

Sterling up at the start of busy week

Moves in the main currency pairs were confined to relatively narrow ranges as the week got underway yesterday. This reflected the fact that while there was a busy data calendar (incl. Eurozone EC sentiment, German HICP and US personal consumption), most releases were broadly in line with expectations.

Of the currency moves we did see, sterling edged slightly higher. Cable (GBP/USD) opens this morning back above \$1.32. EUR/GBP has moved down to 88p. Meanwhile, the dollar has managed to hold onto the bulk of its gains against the euro from last week. EUR/USD is trading in the lower half of the \$1.16-1.17 band.

In the day ahead, we get the first reading of Eurozone Q3 GDP. Quarterly growth of 0.5% is anticipated, versus +0.7% in Q2. However, survey indicators, like the PMIs, suggest that an upside surprise cannot be ruled out. Such an outcome could help to provide some support to the euro. Eurozone unemployment is also expected to have ticked lower in September.

In terms of the calendar for the rest of the week, Thursday's BoE meeting outcome is the main event. The consensus forecast is for the Bank to hike rates from 0.25% to 0.50%. BoE policy tightening may help to lift sterling. Markets will also be looking to the Inflation Report and BoE Governor Carney's press conference for guidance on potential further rate increases over the medium-term.

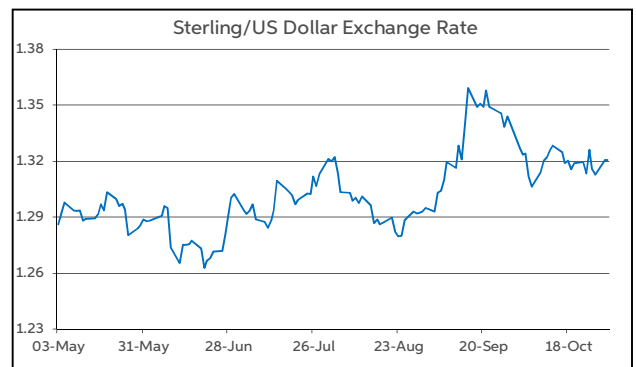
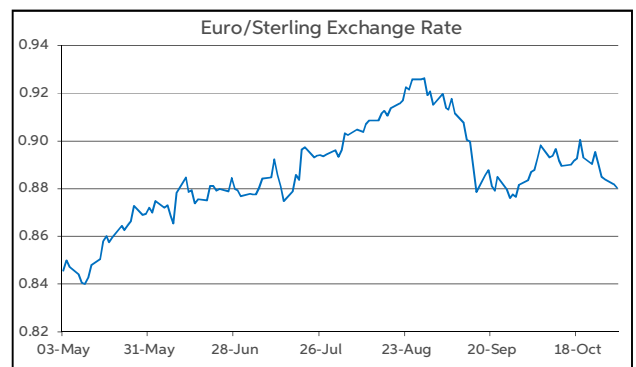
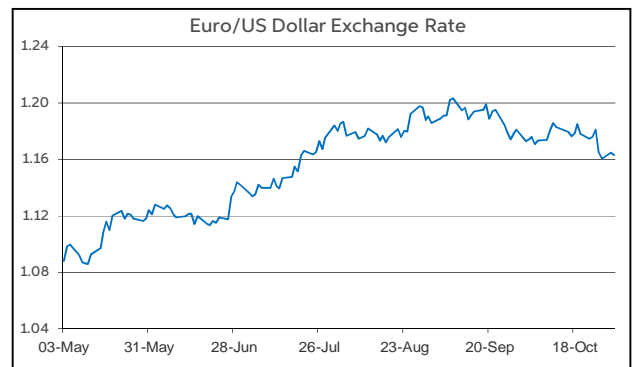
Dollar-wise, non-farm payrolls are expected to bounce back strongly in October (+314k) from September's hurricane impacted decline (-33k), while the unemployment rate looks set to have remained at a 16-year low of 4.2%. This could help the dollar retain its firmer tone. Meanwhile, the Fed also meets this week, though no changes to policy are expected.

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Today's Opening Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2016
EUR/USD	1.1633	0.15	10.65
EUR/GBP	0.8806	-0.33	3.38
GBP/USD	1.3205	0.46	7.04
GBP/EUR	1.1352	0.33	-3.27
USD/JPY	113.12	-0.42	-3.21
EUR/JPY	131.58	-0.29	6.85

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
	Base Rate	Short Term			Long Term	
		1-Mth	3-Mth	12-Mth	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	1.125	1.24	1.38	1.84	1.82	2.08
EUR	0.00	-0.37	-0.33	-0.18	-0.20	0.21
GBP	0.25	0.39	0.43	0.77	0.84	1.10

Equity Indices				
	Latest Close	% Changes		
		on Day	End 2016 to Date	
Dow Jones	23348.74	-0.36	+18.15	
S&P 500	2572.83	-0.32	+14.92	
FTSE 100	7487.81	-0.23	+4.83	
DJ Stoxx 50	3662.18	+0.27	+11.29	
ISEQ	6912.11	+0.16	+6.06	
Nikkei	22011.61	-0.00	+15.16	

