

Relatively quiet week ahead

The moves on currency markets over the past week were generally limited. Sterling saw some support as the Brexit Party opted against running candidates against incumbent Tory MPs in the upcoming UK election. The dollar also lost some ground on Friday, as sentiment was aided by positive US-China trade talks newsflow.

Meanwhile, a plethora of data releases largely went unnoticed in the market. It was confirmed that the UK economy avoided a recession in Q3, but the labour market is softening. The German economy avoided a similar faith, though growth is anaemic. Meanwhile, the US data generally remained solid.

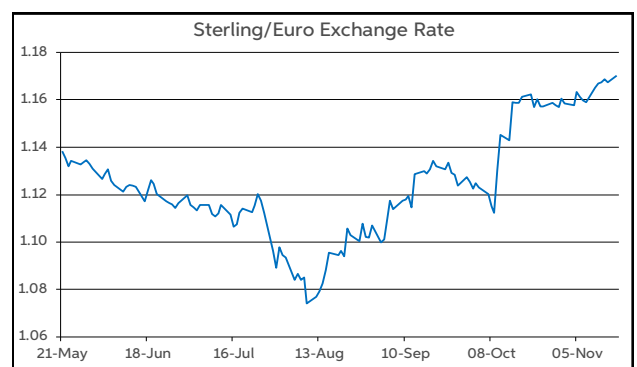
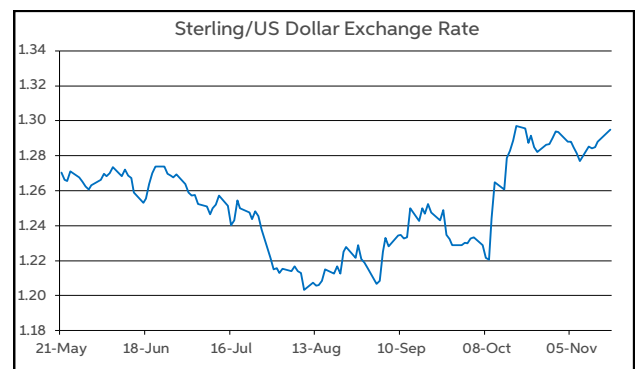
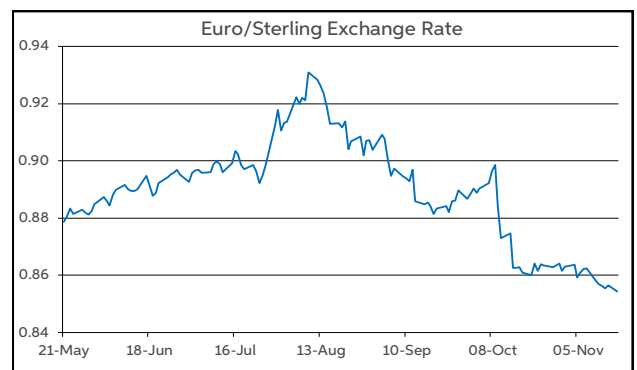
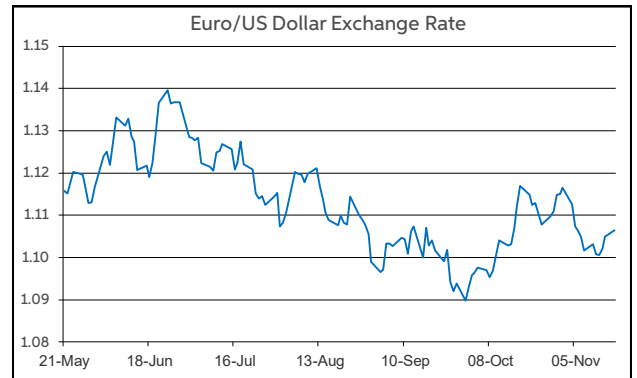
In level terms, the modest support for sterling over the past week is reflected in EUR/GBP trading at the 85.5p mark, while GBP/USD is operating above the \$1.29 level. Meantime, EUR/USD is changing hands just above the midpoint of the \$1.10-1.11 band.

Turning to the week ahead, the highlight of a quiet schedule is the release of the Eurozone and US flash PMIs for November. The composite index in both regions is expected to have edged higher, which could in part reflect optimism surrounding ongoing trade tensions. However, in the absence of any major surprises, the impact of the data on the euro and the dollar may be limited.

On the monetary policy front, the ECB's account of its October meeting and the Fed's meeting minutes for the same month are not expected to provide any fresh policy insights. As a result, the releases are unlikely to generate a reaction in FX markets.

