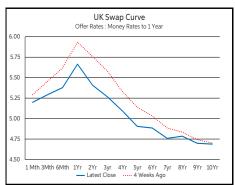
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1527			
GBP/USD	1.2058			
GBP/CAD	1.6539			
GBP/NZD	2.0492			
GBP/JPY	179.94			
GBP/SEK	13.398			
GBP/DKK	8.5981			
GBP/NOK	13.24			
GBP/CHF	1.1123			
GBP/AUD	1.9131			

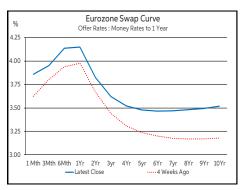
Dollar				
USD/JPY	149.23			
USD/CAD	1.3715			
USD/CHF	0.9223			
USD/CNY	7.301			
USD/BRL	5.1672			
USD/RUB	99.2			
USD/INR	83.249			
AUD/USD	0.6302			
NZD/USD	0.5884			













	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.80	+11	+53	+92
Germany	2.96	+4	+35	+39
UK	4.59	+2	+7	+92
Ireland	3.38	+4	+37	+23
Belgium	3.63	+6	+40	+43
France	3.53	+5	+39	+42
Italy	4.93	+12	+59	+23
Spain	4.07	+6	+41	+41
Portugal	3.69	+3	+33	+9
Greece	4.43	+4	+50	-16
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.82	+10	+41	+82
Eurozone	3.48	+2	+25	+25
UK	4.91	+2	-18	+60
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.34	+4	+23	+66
Eurozone	3.82	-0	+17	+44
UK	5.41	+1	-34	+73
10 Year Governm	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	42	-O	+2	-16
Belgium	67	+1	+5	+3
France	58	+0	+4	+3
Italy	198	+8	+24	-17
Spain	111	+2	+6	+1
Portugal	73	-1	-2	-31
Greece	148	-1	+15	-55

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	90.92	+0.23	+0.98	+5.83	
West Texas Oil	89.26	+0.51	+2.91	+11.35	
Gold \$	1822.8	-0.25	-5.35	-0.09	

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