

Dollar slightly softer

A limited data schedule contributed to a relatively quiet day on markets yesterday. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.7%. Meantime on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished broadly flat for the day, having registered a fresh all-time high on Monday.

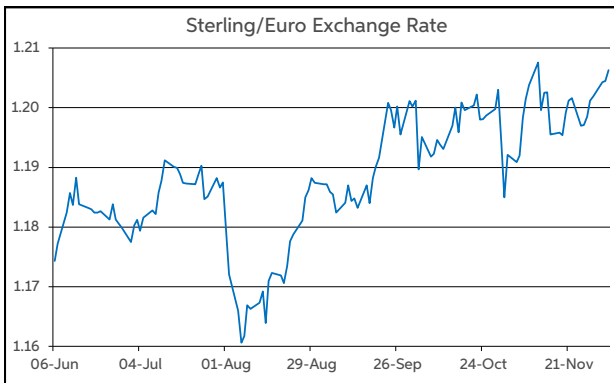
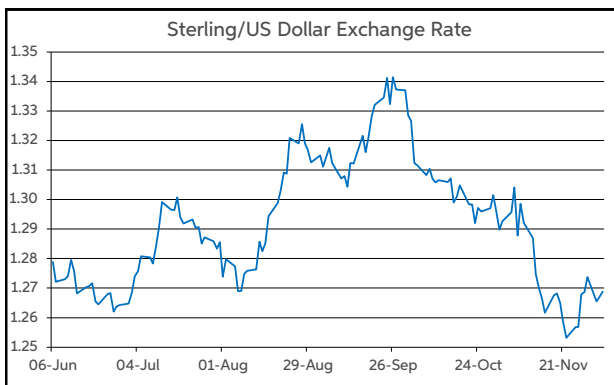
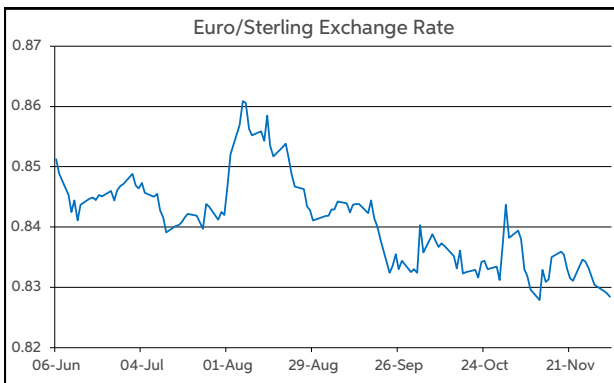
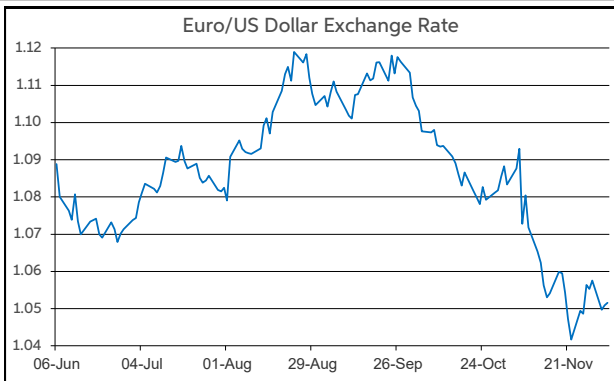
In terms of fixed income, US Treasury and UK Gilt yields inched 2-3bps higher along the curve. Similarly, German Bund yields rose by 2-5bps yesterday, with the larger move concentrated at the front-end of the curve. The spread between 10-year German and French sovereign yields narrowed slightly to 84bps.

Of the limited data releases to note yesterday, US JOLTS job openings printed above the consensus in October. The number of job openings jumped to 7.74m in the month, up from 7.37m in September and versus 7.47m forecast. The dollar edged off its lows following the release.

Overall though, the dollar was under some downward pressure yesterday. The greenback declined by circa 0.3% against the euro and sterling. The softer dollar tone is reflected by EUR/USD opening this morning north of the \$1.05 threshold. Meanwhile, GBP/USD is changing hands in the top half of the \$1.26-1.27 corridor. EUR/GBP remains just below the 83p mark.

Today, the main release of note will be the US Non-manufacturing ISM for November. Meantime, political developments in France will be in focus, as PM Barnier's Government faces two no confidence votes in the Assembly. Remarks from a number of central bank officials including, Fed Chair Powell, ECB President Lagarde, and BoE Governor Bailey, will also garner some interest.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0516	0.25	-4.71
EUR/GBP	0.8284	-0.11	-4.43
GBP/USD	1.2688	0.34	-0.32
GBP/EUR	1.2063	0.11	4.64
USD/JPY	149.92	-0.06	6.28
EUR/JPY	157.69	0.18	1.32

* 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	4.63	4.51	4.44	4.18	4.28	4.08
EUR	3.40	2.99	2.92	2.30	2.08	2.02
GBP	4.75	4.68	4.63	4.33	4.33	4.08

