Morning Comment

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Dollar remains on the defensive

There was a mixed mood to start the week on financial markets yesterday, amid more subdued trading conditions. On equity markets, the Euro Stoxx 50 continued to trend higher, rising by 0.5%. Meanwhile, on Wall Street, the S&P 500 finished down 0.9% for the day. In terms of fixed income, benchmark sovereign bond yields were little changed across the board.

Currency-wise, the main pairs operated in relatively tight ranges yesterday. A light data schedule likely contributed to the lacklustre price action on the exchanges. The only release of note, Eurozone industrial production for September printed ahead of expectations. Output rose by 0.9% in September (+0.3% f'cast). However, the release had no major impact on the euro.

Meantime, overnight, the dollar was on the defensive, following comments from Fed Vice-Chair Brainard, that suggested the US central bank will soon slow the pace of rate hikes. Current marketing pricing is consistent with a smaller 50bps rate hike at the next FOMC meeting in December.

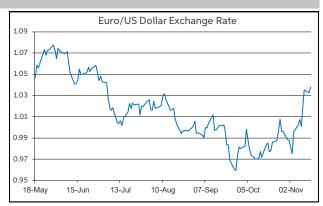
In level terms, the weaker dollar tone is evidenced by EUR/USD opening above the midpoint of the \$1.03-1.04, and GBP/USD operating up above \$1.18. Meanwhile, EUR/GBP is changing hands in the top half of 87-88p, having traded above 88p yesterday.

Already this morning, UK labour market data has been released. The unemployment rate edged up to 3.6% in September (vs. 3.5% f'cast), while average underlying earnings rose by 5.7% y/y (vs. 5.5% f'cast). Sterling has been unreactive to the release so far in early trading. Later today, the second reading of Eurozone GDP is set to confirm the economy grew by 0.2% in Q3.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
		Day *	End 2021	
EUR/USD	1.0377	0.77	-8.72	
EUR/GBP	0.8783	0.19	4.56	
GBP/USD	1.1815	0.57	-12.67	
GBP/EUR	1.1379	-0.19	-4.36	
USD/JPY	139.73	0.13	21.42	
EUR/JPY	145.03	0.88	10.82	
* 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	4.61	5.08	4.75	4.03
EUR	2.00	1.36	1.76	2.79	2.93	2.81
GBP	3.00	2.96	3.47	4.44	4.50	4.19









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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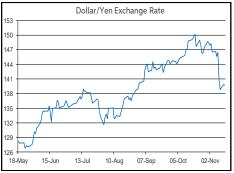
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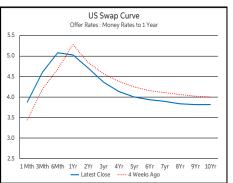
Euro)
EUR/GBP	0.8782
EUR/USD	1.0377
EUR/JPY	145.04
EUR/SEK	10.8052
EUR/DKK	7.4389
EUR/NOK	10.325
EUR/CHF	0.9762
EUR/AUD	1.538
EUR/HKD	8.1192
EUR/CAD	1.3764

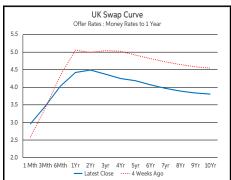
Sterling			
GBP/EUR	1.1381		
GBP/USD	1.1815		
GBP/CAD	1.567		
GBP/NZD	1.9218		
GBP/JPY	165.1		
GBP/SEK	12.2979		
GBP/DKK	8.4674		
GBP/NOK	11.7509		
GBP/CHF	1.1115		
GBP/AUD	1.7514		

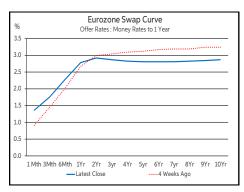
Dollar				
USD/JPY	139.74			
USD/CAD	1.3261			
USD/CHF	0.9405			
USD/CNY	7.0245			
USD/BRL	5.3321			
USD/RUB	60.35			
USD/INR	81.172			
AUD/USD	0.6746			
NZD/USD	0.6146			













	Debt	Markets		
			Change bps	5
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21
10 Year Yield %				
US	3.86	+5	-15	+235
Germany	2.16	+0	-11	+234
UK	3.35	-O	-63	+238
Ireland	2.69	+2	-14	+244
Belgium	2.73	-1	-19	+256
France	2.65	-2	-20	+246
Italy	4.17	-3	-49	+299
Spain	3.20	-O	-23	+261
Portugal	3.16	+1	-19	+268
Greece	4.33	-18	-60	+302
5 Year Swap %				
US	4.00	-25	-21	+267
Eurozone	2.81	-2	-30	+280
UK	4.19	+0	-73	+291
2 Year Swap %				
US	4.71	+6	-9	+377
Eurozone	2.93	+0	-5	+323
UK	4.49	+0	-50	+330
10 Year Governm	ent Bond Spre	ads to Ben	chmark bps	
Ireland	53	+2	-3	+10
Belgium	57	-1	-7	+22
France	49	-2	-9	+12
Italy	201	-3	-38	+65
Spain	105	-O	-12	+27
Portugal	100	+1	-8	+34
Greece	217	-18	-48	+68

Commodities						
		% Change				
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21		
Brent Oil	93.14	-2.97	+1.66	+19.75		
West Texas Oil	85.85	-3.69	-0.17	+13.97		
Gold\$	1771.8	+0.06	+7.39	-3.10		

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