## **Morning Comment**

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## Fed in focus today

The first trading day of November got off to a mixed start from a risk appetite perspective yesterday. There was a quiet Eurozone data diary, due to a public holiday in a lot of countries. However, all the main European bourses were open, with the Euro Stoxx 50 managing to register a 0.9% gain on the day. The mood on Wall Street was more cautious. The S&P 500 was 0.4% lower at the closing bell last night.

Data-wise, the main US releases of note yesterday printed ahead of expectations. The manufacturing ISM for October fell to 50.2, from 50.9 but was modestly better than forecast (50.0). Some of the underlying data in the survey, including in relation to new orders and employment were encouraging. Job openings data for September also registered a higher than expected result.

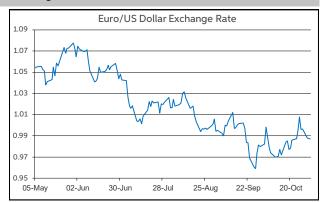
Currency-wise, the dollar was holding the upper hand against sterling and the euro, aided in part by the US macro newsflow. This is reflected in EUR/USD opening this morning below the \$0.99 threshold. At the same time, GBP/USD has been unable to hold its ground above \$1.15. Meanwhile, the action in EUR/GBP has been very muted over the past 24 hours, with the pair changing hands in a narrow range in and around the 86p handle. Elsewhere, the yen has made some gains in the aftermath of the BoJ minutes.

Ahead today, there is event risk for the dollar with the market spotlight on the Fed policy announcement (after European close). The central bank is expected to hike rates by 75ps, for a fourth consecutive meeting. A key focal point will be Chair Powell's press conference. The market will be looking for signals of a shift to smaller sized rate hikes going forward. Market pricing currently sees US rates peaking at 4.75-5.00% in 2023.

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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
	_	Day *	End 2021		
EUR/USD	0.9873	-0.50	-13.15		
EUR/GBP	0.8593	-0.21	2.30		
GBP/USD	1.1486	-0.31	-15.10		
GBP/EUR	1.1631	0.21	-2.25		
USD/JPY	147.29	-0.54	27.99		
EUR/JPY	145.48	-1.03	11.16		
* 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	3.125	3.84	4.46	5.10	4.89	4.32
EUR	1.25	1.25	1.70	2.68	2.90	2.93
GBP	2.25	2.89	3.36	4.51	4.70	4.45









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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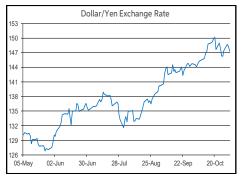
## **Opening Levels**

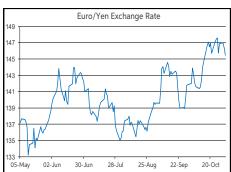


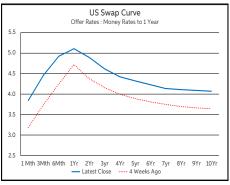
Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8593
EUR/USD	0.9873
EUR/JPY	145.48
EUR/SEK	10.88
EUR/DKK	7.4425
EUR/NOK	10.201
EUR/CHF	0.9869
EUR/AUD	1.5412
EUR/HKD	7.7499
EUR/CAD	1.3435

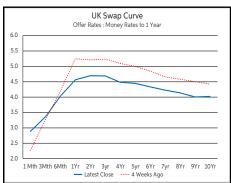
Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1631			
GBP/USD	1.1486			
GBP/CAD	1.5632			
GBP/NZD	1.9587			
GBP/JPY	169.18			
GBP/SEK	12.6577			
GBP/DKK	8.6585			
GBP/NOK	11.8633			
GBP/CHF	1.148			
GBP/AUD	1.7932			

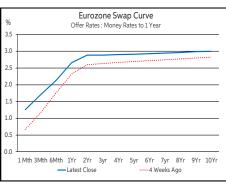
Dollar				
147.29				
1.361				
0.9993				
7.2789				
5.1432				
61.55				
82.785				
0.6404 0.5862				













	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps	5		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.05	-O	+41	+254		
Germany	2.12	-3	+24	+230		
UK	3.46	-7	-40	+249		
Ireland	2.64	+2	+20	+239		
Belgium	2.73	-1	+20	+256		
France	2.67	-1	+20	+248		
Italy	4.27	-3	+9	+309		
Spain	3.22	-4	+16	+262		
Portugal	3.14	-3	+19	+265		
Greece	4.58	-1	-6	+326		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.32	+7	+47	+299		
Eurozone	2.92	-1	+23	+291		
UK	4.45	-3	-55	+317		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.90	+8	+56	+395		
Eurozone	2.89	+2	+29	+319		
UK	4.69	-8	-51	+350		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	52	+4	-4	+9		
Belgium	61	+1	-4	+25		
France	55	+1	-5	+18		
Italy	215	-1	-16	+78		
Spain	109	-1	-8	+32		
Portugal	101	-0	-5	+35		
Greece	245	+1	-31	+96		

Commodities								
	% Change							
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 21						
Brent Oil	94.65	-0.19	+3.10	+21.69				
West Texas Oil	88.36	+2.10	+1.72	+17.30				
Gold \$	1647.5	+0.88	-4.56	-9.89				

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