Morning Comment

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Busier macro diary this week

Last week saw very subdued action on currency markets against a backdrop of a dearth of top-tier macro data. All of the main pairs traded in very tight ranges, continuing the trend that has been in place over the last two months. In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning within the \$1.16-1.17 band and EUR/GBP is changing hands within the 88-89p range. Meanwhile, cable (GBP/USD) starts the week near \$1.31.

This week, the global macro diary does at least have a busier schedule of releases. However, from an FX perspective this may not be enough to push any of the aforementioned pairs from their recent ranges. On the sterling side, there is a plethora of labour market updates. This includes employment, unemployment and wage growth for Q3. The UK calendar also features retail sales and inflation data (both Oct). Overall, the UK macro news is likely to continue to illustrate the on-going squeeze on household incomes and the headwind this poses for consumer spending.

From a dollar viewpoint, retail sales data (Oct) will be looked to for an indication of how the consumer side of the economy started Q4. There is data due as well from the output side, including industrial production figures (Oct). The packed US schedule also includes some housing market updates. However, unless there are major surprises, directional impact on the dollar could be limited. Data-wise, for the Eurozone, the highlights include the second reading of Q3 GDP and the first estimate of Q3 German GDP.

The week ahead also features a packed schedule of central bank speakers, including an ECB conference where Draghi, Yellen and Carney are all due to speak. So, there is the potential for some headline risks for FX markets from their remarks.

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Opening Interest Rates						
		Short Term			Long Term	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.125	1.25	1.41	1.88	1.84	2.09
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.19	-0.19	0.22
GBP	0.50	0.49	0.53	0.77	0.84	1.11

Equity Indices				
		% Changes		
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2016 to Date	
Dow Jones	23422.21	-0.17	+18.52	
S&P 500	2582.3	-0.09	+15.34	
FTSE 100	7432.99	-0.68	+4.06	
DJ Stoxx 50	3593.76	-0.52	+9.22	
ISEQ	6877.14	-0.64	+5.52	
Nikkei	22380.99	-1.32	+17.09	

Today's Opening Rates % Change Day * End 2016 **EUR/USD** 1.1648 0.03 10.80 EUR/GBP 0.8892 0.37 4.39 1.3099 GBP/USD -0.33 6 19 GBP/EUR -0.37 1.1242 -4.21 USD/JPY 113.38 -0.07 -2.99 **EUR/JPY** 132 08 -0.047 26 v Previous Day's European Open See Next Page for More Rates \triangleright







All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8892
EUR/USD	1.1648
EUR/JPY	132.08
EUR/SEK	9.7545
EUR/DKK	7.4421
EUR/NOK	9.4868
EUR/CHF	1.1601
EUR/AUD	1.5208
EUR/HKD	9.0877
EUR/CAD	1.4777

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1242		
GBP/USD	1.3099		
GBP/CAD	1.6616		
GBP/NZD	1.8903		
GBP/JPY	148.53		
GBP/SEK	10.9654		
GBP/DKK	8.3682		
GBP/NOK	10.6643		
GBP/CHF	1.3043		
GBP/AUD	1.7097		

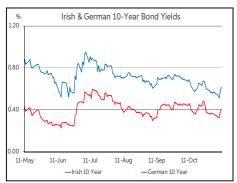
Dollar				
USD/JPY	113.38			
USD/CAD	1.2687			
USD/CHF	0.9958			
USD/CNY	6.6432			
USD/BRL	3.282			
USD/RUB	59.136			
USD/INR	65.4175			
AUD/USD	0.7659			
NZD/USD	0.6927			
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	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 16
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.40	+6	+13	-4
Germany	0.41	+3	+1	+21
UK	1.34	+8	-2	+11
Ireland	0.62	+5	-0	-13
Belgium	0.63	+2	-4	+12
France	0.77	+2	-4	+10
Italy	1.84	+3	-23	+4
Spain	1.56	+4	-3	+19
Portugal	2.03	+2	-24	-170
Greece	5.07	+2	-38	-180
US Eurozone UK	2.09 0.20 1.11	+2 +1 +5	+11 -2 +0	+14 +12 +23
2 Year Swap %				
LIS	1.84	+1	+8	+40
Eurozone	-0.20	-1	-3	-4
UK	0.82	+1	-1	+22
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	21	+2	-1	-34
Belgium	22	-1	-5	-9
France	37	-2	-5	-11
Italy	144	-0	-23	-17
Spain	115	+0	-4	-2
Portugal	162	-1	-25	-190
Greece	467	-1	-39	-201

Commodities					
_	% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 16	
Brent Oil	63.52	-0.64	+11.11	+11.79	
West Texas Oil	56.75	-0.72	+10.34	+5.58	
CRB - All Commodity	191.65	-0.12	+3.69	-0.45	
CRB - Food	349.05	-0.53	+2.29	+3.04	
Gold \$	1276.2	-0.74	-2.23	+10.76	

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