# **Morning Comment**

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### FX majors range bound

Investor sentiment was holding a mixed tone yesterday. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 posted a 0.5% increase on the day. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, the mood was more subdued, with the S&P 500 modestly lower (-0.2%) at the closing bell last night.

In terms of the macro diary, yesterday's agenda was relatively quiet. The main Eurozone release of note was industrial production for October. The data showed some upward momentum in the sector at the start of Q4. Headline production rose by 0.8% m/m, which matched expectations and represented an improvement compared to the 0.2% increase in September. Meantime, in the US, homebuilder sentiment for December rose from 38 to 39, in line with forecasts.

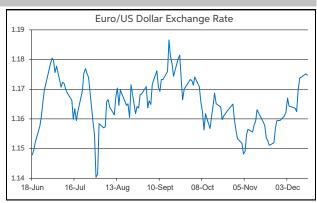
From a currency perspective, the generally uneventful data calendar meant there was little to be of interest and/or provide direction to the majors. This was reflected in the main pairs operating within narrow ranges. This muted price action has continued in overnight trading. As a result, the majors open this morning showing minimal changes over the past 24 hours. EUR/USD continues to change hands in and around the midpoint of the \$1.17-1.18 band. EUR/GBP remains just below the 88p threshold. Elsewhere, similar to yesterday's starting level, GBP/USD is trading just above the halfway point of \$1.33-1.34.

Today's macro diary will generate more interest as it features some important data releases. Indeed, already this morning we have got a raft of UK labour market metrics. This included the unemployment rate, which rose, as anticipated, to 5.1% in the three months to October. Later today, the publication of the delayed US payrolls number for November will entail some event risk for the dollar. Meanwhile, the flash December PMI's from the US, Eurozone and UK will provide an early read on how these economies are performing heading into year end. US retail sales for October are also due.

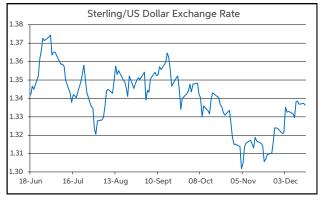
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1747	0.12	13.46		
EUR/GBP	0.8787	0.10	6.21		
GBP/USD	1.3363	0.01	6.81		
GBP/EUR	1.1375	-0.10	-5.85		
USD/JPY	154.92	-0.07	-1.44		
EUR/JPY	182.01	0.06	11.83		
* v Previous Day's European Open					
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Opening Interest Rates						
	Money Market Swap Rates				5	
	<b>Base Rate</b>	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.63	3.74	3.70	3.45	3.61	3.71
EUR	2.00	1.93	2.08	2.20	2.30	2.59
GBP	4.00	3.76	3.73	3.55	3.77	3.92









#### All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



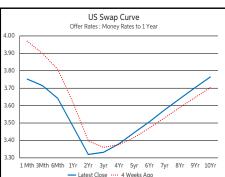
	Euro	
EUR/GBP		0.8787
EUR/USD		1.1747
EUR/JPY		182.01
EUR/SEK		10.9186
EUR/DKK		7.4701
EUR/NOK		11.9248
EUR/CHF		0.9359
EUR/AUD		1.7686
EUR/HKD		9.1375
EUR/CAD		1.6171

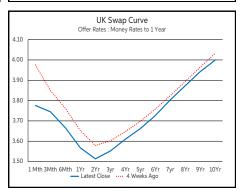
Sterling					
GBP/EUR	1.1375				
GBP/USD	1.3363				
GBP/CAD	1.8393				
GBP/NZD	2.3092				
GBP/JPY	207.05				
GBP/SEK	12.4226				
GBP/DKK	8.4989				
GBP/NOK	13.5692				
GBP/CHF	1.065				
GBP/AUD	2.0114				

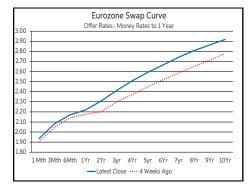
Dollar					
USD/JPY	154.92				
USD/CAD	1.3767				
USD/CHF	0.7969				
USD/CNY	7.0427				
USD/BRL	5.4143				
USD/RUB	79.6205				
USD/INR	90.958				
AUD/USD	0.6641				
NZD/USD	0.5784				

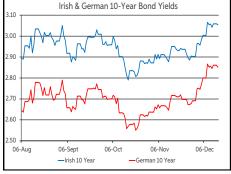












	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.18	-1	+5	-40
Germany	2.85	-1	+14	+49
UK	4.50	-2	-3	-7
Ireland	3.05	-1	+12	+40
Belgium	3.34	-2	+11	+36
France	3.57	-1	+11	+37
Italy	3.54	-2	+9	+2
Spain	3.30	-1	+9	+24
Portugal	3.16	-2	+11	+31
Greece	3.45	-4	+11	+20
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.69	+0	+4	-60
Eurozone	2.56	-2	+13	+33
UK	3.92	-2	-1	-37
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.59	-2	-5	-74
Eurozone	2.28	+0	+8	+9
UK	3.76	-2	-6	-73
 10 Year Governmer	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	nark bps	
Ireland	20	+0	-2	-8
Belgium	49	-1	-3	-13
France	72	-0	-3	-11
Italy	69	-1	-5	-47
Spain	45	+0	-5	-25
Portugal	31	-1	-3	-17
Greece	60	-3	-3	-28

Commodities						
	% Change					
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	60.56	-0.92	-5.67	-18.86		
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27		
Gold \$	4302.2 +0.00 +6.38 +63.97					

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