Morning Comment

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Main pairs in tight ranges

It was an uneventful start to the week on financial markets yesterday. A lack of any major data releases, macro events or political headlines were contributing factors to the subdued action.

Indeed, the data calendar was very quiet. In the UK, the only release of any significance was the CBI industrial trends survey for October. The headline number surprised to the downside of expectations, with a reading of –2, it lowest level in 11 months and suggests a slower start to Q4 for the sector. In the Eurozone, the main macro highlight was the flash reading of the EC consumer confidence for October. This survey came in ahead of expectations, reaching a 16 year high and provides further encouraging macro news for the region. Meantime, there were no significant releases from the US schedule.

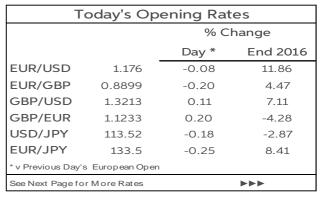
On the currency markets, the main pairs have been largely directionless over the last 24 hours, trading in very tight ranges. Most of the key pairs open this morning broadly unchanged compared to yesterday's open. In level terms, from a euro perspective, EUR/USD continues to trade near the midpoint of the \$1.17-1.18 band and EUR/GBP remains close to the 89p mark. Meanwhile, cable (GBP/USD) is changing hands up near \$1.32.

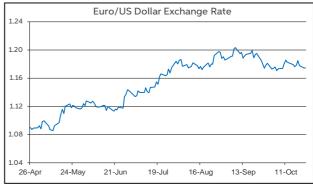
Looking ahead to today, there is a somewhat busier flow of macro data due. On the euro side, we get the flash readings from the French, German and Eurozone composite PMI's for October. The survey data are expected to show that the Eurozone economy has started Q4 with strong momentum and in the process provide a supportive backdrop to the euro today. From a dollar viewpoint, there is also flash PMI data for October due. Overall though, barring any unexpected data results, the main FX pairs may continue to range trade near current levels over the course of today.

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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	1.37	1.84	1.81	2.06
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.18	-0.17	0.24
GBP	0.25	0.33	0.40	0.75	0.81	1.07

Equity Indices				
		% Changes		
	Latest Close	on Day	End 2016 to Date	
Dow Jones	23273.96	-0.23	+17.77	
S&P 500	2564.98	-0.40	+14.57	
FTSE 100	7524.45	+0.02	+5.34	
DJ Stoxx 50	3608.87	+0.10	+9.67	
ISEQ	6824.68	+0.51	+4.72	
Nikkei	21696.65	+0.00	+13.51	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8899
EUR/USD	1.176
EUR/JPY	133.5
EUR/SEK	9.6324
EUR/DKK	7.4431
EUR/NOK	9.401
EUR/CHF	1.1592
EUR/AUD	1.5062
EUR/HKD	9.1761
EUR/CAD	1.4864

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1233			
GBP/USD	1.3213			
GBP/CAD	1.6699			
GBP/NZD	1.9054			
GBP/JPY	149.99			
GBP/SEK	10.8185			
GBP/DKK	8.362			
GBP/NOK	10.5635			
GBP/CHF	1.3023			
GBP/AUD	1.6923			

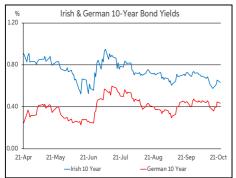
Dollar				
USD/JPY	113.52			
USD/CAD	1.264			
USD/CHF	0.9858			
USD/CNY	6.6305			
USD/BRL	3.2376			
USD/RUB	57.4765			
USD/INR	64.9			
AUD/USD	0.7806			
NZD/USD	0.6933			

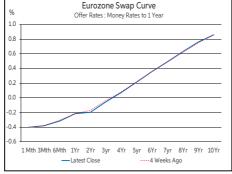












	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 16	
10 Year Yield %					
US	2.37	-1	+15	-8	
Germany	0.43	-2	+3	+24	
UK	1.30	-3	-3	+7	
Ireland	0.63	-2	-6	-12	
Belgium	0.68	-3	-1	+17	
France	0.84	-2	+14	+16	
Italy	1.99	-4	-15	+19	
Spain	1.61	-3	+1	+24	
Portugal	2.26	-2	-14	-147	
Greece	5.47	-2	+8	-140	
US Eurozone UK	2.06 0.22 1.06	-2 -4 -3	+13 -1 -2	+10 +14 +18	
2 Year Swap % US	1.78	-3	+9	+34	
Eurozone	-0.20	-3 -3	-3	+34 -4	
UK	0.80	-2	+1	+20	
 10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	 chmark bps		
Ireland	20	-1	-9	-35	
Belgium	24	-1	-4	-7	
France	40	-0	+11	-7	
Italy	156	-2	-19	-5	
Spain	118	-2	-2	+1	
Portugal	182	-O	-17	-170	
Greece	504	-0	+5	-164	

Commodities				
_	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 16
Brent Oil	57.37	-0.66	-2.80	+0.97
West Texas Oil	51.63	+0.66	-0.42	-3.94
CRB - All Commodity	184.71	+0.32	+0.06	-4.05
CRB - Food	345.66	+0.81	+4.10	+2.04
Gold \$	1282.5	+0.10	-2.17	+11.30

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