

Fed meeting decision due after the close in Europe

Equity markets moved higher on both sides of the Atlantic, despite choppy trading conditions yesterday. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 0.8%, while the S&P 500 rose by 0.6%. Throughout the day, a number of key Eurozone and US data releases impacted sentiment. Investors also continued to digest the BoJ decision to tweak its yield curve control policy.

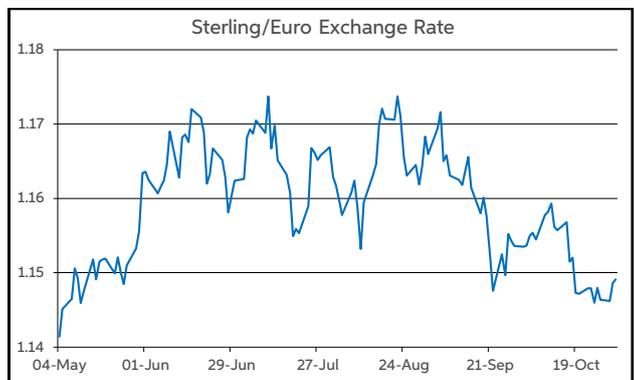
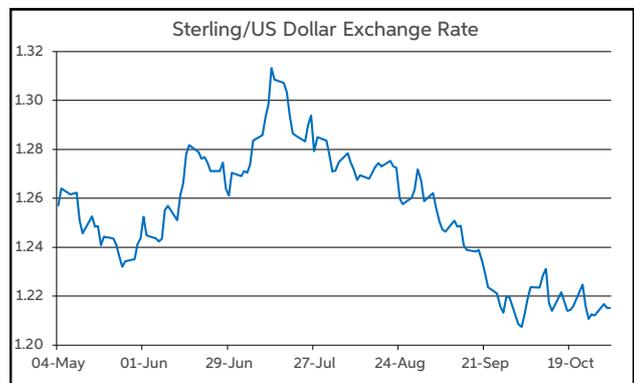
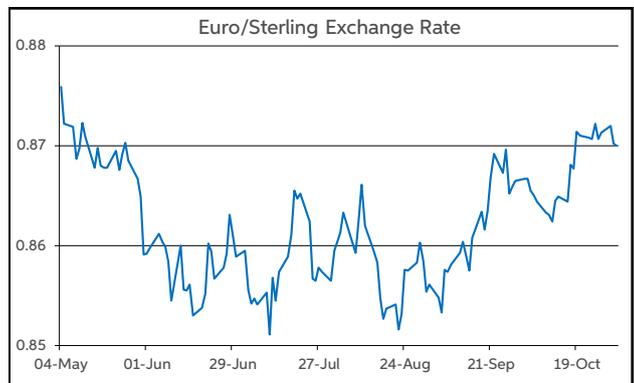
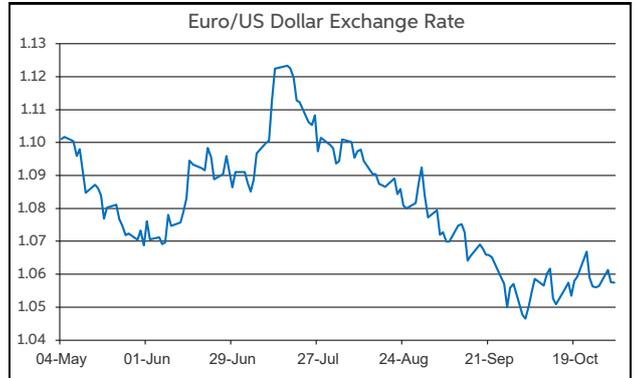
Data-wise, the first reading of Eurozone Q3 GDP showed the economy contracted by 0.1% q/q. Meantime, flash HICP inflation eased to 2.9% in October (vs. 3.1% f'cast). The core rate declined to 4.2% from 4.5% also, in-line with expectations. In the US, the wages component of the employment cost index rose by 1.2% in Q3, up from 1% in Q2. At the same time, the conference board measure of consumer confidence printed at 102.6 in October (vs. 100 f'cast).

Against the backdrop of negative growth and cooling inflation the euro was under some downward pressure yesterday. Elsewhere, the yen remained on the defensive, with USD/JPY trading to a fresh YTD high of ¥151.7.

In level terms, EUR/USD opens this morning down in the \$1.05-1.06 range, having briefly traded up near \$1.068 yesterday. EUR/GBP is back at the 87p mark also. GBP/USD continues to operate at the midpoint of \$1.21-1.22. Meanwhile, USD/JPY remains above ¥151.

Today, the macro calendar is very much US centric, with JOLTS job openings (Sep) and the manufacturing ISM (October) due for release. However, the Fed policy announcement (after the close in Europe) will be the highlight. The Fed is widely expected to leave interest rates unchanged, but remarks from Chair Powell at the press conference will garner close attention.

