Morning Comment

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Volatile trading conditions persist on bond markets

The mood yesterday among investors was generally muted in tone. Most of the main equity indices were in sideways mode for much of their respective sessions. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 finished the day, with a slight fall, of 0.1%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 managed to post a modest gain, of 0.3%. On commodity markets, oil prices fell by around 4%, with Brent crude below \$82 per barrel.

The subdued action on equity markets was not overly surprising given the lack of top tier macro data on either side of the Atlantic. One of the few releases of any note yesterday—Eurozone producer prices—saw headline factory gate inflation for the region fall to -12.4% y/y in September, from -11.5% in August.

Bond markets continued to experience volatile trading conditions yesterday. Yields fell across the board, which was in contrast to Monday, when yields rose. Last week, saw significant declines in yields. In terms of yesterday's moves, the 10-year US Treasury yield fell back below the 4.6% level. The 10-year German Bund yield moved back under the 2.7% threshold.

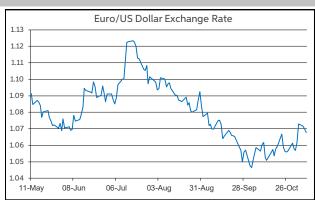
On currency markets, the majors remained confined to narrow trading ranges yesterday. Of the limited action to register, the dollar was marginally firmer. EUR/USD opens this morning below \$1.07, while GBP/USD starts today within \$1.22-1.23 territory. Meantime, EUR/GBP has edged back up to the 87p mark.

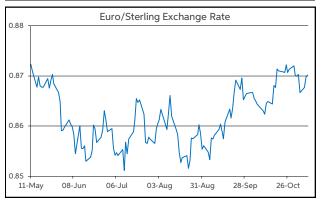
Today's macro data diary continues to be largely uneventful. One of the few highlights is Eurozone retail sales (Sept) which is unlikely to be a dial mover for the euro. On the monetary policy front, BoE Governor Bailey is due to speak.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2022	
EUR/USD	1.0675	-0.33	-0.25	
EUR/GBP	0.8703	0.24	-1.59	
GBP/USD	1.2265	-0.55	1.39	
GBP/EUR	1.1484	-0.24	1.62	
USD/JPY	150.72	0.29	14.96	
EUR/JPY	160.92	-0.02	14.70	
* 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	5.38	5.44	5.63	5.54	5.07	4.59
EUR	4.50	3.86	3.96	3.94	3.52	3.13
GBP	5.25	5.18	5.22	5.18	5.00	4.52









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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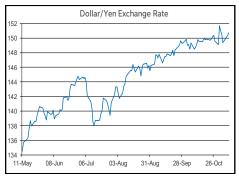
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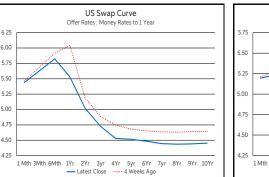
Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8703
EUR/USD	1.0675
EUR/JPY	160.92
EUR/SEK	11.6994
EUR/DKK	7.4572
EUR/NOK	11.9785
EUR/CHF	0.9629
EUR/AUD	1.6606
EUR/HKD	8.3451
EUR/CAD	1.4708

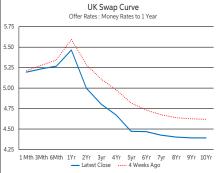
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1484		
GBP/USD	1.2265		
GBP/CAD	1.6898		
GBP/NZD	2.0683		
GBP/JPY	184.87		
GBP/SEK	13.4368		
GBP/DKK	8.5658		
GBP/NOK	13.761		
GBP/CHF	1.1063		
GBP/AUD	1.9079		

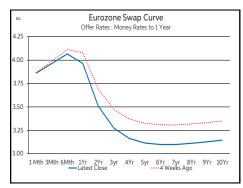
Dollar				
USD/JPY	150.72			
USD/CAD	1.3774			
USD/CHF	0.9019			
USD/CNY	7.2787			
USD/BRL	4.8724			
USD/RUB	92.35			
USD/INR	83.2675			
AUD/USD	0.6428			
NZD/USD	0.5927			













	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 22
10 Year Yield %				
US	4.57	-8	-9	+69
Germany	2.67	-7	-11	+10
UK	4.28	-10	-15	+61
Ireland	3.10	-8	-11	-4
Belgium	3.30	-7	-14	+10
France	3.26	-8	-8	+14
Italy	4.49	-9	-24	-21
Spain	3.72	-7	-16	+6
Portugal	3.41	-1	-10	-19
Greece	3.98	-5	-38	-61
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.52	-5	-12	+52
Eurozone	3.12	-4	-20	-11
UK	4.47	-10	-34	+17
2 Year Swap %				
US	5.02	-4	-12	+34
Eurozone	3.51	-1	-17	+12
UK	5.00	-8	-28	+32
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	44	-O	+0	-15
Belgium	63	-O	-3	-1
France	59	-1	+3	+4
Italy	183	-2	-12	-31
Spain	106	-0	-4	-4
Portugal	74	+6	+1	-29
Greece	131	+2	-27	-72

Commodities					
		% Change			
	Close Day 4 Weeks Er				
Brent Oil	81.61	-4.19	-6.89	-5.01	
West Texas Oil	77.96	-4.39	-9.23	-2.74	
Gold \$	1968.4	-0.47	+5.82	+7.89	

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