

## Focus on the US today

The tone on financial markets remained subdued yesterday. This was evident in the main European and US equity indices, which were broadly flat on the day. Although, strong Chinese imports data out overnight did see the Nikkei gain 1%.

On the currency front, sterling struggled for much of yesterday, not helped by comments from EU Chief Brexit Negotiator Barnier. He stated that on the issue of the UK's so-called 'exit bill', "we have reached a state of deadlock". However, sterling loses proved to be short lived, with the pair actually opening this morning holding a modestly firmer tone.

Elsewhere, the aforementioned Chinese data provided some benefit to the yen, as markets anticipate a pick-up in demand for Japanese exports from their closest neighbour. Elsewhere, there had been little to move either the euro or dollar over the last 24 hours.

The EUR/GBP pair opens this morning trading not far above the 89p mark. EUR/USD is changing hands around \$1.185, while GBP/USD remains in the upper half of the \$1.32-1.33 band. The USD/JPY pair remains pinned down close to ¥112.

Today, the focus will be on the US, where there is a busy schedule. This includes the main US data release of the week, September retail sales. A very strong jump in car sales, as well as an expected increase in sales of building materials following the recent hurricanes, means a very strong rise of 1.7% is forecast. Such an outcome, while expected, may still provide support to the dollar as we head into the weekend. A further rise in CPI inflation to 2.3% in September and a solid Michigan measure of consumer sentiment for October may also aid the US currency.

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### Today's Opening Rates

		% Change	
		Day *	End 2016
EUR/USD	1.1844	-0.27	12.66
EUR/GBP	0.8923	-0.37	4.75
GBP/USD	1.3273	0.12	7.60
GBP/EUR	1.1204	0.37	-4.54
USD/JPY	112.03	-0.28	-4.14
EUR/JPY	132.7	-0.52	7.76

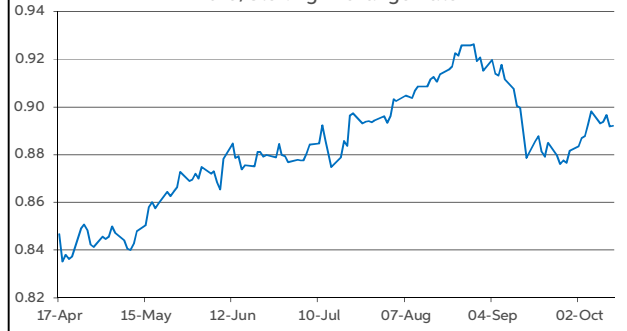
\* v Previous Day's European Open

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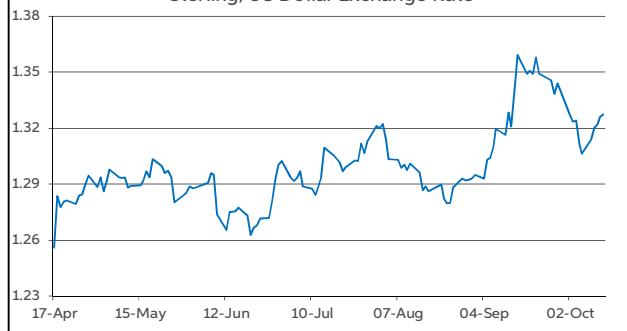
Euro/US Dollar Exchange Rate



Euro/Sterling Exchange Rate



Sterling/US Dollar Exchange Rate



Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.125	1.24	1.36	1.81	1.79	2.02
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.18	-0.17	0.25
GBP	0.25	0.29	0.37	0.74	0.83	1.10

Equity Indices				
	Latest Close	% Changes		
		on Day	End 2016 to Date	
Dow Jones	22841.01	-0.14	+15.58	
S&P 500	2550.93	-0.17	+13.94	
FTSE 100	7556.24	+0.30	+5.79	
DJ Stoxx 50	3605.54	-0.05	+9.57	
ISEQ	6820.31	+0.05	+4.65	
Nikkei	21155.18	+0.96	+10.68	

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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# Opening Levels

