Morning Comment

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Subdued mood on markets

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Investor sentiment continued to hold a cautious tone yesterday. Both the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 finished flat for the day. In terms of fixed income, sovereign bond yields were confined to fairly tight ranges.

Meanwhile, on currency markets, the majors operated in very narrow corridors also. A sparse data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action. The only release of note, the German Ifo survey for January, printed in-line with the consensus, rising to 90.2 from 88.6. However, as the data matched expectations, the release did not impact the euro. Similarly, a raft of hawkish comments from a number of ECB Governing Council members did not affect the single currency yesterday.

Of the limited moves to register on the exchanges, sterling recouped some of its losses form the day before. The pound rose by circa 0.5% against the euro and the dollar. Elsewhere, the yen was on the front foot, as 10-year JGB yields climbed up towards the upper bound of the Bank of Japan's yield curve band.

As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/GBP opens back down at the 88p level. GBP/USD is changing hands up in the top half of \$1.23-1.24. Meanwhile, EUR/USD continues to straddle the \$1.09 handle. USD/JPY is trading below the ¥130 threshold.

Today, a busy US data docket includes the first reading of Q4 GDP. The consensus is that the US economy expanded by 2.6% in annualised terms in the final quarter of 2022. The Q4 reading of core-PCE inflation will also garner close attention. However, barring any major surprise, the data may not impact the dollar.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.092	0.22	2.04	
EUR/GBP	0.8811	-0.37	-0.37	
GBP/USD	1.2392	0.58	2.44	
GBP/EUR	1.1344	0.37	0.37	
USD/JPY	129.63	-0.62	-1.13	
EUR/JPY	141.56	-0.42	0.90	
' v Previous Day's European Open				
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		Opening Interest Rates				
		Money	Market		Swap Rates	
E	Base Rate	1-Mth	3-Mth	1-Yr	2-Yr	5-Yr
USD	4.375	4.52	4.81	5.00	4.42	3.61
EUR	2.50	2.05	2.50	3.27	3.21	2.86
GBP	3.50	3.80	4.07	4.52	4.21	3.79

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

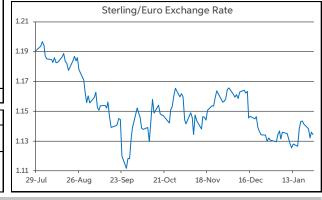
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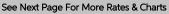
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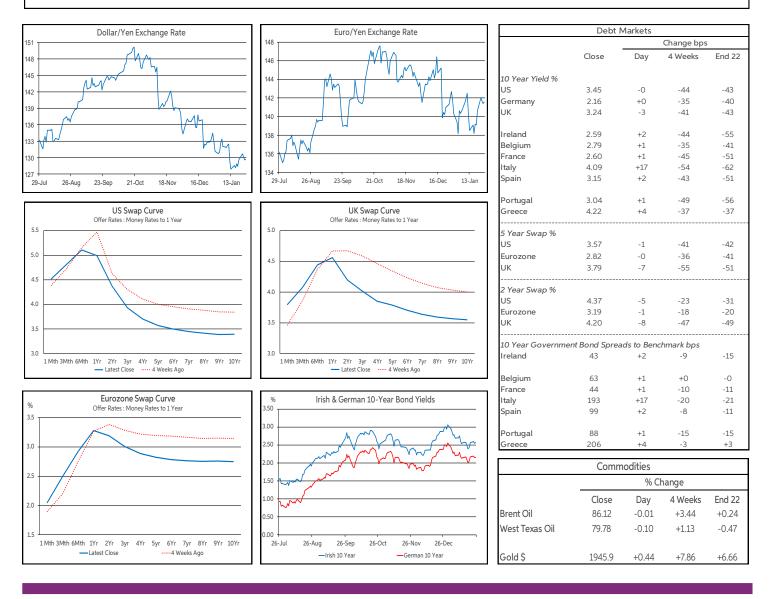
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Eur	0
EUR/GBP	0.8811
EUR/USD	1.092
EUR/JPY	141.56
EUR/SEK	11.1459
EUR/DKK	7.438
EUR/NOK	10.8166
EUR/CHF	1.0023
EUR/AUD	1.5358
EUR/HKD	8.5539
EUR/CAD	1.4632

Sterling		
GBP/EUR	1.1344	
GBP/USD	1.2392	
GBP/CAD	1.6604	
GBP/NZD	1.9105	
GBP/JPY	160.64	
GBP/SEK	12.647	
GBP/DKK	8.4393	
GBP/NOK	12.269	
GBP/CHF	1.1374	
GBP/AUD	1.7427	

Dollar				
USD/JPY	129.63			
USD/CAD	1.3399			
USD/CHF	0.9178			
USD/CNY	6.7825			
USD/BRL	5.0734			
USD/RUB	69.45			
USD/INR	81.429			
AUD/USD	0.711			
NZD/USD	0.6483			



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