## **Morning Comment**

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## Quiet day on markets

There was a mixed tone to investor sentiment yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 fell back modestly, by 0.3%, having moved sharply higher since the start of the year. On Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished with a 0.7% gain on the day. Elsewhere, oil prices rose by circa 0.5%, with Brent crude inching higher, back up to \$80 per barrel.

In terms of fixed income markets, yields rose across the board. US Treasury yields climbed 5-9bps higher. Similarly, German Bund yields increased by circa 8bps. Meanwhile, UK Gilt yields moved a more modest 2-3bps higher.

On the currency front, the majors traded in very narrow ranges throughout the day. A sparse data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. The only release of note, US Small Business Optimism, edged lower to 89.8 in December from 91.9. However, the data did not impact the dollar. There was also no market moving comments from the raft of central bank speakers yesterday, which included Fed Chair Powell.

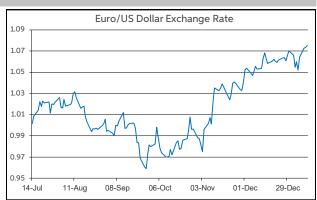
As trading gets underway this morning, the majors open at very similar levels to 24 hours ago. EUR/USD remains in and around the midpoint of the \$1.07-1.08 corridor. Meantime, EUR/GBP has held its ground above the 88p threshold, with the pair continuing to change hands in the bottom half of the 88-89p band. Cable (GBP/USD) is operating above the midpoint of \$1.21-1.22. Elsewhere, USD/JPY continues to straddle the ¥132 handle.

Turning to the day ahead, the data schedule, once again, is very light on both sides of the Atlantic. As a result, currency markets may continue to trade sideways, ahead of the key data release, US CPI inflation for December, due tomorrow.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2022		
EUR/USD	1.0752	0.10	0.47		
EUR/GBP	0.8832	0.12	-0.14		
GBP/USD	1.217	-0.03	0.60		
GBP/EUR	1.1316	-0.12	0.14		
USD/JPY	132.28	0.39	0.89		
EUR/JPY	142.22	0.47	1.37		
* 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	4.43	4.81	5.04	4.50	3.69
EUR	2.50	1.90	2.27	3.27	3.28	2.92
GBP	3.50	3.58	3.96	4.58	4.47	4.10









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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## **Opening Levels**



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8832
EUR/USD	1.0752
EUR/JPY	142.22
EUR/SEK	11.1918
EUR/DKK	7.4366
EUR/NOK	10.7233
EUR/CHF	0.9899
EUR/AUD	1.556
EUR/HKD	8.3994
EUR/CAD	1.4427

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1316			
GBP/USD	1.217			
GBP/CAD	1.6331			
GBP/NZD	1.9093			
GBP/JPY	160.98			
GBP/SEK	12.6727			
GBP/DKK	8.4165			
GBP/NOK	12.1375			
GBP/CHF	1.1207			
GBP/AUD	1.7613			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	132.28				
USD/CAD	1.3418				
USD/CHF	0.9209				
USD/CNY	6.7713				
USD/BRL	5.1997				
USD/RUB	69.65				
USD/INR	81.648				
AUD/USD	0.6909				
NZD/USD	0.6372				

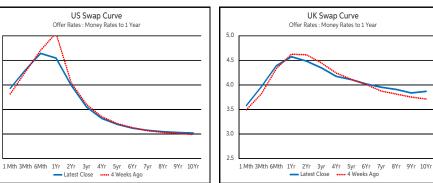


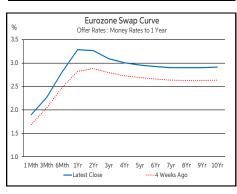
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	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.62	+9	+11	-26	
Germany	2.30	+8	+39	-26	
UK	3.56	+3	+27	-11	
Ireland	2.78	+5	+38	-37	
Belgium	2.89	+5	+40	-31	
France	2.80	+7	+41	-31	
Italy	4.22	+4	+42	-48	
Spain	3.33	+7	+40	-32	
Portugal	3.26	+7	+43	-34	
Greece	4.38	-7	+43	-21	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.70	+6	+2	-30	
Eurozone	2.96	+5	+28	-27	
UK	4.11	+2	+5	-19	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.49	+4	-1	-19	
Eurozone	3.27	+3	+40	-12	
UK	4.48	+3	-13	-20	
10 Year Governi	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	48	-3	-1	-11	
Belgium	59	-3	+1	-5	
France	50	-1	+2	-5	
Italy	192	-4	+3	-22	
Spain	103	-2	+1	-6	
Portugal	96	-2	+3	-7	
Greece	208	-15	+4	+5	

Commodities								
		% Change						
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 22						
Brent Oil	80.1	+0.56	-0.72	-6.76				
West Texas Oil	75.11	+0.56	-0.44	-6.30				
Gold \$	1877.3	+0.30	+3.70	+2.90				

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