Morning Comment

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US payrolls due today

There was a mixed mood on markets yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.5%, while the S&P 500 finished flat for the day. Meantime, on bond markets German Bund and US Treasury yields declined by 8-14bps, as market rate hike expectations softened for both economies. UK Gilt yields fell by a more modest 2-6bps.

Data-wise, US core-PCE inflation edged lower to 5% in October, as anticipated. Market rate hike expectations softened in the US following the release, with the peak in US rates now seen as being below 5% in 2023. Elsewhere in the US, the manufacturing ISM moved into contraction territory in November, for the first time since May 2020.

On the currency front, the dollar was on the defensive as inflation eased, and as the market continued to digest Chair Powell's comments on Wednesday, green lighting a slowdown in the pace of rate hikes in December. Meanwhile, sterling was holding a firmer tone, although there was no obvious catalyst for the move. GBP/USD briefly tested north of \$1.23 yesterday, while EUR/USD traded above \$1.05 for the first time since June.

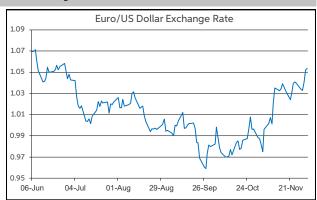
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning maintaining its position above \$1.05. Meanwhile, the firmer tone to sterling is evidenced by GBP/USD operating up in the \$1.22-1.23 corridor and EUR/GBP changing hands back at the 86p handle.

Today, the US labour market report for November will be the main highlight. Payrolls are forecast to rise by a robust 200k in the month. Meantime, average earnings are expected to edge lower to 4.6% YoY from 4.7%. In the Eurozone, remarks by ECB President Lagarde later today may also garner some interest.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
	_	Day *	End 2021		
EUR/USD	1.0532	0.84	-7.35		
EUR/GBP	0.86	-0.35	2.38		
GBP/USD	1.2246	1.20	-9.48		
GBP/EUR	1.1623	0.35	-2.33		
USD/JPY	134.6	-1.31	16.96		
EUR/JPY	141.79	-0.47	8.34		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates					5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.875	4.17	4.77	5.04	4.59	3.72
EUR	2.00	1.51	1.97	2.75	2.81	2.58
GBP	3.00	3.29	3.68	4.55	4.52	4.05









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



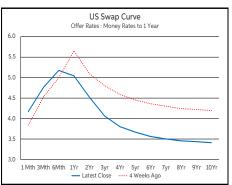
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.86
EUR/USD	1.0532
EUR/JPY	141.79
EUR/SEK	10.84
EUR/DKK	7.4365
EUR/NOK	10.2458
EUR/CHF	0.986
EUR/AUD	1.5444
EUR/HKD	8.1923
EUR/CAD	1.4146

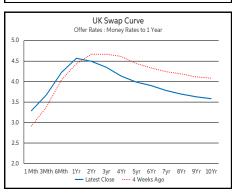
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1623			
GBP/USD	1.2246			
GBP/CAD	1.6448			
GBP/NZD	1.9152			
GBP/JPY	164.83			
GBP/SEK	12.6084			
GBP/DKK	8.6441			
GBP/NOK	11.9046			
GBP/CHF	1.1465			
GBP/AUD	1.7956			

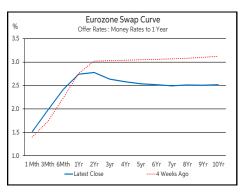
Dollar					
USD/JPY	134.6				
USD/CAD	1.3429				
USD/CHF	0.9361				
USD/CNY	7.045				
USD/BRL	5.1848				
USD/RUB	61.7				
USD/INR	81.1775				
AUD/USD	0.6819				
NZD/USD	0.6394				













	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps	5		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21		
10 Year Yield %						
US	3.51	-10	-64	+200		
Germany	1.82	-12	-43	+200		
UK	3.10	-6	-41	+213		
Ireland	2.25	-14	-49	+200		
Belgium	2.34	-13	-50	+216		
France	2.27	-14	-51	+207		
Italy	3.71	-17	-71	+252		
Spain	2.82	-13	-50	+223		
Portugal	2.75	-15	-49	+227		
Greece	3.89	-27	-76	+258		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.67	-10	-76	+234		
Eurozone	2.54	-12	-50	+253		
UK	3.99	-7	-40	+271		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.53	-9	-55	+358		
Eurozone	2.77	-4	-23	+307		
UK	4.49	-8	-17	+330		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	43	-2	-6	+0		
Belgium	51	-1	-7	+16		
France	44	-2	-8	+7		
Italy	188	-5	-29	+52		
Spain	100	-1	-7	+22		
Portugal	93	-3	-6	+27		
Greece	207	-15	-33	+58		

Commodities							
	% Change						
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 21						
Brent Oil	86.88	+1.70	-8.23	+11.70			
West Texas Oil	81.06	+0.72	-8.03	+7.61			
Gold \$	1802.9 +1.95 +10.66 -1.39						

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