

Market looks to Fed meeting for rate cut timeline

There was somewhat of a mixed tone to investor sentiment yesterday. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.5%. However, after outperforming the previous day, the S&P 500 was flat at the close on Wall Street last night. On bond markets, yields edged higher, reversing some of their falls from Monday.

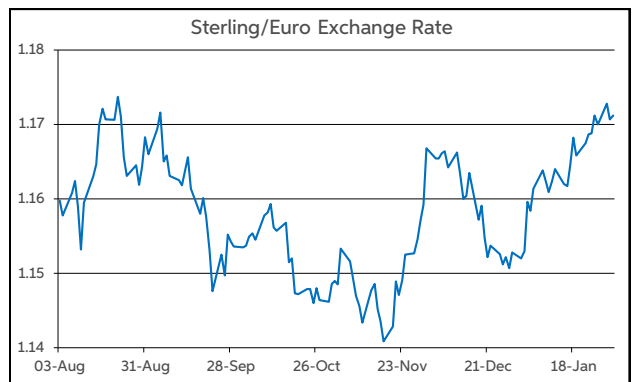
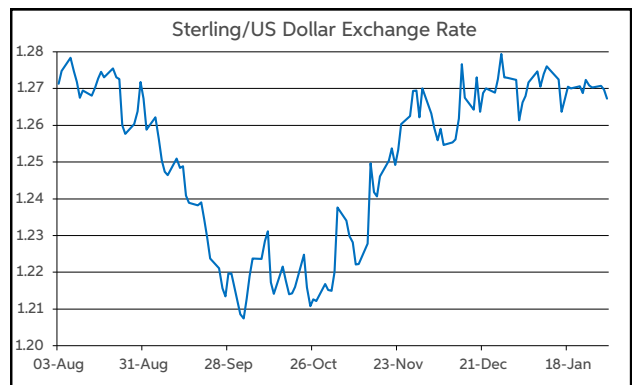
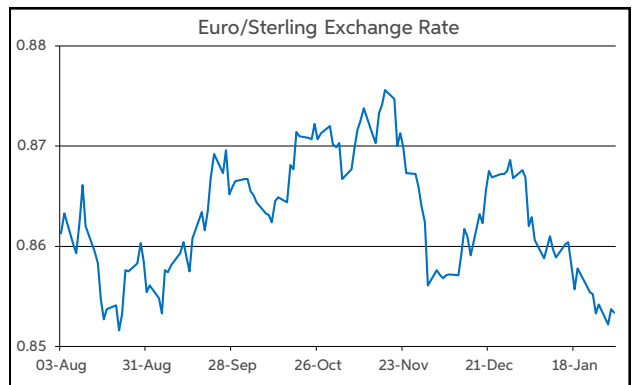
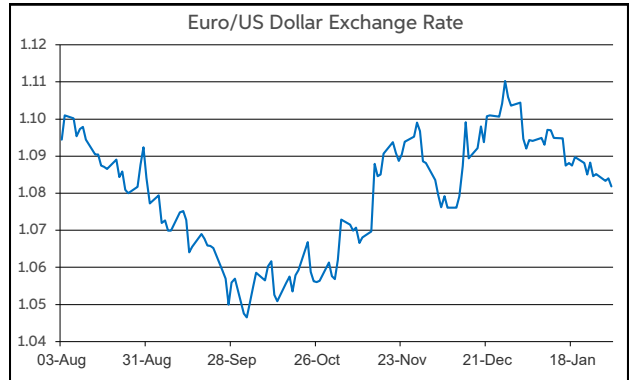
Data-wise, the main highlights of yesterday's calendar were the raft of Q4 GDP readings from the Eurozone, with Spanish, Italian, French, German and the currency bloc aggregate all being released. Overall, the GDP numbers showed that the Eurozone economy was stagnant in Q4 amid a contraction in Germany, stagnation in France and modest growth in Spain and Italy.

Meanwhile, the timelier EC sentiment indices for January indicate that the Eurozone economy started the year lacking in momentum. Elsewhere on the data front, US consumer confidence for January improved broadly in line with expectations.

On the currency front, there was no noticeable reaction to the macro updates. The main pairs remained confined to narrow ranges. As trading gets underway this morning, EUR/USD continues to trade in the lower half of \$1.08-1.09. Meantime, EUR/GBP is changing hands just below the midpoint of 85-86p.

Attention today will be centred on the conclusion (after European close) of the US Fed policy setting meeting for January. The consensus is for no change to rates. Therefore, the focus will be on the meeting statement and Fed Chair Powell's press conference for signals around when to expect a first rate cut. At the moment, futures contracts suggest the market is envisaging this to occur in May and rates are seen being around 130bps lower by year end.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2023
EUR/USD	1.0818	-0.03	-1.98
EUR/GBP	0.8534	0.21	-1.55
GBP/USD	1.2674	-0.24	-0.43
GBP/EUR	1.1711	-0.21	1.57
USD/JPY	147.76	0.26	4.75
EUR/JPY	159.9	0.24	2.74

* 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	5.38	5.44	5.57	5.07	4.47	4.00
EUR	4.50	3.85	3.91	3.48	2.92	2.58
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.19	4.86	4.55	4.02

