# **Morning Comment**

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### Another quiet 24 hours on the FX front

Once again, the moves on currency markets were contained within tight ranges yesterday. The data continued to go largely unnoticed, with the busy schedule generating no notable reaction from the majors.

In the Eurozone, industrial production printed ahead of expectations. Output rose by 0.1% in September versus a forecast for a 0.3% fall. It was also confirmed this morning that the German economy narrowly avoided entering into a recession in Q3, having grown by 0.1% (f'cast -0.1%) in the quarter.

In the UK and the US we got the October reading of CPI. In the former, headline inflation was depressed by lower energy prices (due to Ofgem price cap) and edged down to 1.5% (f'cast 1.6%). In contrast, higher energy prices contributed to an upside surprise in US CPI, with the headline index picking up to 1.8% (f'cast 1.7%).

In level terms, the limited action on FX markets sees the main pairs open this morning broadly unchanged from yesterday's open. EUR/USD is still down at the \$1.10 threshold, while EUR/GBP remains below the 86p mark. Meantime, GBP/USD continues to operate within the lower half of the \$1.28-1.29 trading band.

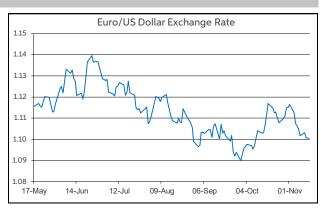
Elsewhere on financial markets, investors retained their recent cautious tone. At the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 index was essentially flat on the day.

Ahead today, there is a sparse look to the macro schedule. Indeed, one of the few highlights is UK retail sales for October. However, so far this week a raft of UK data has failed to generate any reaction from a sterling viewpoint. This is likely to remain the case today, with the election looming on the horizon.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2018	
EUR/USD	1.1002	-0.11	-4.07	
EUR/GBP	0.8569	-0.01	-4.62	
GBP/USD	1.2834	-0.12	0.60	
GBP/EUR	1.1663	0.01	4.84	
USD/JPY	108.69	-0.36	-0.79	
EUR/JPY	119.58	-0.47	-4.88	
* v Previous Day's European Open				

Opening Interest Rates						
		Short Term Long Term			Term	
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.625	1.77	1.91	1.99	1.64	1.63
EUR	0.00	-0.46	-0.40	-0.26	-0.34	-0.22
GRP	0.75	0.71	0.79	0.96	0.81	0.86









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro				
EUR/GBP	0.8569			
EUR/USD	1.1002			
EUR/JPY	119.58			
EUR/SEK	10.726			
EUR/DKK	7.4717			
EUR/NOK	10.1205			
EUR/CHF	1.0881			
EUR/AUD	1.618			
EUR/HKD	8.6093			
EUR/CAD	1.4586			

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1663			
GBP/USD	1.2834			
GBP/CAD	1.7016			
GBP/NZD	2.0067			
GBP/JPY	139.49			
GBP/SEK	12.5134			
GBP/DKK	8.7167			
GBP/NOK	11.8036			
GBP/CHF	1.2693			
GBP/AUD	1.8879			

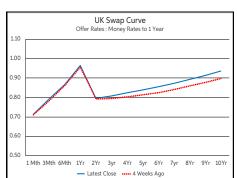
Dollar				
USD/JPY	108.69			
USD/CAD	1.3258			
USD/CHF	0.9889			
USD/CNY	7.0206			
USD/BRL	4.1697			
USD/RUB	64.224			
USD/INR	71.978			
AUD/USD	0.6796			
NZD/USD	0.6393			

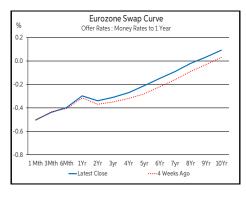


US Swap Curve
Offer Rates: Money Rates to 1 Year

1.50







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 18		
10 Year Yield %						
US	1.89	-4	+15	-79		
Germany	-0.31	-5	+9	-54		
UK	0.76	-5	+4	-51		
Ireland	0.07	-5	+6	N/A		
Belgium	-0.01	-4	+10	-77		
France	0.01	-4	+15	-69		
Italy	1.32	+3	+31	-140		
Spain	0.43	+1	+18	-99		
Portugal	0.35	-1	+16	-136		
Greece	1.37	-O	-1	-293		
5 Year Swap %						
US	1.64	-4	+9	-93		
Eurozone	-0.21	-2	+7	-44		
UK	0.84	-4	+2	-48		
2 Year Swap %						
US	1.65	-3	+2	-99		
Eurozone	-0.34	-1	+3	-20		
UK	0.80	-3	+0	-37		
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	38	-O	-3	N/A		
Belgium	30	+1	+1	-22		
France	31	+1	+6	-15		
Italy	162	+8	+22	-85		
Spain	73	+5	+10	-44		
Portugal	65	+3	+7	-82		
Greece	167	+4	-10	-239		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 1				
Brent Oil	62.37	+0.50	+4.96	+15.93	
West Texas Oil	56.88	+0.37	+6.48	+25.98	
Gold \$	1463.4	+0.41	-1.79	+14.07	

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