Morning Comment

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Dollar momentum

The October round of central bank meetings meant there was a busy end to the month last week. The ECB meeting was uneventful. As expected, rates were left on hold, with the ECB emphasising its view that policy is in a "good place" and therefore any near term alterations are unlikely. The BoJ also stood pat. The tone of the communications had a less hawkish leaning, with no signal that it will hike rates before year end. Meanwhile, the Fed cut rates, in line with expectations, by 25bps to a 3.75-4.00% range. However, the press conference had a less dovish tone. Chair Powell opened the door to a potential 'hold' in December, commenting that a rate cut is "not a foregone conclusion...far from it".

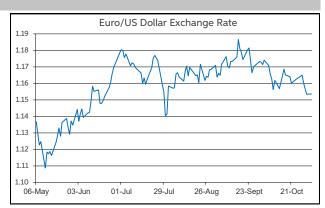
From a currency perspective, the less dovish Fed tone, combined with positive developments in relation to US trade agreements (China and Japan) provided a supportive backdrop for the dollar. At the same time, sterling remained on the defensive, with the upcoming Budget (Nov 26th) looming on the horizon. Meantime, the yen was not helped by the less hawkish vibe emanating from the BoJ. In level terms, all of the above was reflected in EUR/USD falling back below the \$1.16 threshold, GBP/USD declining from \$1.33 to nearer \$1.31 and USD/JPY up at the ¥154 handle. The softer sterling tone was also reflected in EUR/GBP testing above the 88p level, to its highest level since mid-2023. It opens this morning just under the 88p mark.

Looking ahead to this week, it's the turn of the BoE to come under the monetary policy spotlight. No rate changes are envisaged on Thursday, but the market will be looking for any signals on the possibility of a rate cut at its final meeting of the year, in December. Futures contracts are currently attaching around a 70% probability to a rate cut before year end. Data-wise, the US schedule remains impacted by the government shutdown. Jolt job openings (Sept) and the ISM surveys (Oct) are the main releases of note from the US. The main highlight from a quiet Eurozone diary are retail sales (Sept).

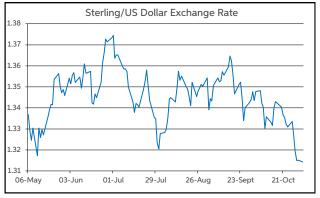
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| Today's Opening FX Rates | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|--|
| | | % Change | | |
| | | Day * | End 2024 | |
| EUR/USD | 1.1536 | -0.27 | 11.43 | |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8775 | -0.23 | 6.07 | |
| GBP/USD | 1.3143 | -0.05 | 5.05 | |
| GBP/EUR | 1.1391 | 0.23 | -5.72 | |
| USD/JPY | 154.21 | 0.19 | -1.89 | |
| EUR/JPY | 177.92 | -0.07 | 9.32 | |
| * 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 | 3.88 | 3.99 | 3.88 | 3.59 | 3.65 | 3.67 | |
| EUR | 2.00 | 1.92 | 2.04 | 2.13 | 2.15 | 2.35 | |
| GBP | 4.00 | 3.90 | 3.86 | 3.64 | 3.78 | 3.86 | |









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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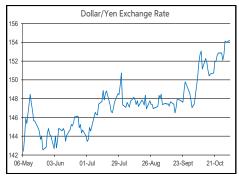
Opening Levels



| | Euro | |
|---------|------|---------|
| EUR/GBP | | 0.8775 |
| EUR/USD | | 1.1536 |
| EUR/JPY | | 177.92 |
| EUR/SEK | | 10.9398 |
| EUR/DKK | | 7.4674 |
| EUR/NOK | | 11.6593 |
| EUR/CHF | | 0.9275 |
| EUR/AUD | | 1.7599 |
| EUR/HKD | | 8.9667 |
| EUR/CAD | | 1.6162 |
| | | |

| Sterling | | | |
|----------|---------|--|--|
| GBP/EUR | 1.1391 | | |
| GBP/USD | 1.3143 | | |
| GBP/CAD | 1.8413 | | |
| GBP/NZD | 2.2948 | | |
| GBP/JPY | 202.68 | | |
| GBP/SEK | 12.463 | | |
| GBP/DKK | 8.5053 | | |
| GBP/NOK | 13.2841 | | |
| GBP/CHF | 1.0566 | | |
| GBP/AUD | 2.005 | | |

| Dollar | |
|---------|--------|
| USD/JPY | 154.21 |
| USD/CAD | 1.4012 |
| USD/CHF | 0.804 |
| USD/CNY | 7.1147 |
| USD/BRL | 5.3752 |
| USD/RUB | 80.7 |
| USD/INR | 88.783 |
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| AUD/USD | 0.6553 |
| NZD/USD | 0.5725 |
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US Swap Curve

4.20

4.10 4.00 3.90

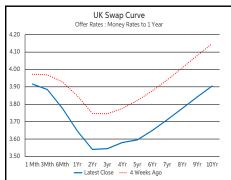
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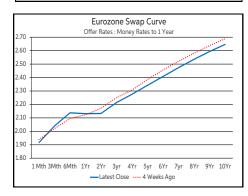
3.70 3.60

3.40

3.30







1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



| Debt Markets | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------|--|
| | | Change bps | | | |
| | Close | Day | 4 Weeks | End 24 | |
| 10 Year Yield % | | | | | |
| US | 4.10 | +1 | -2 | -48 | |
| Germany | 2.64 | -0 | -6 | +27 | |
| UK | 4.41 | -2 | -29 | -17 | |
| Ireland | 2.87 | -2 | -9 | +22 | |
| Belgium | 3.17 | -0 | -7 | +19 | |
| France | 3.42 | +0 | -9 | +23 | |
| Italy | 3.38 | -1 | -16 | -14 | |
| Spain | 3.14 | -1 | -9 | +8 | |
| Portugal | 3.00 | -1 | -10 | +15 | |
| Greece | 3.29 | +0 | -9 | +4 | |
| 5 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 3.64 | -0 | +2 | -65 | |
| Eurozone | 2.33 | -1 | -5 | +9 | |
| UK | 3.85 | -1 | -20 | -43 | |
| 2 Year Swap % | | | | | |
| US | 3.63 | -0 | +2 | -70 | |
| Eurozone | 2.12 | -2 | -2 | -7 | |
| UK | 3.77 | -2 | -21 | -71 | |
| 10 Year Governmei | nt Bond Spread | s to Benchn | nark bps | | |
| Ireland | 23 | -2 | -2 | -5 | |
| Belgium | 53 | -O | -1 | -9 | |
| France | 78 | +1 | -3 | -5 | |
| Italy | 75 | -1 | -9 | -41 | |
| Spain | 50 | -1 | -3 | -20 | |
| Portugal | 36 | -1 | -4 | -12 | |
| Greece | 65 | +0 | -3 | -23 | |

| Commodities | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|-------|--------|--|
| | | % Change | | | |
| | Close Day 4 Weeks End 2 | | | | |
| Brent Oil | 65.07 | +0.11 | +0.84 | -12.82 | |
| West Texas Oil | 71.65 | -0.17 | -1.90 | -1.27 | |
| Gold \$ | 4001.8 | -0.53 | +2.98 | +52.52 | |

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