Morning Comment

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Uninspiring FX action

Over the past 24 hours, the action on currency markets was once again generally limited. Sterling did adopt a softer tone in the aftermath of the BoE meeting yesterday, but it has since recovered most of the lost ground.

The central bank kept rates on hold. However, the tone of the meeting was more dovish than anticipated. Indeed, 2 members of the MPC voted to cut rates. The BoE also downgraded its macroeconomic forecasts somewhat. GDP growth is now projected at 1% this year, while inflation looks set to remain below target in the near-term.

Elsewhere, positive headlines surrounding US-China trade tensions saw the yen under some slight pressure. Although, the impact was more clearly seen in bond markets. German, UK and US 10-year yields all rose by circa 10bps. At the same time, equities experienced some support, with the S&P 500 gaining 0.3% and hitting a new record high.

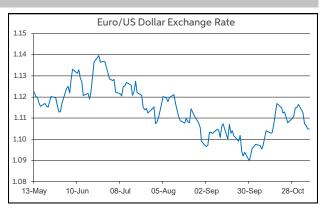
The lack of action on currency markets is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning near the midpoint of the \$1.10-1.11 band for the second straight day. Meantime, EUR/GBP remains in the lower half of the 86-87p range. Elsewhere, cable (GBP/USD) is changing hands down near the \$1.28 level.

Today, there is an uninspiring look to the macro-data release schedule in both the Eurozone and the UK. As a result, the action in the euro and sterling could remain limited. Across the Atlantic, the only release of note is the flash November reading of the University of Michigan measure of US consumer confidence. Sentiment looks to have risen slightly in the month, but the data are unlikely to generate much of a reaction in the dollar.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2018		
EUR/USD	1.1048	-0.10	-3.67		
EUR/GBP	0.8624	0.17	-4.01		
GBP/USD	1.2808	-0.29	0.40		
GBP/EUR	1.1591	-0.17	4.17		
USD/JPY	109.29	0.50	-0.25		
EUR/JPY	120.75	0.39	-3.95		
* 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	1.875	1.76	1.90	1.98	1.71	1.70
EUR	0.00	-0.45	-0.41	-0.27	-0.33	-0.18
GBP	0.75	0.72	0.80	0.99	0.79	0.87









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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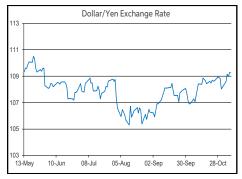
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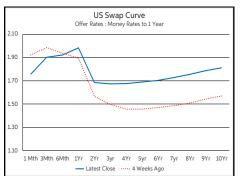
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8624
EUR/USD	1.1048
EUR/JPY	120.75
EUR/SEK	10.6478
EUR/DKK	7.4717
EUR/NOK	10.0801
EUR/CHF	1.0993
EUR/AUD	1.6053
EUR/HKD	8.6427
EUR/CAD	1.4572

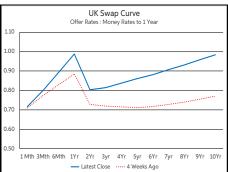
Sterlin	g
GBP/EUR	1.1591
GBP/USD	1.2808
GBP/CAD	1.6894
GBP/NZD	2.0118
GBP/JPY	139.98
GBP/SEK	12.343
GBP/DKK	8.6605
GBP/NOK	11.6793
GBP/CHF	1.2743
GBP/AUD	1.861

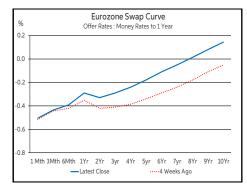
Dollar					
USD/JPY	109.29				
USD/CAD	1.3186				
USD/CHF	0.9949				
USD/CNY	6.9798				
USD/BRL	4.1004				
USD/RUB	63.67				
USD/INR	71.265				
AUD/USD	0.6881				
NZD/USD	0.6365				













Debt Markets						
		Change bps				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 18		
10 Year Yield %						
US	1.93	+10	+26	-75		
Germany	-0.24	+10	+24	-47		
UK	0.79	+8	+20	-48		
Ireland	0.12	+9	+7	N/A		
Belgium	0.04	+8	+20	-72		
France	0.05	+8	+24	-66		
Italy	1.24	+13	+20	-148		
Spain	0.36	+8	+16	-105		
Portugal	0.29	+7	+11	-142		
Greece	1.21	+3	-20	-309		
5 Year Swap %						
US	1.69	+8	+23	-87		
Eurozone	-0.18	+5	+16	-41		
UK	0.86	+3	+15	-45		
2 Year Swap %						
US	1.69	+4	+12	-95		
Eurozone	-0.33	+1	+9	-19		
UK	0.80	-1	+8	-36		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	36	-2	-17	N/A		
Belgium	27	-2	-4	-25		
France	28	-2	-O	-18		
Italy	148	+3	-4	-100		
Spain	60	-2	-8	-58		
Portugal	53	-3	-13	-94		
Greece	145	-7	-44	-261		

Commodities								
		% Change						
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 18						
Brent Oil	62.29	+0.89	+5.40	+15.78				
West Texas Oil	56.91	+1.35	+6.23	+26.05				
Gold \$	1468.3	-1.49	-1.76	+14.45				

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