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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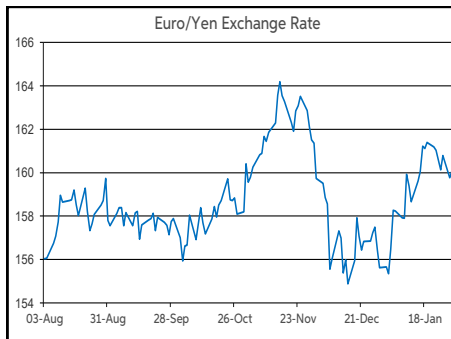
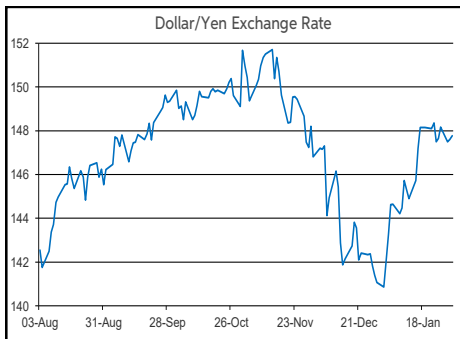
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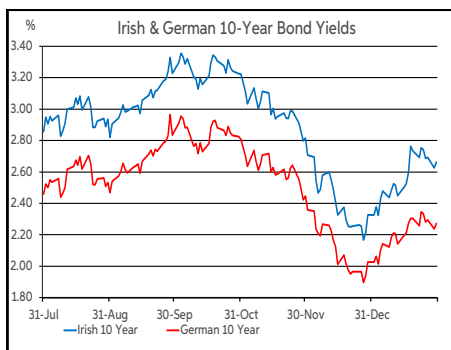
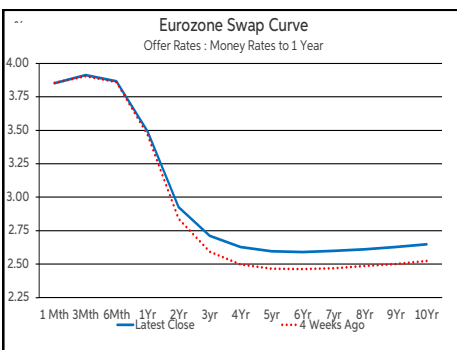
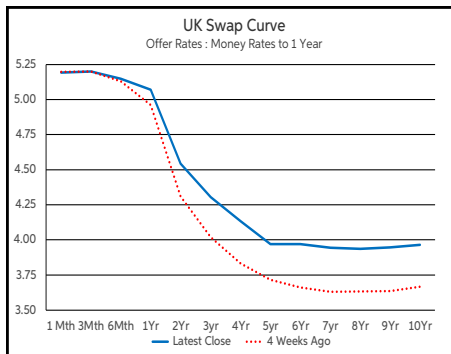
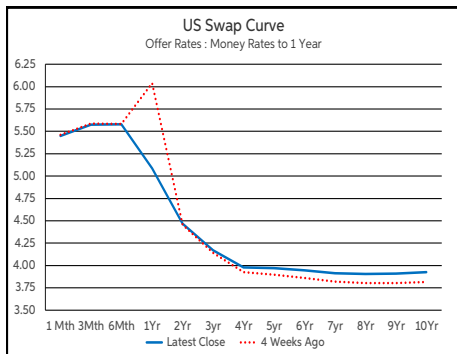
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.8534	GBP/EUR	1.1711	USD/JPY	147.76
EUR/USD	1.0818	GBP/USD	1.2674	USD/CAD	1.3419
EUR/JPY	159.9	GBP/CAD	1.7008	USD/CHF	0.8634
EUR/SEK	11.2727	GBP/NZD	2.0731	USD/CNY	7.1821
EUR/DKK	7.4536	GBP/JPY	187.27	USD/BRL	4.9496
EUR/NOK	11.3231	GBP/SEK	13.2095	USD/RUB	89.7425
EUR/CHF	0.9344	GBP/DKK	8.7305	USD/INR	83.04
EUR/AUD	1.6489	GBP/NOK	13.2711	AUD/USD	0.6559
EUR/HKD	8.4586	GBP/CHF	1.0947	NZD/USD	0.6111
EUR/CAD	1.4518	GBP/AUD	1.9316		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Change bps		
		Day	4 Weeks	End 23
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.04	-4	+10	+17
Germany	2.27	+3	+21	+25
UK	3.90	+2	+26	+36
5 Year Swap %				
US	3.97	-2	+12	+18
Eurozone	2.60	+4	+14	+17
UK	3.97	-1	+31	+32
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.47	+3	+5	+13
Eurozone	2.93	+3	+10	+13
UK	4.54	+6	+24	+28
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	43	+0	+9	+7
Belgium	59	+1	-6	-6
France	49	+1	-4	-4
Italy	153	+3	-12	-14
Spain	91	+1	-6	-6
Portugal	69	-1	-5	-7
Greece	100	-1	-6	-5



Commodities				
	% Change			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 23
Brent Oil	82.87	+0.57	+9.20	+7.57
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27
Gold \$	2036.1	+0.21	-1.11	-1.28

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