## **Morning Comment**

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## Eurozone inflation data & US payrolls due Friday

Markets have been generally subdued over the Christmas period. Investor sentiment started 2023 in a positive mood though, with the Euro Stoxx 50 rising by 1.6% yesterday. US equity markets were closed for the New Year's Day Holiday.

On the currency front, the main pairs were confined to relatively narrow trading ranges over the festive period. Of the limited moves to note, the euro was holding a slightly firmer tone. This sees EUR/GBP open this morning up in the 88-89p range. Meantime, EUR/USD is operating at the midpoint of \$1.06-1.07.

Looking back over 2022 from a currency view point, the first nine months of the year were characterised by significant dollar strength. A perfect storm of increased uncertainty, a rapid pace of rate hikes from the Fed and higher commodity prices supported the greenback. However, in the final quarter of the year the dollar rally lost momentum as commodity price pressures eased and other central banks stepped up the pace of rate hikes.

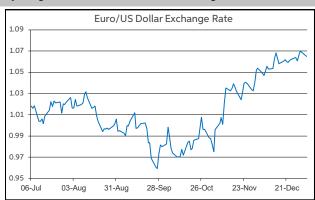
The clear message from central banks as we come into 2023 is that rates will have to rise further and remain at elevated levels for some time to return inflation back to target. In this regard, the market is now pricing in close to 150bps worth of additional rate hikes by the ECB in the first half of the year.

Key in determining how much further rates will rise will be the future path of inflation. As a result, the flash reading of Eurozone HICP for December will garner close attention this week. The headline rate is projected to fall to 9.7% from 10.1%. Elsewhere, the US labour market report for December is also due. Payrolls are expected to rise by a solid 200k in the month.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
	_	Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0653	-0.37	-0.46	
EUR/GBP	0.8829	-0.25	-0.17	
GBP/USD	1.206	-0.12	-0.31	
GBP/EUR	1.1319	0.25	0.17	
USD/JPY	129.94	-0.76	-0.89	
EUR/JPY	138.43	-1.17	-1.33	
* 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	4.375	4.39	4.77	5.08	4.67	3.94	
EUR	2.50	1.88	2.13	3.26	3.36	3.16	
GBP	3.50	3.47	3.87	4.66	4.71	4.36	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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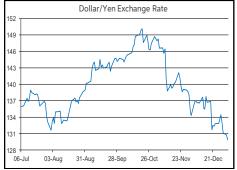
## **Opening Levels**



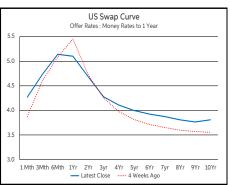
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.883
EUR/USD	1.0651
EUR/JPY	138.45
EUR/SEK	11.1357
EUR/DKK	7.4362
EUR/NOK	10.494
EUR/CHF	0.9853
EUR/AUD	1.5668
EUR/HKD	8.3188
EUR/CAD	1.4428

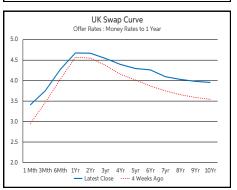
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1319			
GBP/USD	1.206			
GBP/CAD	1.6335			
GBP/NZD	1.91			
GBP/JPY	156.72			
GBP/SEK	12.607			
GBP/DKK	8.4195			
GBP/NOK	11.88			
GBP/CHF	1.1156			
GBP/AUD	1.7739			

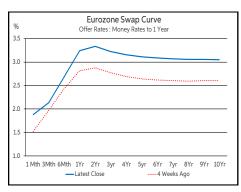
Dollar				
USD/JPY	129.95			
USD/CAD	1.3543			
USD/CHF	0.9249			
USD/CNY	6.8883			
USD/BRL	5.3633			
USD/RUB	69.9955			
USD/INR	82.763			
AUD/USD	0.6798			
NZD/USD	0.6311			

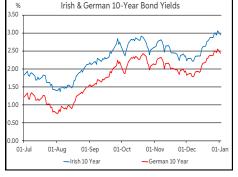












	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.88	+6	+30	+0	
Germany	2.44	-12	+56	-12	
UK	3.67	+1	+57	+0	
Ireland	2.98	-16	+66	-16	
Belgium	3.06	-14	+64	-14	
France	2.98	-13	+65	-13	
Italy	4.56	-15	+80	-15	
Spain	3.52	-14	+64	-14	
Portugal	3.47	-13	+66	-13	
Greece	4.66	+7	+79	+7	
5 Year Swap %					
US	4.00	-O	+22	-0	
Eurozone	3.11	-12	+48	-12	
UK	4.30	-1	+29	-1	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.69	+1	+0	+1	
Eurozone	3.34	-5	+47	-5	
UK	4.67	-1	+13	-1	
10 Year Governm		ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	54	-4	+10	-4	
Belgium	61	-2	+8	-2	
France	54	-1	+9	-1	
Italy	211	-3	+24	-3	
Spain	108	-2	+8	-2	
Portugal	103	-1	+10	-1	
Greece	222	+19	+23	+19	

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 22				
Brent Oil	85.91	+4.44	+3.91	+0.00	
West Texas Oil	80.16	+2.21	+4.33	+0.00	
Gold \$	1823.7	-0.04	+3.13	-0.04	

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