## **Morning Comment**

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## Currency markets range bound

Risk appetite softened yesterday, as concerns regarding the global economic outlook intensified. Equity markets moved lower on both sides of the Atlantic, with the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500 falling by 0.8% on the day. Elsewhere, oil prices fell by circa 1%, with Brent crude back near \$92 per barrel.

On bond markets, US Treasury and German Bund yields declined by 2-10bps along the curve. In the UK, Gilt yields fell by a more pronounced 14-15bps. The larger fall in UK yields followed comments from BoE officials at the Treasury Select Committee. Both BoE Governor Bailey and MPC member Dhingra indicated that the central bank may slow the pace of rate hikes in December.

In the US, a number of data releases had mixed performances. Retail sales beat expectations, rising by 1.3% in October (vs. +1.0% f'cast). However, industrial production was weaker than expected, falling by 0.1% in the month (vs. +0.2% f'cast). Homebuilder sentiment also deteriorated by more than anticipated, declining to 33 (vs. 36 f'cast) in November.

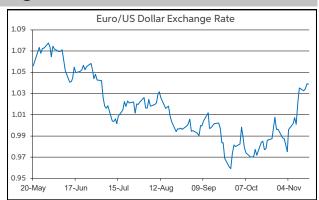
On the currency front, the main pairs operated within tight ranges yesterday. Of the limited moves to register, sterling was slightly firmer. GBP/USD regained the \$1.19 handle, while EUR/GBP edged back towards the 87p mark. Meantime, EUR/USD continued to straddle the \$1.04 threshold.

Today, the Fiscal Statement in the UK poses some event risk for sterling. Chancellor Hunt is expected to announce a number of tax increases and spending cuts. Elsewhere, prepared remarks from a number of BoE officials may garner attention. In the US, a number of Fed officials will also be on the wires.

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Today's Opening FX Rates				
		% Change		
	_	Day *	End 2021	
EUR/USD	1.0389	0.16	-8.61	
EUR/GBP	0.871	-0.31	3.69	
GBP/USD	1.1923	0.45	-11.87	
GBP/EUR	1.1472	0.31	-3.56	
USD/JPY	139.4	-0.21	21.13	
EUR/JPY	144.86	-0.05	10.69	
* 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	3.90	4.65	5.07	4.68	3.90	
EUR	2.00	1.41	1.80	2.71	2.82	2.66	
GBP	3.00	2.96	3.53	4.48	4.47	4.07	









All rates quoted are indicative market rates

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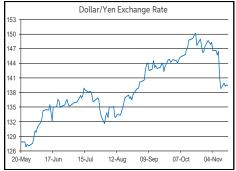
## **Opening Levels**



Euro	)
EUR/GBP	0.871
EUR/USD	1.0389
EUR/JPY	144.86
EUR/SEK	10.901
EUR/DKK	7.438
EUR/NOK	10.4233
EUR/CHF	0.9812
EUR/AUD	1.541
EUR/HKD	8.1316
EUR/CAD	1.384

Sterling				
GBP/EUR	1.1472			
GBP/USD	1.1923			
GBP/CAD	1.5887			
GBP/NZD	1.9377			
GBP/JPY	166.21			
GBP/SEK	12.5103			
GBP/DKK	8.537			
GBP/NOK	11.9649			
GBP/CHF	1.1266			
GBP/AUD	1.7689			

Dollar					
USD/JPY	139.4				
USD/CAD	1.332				
USD/CHF	0.9443				
USD/CNY	7.1207				
USD/BRL	5.3998				
USD/RUB	60.45				
USD/INR	81.52				
AUD/USD	0.6742				
NZD/USD	0.6152				



US Swap Curve

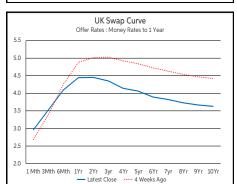
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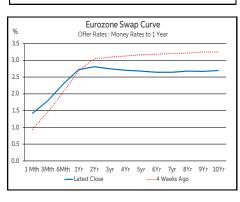
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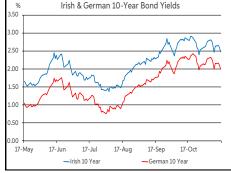
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1 Mth 3Mth 6Mth 1Yr 2Yr 3yr 4Yr 5yr 6Yr 7yr 8Yr 9Yr 10Yr
— Latest Close ----- 4 Weeks Ago



	Debt	Markets			
			Change bps	5	
	Close	Day	4 Weeks	End 21	
10 Year Yield %					
US	3.69	-9	-45	+218	
Germany	2.00	-10	-37	+218	
UK	3.15	-15	-72	+218	
Ireland	2.51	-12	-42	+226	
Belgium	2.56	-12	-47	+238	
France	2.49	-12	-47	+230	
Italy	3.94	-12	-83	+276	
Spain	3.03	-11	-50	+244	
Portugal	2.98	-9	-46	+250	
Greece	4.27	-O	-79	+295	
5 Year Swap %					
US	3.87	-4	-48	+253	
Eurozone	2.68	-2	-48	+267	
UK	4.07	-2	-77	+279	
2 Year Swap %					
US	4.63	+0	-26	+369	
Eurozone	2.81	-2	-22	+311	
UK	4.45	-2	-56	+326	
10 Year Government Bond Spreads to Benchmark bps					
Ireland	51	-2	-5	+8	
Belgium	56	-2	-10	+20	
France	49	-2	-10	+12	
Italy	194	-2	-46	+58	
Spain	103	-2	-13	+26	
Portugal	98	+1	-9	+32	
Greece	226	+9	-42	+77	

Commodities							
		% Change					
	Close	Close Day 4 Weeks End 21					
Brent Oil	92.86	-1.07	+0.49	+19.39			
West Texas Oil	85.62	-1.44	-0.44	+13.66			
Gold \$	1773.8	-0.25	+8.92	-2.99			

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