Morning Comment

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EUR/USD back below \$1.06

There was a mixed mood on markets yesterday, amid choppy trading conditions. The Euro Stoxx 50 rose by 0.7%, buoyed in part by some better than anticipated German inflation data. Meantime, having initially moved higher, the S&P 500 finished the first trading day of the year down by 0.4%. On bond markets, yields declined across the board, with 10 year US, German and UK yields falling by 2-13bps, respectively.

Currency-wise, the euro was under some downward pressure, following the release of the aforementioned German inflation data. Headline HICP eased to 9.6% in December from 11.3% (and vs. 10.7% f'cast), in part due to fiscal supports to reduce energy prices. The data raise the prospect that inflation may have peaked in the largest Eurozone economy, although, it is likely to remain elevated for some time. The euro did recover slightly late on, but still finished the day down by 0.7% against the dollar and 0.3% versus sterling. Elsewhere, the yen was on the back-foot.

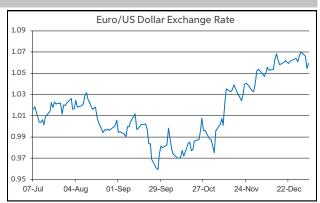
In level terms, the softer tone to the euro is reflected by EUR/USD opening this morning back below the \$1.06 threshold. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is changing hands back at the 88p mark. Cable (GBP/USD) is operating in the lower half of the \$1.20-1.21 corridor. USD/JPY is trading in the \$130-131 range, having started yesterday with a \$129 handle.

Turning to the day ahead, a busy data schedule in the US, includes the manufacturing ISM for December and the release of the latest Fed FOMC meeting minutes. The ISM is projected to edge further below the key 50 level, consistent with a contraction in activity in the sector. Meanwhile, the minutes will garner close attention as investors look for clues regarding the future path of rate hikes.

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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | _ | Day * | End 2022 | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.0591 | -0.67 | -1.04 | | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8805 | -0.34 | -0.44 | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2028 | -0.33 | -0.57 | | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1353 | 0.34 | 0.44 | | |
| USD/JPY | 130.25 | 0.34 | -0.66 | | |
| EUR/JPY | 137.99 | -0.30 | -1.65 | | |
| * 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 | 4.375 | 4.39 | 4.77 | 5.04 | 4.61 | 3.83 |
| EUR | 2.50 | 1.88 | 2.16 | 3.20 | 3.23 | 2.95 |
| GBP | 3.50 | 3.47 | 3.87 | 4.61 | 4.57 | 4.20 |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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Opening Levels



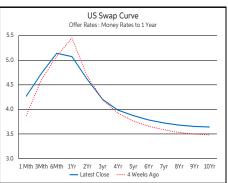
| Euro | |
|---------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | 0.8805 |
| EUR/USD | 1.0591 |
| EUR/JPY | 137.97 |
| EUR/SEK | 11.1361 |
| EUR/DKK | 7.4364 |
| EUR/NOK | 10.6031 |
| EUR/CHF | 0.9842 |
| EUR/AUD | 1.5486 |
| EUR/HKD | 8.2816 |
| EUR/CAD | 1.443 |

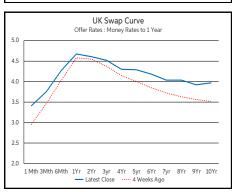
| Sterling | | | | |
|----------|---------|--|--|--|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1351 | | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.2026 | | | |
| GBP/CAD | 1.6386 | | | |
| GBP/NZD | 1.9049 | | | |
| GBP/JPY | 156.65 | | | |
| GBP/SEK | 12.641 | | | |
| GBP/DKK | 8.4426 | | | |
| GBP/NOK | 12.0387 | | | |
| GBP/CHF | 1.1176 | | | |
| GBP/AUD | 1.7583 | | | |

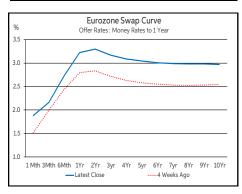
| Dollar | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| USD/JPY | 130.26 | | | | |
| USD/CAD | 1.3623 | | | | |
| USD/CHF | 0.9291 | | | | |
| USD/CNY | 6.8905 | | | | |
| USD/BRL | 5.4797 | | | | |
| USD/RUB | 71.4 | | | | |
| USD/INR | 82.83 | | | | |
| AUD/USD NZD/USD | 0.6839 0.6311 | | | | |
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| | Debt | Markets | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------|--|
| | | Change bps | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 22 | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | |
| US | 3.75 | -13 | +22 | -13 | |
| Germany | 2.38 | -7 | +58 | -19 | |
| UK | 3.65 | -2 | +57 | -2 | |
| Ireland | 2.91 | -8 | +64 | -24 | |
| Belgium | 3.00 | -6 | +63 | -20 | |
| France | 2.92 | -6 | +67 | -19 | |
| Italy | 4.50 | -5 | +85 | -20 | |
| Spain | 3.46 | -6 | +66 | -20 | |
| Portugal | 3.40 | -7 | +67 | -20 | |
| Greece | 4.62 | -4 | +82 | +3 | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 3.88 | -12 | +15 | -12 | |
| Eurozone | 3.04 | -7 | +47 | -19 | |
| UK | 4.29 | -1 | +29 | -2 | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 4.61 | -7 | -3 | -6 | |
| Eurozone | 3.30 | -4 | +47 | -9 | |
| UK | 4.61 | -6 | +7 | -7 | |
| 10 Year Governm | ent Bond Spre | ads to Ben | chmark bps | | |
| Ireland | 53 | -1 | +6 | -5 | |
| Belgium | 63 | +1 | +5 | -1 | |
| France | 55 | +1 | +9 | -0 | |
| Italy | 212 | +1 | +27 | -2 | |
| Spain | 108 | +0 | +8 | -1 | |
| Portugal | 103 | +0 | +9 | -1 | |
| Greece | 224 | +3 | +24 | +21 | |

| Commodities | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| | | % Change | | | | | |
| | Close Day 4 Weeks End 22 | | | | | | |
| Brent Oil | 82.1 | -4.43 | +3.47 | -4.43 | | | |
| West Texas Oil | 76.87 | -4.10 | +3.58 | -4.10 | | | |
| Gold \$ | 1839.5 | +0.87 | +3.87 | +0.83 | | | |

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