## **Morning Comment**

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## **UK CPI cools in November**

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment yesterday, amid a slew of data releases on both sides of the Atlantic. This was reflected by the Euro Stoxx 50 declining by 0.6%, while the S&P 500 fell by 0.2%. Meantime on bond markets, benchmark sovereign yields were little changed. Elsewhere, oil prices moved sharply lower yesterday but recovered somewhat overnight. Overall, Brent crude oil fell by around 1.5% and is currently down below \$60 per barrel.

Data-wise, the main release of note was the US labour market report for November. Non-farm payrolls rose by 64k in the month (vs. 50k f'cast) but the unemployment rate rose to 4.6% (vs. 4.4% f'cast). Meanwhile, US retail sales stagnated in October (vs. 0.1% f'cast), although the control group measure jumped by 0.8% in the month (vs. +0.4% f'cast). In terms of more timely data, the US flash PMIs printed below the consensus but remained in expansion mode in December. Similarly, the Eurozone flash PMIs were weaker than anticipated, whereas the UK PMIs were stronger than expected.

Against that backdrop, the dollar was under some modest downward pressure. However, the greenback recouped its losses overnight, as oil prices moved off their lows. Meanwhile, sterling was holding a slightly firmer tone, amid the better than anticipated PMI data.

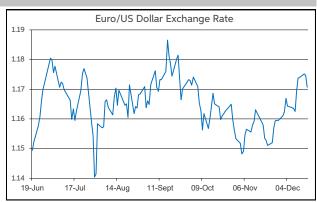
In level terms, the firmer tone to sterling is evidenced by EUR/GBP opening this morning back in the lower half of the 87-88p range. GBP/USD is operating in the \$1.33-1.34 corridor, having traded above the \$1.34 mark yesterday. Elsewhere, EUR/USD is changing hands near to the \$1.17 threshold.

Already this morning, UK CPI data for November have been released. Both the headline and core rates printed below the consensus, at 3.2%. Later today, the final reading of Eurozone HICP is set to confirm that headline inflation rose to 2.2% in November.

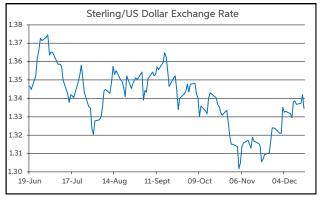
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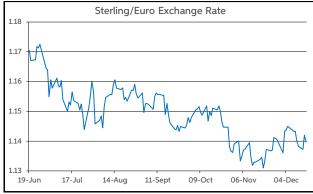
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2024	
EUR/USD	1.1707	-0.36	13.08	
EUR/GBP	0.8771	-0.24	6.02	
GBP/USD	1.3344	-0.13	6.66	
GBP/EUR	1.1396	0.24	-5.68	
USD/JPY	155.39	0.36	-1.14	
EUR/JPY	181.95	0.01	11.80	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		5
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	3.63	3.73	3.69	3.46	3.59	3.71
EUR	2.00	1.93	2.07	2.19	2.27	2.57
GBP	4.00	3.75	3.73	3.58	3.79	3.95









## All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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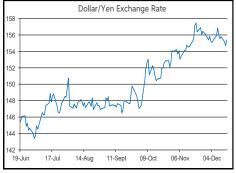
## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8771
EUR/USD	1.1707
EUR/JPY	181.95
EUR/SEK	10.9265
EUR/DKK	7.4708
EUR/NOK	11.9537
EUR/CHF	0.934
EUR/AUD	1.7696
EUR/HKD	9.1066
EUR/CAD	1.6131

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1396			
GBP/USD	1.3344			
GBP/CAD	1.8381			
GBP/NZD	2.3113			
GBP/JPY	207.35			
GBP/SEK	12.4539			
GBP/DKK	8.5074			
GBP/NOK	13.6244			
GBP/CHF	1.0648			
GBP/AUD	2.0162			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	155.39				
USD/CAD	1.3778				
USD/CHF	0.7977				
USD/CNY	7.0457				
USD/BRL	5.5088				
USD/RUB	79.7				
USD/INR	90.35				
AUD/USD	0.6615				
NZD/USD	0.5769				



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Yea

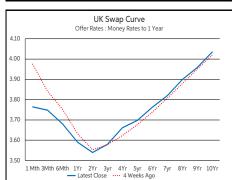
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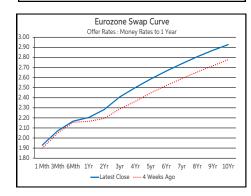
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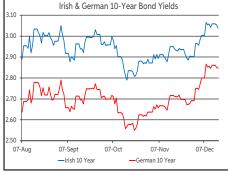
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets		
		Change bps		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.15	-3	+3	-43
Germany	2.85	-0	+14	+48
UK	4.52	+2	-4	-5
Ireland	3.04	-2	+11	+39
Belgium	3.34	-0	+10	+36
France	3.55	-2	+9	+35
Italy	3.51	-3	+4	-1
Spain	3.28	-2	+7	+22
Portugal	3.15	-1	+10	+30
Greece	3.46	+1	+12	+21
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.67	-2	+4	-62
Eurozone	2.57	+1	+14	+33
UK	3.94	+3	+2	-34
2 Year Swap %				
US	3.58	-1	-3	-76
Eurozone	2.28	-0	+9	+9
UK	3.79	+3	-1	-70
10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	ls to Benchr	nark bps	
Ireland	19	-1	-3	-10
Belgium	49	+0	-4	-13
France	70	-1	-5	-13
Italy	66	-3	-9	-50
Spain	44	-1	-7	-26
Portugal	31	-1	-4	-18
Greece	62	+1	-1	-27

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 2				
Brent Oil	59.67	-1.47	-8.04	-20.06	
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27	
Gold \$	4303.5	+0.03	+5.80	+64.02	

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