Morning Comment

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Sterling lower post-BoE

Monetary policy remained in focus yesterday, as investors continued to digest the hawkish tone from Fed Chair Powell at the post-FOMC press conference. Meanwhile, the Bank of England raised interest rates by 75bps as anticipated. While the BoE maintains a tightening bias, Governor Bailey was clear that he does not expect rates to rise by as much as markets are pricing. Meanwhile, the latest Monetary Policy Report gave a bleak assessment of the economic outlook for the UK, outlining a two-year recession, with inflation remaining elevated also.

UK rate expectations fell by circa 10bps, but the peak is still seen as being above 4.5%. Meanwhile, sterling was more reactive to the BoE newsflow. It declined by 1-2%, as the more dovish BoE rates guidance and grim economic outlook weighed on the currency.

Elsewhere on markets, the dollar continued to hold a firmer tone, boosted by a hardening of US rate hike expectations following the Fed meeting the day before. Similarly, equity markets continued to move lower, with the S&P 500 and the Euro Stoxx 50 down by 1.1% and 0.8%, respectively.

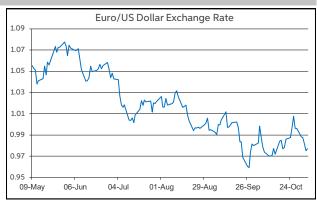
In level terms, sterling weakness is reflected in EUR/GBP opening up above the 87p threshold. GBP/USD is changing hands down at \$1.12, having been in the top half of \$1.13-1.14 yesterday morning. EUR/USD is operating back below the \$0.98 threshold.

Today, the main data highlight will be the US labour market report for October. Payrolls are projected to rise by 200k, while the unemployment rate is forecast to edge higher to 3.6% (from 3.5%). The release poses some event risk for the dollar, with the Fed noting labour market conditions in the US remain "out of balance".

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2021	
EUR/USD	0.977	-0.55	-14.06	
EUR/GBP	0.8713	1.18	3.73	
GBP/USD	1.1215	-1.70	-17.10	
GBP/EUR	1.1474	-1.17	-3.59	
USD/JPY	147.89	0.35	28.51	
EUR/JPY	144.55	-0.19	10.45	
* 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	4.51	5.24	5.11	4.45
EUR	1.25	1.39	1.73	2.77	3.02	3.06
GBP	2.25	2.91	3.36	4.51	4.66	4.42









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All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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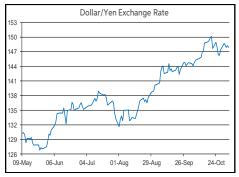
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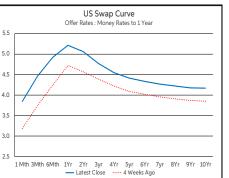
Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8713
EUR/USD	0.9771
EUR/JPY	144.53
EUR/SEK	10.8997
EUR/DKK	7.4423
EUR/NOK	10.271
EUR/CHF	0.9875
EUR/AUD	1.5425
EUR/HKD	7.6708
EUR/CAD	1.3356

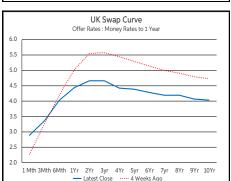
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1473		
GBP/USD	1.1213		
GBP/CAD	1.5325		
GBP/NZD	1.9306		
GBP/JPY	165.84		
GBP/SEK	12.505		
GBP/DKK	8.5407		
GBP/NOK	11.786		
GBP/CHF	1.1333		
GBP/AUD	1.77		

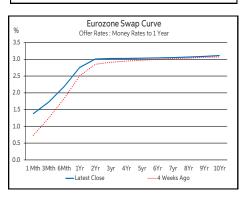
Dollar				
USD/JPY	147.89			
USD/CAD	1.3666			
USD/CHF	1.0104			
USD/CNY	7.2581			
USD/BRL	5.116			
USD/RUB	61.8			
USD/INR	82.573			
AUD/USD	0.6335			
NZD/USD	0.5803			













	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.15	+5	+32	+264
Germany	2.25	+12	+17	+243
UK	3.51	+11	-67	+253
Ireland	2.75	+9	+10	+250
Belgium	2.84	+11	+10	+266
France	2.78	+11	+9	+258
Italy	4.42	+13	-10	+324
Spain	3.32	+6	+3	+273
Portugal	3.25	+9	+6	+276
Greece	4.65	+8	-8	+334
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.41	+4	+35	+308
Eurozone	3.04	+10	+7	+303
UK	4.39	+3	-85	+311
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.06	+7	+52	+412
Eurozone	3.01	+10	+17	+331
UK	4.67	+6	-88	+347
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	49	-3	-7	+7
Belgium	59	-1	-7	+23
France	53	-1	-7	+15
Italy	217	+2	-26	+81
Spain	107	-5	-13	+30
Portugal	100	-2	-10	+33
Greece	240	-3	-25	+91

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks End				
Brent Oil	94.67	-1.55	+0.26	+21.72	
West Texas Oil	88.14	-2.13	-0.85	+17.01	
Gold \$	1629.2	-0.35	-4.78	-10.90	

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