Finally, in the UK the schedule is very sparse. Markets will keep a close eye on the ongoing election campaign, but barring any major developments, sterling could range trade again this week.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2018
EUR/USD	1.1065	0.41	-3.52
EUR/GBP	0.8545	-0.16	-4.89
GBP/USD	1.2947	0.56	1.49
GBP/EUR	1.17	0.16	5.14
USD/JPY	108.9	0.30	-0.60
EUR/JPY	120.5	0.69	-4.14

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term		
	1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	1.625	1.73	1.90	1.96	1.62	1.61
EUR	0.00	-0.45	-0.40	-0.27	-0.33	-0.22
GBP	0.75	0.71	0.79	0.95	0.81	0.86

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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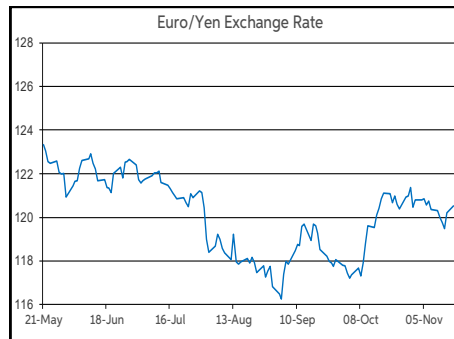
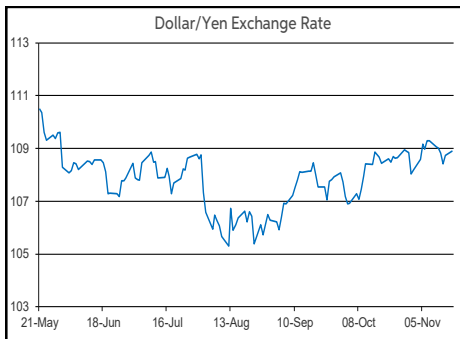
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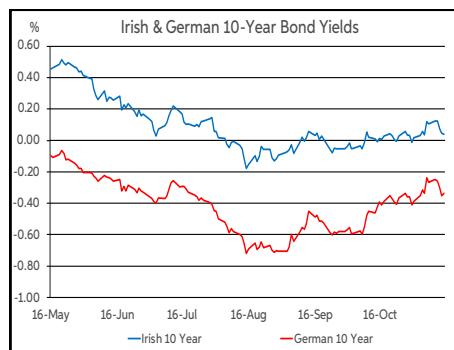
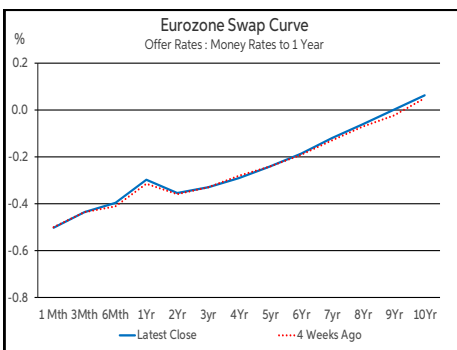
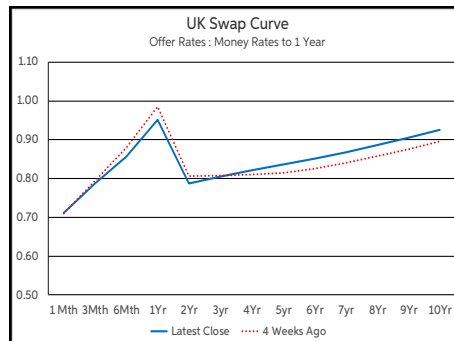
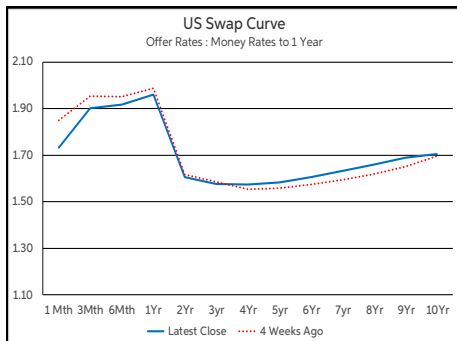
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8545	GBP/EUR	1.17	USD/JPY	108.9
EUR/USD	1.1065	GBP/USD	1.2947	USD/CAD	1.3212
EUR/JPY	120.5	GBP/CAD	1.7105	USD/CHF	0.9896
EUR/SEK	10.6515	GBP/NZD	2.0205	USD/CNY	7.0118
EUR/DKK	7.4723	GBP/JPY	140.99	USD/BRL	4.1957
EUR/NOK	10.0385	GBP/SEK	12.4559	USD/RUB	63.7625
EUR/CHF	1.0954	GBP/DKK	8.7425	USD/INR	71.72
EUR/AUD	1.6231	GBP/NOK	11.7439	AUD/USD	0.6816
EUR/HKD	8.6606	GBP/CHF	1.2818	NZD/USD	0.6405
EUR/CAD	1.4618	GBP/AUD	1.8991		



	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 18
10 Year Yield %				
US	1.83	+1	+8	-85
Germany	-0.34	+2	+5	-58
UK	0.72	+2	+2	-54
5 Year Swap %				
US	1.58	-1	+3	-98
Eurozone	-0.24	-2	-0	-47
UK	0.84	+2	+2	-48
2 Year Swap %				
US	1.61	-1	-1	-103
Eurozone	-0.36	-3	+0	-22
UK	0.79	+2	-2	-38
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	38	-2	-4	N/A
Belgium	30	-2	+0	-23
France	32	-1	+1	-15
Italy	165	-11	+25	-83
Spain	76	-3	+15	-42
Portugal	70	-3	+13	-77
Greece	178	+1	+12	-228



	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18
Brent Oil	63.3	+1.64	+6.53	+17.66
West Texas Oil	57.54	+1.71	+7.05	+27.44
Gold \$	1467.6	-0.26	-1.54	+14.40

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