Morning Comment

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Main FX pairs within tight ranges

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment for much of vesterday. Some disappointing corporate earning updates weighed on European equities. The Euro Stoxx 50 finished the day with a 0.6% fall. Meanwhile, at the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was flat on the day.

Data-wise, it was another quiet calendar yesterday, with the schedule once again lacking in top tier releases. In terms of the limited macro newsflow, we got further encouraging data from the Eurozone, with retail sales for September printing ahead of expectations.

Meanwhile, in the UK, house price data (Halifax) for October showed prices increasing at their fastest pace since February. Prices rose by 4.5% in the three months to October compared to the same period in 2016.

The action on currency markets remained subdued. The sparse global macro event/data calendar meant there was little to provide direction. As a result, the main pairs were stuck within very tight ranges.

Indeed, the opening levels this morning are broadly unchanged compared to 24 hours earlier. From a euro perspective, the EUR/ GBP pair remains down near the 88p mark, while EUR/USD is trading just below the \$1.16 level. Meantime, cable (GBP/USD) continues to trade within the \$1.31-1.32 band.

Looking ahead to today, the macro diary is even quieter than yesterday, with no releases of any note from either the European or US schedules. Therefore, it could be another day of uneventful range trading on FX markets.

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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	1.24	1.40	1.87	1.85	2.04
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.19	-0.19	0.19
GBP	0.50	0.49	0.52	0.77	0.79	1.03
Equity Indices						

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		% Changes		
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2016 to Date	
Dow Jones	23557.23	+0.04	+19.20	
S&P 500	2590.64	-0.02	+15.71	
FTSE 100	7513.11	-0.65	+5.18	
DJ Stoxx 50	3658.77	-0.64	+11.19	
ISEQ	6904.86	-0.90	+5.95	
Nikkei	22913.82	-0.10	+19.88	

Today's Opening Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2016	
EUR/USD	1.1596	-0.08	10.30	
EUR/GBP	0.8816	0.02	3.50	
GBP/USD	1.3152	-0.07	6.61	
GBP/EUR	1.1338	-0.02	-3.38	
USD/JPY	113.76	-0.19	-2.66	
EUR/JPY	131.93	-0.26	7.14	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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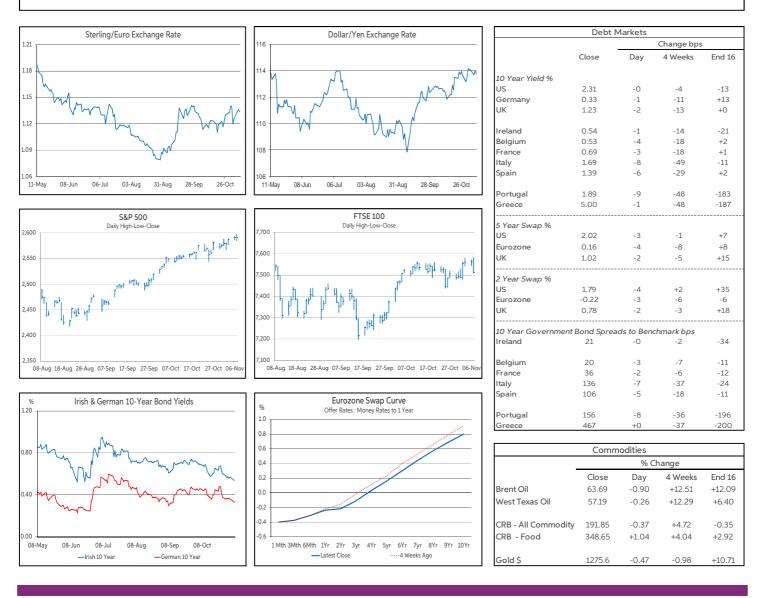
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Euro	D
EUR/GBP	0.8817
EUR/USD	1.1596
EUR/JPY	131.94
EUR/SEK	9.7329
EUR/DKK	7.4425
EUR/NOK	9.4729
EUR/CHF	1.1581
EUR/AUD	1.5133
EUR/HKD	9.0498
EUR/CAD	1.4786

Sterling	9
GBP/EUR	1.1338
GBP/USD	1.3152
GBP/CAD	1.6769
GBP/NZD	1.9003
GBP/JPY	149.6
GBP/SEK	11.04
GBP/DKK	8.4394
GBP/NOK	10.7437
GBP/CHF	1.3136
GBP/AUD	1.7161

Dollar			
USD/JPY	113.75		
USD/CAD	1.2751		
USD/CHF	0.9985		
USD/CNY	6.6338		
USD/BRL	3.2713		
USD/RUB	59.1468		
USD/INR	65.02		
AUD/USD	0.7663		
NZD/USD	0.6919		



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