

Main FX pairs remain tightly range bound

Price action across financial markets remained somewhat muted yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.7%, as the positive mood from the US a day prior spilled over to the European session. However, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished flat, with the index unable to surmount the psychologically important 5,000 level.

Meanwhile, oil prices continued to rise, with Brent Crude up above the \$81 per barrel mark. On bond markets, yields climbed 3-8bps higher in the US, Eurozone and UK. Notably, the move in UK yields was concentrated at the front end of the curve, following a slight firming in UK market rate expectations. This coincided with some hawkish remarks from BoE MPC member Mann.

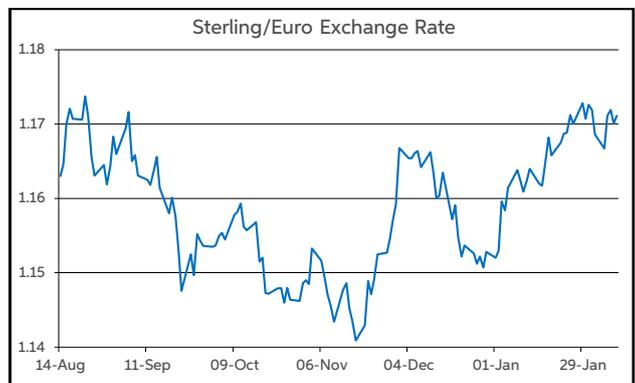
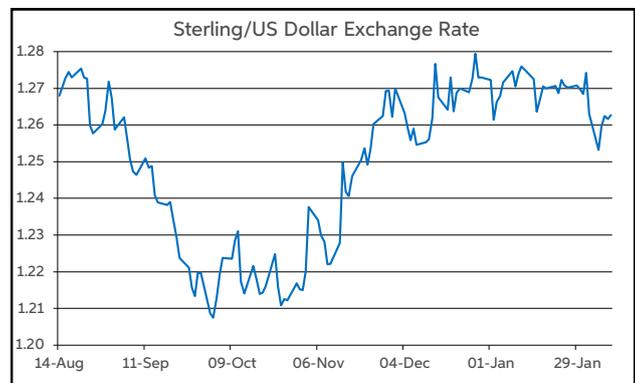
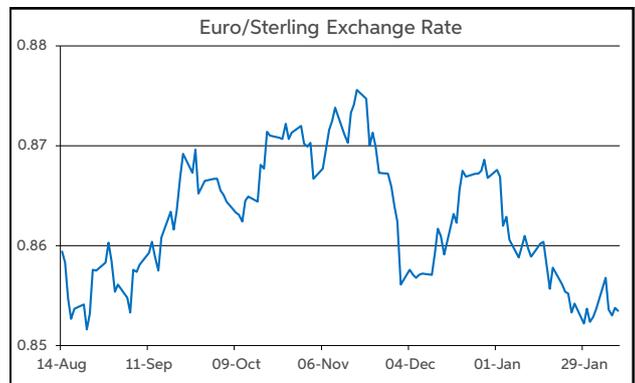
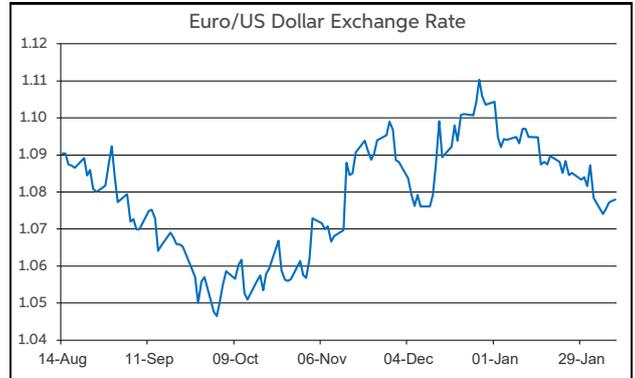
Elsewhere, US and Eurozone market rate expectations hardened marginally. Central bank officials from the Fed and ECB reiterated in comments yesterday, that they need more assurances that inflation is falling to 2% sustainably before cutting rates.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs remained confined to very tight ranges yesterday. Of the limited price action to register, the yen stayed on the defensive. The Japanese currency fell by circa 0.5% against the euro and dollar.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD opens at an identical level to the day before, in the top half of \$1.07-1.08. GBP/USD is in the lower half of \$1.26-1.27. EUR/GBP remains between 85-86p. Elsewhere, EUR/JPY is trading up at the ¥161 threshold.

