

## FX sensitivity to central bank/inflation newsflow

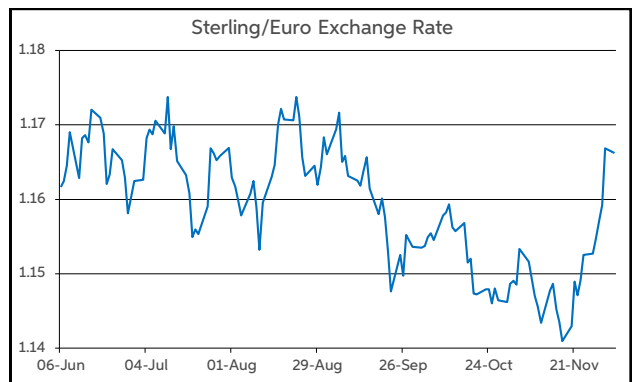
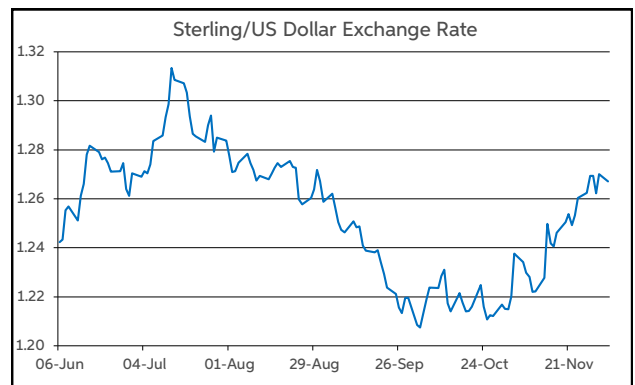
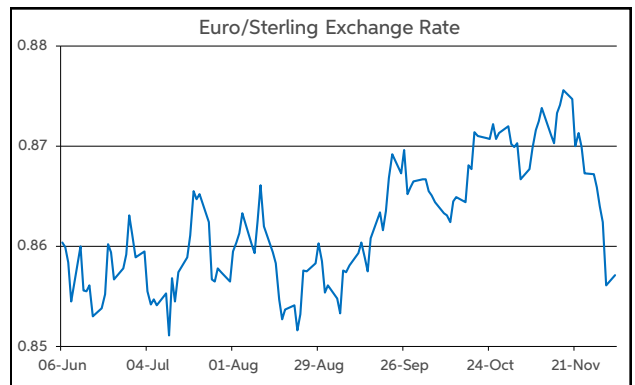
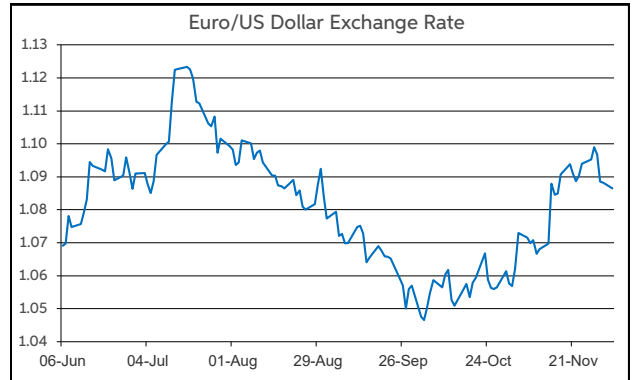
A feature of the action on currency markets last week, was some increased volatility amongst the majors. The first notable move involved the dollar on Tuesday. Comments from the Fed's Waller on possible early rate cuts captivated the markets attention given he is regarded as one of the FOMC's more hawkish members.

This prompted a fall in US Treasury yields and a softening in US rate expectations. The market moved to price in around 120bps of rate cuts next year, compared to the start of the week where pricing was consistent with circa 80bps of cuts. Against this backdrop, the dollar came under pressure. EUR/USD briefly tested the \$1.10 threshold, while GBP/USD moved up into \$1.27 territory.

However, from mid-week onwards, it was the euro that was on the defensive, while the dollar recovered. Better than expected inflation readings in the Eurozone for November prompted some weakening of the single currency. At the same time, a number of Fed speakers espoused a more hawkish tone in contrast to their colleague's comments earlier in the week. Likewise, comments from a couple of BoE speakers were also on the hawkish side. Overall then, EUR/USD ended the week back below \$1.09. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP declined from near 87p to below 86p.

Last week's volatility on interest rate futures and FX markets highlighted the increased sensitivity to central bank/data newsflow as markets turn their attention to when interest rate cuts may start to materialise. From an FX perspective, it was also noticeable that the \$1.10 level remains a key near term barrier for EUR/USD to break above. For the week ahead, the main data focus will be on the US macro diary, with a raft of labour market updates due, including the November payrolls figure.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0864	-0.41	1.51
EUR/GBP	0.8573	-0.63	-3.06
GBP/USD	1.2673	0.25	4.76
GBP/EUR	1.1661	0.63	3.16
USD/JPY	146.7	-0.91	11.89
EUR/JPY	159.41	-1.32	13.62

\* v Previous Day's European Open  
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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates			
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.46	5.64	5.30	4.72	4.20
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.96	3.68	3.17	2.80
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.21	5.09	4.92	4.38

