Morning Comment

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Cautious mood at the start of the week

There was a slightly cautious mood on markets at the start of the week. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished flat for the day. Meanwhile on Wall Street, the S&P 500 declined by a modest 0.3%. In terms of fixed income, sovereign bond yields moved 3-7bps across the board in the US, UK and Eurozone. Elsewhere, oil prices fell by circa 2.0%, with Brent crude now back below \$63 per barrel.

On the data front, the macro calendar was relatively quiet. Of the limited releases to note, German industrial production printed above the consensus, increasing by 1.8% in October (+0.4% f'cast). In terms of some timelier data, the EU Sentix index improved to -6.2 in December, up from -7.4 in November (and vs. -7.0 f'cast). However, neither release had a material impact on proceedings yesterday.

Currency-wise, the main pairs continued to operate within narrow trading ranges yesterday. Amid the muted price action, the euro was under some moderate downward pressure. At the same time, the yen was also on the defensive.

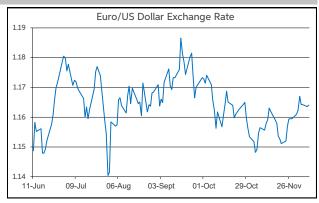
In level terms, the softer tone to the euro is evidenced by EUR/USD opening this morning down in the lower half of the \$1.16-1.17 trading band. EUR/GBP is changing hands back in the bottom half of the 87-88p corridor. Meanwhile, GBP/USD remains above the \$1.33 threshold. USD/JPY is operating north of the ¥156 handle.

Turning to the day ahead, the data calendar is sparse once again. The main release will be the US JOLTS job openings figure for October. Around 7.15m openings are forecast, which would be the lowest level this year. Elsewhere in the US, NFIB small business optimism for November is due. However, barring any major surprises, the data may not impact the dollar. Indeed, the main FX pairs are likely to continue to range trade ahead of the Fed FOMC policy decision, due late tomorrow.

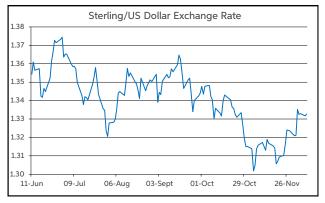
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1641	-0.13	12.44		
EUR/GBP	0.8733	-0.05	5.56		
GBP/USD	1.3329	-0.06	6.54		
GBP/EUR	1.1446	0.05	-5.27		
USD/JPY	156.09	0.57	-0.69		
EUR/JPY	181.74	0.46	11.67		
* v Previous Day's 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	3.88	3.78	3.73	3.52	3.66	3.75
EUR	2.00	1.91	2.08	2.20	2.30	2.60
GBP	4.00	3.81	3.76	3.61	3.83	3.98









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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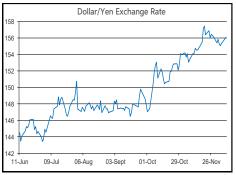
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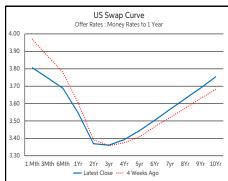
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8733
EUR/USD	1.1641
EUR/JPY	181.74
EUR/SEK	10.9329
EUR/DKK	7.4687
EUR/NOK	11.7943
EUR/CHF	0.9386
EUR/AUD	1.7533
EUR/HKD	9.0584
EUR/CAD	1.6133

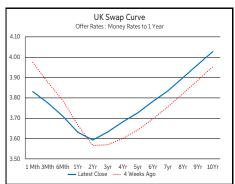
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1446			
GBP/USD	1.3329			
GBP/CAD	1.8464			
GBP/NZD	2.3042			
GBP/JPY	208.01			
GBP/SEK	12.5141			
GBP/DKK	8.5496			
GBP/NOK	13.5017			
GBP/CHF	1.0741			
GBP/AUD	2.0063			

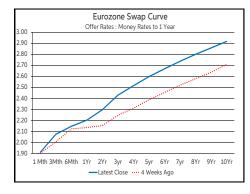
Dollar					
USD/JPY	156.09				
USD/CAD	1.3855				
USD/CHF	0.8062				
USD/CNY	7.0715				
USD/BRL	5.4318				
USD/RUB	76.7				
USD/INR	89.982				
AUD/USD	0.664				
NZD/USD	0.578				

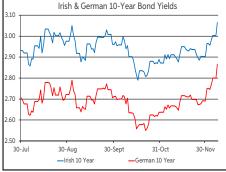












	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.17	+3	+6	-41
Germany	2.87	+7	+20	+50
UK	4.53	+5	+6	-4
Ireland	3.07	+6	+16	+42
Belgium	3.37	+6	+17	+39
France	3.58	+5	+14	+39
Italy	3.56	+7	+15	+4
Spain	3.33	+7	+16	+27
Portugal	3.20	+7	+17	+35
Greece	3.48	+9	+17	+23
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.70	+4	+5	-59
Eurozone	2.58	+8	+21	+35
UK	3.97	+6	+8	-31
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.63	+2	-1	-70
Eurozone	2.29	+6	+14	+10
UK	3.83	+6	+2	-66
10 Year Governme	ent Bond Spread	ls to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	20	-O	-4	-9
Belgium	50	-O	-3	-12
France	72	-1	-6	-11
Italy	69	-0	-5	-46
Spain	47	+0	-4	-23
Portugal	33	+0	-3	-16
Greece	62	+2	-3	-27

Commodities								
		% Change						
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24						
Brent Oil	62.49	-1.98	-2.45	-16.28				
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27				
Gold\$	4188.6	-0.19	+1.77	+59.64				

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