Morning Comment

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Dollar continues to grind higher

Trading conditions were quite calm amid a quiet day on financial markets yesterday. A lack of top tier data releases and a dearth of central bank speakers meant there was no new information to provide direction for markets. Against this backdrop, the Euro Stoxx 50 inched 0.1% higher, while the S&P 500 finished flat for the day.

On bond markets yields moved lower across the board. US Treasury yields declined by 2-3bps along the curve. Meantime, UK Gilt and German Bund yields fell by 1-5bps, led lower by the long-end of the curves. The spread between the 10-year French and German yields remained steady at 79bps. Elsewhere, oil price edged slightly higher to circa \$62 per barrel. Meanwhile, gold prices fell by over 5%.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs remained confined to very narrow ranges. Of the limited price action to register, the dollar stayed in the ascendancy. At the same time, the yen was on the defensive, as investors continued to assess how policy under new PM Takaichi (a staunch supporter of "Abenomics") may impact the economy.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD is back near the \$1.16 threshold, having tested below that level briefly yesterday. GBP/USD is in the top half of \$1.33-1.34 once again. EUR/GBP remains in the upper half of 86-87p. USD/JPY is operating up towards ¥152.

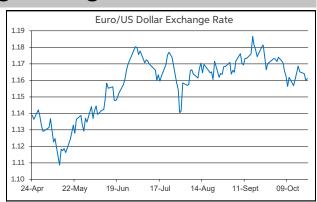
Already this morning UK CPI inflation for September has been released. The headline and core rates both printed below the consensus, remaining at 3.8% (vs. 4.0% f'cast) and falling to 3.5% (vs. 3.7% f'cast), respectively. Sterling is a touch softer in the initial aftermath of the release in early trading this morning.

Looking ahead to the remainder of today, and the data calendar is sparse once more. Meantime on the monetary policy front, remarks from President Lagarde may be of interest.

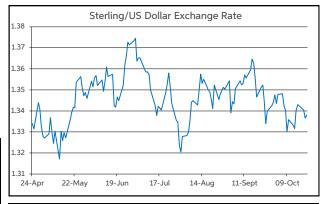
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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1613	-0.18	12.17	
EUR/GBP	0.8676	-0.12	4.87	
GBP/USD	1.3382	-0.07	6.96	
GBP/EUR	1.1522	0.12	-4.64	
USD/JPY	151.8	0.48	-3.42	
EUR/JPY	176.31	0.30	8.33	
* v Previous Day's European 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	4.13	4.01	3.86	3.46	3.50	3.51
EUR	2.00	1.93	2.02	2.09	2.08	2.27
GBP	4.00	3.94	3.92	3.73	3.87	3.90









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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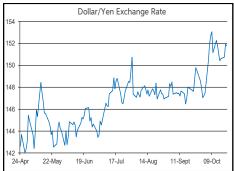
Opening Levels



	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8676
EUR/USD		1.1613
EUR/JPY		176.31
EUR/SEK		10.9337
EUR/DKK		7.4687
EUR/NOK		11.652
EUR/CHF		0.9236
EUR/AUD		1.7851
EUR/HKD		9.022
EUR/CAD		1.6257

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1522			
GBP/USD	1.3382			
GBP/CAD	1.8734			
GBP/NZD	2.3241			
GBP/JPY	203.14			
GBP/SEK	12.5997			
GBP/DKK	8.6061			
GBP/NOK	13.4272			
GBP/CHF	1.0643			
GBP/AUD	2.0571			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	151.8				
USD/CAD	1.4				
USD/CHF	0.7953				
USD/CNY	7.1225				
USD/BRL	5.388				
USD/RUB	81.35				
USD/INR	87.679				
AUD/USD	0.6503				
NZD/USD	0.5754				



US Swap Curve

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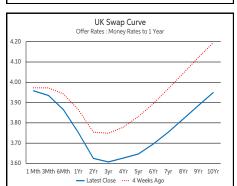
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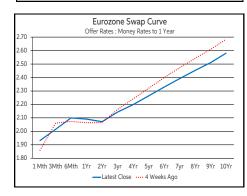
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr

Latest Close 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.96	-2	-16	-61	
Germany	2.55	-3	-20	+19	
UK	4.48	-3	-20	-9	
Ireland	2.81	-2	-19	+16	
Belgium	3.10	-3	-19	+12	
France	3.34	-2	-22	+15	
Italy	3.35	-3	-23	-17	
Spain	3.08	-3	-21	+2	
Portugal	2.94	-3	-22	+9	
Greece	3.22	-3	-21	-3	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.48	-3	-8	-81	
Eurozone	2.25	-1	-14	+1	
UK	3.90	-1	-15	-38	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.47	-2	-12	-86	
Eurozone	2.07	+0	-8	-13	
UK	3.86	+1	-11	-62	
10 Year Governmer	t Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps		
Ireland	26	+1	+1	-3	
Belgium	55	-0	+1	-7	
France	79	+1	-2	-4	
Italy	80	+1	-3	-36	
Spain	53	+1	-1	-17	
Portugal	39	+0	-2	-10	
Greece	67	+0	-1	-22	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
Brent Oil	62.41	+2.29	-7.72	-16.39	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	4123.9	-5.31	+9.57	+57.17	

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