Morning Comment

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Subdued action continues

The mood on financial markets was generally subdued in nature for much of yesterday. Investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 was 0.5% lower on the day. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was down by a modest 0.2%.

A very quiet macro calendar contributed to the lacklustre action. One of the few data highlights was the second reading of Q3 GDP for the Eurozone. Growth was revised slightly higher, to 0.3% q/q. The underlying details showed that domestic demand was the key source of growth in the quarter, while net trade acted as a drag. However, this data is old news at this stage, with a raft of recent survey indicators consistent with a contraction in activity in Q4.

From a currency viewpoint, the Eurozone GDP data had no major directional impact on the euro. Indeed, the main pairs have been confined to relatively narrow ranges over the past 24 hours. Of the limited action to register, the dollar has been holding a slightly softer tone. This has coincided with lower US Treasury yields, including the 10-year yield falling below the 3.5% level.

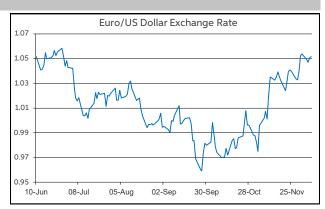
The 'softer' dollar is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning above the \$1.05 mark, while GBP/USD is trading up at the \$1.22 threshold. Elsewhere, EUR/GBP continues to change hands in a tight range in and around the 86p handle.

Looking ahead to today, the macro diary is once again quiet on both sides of the Atlantic. The only release of any note on the schedule is US weekly jobless claims data. As a result, the main FX pairs may remain within relatively narrow trading corridors with next week's key central bank meetings looming on the horizon.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2021	
EUR/USD	1.0518	0.50	-7.48	
EUR/GBP	0.8617	-0.13	2.58	
GBP/USD	1.2204	0.63	-9.79	
GBP/EUR	1.1601	0.13	-2.52	
USD/JPY	136.78	-0.44	18.86	
EUR/JPY	143.89	0.06	9.95	
* 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	3.875	4.24	4.72	5.08	4.61	3.71
EUR	2.00	1.52	1.99	2.79	2.82	2.58
GBP	3.00	3.38	3.73	4.57	4.53	4.00









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Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8617
EUR/USD	1.0518
EUR/JPY	143.89
EUR/SEK	10.9102
EUR/DKK	7.4373
EUR/NOK	10.5139
EUR/CHF	0.9894
EUR/AUD	1.5626
EUR/HKD	8.1911
EUR/CAD	1.4363

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1601			
GBP/USD	1.2204			
GBP/CAD	1.6663			
GBP/NZD	1.9174			
GBP/JPY	166.93			
GBP/SEK	12.6564			
GBP/DKK	8.6278			
GBP/NOK	12.1938			
GBP/CHF	1.1482			
GBP/AUD	1.813			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	136.78			
USD/CAD	1.3652			
USD/CHF	0.9406			
USD/CNY	6.9716			
USD/BRL	5.2048			
USD/RUB	62.9			
USD/INR	82.37			
AUD/USD	0.6729			
NZD/USD	0.6362			
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US Swap Curve

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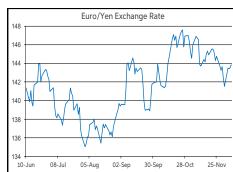
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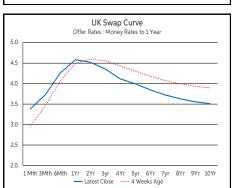
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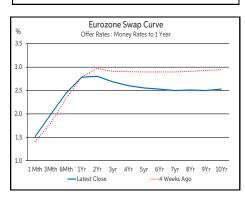
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21		
10 Year Yield %						
US	3.42	-11	-68	+191		
Germany	1.78	-1	-39	+196		
UK	3.05	-4	-40	+207		
Ireland	2.24	-3	-43	+199		
Belgium	2.34	-3	-42	+216		
France	2.24	-1	-45	+205		
Italy	3.61	-4	-67	+242		
Spain	2.77	-3	-45	+218		
Portugal	2.70	-3	-46	+221		
Greece	3.71	-8	-99	+240		
5 Year Swap %						
US	3.63	-9	-62	+230		
Eurozone	2.56	-2	-33	+255		
UK	4.00	+0	-31	+272		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.55	-9	-36	+361		
Eurozone	2.80	-2	-16	+310		
UK	4.52	-2	-7	+333		
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps			
Ireland	46	-1	-4	+3		
Belgium	55	-2	-2	+20		
France	46	+1	-5	+9		
Italy	182	-3	-28	+46		
Spain	99	-2	-5	+21		
Portugal	91	-2	-6	+25		
Greece	193	-7	-60	+44		

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks I				
Brent Oil	77.17	-2.75	-16.71	-0.78	
West Texas Oil	71.93	-3.07	-16.16	-4.51	
Gold \$	1786.2	+0.86	+4.68	-2.31	

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