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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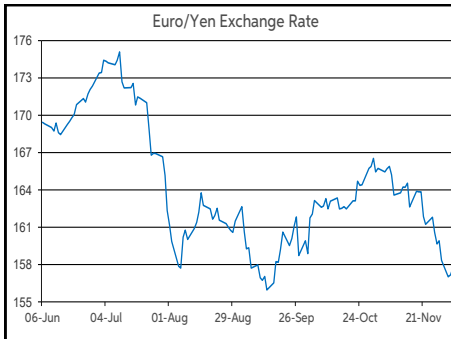
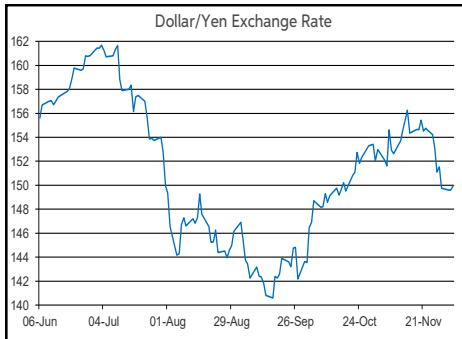
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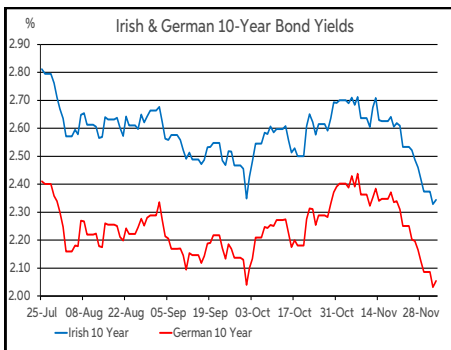
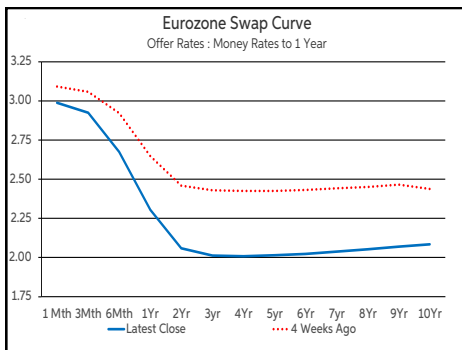
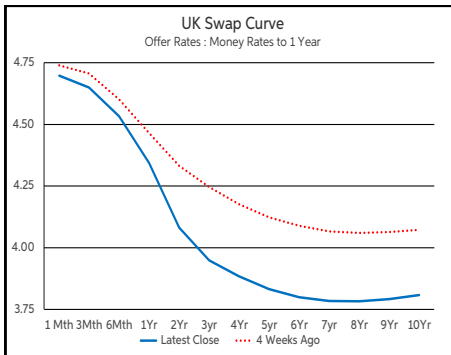
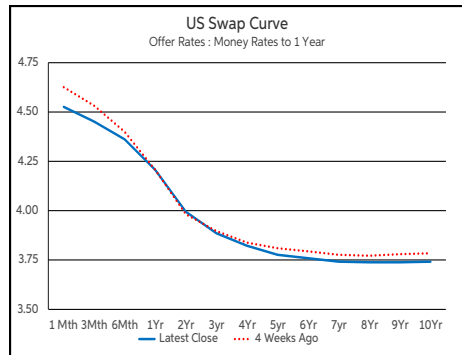
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8284	GBP/EUR	1.2063	USD/JPY	149.94
EUR/USD	1.0516	GBP/USD	1.2688	USD/CAD	1.4059
EUR/JPY	157.69	GBP/CAD	1.7838	USD/CHF	0.8857
EUR/SEK	11.5763	GBP/NZD	2.1661	USD/CNY	7.2687
EUR/DKK	7.4581	GBP/JPY	190.24	USD/BRL	6.044
EUR/NOK	11.6301	GBP/SEK	13.9497	USD/RUB	105
EUR/CHF	0.9317	GBP/DKK	8.9959	USD/INR	84.69
EUR/AUD	1.6324	GBP/NOK	14.0208	AUD/USD	0.6441
EUR/HKD	8.1854	GBP/CHF	1.1239	NZD/USD	0.5854
EUR/CAD	1.4786	GBP/AUD	1.969		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.22	+3	-7	+36
Germany	2.06	+2	-38	+3
UK	4.25	+3	-29	+71
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.04	+2	-1	+25
Eurozone	2.01	+1	-40	-41
UK	4.07	+2	-29	+42
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.25	-0	+3	-8
Eurozone	2.06	+2	-39	-73
UK	4.33	+0	-23	+6
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	32	-1	+0	-2
Belgium	61	-2	+3	-5
France	84	-4	+11	+31
Italy	119	-4	-6	-49
Spain	70	-3	+0	-26
Portugal	46	-2	-1	-30
Greece	88	-1	+1	-17



Commodities				
	Close	% Change		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	73.62	+2.49	-2.53	-4.44
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2643.4	+0.17	-3.65	+28.16

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