

Risk appetite sours

Risk appetite soured yesterday as disappointing quarterly earnings reports prompted more concerns over the economic outlook. The Euro Stoxx 50 shed 1.9%, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 fell by 0.8%. Elsewhere, oil prices continued to trend higher, with Brent crude rising above \$86 per barrel.

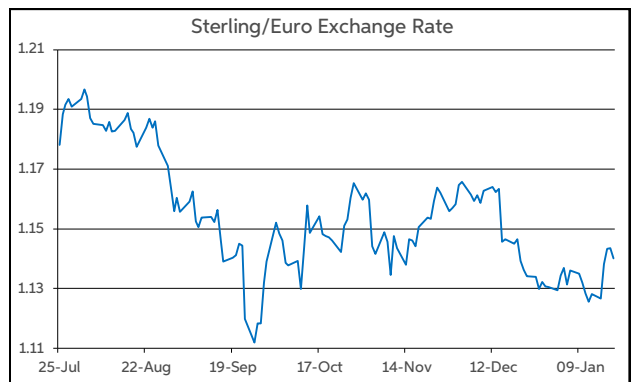
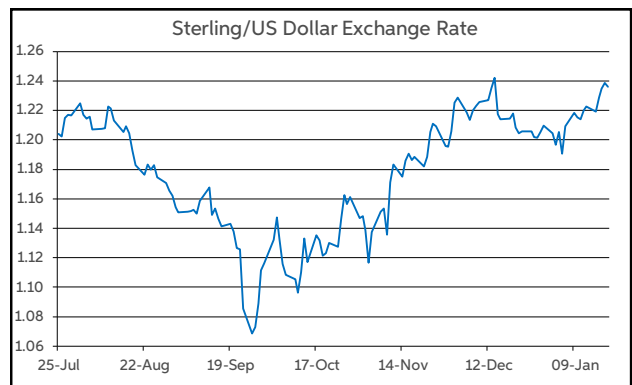
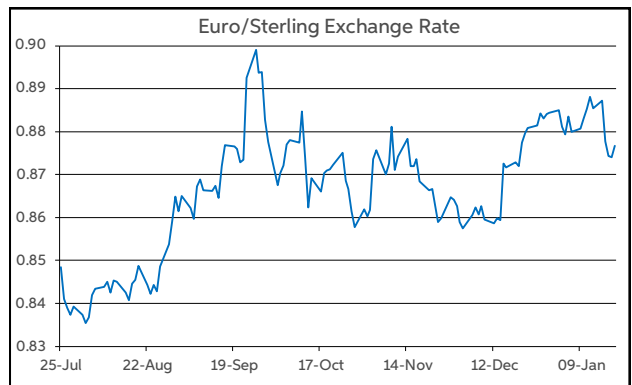
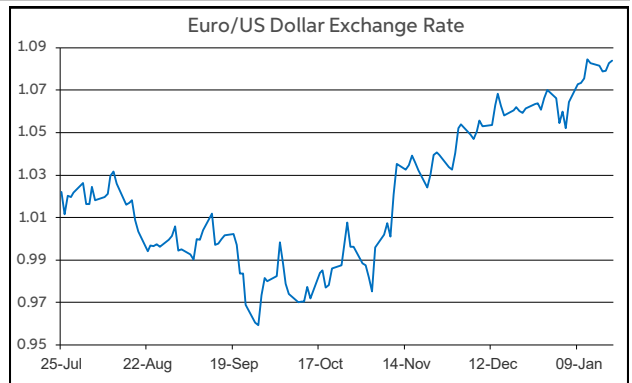
On the monetary policy front, the ECB policy meeting account for December struck a hawkish tone. The minutes showed “a large number” of participants were in favour of a bigger 75bps rate hike than the 50bps increase that was delivered. Meanwhile, ECB President Lagarde maintained a hawkish bias in comments yesterday. In the US, Fed official Collins struck a hawkish chord, stating that rates will need to rise to “just above 5%” and remain there for a period of time. Similarly, FOMC voters Brainard and Williams noted rates will have to remain restrictive for some time.

Currency-wise, the main pairs operated in tight trading ranges. Of the limited moves to register, the dollar was holding a slightly softer tone. Elsewhere, the yen has been on the defensive over the past 24 hours.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning in the lower half of \$1.08-1.09. Meantime, GBP/USD is operating near the midpoint of \$1.23-1.24. EUR/GBP is changing hands in the top half of 87-88p. USD/JPY is trading up close to the ¥129 threshold.