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Today's Opening FX Rates			
		% Change	
		Day *	End 2022
EUR/USD	1.0573	-0.23	-1.21
EUR/GBP	0.8698	-0.30	-1.65
GBP/USD	1.2151	0.02	0.45
GBP/EUR	1.149	0.30	1.68
USD/JPY	151.27	0.70	15.38
EUR/JPY	159.98	0.48	14.03

* 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	5.43	5.64	5.66	5.27	4.84
EUR	4.50	3.89	3.97	4.01	3.61	3.29
GBP	5.25	5.19	5.24	5.28	5.18	4.79

All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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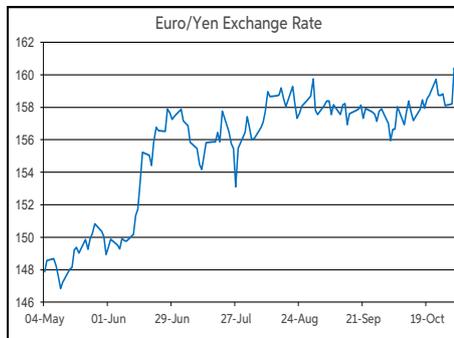
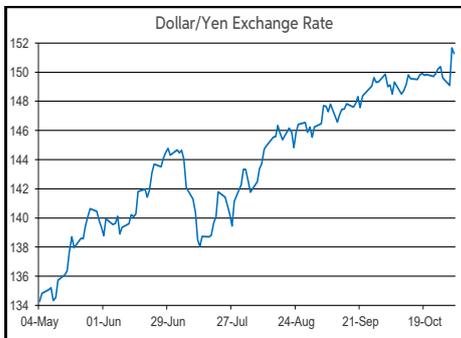
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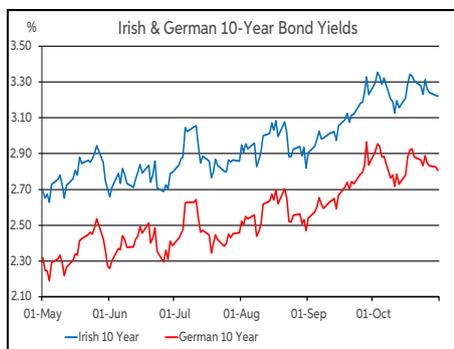
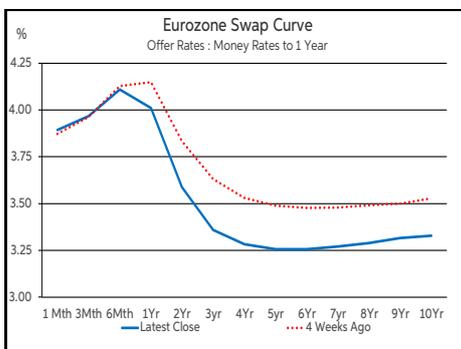
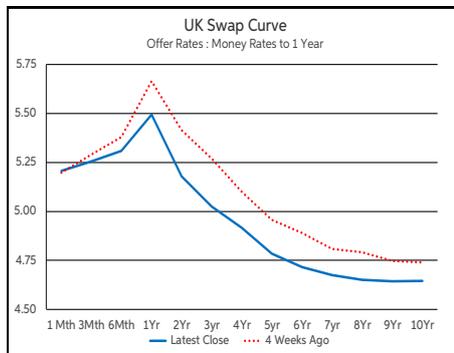
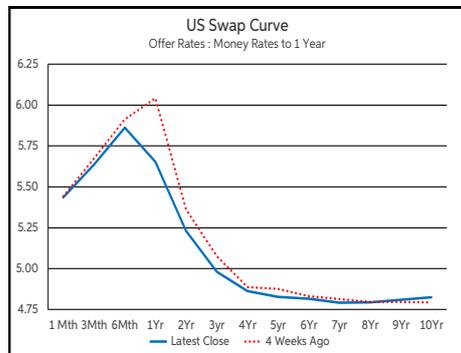
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Euro		Sterling		Dollar	
EUR/GBP	0.87	GBP/EUR	1.1491	USD/JPY	151.27
EUR/USD	1.0574	GBP/USD	1.2152	USD/CAD	1.3865
EUR/JPY	159.98	GBP/CAD	1.6851	USD/CHF	0.9084
EUR/SEK	11.8157	GBP/NZD	2.0876	USD/CNY	7.319
EUR/DKK	7.4642	GBP/JPY	183.82	USD/BRL	5.0354
EUR/NOK	11.8128	GBP/SEK	13.5766	USD/RUB	93.52
EUR/CHF	0.9606	GBP/DKK	8.577	USD/INR	83.27
EUR/AUD	1.6666	GBP/NOK	13.5816	AUD/USD	0.6342
EUR/HKD	8.2729	GBP/CHF	1.104	NZD/USD	0.5821
EUR/CAD	1.4662	GBP/AUD	1.916		



Debt Markets				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.93	+4	+13	+105
Germany	2.81	-2	-15	+25
UK	4.52	-5	-8	+85
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.83	+3	-1	+83
Eurozone	3.26	-2	-22	+3
UK	4.78	-3	-12	+48
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.23	+5	-9	+56
Eurozone	3.59	-2	-24	+20
UK	5.18	-0	-23	+50
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps				
Ireland	45	+2	+2	-14
Belgium	65	-2	-2	+1
France	62	+1	+4	+7
Italy	192	+0	-6	-22
Spain	108	+0	-3	-2
Portugal	70	+1	-3	-34
Greece	135	+3	-12	-68



Commodities				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
Brent Oil	87.41	-0.05	-3.86	+1.75
West Texas Oil	81.64	-1.67	-8.54	+1.85
Gold \$	1982.7	-0.66	+8.77	+8.68

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