Morning Comment

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Subdued action to start the week

Yesterday's market action was generally subdued. The lack of any macro data releases as well as the fact that it was a market holiday in the US (Martin Luther King Day) contributed to the muted moves. In Europe, investor sentiment was holding a cautious tone. The Euro Stoxx 50 eked out a modest rise of 0.1%. It was also an uneventful day on European fixed income markets. The main benchmark yields registered only minimal changes.

On the currency front, most of the main pairs were confined to tight trading ranges. Of the moves to register over the past 24 hours, the dollar has managed to steady itself and has moved off its recent lows against the euro and sterling.

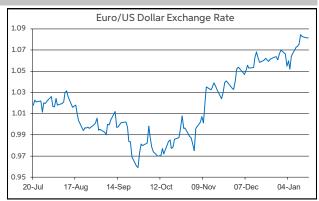
In level terms, EUR/USD has edged back within the lower half of the \$1.08-1.09 trading band. GBP/USD has traded back below the \$1.22 threshold. Meantime, EUR/GBP has moved modestly higher, above the midpoint of 88-89p. Elsewhere, the Yen's recent rally took a breather yesterday, with the currency giving back some of its gains, including against the dollar and the euro.

After yesterday's sparse macro diary, already this morning we have got a raft of macro updates. Chinese GDP expanded by 3% last year, well below its official growth target of 5.5%. Meantime, we have also had a plethora of data on the UK labour market, mostly covering the three month period to November. The unemployment rate, as expected remained at 3.7%. Later this morning, the German ZEW survey of investor sentiment for January is due. Meanwhile, the highlight from a quiet US schedule is the Empire manufacturing survey for January. Overnight, the conclusion of the BoJ monetary policy meeting will garner close attention on markets.

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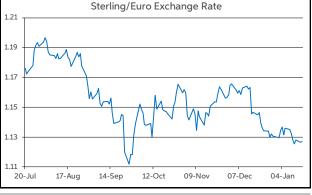
Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0814	-0.41	1.05	
EUR/GBP	0.8869	0.16	0.28	
GBP/USD	1.2191	-0.59	0.78	
GBP/EUR	1.1268	-0.16	-0.28	
USD/JPY	128.88	1.00	-1.70	
EUR/JPY	139.39	0.58	-0.65	
* v Previous Day's European Open				
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Opening Interest Rates						
		Money Market		Swap Rates		
	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.375	4.46	4.79	5.05	4.51	3.68
EUR	2.50	1.91	2.33	3.24	3.20	2.81
GBP	3.50	3.66	4.00	4.55	4.34	3.91









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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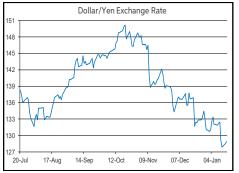
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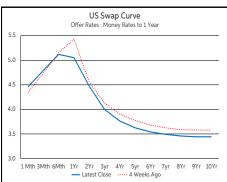
Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8869
EUR/USD	1.0814
EUR/JPY	139.39
EUR/SEK	11.2953
EUR/DKK	7.4377
EUR/NOK	10.7265
EUR/CHF	1.0002
EUR/AUD	1.5553
EUR/HKD	8.4569
EUR/CAD	1.4512

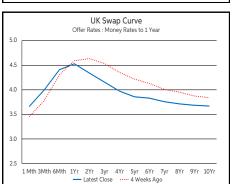
Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1268	
GBP/USD	1.2191	
GBP/CAD	1.6359	
GBP/NZD	1.9078	
GBP/JPY	157.08	
GBP/SEK	12.7334	
GBP/DKK	8.3831	
GBP/NOK	12.0933	
GBP/CHF	1.1275	
GBP/AUD	1.7532	

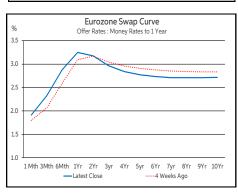
Dollar				
USD/JPY	128.88			
USD/CAD	1.3417			
USD/CHF	0.9247			
USD/CNY	6.776			
USD/BRL	5.1474			
USD/RUB	68.55			
USD/INR	81.813			
AUD/USD	0.6953			
NZD/USD	0.6388			













	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.50	+5	-9	-38	
Germany	2.20	+5	-1	-37	
UK	3.38	+2	-12	-29	
Ireland	2.60	+1	-12	-54	
Belgium	2.72	+0	-10	-49	
France	2.64	+0	-8	-48	
Italy	4.01	+0	-36	-69	
Spain	3.16	-O	-13	-49	
Portugal	3.09	+1	-14	-51	
Greece	4.15	+6	-19	-44	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.62	+2	-11	-37	
Eurozone	2.77	-1	-13	-46	
UK	3.86	-2	-34	-44	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.47	+3	-5	-20	
Eurozone	3.17	-2	+1	-22	
UK	4.34	+1	-29	-34	
10 Year Governn	nent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps		
Ireland	41	-4	-12	-18	
Belgium	52	-5	-9	-12	
France	44	-5	-8	-11	
Italy	182	-5	-36	-32	
Spain	97	-6	-13	-13	
Portugal	90	-4	-13	-14	
Greece	195	+1	-19	-8	

Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	84.46	-0.96	+5.84	-1.69
West Texas Oil	79.9	+2.02	+6.46	-0.32
Gold \$	1918.0	-0.12	+7.30	+5.13

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