Morning Comment

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Risk aversion, but main FX pairs subdued

There was a risk averse tone to investor sentiment at the start of the week yesterday. This 'risk off' mood was against a backdrop of some negative corporate earnings newsflow, as well as ongoing concerns over the economic outlook amid the Covid-19 pandemic. At the close on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was down 1.9% on the day.

Data-wise yesterday, the main highlight was the German Ifo for October. Similar to last week's PMI data, the index fell back in the month from 93.2 to 92.7 (and by slightly more than forecast), providing further evidence that the recovery in the region may be stalling, after its strong rebound over the summer. Meanwhile, in the US, new home sales for September also disappointed to the downside of expectations. They fell by 3.5% in the month, versus expectations for a 2.8% increase.

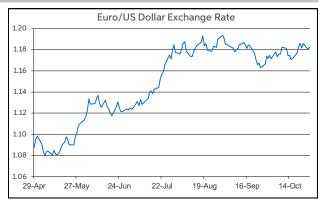
From a currency viewpoint, neither of these releases had any noticeable impact. Indeed, over the past 24 hours, in contrast to the action on equity markets, the moves amongst the main FX pairs have been fairly muted. In level terms, EUR/GBP is trading this morning in the upper half of 90-91p. Meanwhile, EUR/USD is changing hands below the midpoint of \$1.18-1.19. Elsewhere, cable (GBP/USD) is operating near to the \$1.30 threshold.

Looking ahead to today, the main activity on the data front is from the US schedule. The highlight being the Conference Board measure of consumer confidence for October. The diary also features house prices (Case-Shiller) for August and the durable goods report for September. Overall though, unless the releases surprise significantly versus expectations, the dollar may be largely unreactive to the data.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2019		
EUR/USD	1.1823	-0.06	5.47		
EUR/GBP	0.9078	-0.04	7.38		
GBP/USD	1.302	-0.02	-1.80		
GBP/EUR	1.1012	0.04	-6.87		
USD/JPY	104.76	-0.10	-3.54		
EUR/JPY	123.86	-0.18	1.67		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	0.125	0.15	0.22	0.20	0.26	0.43
EUR	0.00	-0.54	-0.51	-0.50	-0.51	-0.46
GBP	0.10	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.23



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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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0
0.9078
1.1823
123.86
10.337
7.4405
10.9207
1.0727
1.6584
9.161
1.5584

Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1013		
GBP/USD	1.3022		
GBP/CAD	1.7161		
GBP/NZD	1.947		
GBP/JPY	136.43		
GBP/SEK	11.3842		
GBP/DKK	8.1935		
GBP/NOK	12.024		
GBP/CHF	1.1814		
GBP/AUD	1.826		

Dollar				
USD/JPY	104.76			
USD/CAD	1.3181			
USD/CHF	0.9073			
USD/CNY	6.7062			
USD/BRL	5.624			
USD/RUB	76.4801			
USD/INR	73.787			
AUD/USD	0.7126			
NZD/USD	0.6686			



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