Morning Comment

AIB Treasury Economic Research Unit



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% Change

End 2016

12.47

5.17

6 99

-4.91

-3.85

790

Day *

0.47

0.22

0.25

-0.22

-0.24

0.21

Dollar edging lower

EUR/USD

EUR/GBP

GBP/USD

GBP/EUR

USD/JPY

EUR/JPY

There was a somewhat mixed tone to financial market sentiment yesterday. On-going uncertainty with regard to Catalonia weighed on Eurozone equity indices (Euro Stoxx 50 down 0.3%). In the US, the S&P 500 was slightly up at the close on Wall Street.

On the data front, the main UK release of the week, August industrial production, rose modestly, as expected. The goods trade deficit increased unexpectedly to its highest level on record, despite the sharp sterling depreciation since last years Brexit vote.

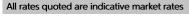
In the Eurozone, yesterday's French and Italian industrial output figures for August (in addition to earlier German and Spanish figures) suggested that tomorrow's Eurozone aggregate production figures may show a very strong monthly rise of close to 2%. This is far above the market forecast 0.5% rise, and augers well for GDP growth in the currency bloc in Q3.

Overall though, yesterday's data releases had limited lasting impact on the main currency pairs. Although, the dollar does open this morning holding a modestly softer tone. Cable (GBP/USD) has managed to edge back up to \$1.32, while EUR/USD is trading just above the \$1.18 level. The USD/JPY pair has edged down to around ¥112.4. Meantime, EUR/GBP is changing hands around the mid-point of the 89-90p range.

In the day ahead, the September Fed minutes are the only release of a sparse calendar. They pose some headline risk for the dollar, as markets look for indications of the Fed's resolve in relation to its hawkish outlook for interest rates. Although, given that the meeting was followed by a press conference from Fed Chair Yellen, the minutes may not contain much new information.

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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	1.36	1.81	1.79	2.04	
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.18	-0.16	0.27	
GBP	0.25	0.28	0.36	0.74	0.82	1.08	
Equity Indices							
				% Changes			
	Late	st Close	on	Day	End 201	6 to Date	
Dow Jones	nes 22830.68		+(0.31	+1	5.52	
S&P 500	25	2550.64		+0.23		+13.93	
FTSE 100	75	7538.27		+0.40		+5.54	
DJ Stoxx 50	35	3598.79		-0.32		+9.37	
ISEQ	68	6810.28		-0.11		+4.50	
Nikkei	20	20881.27		+0.28		+9.24	



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Today's Opening Rates

1.1824

0.8958

1.3198

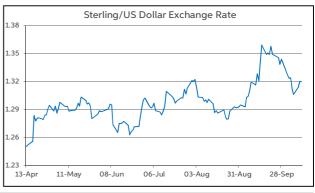
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Opening Levels

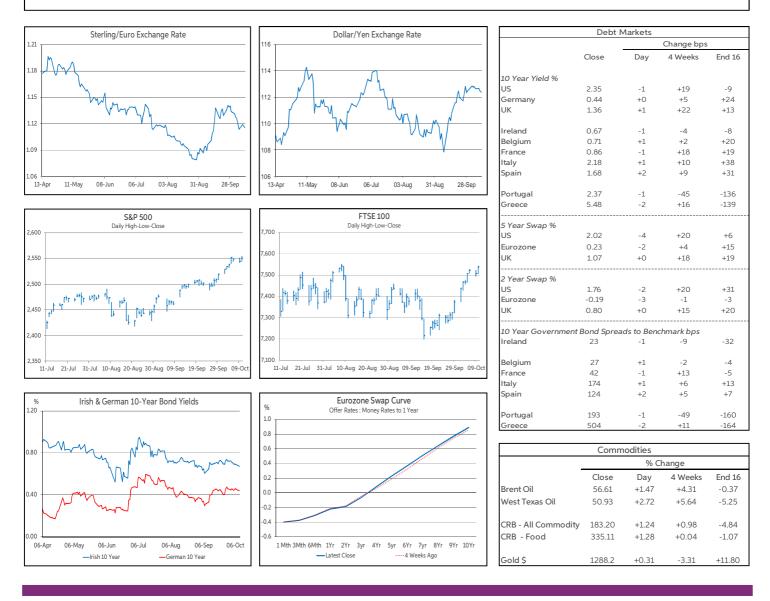
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Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8958
EUR/USD	1.1823
EUR/JPY	132.87
EUR/SEK	9.5286
EUR/DKK	7.4427
EUR/NOK	9.382
EUR/CHF	1.1528
EUR/AUD	1.5181
EUR/HKD	9.2259
EUR/CAD	1.4787

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1158		
GBP/USD	1.3196		
GBP/CAD	1.6504		
GBP/NZD	1.8649		
GBP/JPY	148.28		
GBP/SEK	10.6297		
GBP/DKK	8.3059		
GBP/NOK	10.4721		
GBP/CHF	1.2869		
GBP/AUD	1.694		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	112.37			
USD/CAD	1.25			
USD/CHF	0.975			
USD/CNY	6.5777			
USD/BRL	3.1791			
USD/RUB	57.8674			
USD/INR	65.26			
AUD/USD	0.7788			
NZD/USD	0.7075			



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