Already this morning, UK retail sales have printed well below the consensus, falling by 1% in December (vs+0.5% f'cast). Similarly, UK, consumer confidence deteriorated to -45 in January, below expectations of an improvement to -40. Later today, remarks from ECB President Lagarde will be of interest once again.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0838	0.44	1.27
EUR/GBP	0.8766	0.19	-0.88
GBP/USD	1.2361	0.24	2.18
GBP/EUR	1.1402	-0.19	0.89
USD/JPY	128.89	0.72	-1.69
EUR/JPY	139.71	1.16	-0.42

* 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	4.375	4.49	4.81	5.02	4.41	3.56
EUR	2.50	1.99	2.34	3.25	3.17	2.75
GBP	3.50	3.72	4.04	4.58	4.33	3.86

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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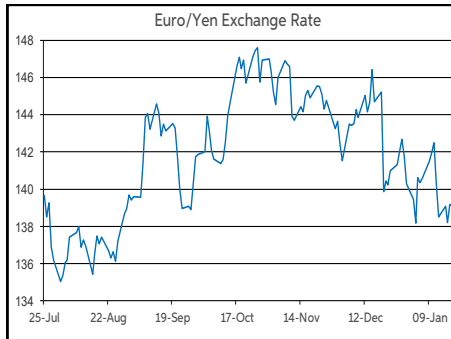
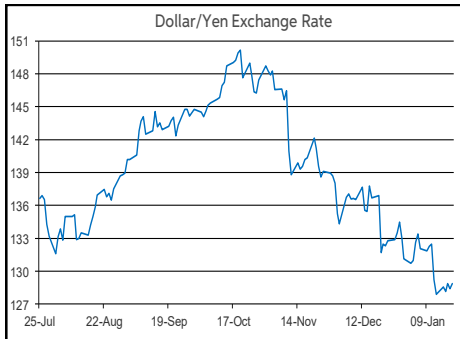
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Opening Levels

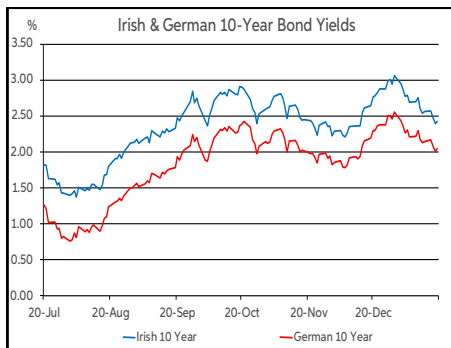
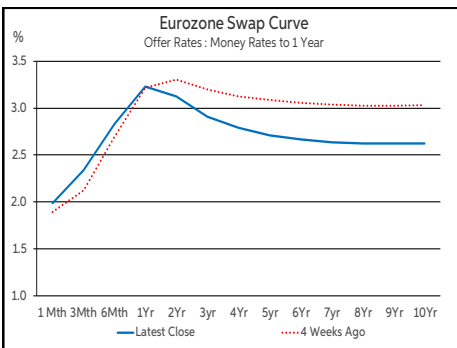
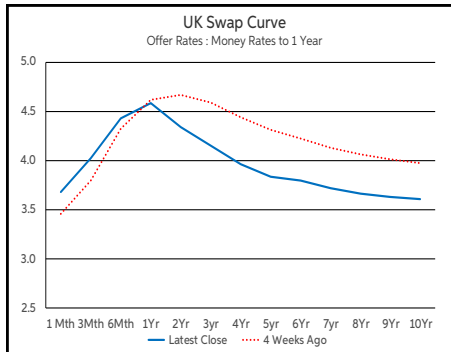
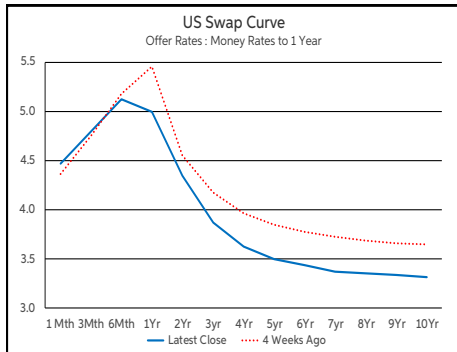
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8766	GBP/EUR	1.1402	USD/JPY	128.89
EUR/USD	1.0838	GBP/USD	1.2361	USD/CAD	1.3453
EUR/JPY	139.71	GBP/CAD	1.6629	USD/CHF	0.9158
EUR/SEK	11.1837	GBP/NZD	1.9248	USD/CNY	6.7741
EUR/DKK	7.439	GBP/JPY	159.32	USD/BRL	5.1741
EUR/NOK	10.7165	GBP/SEK	12.7546	USD/RUB	68.7
EUR/CHF	0.9926	GBP/DKK	8.4831	USD/INR	81.18
EUR/AUD	1.5623	GBP/NOK	12.2237		
EUR/HKD	8.4918	GBP/CHF	1.1321	AUD/USD	0.6937
EUR/CAD	1.4581	GBP/AUD	1.7818	NZD/USD	0.642



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	3.40	+3	-29	-48
Germany	2.05	+4	-32	-51
UK	3.28	-3	-31	-39
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.50	+4	-31	-50
Eurozone	2.71	+6	-36	-52
UK	3.84	-6	-44	-47
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.35	+5	-17	-33
Eurozone	3.13	+5	-17	-26
UK	4.34	-1	-33	-34
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	41	+0	-12	-17
Belgium	51	-1	-9	-12
France	43	-0	-9	-12
Italy	171	-3	-39	-43
Spain	97	+2	-10	-12
Portugal	86	-1	-17	-18
Greece	198	+0	-16	-5



Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	86.16	+1.39	+6.40	+0.29
West Texas Oil	80.31	+0.98	+3.39	+0.19
Gold \$	1931.4	+1.45	+7.74	+5.86

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