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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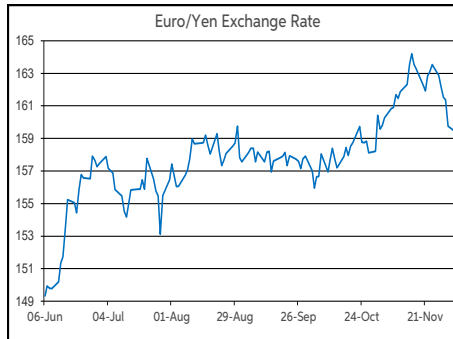
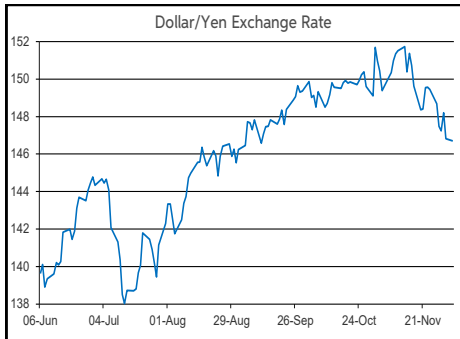
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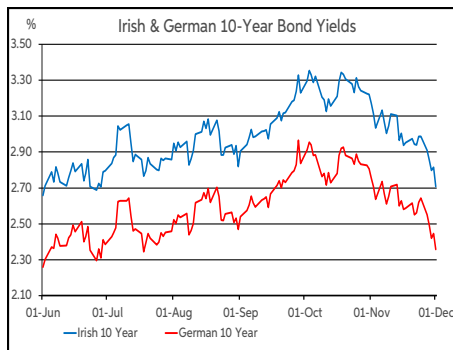
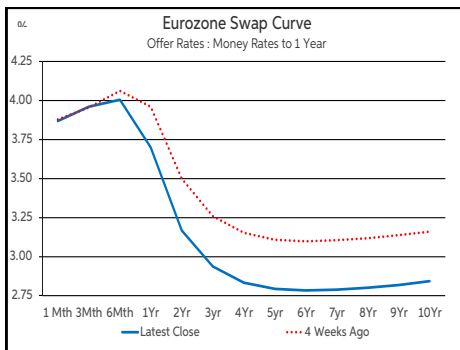
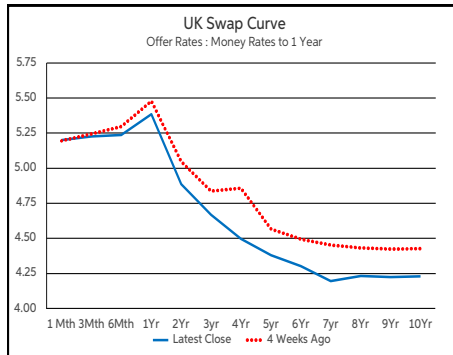
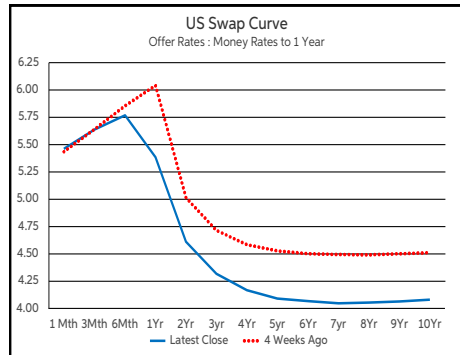
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8573	GBP/EUR	1.1661	USD/JPY	146.7
EUR/USD	1.0864	GBP/USD	1.2673	USD/CAD	1.3516
EUR/JPY	159.41	GBP/CAD	1.7132	USD/CHF	0.8707
EUR/SEK	11.3169	GBP/NZD	2.0489	USD/CNY	7.1384
EUR/DKK	7.4564	GBP/JPY	185.91	USD/BRL	4.8801
EUR/NOK	11.6379	GBP/SEK	13.1952	USD/RUB	90.4
EUR/CHF	0.9459	GBP/DKK	8.6952	USD/INR	83.325
EUR/AUD	1.6337	GBP/NOK	13.567		
EUR/HKD	8.49	GBP/CHF	1.1033	AUD/USD	0.6649
EUR/CAD	1.4687	GBP/AUD	1.9056	NZD/USD	0.6183



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
<b>10 Year Yield %</b>				
US	4.21	-12	-37	+33
Germany	2.36	-9	-28	-20
UK	4.14	-3	-14	+47
<b>5 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.09	-16	-40	+9
Eurozone	2.79	-12	-31	-44
UK	4.38	+1	-18	+8
<b>2 Year Swap %</b>				
US	4.61	-15	-36	-6
Eurozone	3.17	-14	-32	-22
UK	4.89	-7	-16	+20
<b>10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps</b>				
Ireland	38	-2	-7	-21
Belgium	61	-1	-3	-3
France	57	-1	-3	+2
Italy	174	-5	-7	-40
Spain	100	-3	-4	-9
Portugal	66	-1	-1	-37
Greece	129	+3	-4	-74



Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	78.88	-4.77	-7.08	-8.18
West Texas Oil	73.7	-2.59	-9.23	-8.06
Gold \$	2070.9	+1.73	+3.95	+13.51

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