Morning Comment

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UK labour market data weighs on sterling

Investor sentiment improved markedly at the start of the week. A deal made at the weekend to end the US government shutdown was passed in the Senate, providing a supportive backdrop for risk appetite. Amid the more positive tone on markets, benchmark equity indices recovered some of their recent losses. The Euro Stoxx 50 gained 1.8%, while on Wall Street, the S&P 500 climbed 1.5% higher.

On the data front, the macro calendar was relatively sparse yesterday. Indeed, the only release of note was the EU sentix survey for November. The index deteriorated to -7.4 in the month, well below the consensus for an improvement to -4.0. Investors assessment of current and future conditions declined in November.

Currency-wise, the main FX pairs continued to change hands within narrow trading ranges. Of the limited price action, sterling was holding a marginally firmer tone. However, there was a no obvious catalyst for the move. Furthermore, the pound gave back most of its gains overnight, and has started today on the defensive following the release of UK labour market data for September/October.

The unemployment rate rose to 5.0% in September (vs. 4.9% f'cast), its highest level since February 2021. Meanwhile, payrolls were revised down to -32k for September from -10k, and fell by 32k again in October. Average earnings growth slowed to +4.6% y/y in Q3.

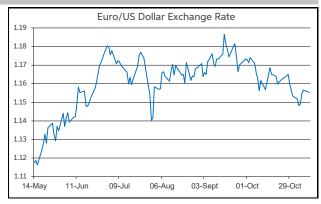
In level terms, EUR/GBP is up at the 88p mark. Meantime GBP/USD is back in the lower half of the \$1.31-1.32 range. EUR/USD remains just above the midpoint of \$1.15-1.16.

Today, the attention will likely remain on efforts to end the US government shutdown, with the focus now on the House of Representatives. Data-wise, the German ZEW (Nov) and US NFIB small business optimism (Oct) surveys will be the highlight.

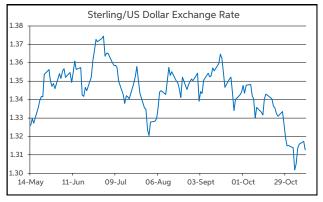
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Today's Opening FX Rates					
		% Change			
		Day *	End 2024		
EUR/USD	1.1554	-0.06	11.60		
EUR/GBP	0.8798	0.14	6.35		
GBP/USD	1.3127	-0.20	4.92		
GBP/EUR	1.136	-0.14	-5.97		
USD/JPY	154.2	0.18	-1.90		
EUR/JPY	178.16	0.10	9.47		
* v Previous Day's 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	3.95	3.86	3.58	3.65	3.68	
EUR	2.00	1.89	2.01	2.13	2.17	2.40	
GBP	4.00	3.96	3.86	3.66	3.82	3.89	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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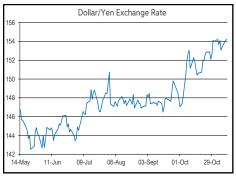
Opening Levels



Euro	
EUR/GBP	0.8798
EUR/USD	1.1554
EUR/JPY	178.16
EUR/SEK	10.9979
EUR/DKK	7.4672
EUR/NOK	11.7137
EUR/CHF	0.9298
EUR/AUD	1.7727
EUR/HKD	8.9803
EUR/CAD	1.6217

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.136			
GBP/USD	1.3127			
GBP/CAD	1.8425			
GBP/NZD	2.3296			
GBP/JPY	202.42			
GBP/SEK	12.4964			
GBP/DKK	8.4846			
GBP/NOK	13.3077			
GBP/CHF	1.0564			
GBP/AUD	2.0135			

Dollar				
USD/JPY	154.2			
USD/CAD	1.4037			
USD/CHF	0.8047			
USD/CNY	7.1217			
USD/BRL	5.291			
USD/RUB	81.1			
USD/INR	88.688			
AUD/USD	0.6516			
NZD/USD	0.5631			



US Swap Curve Offer Rates : Money Rates to 1 Year

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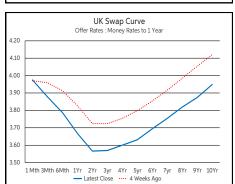
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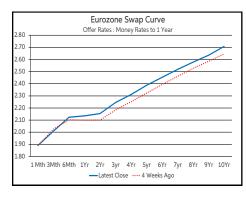
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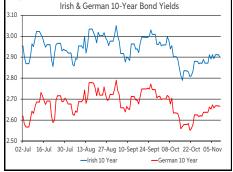
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ···· 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
		Change bps			
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 24	
10 Year Yield %					
US	4.11	+2	+6	-47	
Germany	2.67	-0	+4	+30	
UK	4.46	-O	-20	-11	
Ireland	2.90	-1	+1	+25	
Belgium	3.20	-1	-1	+22	
France	3.44	-2	-3	+25	
Italy	3.41	-2	-5	-11	
Spain	3.18	-1	-0	+11	
Portugal	3.02	-1	-1	+17	
Greece	3.31	-2	-2	+6	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.65	+6	+10	-64	
Eurozone	2.37	+1	+6	+14	
UK	3.89	-O	-15	-40	
2 Year Swap %					
US	3.65	+5	+10	-68	
Eurozone	2.15	+1	+5	-4	
UK	3.82	+1	-14	-67	
 10 Year Governme	nt Bond Spread	s to Benchn	 nark bps		
Ireland	24	-1	-2	-5	
Belgium	54	-1	-5	-8	
France	77	-2	-6	-6	
Italy	75	-1	-8	-41	
Spain	51	-1	-4	-19	
Portugal	36	-1	-5	-13	
Greece	65	-1	-6	-24	

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 24					
Brent Oil	64.06	+0.68	+1.17	-14.17			
West Texas Oil	71.65	-0.17	-1.90	-1.27			
Gold \$	4115.7	+2.92	+0.13	+56.86			

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