Morning Comment

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Softer tone to sterling

There was a cautious tone to investor sentiment yesterday. There was no macro news to impact risk appetite. Indeed, the calendar was sparse on both sides of the Atlantic. Instead, the news was dominated by the results emerging from the US mid-term elections.

Overall, the main equity indices moved lower but to differing degrees. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 fell by 0.3%. Meanwhile, at the closing bell on Wall Street last night, the S&P 500 was 2% lower on the day. The engagements on fixed income markets saw the main 10-year European benchmark yields decline by around 10bps. The 10-year US Treasury yield registered more modest moves, falling by 4bps.

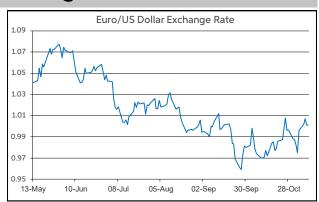
On the currency front, sterling found itself on the defensive for much of yesterday, without any obvious catalyst. It was down around 1% on the exchanges. Meantime, the dollar was generally firmer against the other majors. In level terms, the weaker tone to sterling is reflected in EUR/GBP opening this morning up at the 88p mark. Cable (GBP/USD) has gone from being above \$1.15 to trade down below \$1.14. Elsewhere, the action in EUR/USD has been mostly confined to a tight range just above parity.

Looking ahead to today, we get the main data event of the week, with the release of US CPI inflation figures for October. The headline rate is forecast to slow marginally from 8.2% to 8.0%. Meanwhile, the consensus expectation for the core rate is also for a modest slowing, to 6.5% (from 6.6%). If the data were to surprise significantly versus forecasts, it could be a source of volatility for the dollar.

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Т	oday's Oper	aing FX Rat	tas		
Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2021		
EUR/USD	1.002	-0.48	-11.86		
EUR/GBP	0.8802	0.87	4.79		
GBP/USD	1.1379	-1.34	-15.89		
GBP/EUR	1.1353	-0.86	-4.57		
USD/JPY	146.29	0.35	27.12		
EUR/JPY	146.62	-0.10	12.03		
* 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	3.875	3.88	4.63	5.18	4.97	4.31
EUR	2.00	1.42	1.79	2.79	2.95	2.88
GBP	3.00	2.96	3.47	4.47	4.60	4.31









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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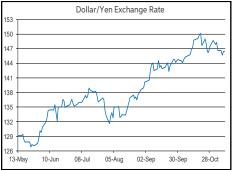
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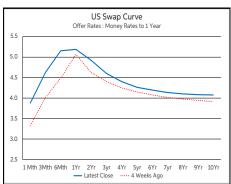
Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8802
EUR/USD	1.002
EUR/JPY	146.62
EUR/SEK	10.9171
EUR/DKK	7.4377
EUR/NOK	10.4191
EUR/CHF	0.9859
EUR/AUD	1.5642
EUR/HKD	7.8631
EUR/CAD	1.3574

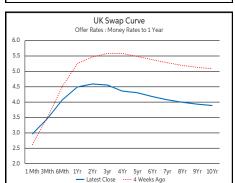
Sterling	
GBP/EUR	1.1353
GBP/USD	1.1379
GBP/CAD	1.5416
GBP/NZD	1.9415
GBP/JPY	166.46
GBP/SEK	12.3972
GBP/DKK	8.4462
GBP/NOK	11.8345
GBP/CHF	1.12
GBP/AUD	1.7766

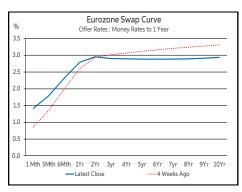
Dollar					
USD/JPY	146.29				
USD/CAD	1.3544				
USD/CHF	0.9839				
USD/CNY	7.2487				
USD/BRL	5.1864				
USD/RUB	61.5				
USD/INR	81.769				
AUD/USD	0.6406				
NZD/USD	0.586				













	Debt	Markets				
			Change bps	5		
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21		
10 Year Yield %						
US	4.10	-3	+20	+259		
Germany	2.18	-9	-17	+236		
UK	3.45	-10	-97	+248		
Ireland	2.67	-12	-20	+242		
Belgium	2.75	-10	-26	+258		
France	2.69	-11	-27	+249		
Italy	4.28	-10	-54	+309		
Spain	3.22	-11	-32	+262		
Portugal	3.15	-9	-29	+267		
Greece	4.70	-2	-32	+339		
5 Year Swap %						
US	4.26	-8	+15	+293		
Eurozone	2.89	-12	-23	+288		
UK	4.30	-10	-118	+303		
2 Year Swap %						
US	4.92	-7	+33	+398		
Eurozone	2.96	-8	+3	+326		
UK	4.59	-4	-87	+340		
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps						
Ireland	50	-3	-3	+7		
Belgium	58	-O	-9	+22		
France	51	-1	-10	+14		
Italy	210	-1	-37	+74		
Spain	104	-1	-15	+27		
Portugal	98	+0	-12	+31		
Greece	253	+8	-15	+103		

Commodities							
	% Change						
	Close Day 4 Weeks End 21						
Brent Oil	92.65	-2.84	+0.22	+19.12			
West Texas Oil	88.8	-3.27	+1.10	+17.88			
Gold \$	1706.3	-0.36	+2.02	-6.68			

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