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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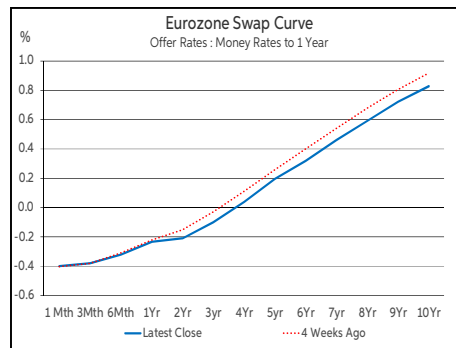
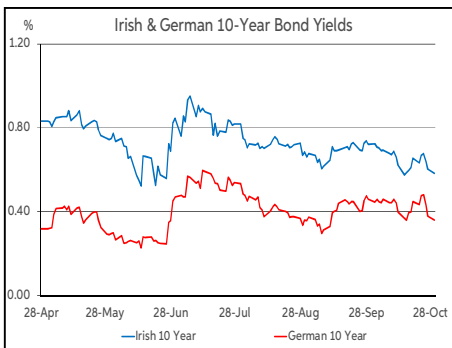
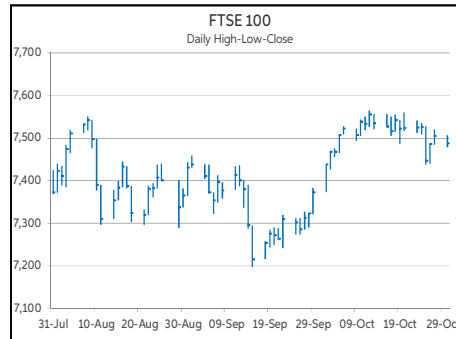
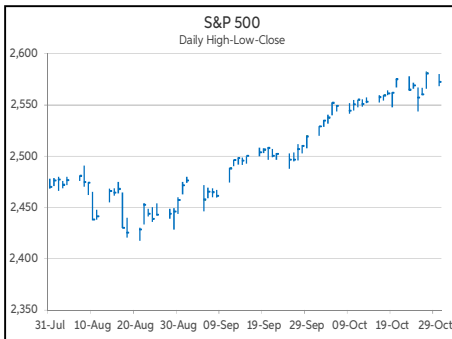
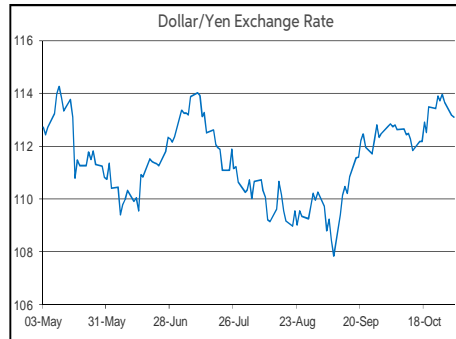
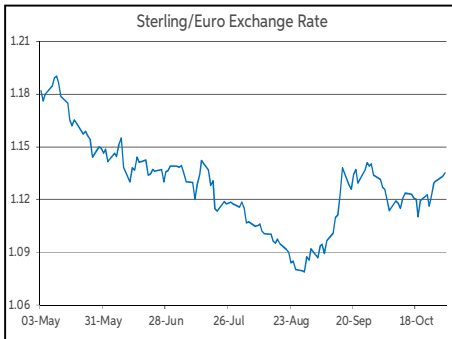
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Opening Levels

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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8806	GBP/EUR	1.135	USD/JPY	113.12
EUR/USD	1.1632	GBP/USD	1.3202	USD/CAD	1.2828
EUR/JPY	131.59	GBP/CAD	1.6943	USD/CHF	0.9961
EUR/SEK	9.724	GBP/NZD	1.9281	USD/CNY	6.631
EUR/DKK	7.4414	GBP/JPY	149.37	USD/BRL	3.2887
EUR/NOK	9.4897	GBP/SEK	11.0366	USD/RUB	58.155
EUR/CHF	1.1589	GBP/DKK	8.4467	USD/INR	64.78
EUR/AUD	1.5146	GBP/NOK	10.7706	AUD/USD	0.7678
EUR/HKD	9.0728	GBP/CHF	1.3156	NZD/USD	0.6847
EUR/CAD	1.4923	GBP/AUD	1.7196		



	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 16
10 Year Yield %				
US	2.37	-5	+3	-8
Germany	0.36	-2	-9	+16
UK	1.33	-2	+1	+10
Ireland	0.58	-2	-14	-16
Belgium	0.61	-2	-11	+10
France	0.76	-3	+3	+9
Italy	1.84	-10	-37	+3
Spain	1.48	-9	-19	+11
Portugal	2.06	-10	-33	-167
Greece	5.57	+13	+11	-131
5 Year Swap %				
US	2.05	-4	+3	+9
Eurozone	0.20	-2	-6	+12
UK	1.09	-1	+1	+22
2 Year Swap %				
US	1.79	-2	+6	+35
Eurozone	-0.21	-1	-6	-5
UK	0.82	-1	+1	+22
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	22	+0	-6	-33
Belgium	25	-0	-2	-7
France	40	-1	+12	-7
Italy	148	-8	-28	-13
Spain	112	-7	-10	-5
Portugal	170	-8	-24	-183
Greece	521	+15	+20	-147

	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 16
Brent Oil	60.9	+0.76	+8.52	+7.18
West Texas Oil	54.11	+0.35	+6.96	+0.67
CRB - All Commodity	187.53	+0.34	+3.66	-2.59
CRB - Food	346.25	+1.65	+4.89	+2.21
Gold \$	1276.6	+0.20	+0.40	+10.80

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