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## Euro

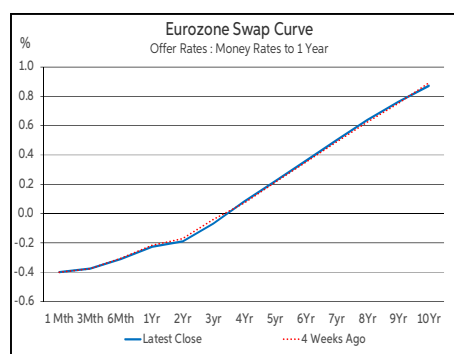
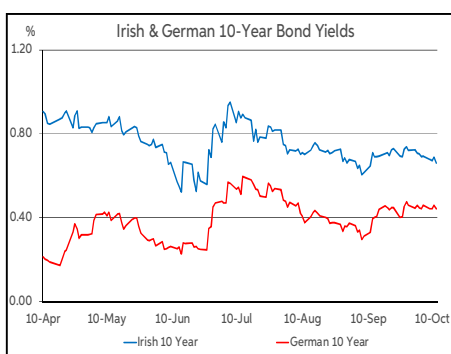
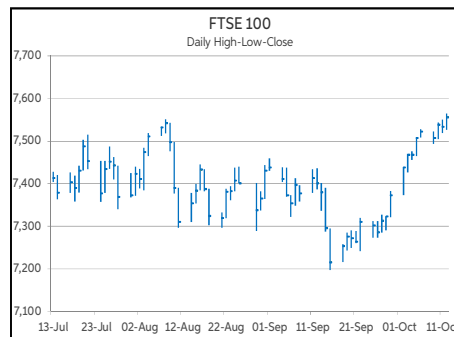
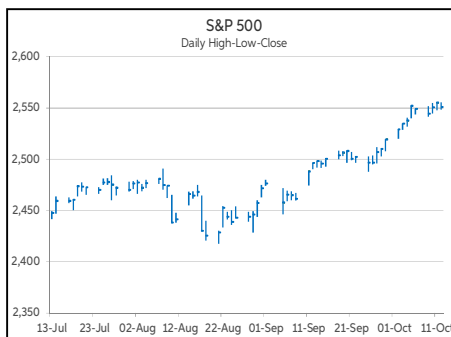
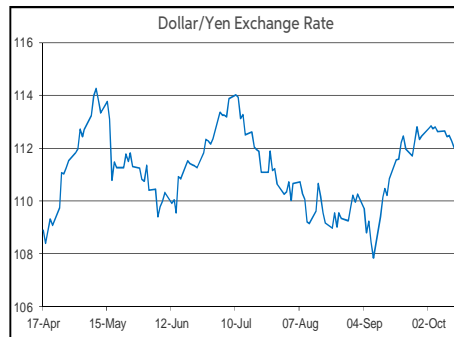
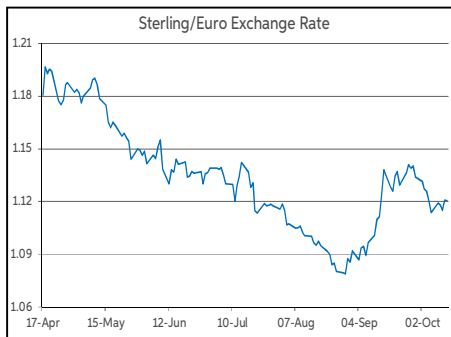
EUR/GBP	0.8922
EUR/USD	1.1845
EUR/JPY	132.71
EUR/SEK	9.5995
EUR/DKK	7.4433
EUR/NOK	9.3395
EUR/CHF	1.155
EUR/AUD	1.5112
EUR/HKD	9.2465
EUR/CAD	1.4761

## Sterling

GBP/EUR	1.1204
GBP/USD	1.3272
GBP/CAD	1.6541
GBP/NZD	1.8592
GBP/JPY	148.67
GBP/SEK	10.7531
GBP/DKK	8.3402
GBP/NOK	10.4664
GBP/CHF	1.2942
GBP/AUD	1.693

## Dollar

USD/JPY	112.02
USD/CAD	1.2462
USD/CHF	0.9752
USD/CNY	6.5793
USD/BRL	3.1695
USD/RUB	57.6533
USD/INR	64.9025
AUD/USD	0.7836
NZD/USD	0.7137



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 16
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	2.32	-3	+13	-12
Germany	0.44	-2	+4	+25
UK	1.38	+0	+16	+14
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	1.99	-3	+15	+3
Eurozone	0.22	-5	+1	+14
UK	1.10	+0	+11	+22
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	1.75	-2	+13	+30
Eurozone	-0.19	-4	-2	-3
UK	0.82	+0	+9	+22
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	22	-1	-7	-33
Belgium	27	-0	-1	-4
France	41	-1	+13	-7
Italy	166	-3	-4	+6
Spain	118	-1	+2	+1
Portugal	185	+0	-53	-168
Greece	504	+2	+17	-163

Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 16
Brent Oil	56.25	-1.21	+1.41	-1.00
West Texas Oil	50.61	-1.35	+1.50	-5.84
CRB - All Commodity	183.28	-0.12	-0.02	-4.80
CRB - Food	337.75	+0.94	+1.68	-0.30
Gold \$	1293.8	+0.15	-2.74	+12.29

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