Morning Comment

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Limited changes for the main pairs

It was an largely uneventful day on the currency front yesterday. The main pairs were confined to tight ranges. Indeed, they open this morning showing only modest changes over the past 24 hours.

Data-wise, the focus yesterday was on the UK macro diary with a raft of Q3 labour market data out. The unemployment rate came in better than expected with a reading of 3.8% (f'cast for 3.9%). Employment levels fell in the guarter by 58k, although this was not as severe as what had been anticipated (-94k). Meanwhile, underlying wage growth missed to the downside of expectations, printing at 3.6% (f'casts for 3.8%). From a currency perspective though, the data had no material impact on sterling, with the market's focus centred on the upcoming general election.

Elsewhere, on the data front, the German ZEW for November surprised to the upside of forecasts in November. In the US, the only release of any note was the NFIB measure of small business optimism for November, which came in marginally ahead of expectations. However, the low tier category of the data meant neither release had any impact on their respective currencies.

So as the European trading session gets underway this morning, EUR/USD continues to trade near to the \$1.10 threshold, while EUR/GDP remains in the upper half of 85-86p. Meanwhile, cable GBP/USD continues in a tight range close to the midpoint of \$1.28-1.29.

Ahead today, the highlights from the macro agenda are Eurozone industrial production (Sept) and CPI October data from the UK and US. However, baring significant surprises none of the above would be envisaged to have much currency influence. Fed Chair Powell's testimony to Congress poses some headline risk for the dollar. John Fahey, Senior Economist, AIB

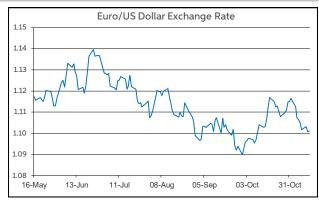
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2018	
EUR/USD	1.101	-0.23	-4.00	
EUR/GBP	0.8566	-0.14	-4.65	
GBP/USD	1.2852	-0.06	0.74	
GBP/EUR	1.1672	0.14	4.88	
USD/JPY	109.04	-0.14	-0.47	
EUR/JPY	120.06	-0.36	-4.49	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Short Term			Long Term	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.625	1.76	1.91	2.01	1.68	1.68
EUR	0.00	-0.45	-0.39	-0.26	-0.32	-0.19
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.79	0.97	0.83	0.88
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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels

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Euro	1
EUR/GBP	0.8566
EUR/USD	1.101
EUR/JPY	120.06
EUR/SEK	10.7135
EUR/DKK	7.4719
EUR/NOK	10.1075
EUR/CHF	1.0913
EUR/AUD	1.6088
EUR/HKD	8.6223
EUR/CAD	1.4584

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1672	
GBP/USD	1.2852	
GBP/CAD	1.7017	
GBP/NZD	2.0076	
GBP/JPY	140.14	
GBP/SEK	12.4997	
GBP/DKK	8.7214	
GBP/NOK	11.7931	
GBP/CHF	1.2741	
GBP/AUD	1.8778	

Dollar			
USD/JPY	109.04		
USD/CAD	1.3243		
USD/CHF	0.9912		
USD/CNY	7.0175		
USD/BRL	4.1692		
USD/RUB	64.175		
USD/INR	71.6655		
AUD/USD	0.6843		
NZD/USD	0.6401		



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