Turning to the day ahead, there is a relatively barren data schedule on both sides of the Atlantic. As a result, range trading is likely to remain the order of the day on currency markets.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.078	-0.01	-2.32
EUR/GBP	0.8534	-0.02	-1.55
GBP/USD	1.2625	-0.03	-0.82
GBP/EUR	1.171	0.02	1.57
USD/JPY	149.3	0.49	5.84
EUR/JPY	160.97	0.48	3.43

* v Previous Day's European Open

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Opening Interest Rates						
Base Rate	Money Market		Swap Rates			
	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr	
USD	5.38	5.44	5.58	5.15	4.62	4.15
EUR	4.50	3.87	3.90	3.61	3.11	2.75
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.20	4.97	4.71	4.20

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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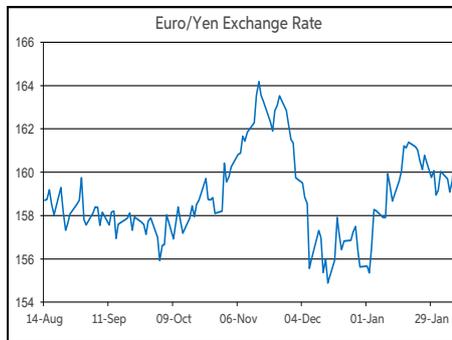
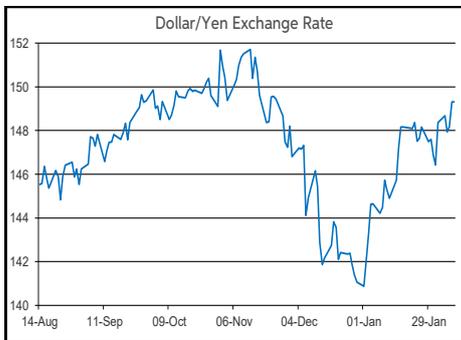
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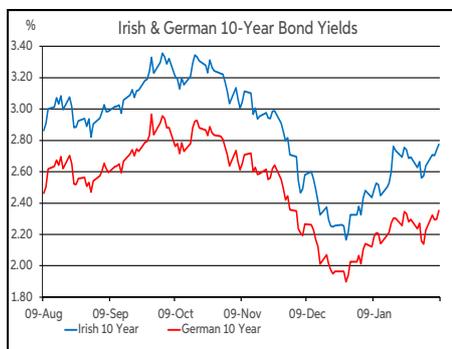
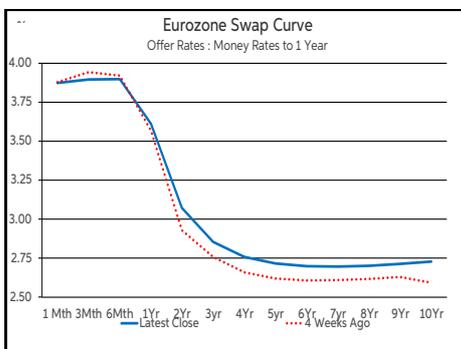
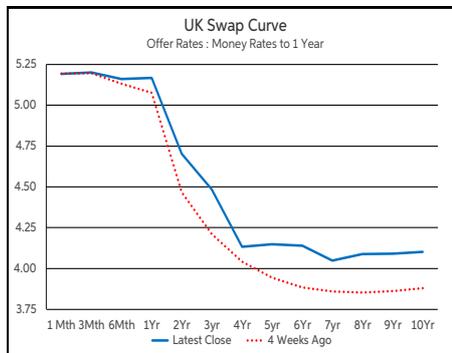
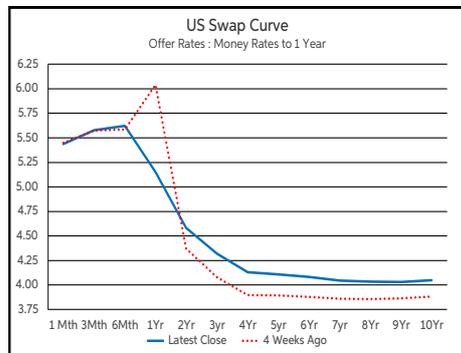
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8536	GBP/EUR	1.1708	USD/JPY	149.3
EUR/USD	1.0779	GBP/USD	1.2625	USD/CAD	1.3456
EUR/JPY	160.95	GBP/CAD	1.6993	USD/CHF	0.8743
EUR/SEK	11.2837	GBP/NZD	2.0585	USD/CNY	7.1928
EUR/DKK	7.4546	GBP/JPY	188.49	USD/BRL	4.992
EUR/NOK	11.4335	GBP/SEK	13.2216	USD/RUB	90.7425
EUR/CHF	0.9426	GBP/DKK	8.7305	USD/INR	82.99
EUR/AUD	1.6566	GBP/NOK	13.4049	AUD/USD	0.6506
EUR/HKD	8.4319	GBP/CHF	1.1042	NZD/USD	0.6132
EUR/CAD	1.4507	GBP/AUD	1.9405		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.16	+4	+18	+29
Germany	2.36	+6	+15	+33
UK	4.06	+6	+21	+52
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.11	+5	+26	+32
Eurozone	2.72	+3	+11	+29
UK	4.15	+7	+21	+50
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.58	+3	+25	+25
Eurozone	3.07	+2	+15	+28
UK	4.70	+5	+24	+44
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	47	-1	+15	+12
Belgium	63	-3	-2	-3
France	51	-2	-3	-2
Italy	158	-2	-3	-9
Spain	93	-2	-3	-4
Portugal	73	+0	-2	-3
Greece	103	-3	-6	-2



Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	81.63	+3.06	+5.45	+5.96
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2033.2	-0.05	+0.25	-1.43

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