Morning Comment

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Momentum fades

Yesterday, the European morning session on markets carried through the positive risk sentiment from a day previous. The Eurostoxx continued to rise, oil prices moved higher and credit spreads tightened. However, the early US session saw this momentum fade.

The reduction in risk was apparent as investors waited for further developments in the US on another fiscal stimulus package. Last night news broke that President Trump had called a halt to the negotiations. Economic supports are now unlikely until after the election or possibly not until the new year. Risk appetite dissipated.

On forex markets, the euro moved above \$1.18 for the first time in 3 weeks. Sterling also came under some pressure as reports emerged that October 15th remained the deadline in Brexit talks for the UK. Although, the pound recovered these losses. The dollar gained support over night as the delay to stimulus hit sentiment.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning below the midpoint of \$1.17-1.18. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is changing hands around 91p, as cable (GBP/USD) is operating near the \$1.29 handle.

Data-wise, and already this morning German industrial output has printed below expectations, falling by -0.2% in August. Elsewhere, another rise is pencilled in for UK house prices in September, as the sector has proved to be somewhat resilient to the Covid shock.

An otherwise quiet macro-calendar suggests that markets are likely to remain driven by political developments. In the US, the only Vice-Presidential debate will take place later tonight. Brexit negotiations resume in London today also.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2019	
EUR/USD	1.1739	-0.41	4.72	
EUR/GBP	0.91	0.28	7.64	
GBP/USD	1.2897	-0.71	-2.73	
GBP/EUR	1.0983	-0.27	-7.10	
USD/JPY	105.72	0.10	-2.66	
EUR/JPY	124.12	-0.31	1.88	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.14	0.22	0.21	0.25	0.41
EUR	0.00	-0.53	-0.51	-0.49	-0.49	-0.43
GBP	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.22

Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate 1.20 1.18 1.16 1.14 1.12 1.10 1.08 1.06 07-May 09-Apr 04-Jun 02-Jul 30-Jul 27-Aua 24-Sep







All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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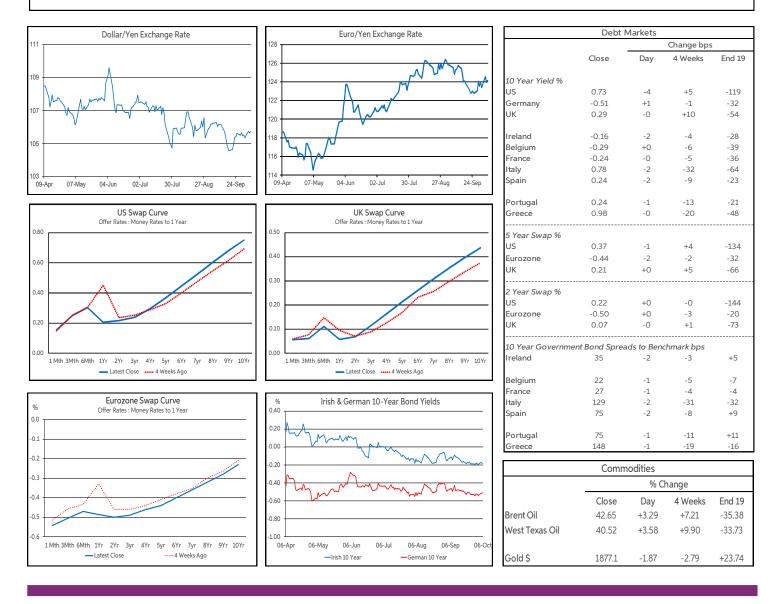
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EUR/GBP	0.91
EUR/USD	1.1739
EUR/JPY	124.12
EUR/SEK	10.5029
EUR/DKK	7.4413
EUR/NOK	10.9557
EUR/CHF	1.0774
EUR/AUD	1.6459
EUR/HKD	9.0975
EUR/CAD	1.5621

Sterling				

Dollar				
USD/JPY	105.72			
USD/CAD	1.3305			
USD/CHF	0.9174			
USD/CNY	6.7898			
USD/BRL	5.593			
USD/RUB	78.1149			
USD/INR	73.385			
AUD/USD	0.713			
NZD/USD	0.6595			



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