Morning Comment

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Dollar remains under pressure

Trading conditions on financial markets were somewhat choppy yesterday, as investors continued to digest the Fed policy decision less than 24 hours earlier. On equity markets, European shares outperformed, with the Euro Stoxx 50 rising by 0.8%. On Wall Street though, the S&P 500 rose into the close, to register a 0.2% gain. Meanwhile, on bond markets, benchmark sovereign yields declined by 1-3bps along the curve. Elsewhere, oil prices shed circa 1.5%, with Brent crude now near \$61 per barrel.

Data-wise, the latest US weekly initial jobless claims printed well above the consensus, rising to 236k compared to 220k forecast. However, the data remain heavily impacted by the Thanksgiving holiday the week prior.

On the currency front, the dollar remained on the defensive throughout the European session. The Fed policy decision and the deteriorating weekly jobless claims data weighed on the greenback. However, the dollar recouped some of its losses overnight. Elsewhere, the euro was holding a slightly firmer tone

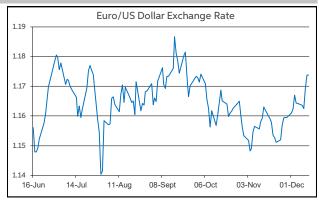
In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning up above the \$1.17 mark. GBP/USD is in the top half of the \$1.33-1.34 range. USD/JPY is changing hands close to the midpoint of the ¥155-156 corridor. Meantime, EUR/GBP is operating above the midpoint of the 87-88p trading band.

Already this morning, the monthly reading of UK GDP for October has been released. GDP contracted by 0.1% m/m, below the consensus for a 0.1% m/m increase. Meanwhile, UK industrial production rose by 1.1% m/m in October (vs. +0.7% m/m, f'cast). Sterling has been under some marginal downward pressure following the release. The remainder of today's macro calendar is relatively sparse.

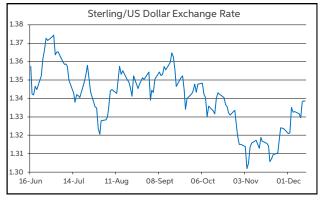
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
	Day * End 2024				
EUR/USD	1.1738	0.45	13.38		
EUR/GBP	0.8766	0.26	5.96		
GBP/USD	1.3386	0.19	6.99		
GBP/EUR	1.1403	-0.26	-5.62		
USD/JPY	155.6	-0.29	-1.01		
EUR/JPY	182.66	0.16	12.23		
* v Previous Day's 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	3.63	3.74	3.70	3.48	3.62	3.72
EUR	2.00	1.91	2.08	2.21	2.32	2.60
GRP	4.00	3 78	3 74	3 58	3 78	3 93









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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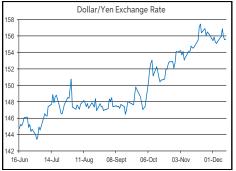
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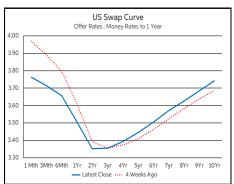
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8766
EUR/USD	1.1738
EUR/JPY	182.66
EUR/SEK	10.8529
EUR/DKK	7.4693
EUR/NOK	11.8097
EUR/CHF	0.9328
EUR/AUD	1.7595
EUR/HKD	9.1377
EUR/CAD	1.6158

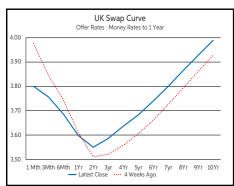
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1403			
GBP/USD	1.3386			
GBP/CAD	1.8424			
GBP/NZD	2.3014			
GBP/JPY	208.29			
GBP/SEK	12.3754			
GBP/DKK	8.5164			
GBP/NOK	13.464			
GBP/CHF	1.0636			
GBP/AUD	2.0066			

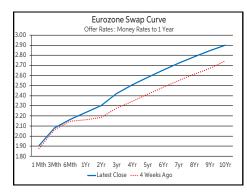
Dollar					
USD/JPY	155.6				
USD/CAD	1.3766				
USD/CHF	0.7946				
USD/CNY	7.055				
USD/BRL	5.4053				
USD/RUB	79.6				
USD/INR	90.378				
AUD/USD	0.6668				
NZD/USD	0.5813				

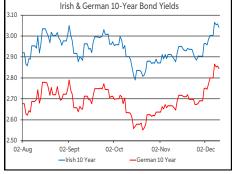












	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.14	-2	+2	-44	
Germany	2.85	-1	+16	+48	
UK	4.49	-2	+5	-9	
Ireland	3.04	-2	+13	+39	
Belgium	3.34	-3	+13	+35	
France	3.56	-2	+14	+36	
Italy	3.53	-3	+11	+1	
Spain	3.29	-2	+11	+23	
Portugal	3.16	-3	+13	+31	
Greece	3.47	-3	+15	+22	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.70	+1	+5	-59	
Eurozone	2.57	-2	+17	+33	
UK	3.94	-3	+8	-35	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.62	+1	-2	-71	
Eurozone	2.30	-2	+12	+11	
UK	3.79	-3	+4	-69	
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	20	-1	-3	-9	
Belgium	49	-2	-2	-13	
France	71	-1	-2	-12	
Italy	69	-2	-5	-47	
Spain	45	-1	-5	-25	
Portugal	32	-2	-3	-17	
Greece	63	-2	-1	-26	

Commodities								
		% Change						
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24						
Brent Oil	61.28	-1.49	-2.75	-17.90				
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27				
Gold\$	4283.0	+1.30	+2.68	+63.24				

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